



Meadow Park Apartments

April 28, 2023

The management office will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day.

Upcoming Meetings

The Big Rapids Housing Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Highrise Conference Room. All residents are invited to attend.

Rent is due on May 1, 2023. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Spring Reminders

Please move patio furniture, tables, toys, etc. when you see the mowers around the complex. In addition, please remember to always monitor your children when they are on the playground and outside. Please prevent them from leaving items on the lawn, littering, and writing with chalk on buildings. Also, remember to respect your neighbors' property and belongings. Please remind your children not to hang on the clotheslines, stand on picnic tables, and to respect neighbors' personal property and belongings. Any flowerbeds that are not being properly maintained by the residents will be mowed down. Charcoal lighter fluid should be stored in the inside.

Increase in Electric Rate

Beginning June 1, 2023, peak pricing will go into effect through the end of September. That means from Monday through Friday in the summer, electricity will cost 1.5 times more, during the hours of 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. By shifting when you use energy, and taking advantage of energy efficiency opportunities, will help save energy.

Laundry Rooms-

All laundry rooms will be closed all day on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, and Wednesday, May 24, 2023, for cleaning.

Please be reminded to clean up behind yourself in the laundry room. It is necessary to dispose of any used dryer sheets and clean the lint catcher when finished. In addition, children are not allowed in the laundry rooms unattended and the exterior laundry room doors must remain closed.

Extermination Notice – Ants, spiders, etc. –May 10, 2023

On Wednesday May 10, 2023, Rose Pest Solutions will be spraying around the perimeter of EVERY building. In case of rain Wednesday May 24, 2023, will be the makeup date. Please clean up the area around your unit and remove all lawn furniture, toys, plants, lawn ornaments, etc. from the outside perimeter of your apartment, (about 3ft. from the building). Toys and other items should be placed in the sheds. On Monday, May 8, 2023, we will be checking to make sure the areas around your apartment are clear and anyone in non-compliance will receive a notice. Pets should not be outside during the application. The exterminator recommends having all windows shut during the application.

Update: Please see the attached Schedule of Routine Maintenance charges effective June 1, 2023.

Bed Bug Prevention

Bed bugs are hard to prevent because of their small size, night habits, and ability to hitchhike.

Here are some prevention tips:

- Be on the lookout for signs of infestations such as: waking up with bites, seeing live bugs, dark red or black spots on bedding, carpets, walls, and furniture. Finding bed bugs early is the key to preventing their spread.
- Inspect used furniture closely before bringing into your home. Look for signs of infestations in cushions, zippers, seams, and underneath including springs and frames. Use a magnifying glass if possible. Beware of items in alleys and dumpsters.
- If you have carpet, vacuum your home regularly. If you do have bed bugs, make sure you close the vacuum bag tightly and dispose of it outside your home.
- Look around mattresses and furniture when staying in an unfamiliar place. Bed bugs can hitch a ride home on your clothing or luggage.

Bed Bug Monitors

The monitors that are installed in your apartment must be kept in place at all times. You will be charged \$5.00 per monitor for any damaged or removed monitors. Upon move out if all the monitors we installed are not left in the unit you will be charged \$5.00 for each monitor.

Example: 20 monitors x \$5.00 = \$100.00. **ALSO**, if your mattress is not on a bed frame it will be necessary for you to acquire a bed frame within 30 days so the monitors can be installed.

VEHICLE PERMITS

The parking policy states, “All vehicle must be registered with the management office and must have a sticker.” If your vehicle does not have a parking sticker it will be necessary to come to the office with your registration to register your vehicle. If you sell your vehicle, you will need to register your new vehicle with the office. We will update our records to remove your prior vehicle and issue a new parking permit if necessary.

All vehicles must be operable at all times and must currently be licensed. Any vehicle improperly parked, inoperable, or unlicensed will be tagged and towed, after 24 hours, at the owners’ expense.

Cigarette Butt Removal

We have received several complaints that residents are tossing their cigarette butts on the ground. Not only is this a lease violation, but could also result in a ticket for littering from the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety. Please be considerate and dispose of cigarette butts properly.

ALL RESIDENTS – Garbage Reminder

Please be reminded that dumpsters are for regular bagged garbage only. We are having issues with tenants placing large items in the dumpsters – couches, mattresses, etc. If you have a large item that needs to be disposed of, please contact the office to make special arrangements for pickup. When a large item such as a couch gets put in the dumpster it fills the dumpster and makes it difficult for other tenants to put regular garbage in the dumpster.

Commodities - Please contact Mid Michigan Community Action Agency at 231-660-0271 if you are interested in receiving the monthly food commodities.

Downtown Farmer's Market

Spring is here, and the Big Rapids Downtown Farmer's Market is back on **Friday, May 5th, 2023!** The Farmers' Market, located at 226 N. Michigan Ave., is a showcase for locally grown food and other farm related products, providing an alternative marketing opportunity for local farmers and consumers to interact directly with each other. The hours are as follows: Tuesdays – 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. & Fridays – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mid Michigan Community Action Agency

MMCAA is offering a Material Assistance Voucher for up to \$300.00 to qualified families. The voucher will allow purchases of clothing, bedding, dishes, furniture, and other household items at participating stores. Contact MMCAA to make an appointment at 231-660-0271.

Pocket Park Concert Series

Every Friday from June through September, there is free live music in Pocket Park from 12:00pm to 2:00pm! Brought to you by the Schuberg Insurance Agency and Auto Owners Insurance **Location:** Pocket Park (just south of 125 N. Michigan Ave.)



Michigan Works -Young Professionals Program

Michigan Works Young Adult Services Program will help you gain the skills to succeed in tomorrow's workforce. If you are ready to work, they can help. They are looking for young adults ages 16 – 24 who are getting ready to graduate from high school, about to start or finish their GED, teen parents or in foster care, getting ready to enter the workforce, and looking for their next step. They provide the following programs: Young Professionals Program, Training Funding Assistance, On the Job Training, and Work Experience. Give them a call at 231-796-0049 or visit michworkswc.org/youth.

Big Rapids Library

The Big Rapids Library is offering several free events. "Crafternoon" every Saturday in May from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. for ages 12 and up. "The Seed Library" is offering 10 packets of free seeds to families. "Storytime with Mr. Howard" on Wednesdays and Mondays at 11:00 a.m. in the Library Community Room. "Baby Bookworms" is every Tuesday in May from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m., which includes songs, bounces, and Rhymes for babies. "1000 books before kindergarten" sign up at the first-floor circulation desk at the library and after 100 books, you can collect a gift from the library. Knit Night is every 1st Thursday of the month from 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m., all ages and experience levels are welcome.

