



Resident Newsletter

April 28, 2023

We will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day.

Upcoming Meetings

All meetings will be held in the High-rise Conference Room. All residents are invited to attend.

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting

Neighborhood Watch is looking for Block Captains in North Parkview Senior Buildings 101-114 and Parkview Family Building 1-117. If you are interested in being a block captain, please call the office for more details and/or join us at the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Annual Inspections

Unit Inspections have been scheduled for all apartments in the family section on the following dates:

Parkview Family (1-8 & 115-117)	Monday, May 15, 2023
Evergreen (118-126)	Tuesday, May 16, 2023
Evergreen (127-135)	Wednesday, May 17, 2023

If this time is not convenient for you, Thursday May 11, 2023, will be the alternate date. You must contact the office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 08, 2023, to reschedule your inspection.

If any needed repairs are identified during the inspection the maintenance staff may be re-entering your apartment on your inspection day to complete the repairs whether you are home or not.

We will be making sure that your stove is clean, including the oven and under stovetop. We will also be making sure you are taking proper care of your floors (mopping and waxing when needed) and take an overall look at your general housekeeping. We will be checking for damage to the unit and looking for any work orders that are not being reported to the office in a timely manner. Please be reminded it is your responsibility to call the office if you need a work order completed. It is also important that the areas in front of and behind your unit are clean, including your shed. Residents in violation of the Curtain Policy will receive a lease violation notice. If you need curtains, please stop by the Curtain Pantry located in the Highrise, for free curtains.

BEFORE THE INSPECTION: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE IN QUARANTINE DUE TO COVID-19 EXPOSURE OR POSITIVE TEST. IF YOU ARE SICK OR HAVE EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS: FEVER, COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, SORE THROAT OR VOMITING/DIARRHEA.

When staff enters your apartment you MUST wear a mask, leave the apartment/be in a separate room, social distance and remain at least 6 feet from the staff at all times.

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

Signatures Needed - All elderly recertifications have been completed and are ready for signatures.

If your apartment # appears on this list, then you need to stop by the office and sign your completed rent review: 2A 4D 6A 6B 7D 10C 12B 13A 14B 15C 16B 18A 18B 18C 19C 22A 24C 27C 30B 102A 102D 104E 105B 106B 106D 106E 108C 108F 109B 110C 111A 111C 111D 112C 112D 113B 113E 113F 114B 114C 117C 118B 118C 119B 119C 121A 121B 122D 123D 125A 126A 126C 126E 127C 127D 127E 129B 131A 131B 131C 131E 133B 133D 135D 135G 204 308

Laundry Rooms

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

Please be reminded to clean up after yourself in the laundry room. It is necessary to dispose of any used dryer sheets and clean the lint catcher when finished. Please see attached laundry room hours and rules.

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.

Highrise Community Room Activities

- Euchre schedule is as follows: Mondays at 1:00 p.m., Fridays at 5:00 p.m., and the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m.
- Bible Study on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.
- Mexican Train on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.
- Crafting Creations on Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Bingo on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.
- Uno on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.



Ice Cream Social

Come join us for an Ice Cream Social on Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m at the Highrise Community Room. All residents are welcome to attend.

Water keys are available in the office for the outside faucets. The cost is \$4.00.

To avoid high water bills, we continue to limit water use.

1. Sprinklers (for children to play in) can be used for 1 hour every day.
2. Kiddy pools can be filled once every day. Pools are limited to 20 gallons.
3. Watering (plants, flowers, etc.) is limited to 15 minutes.

Pools are to be emptied after use. Residents are prohibited from leaving pools up overnight due to safety issues. IN ADDITION, RUNNING TOILETS, DRIPPING SINKS, AND TUB FAUCETS NEED TO BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE OFFICE FOR REPAIR.

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.

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, or 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 it 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.
- Contact Big Rapids Housing Commission immediately for a free inspection and treatment if you think you may have bed bugs.

Maintenance Treatment for Bed Bugs

The Housing Commission has contracted with Rose Pest Solutions to inspect all apartments for bed bugs, inspect and/or install monitors on all the accessible beds and couches. Residents will receive an additional notification. This is the tentative schedule for this month:

Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date
19C	5/10	22B	5/17	25A	5/24
20A	5/10	22C	5/17	25B	5/24
20B	5/10	23A	5/17	25C	5/24
20C	5/10	23B	5/17	26A	5/24
21A	5/10	23C	5/17	26B	5/24
21B	5/10	24A	5/17	26C	5/24
21C	5/10	24B	5/17	27A	5/24
22A	5/10	24C	5/17	27B	5/24

You are required to contact the office immediately or within 24 hours if you suspect you see a bed bug or other vermin in your apartment.

Downtown Farmer's Market

Spring is here, and the Big Rapids Downtown Farmer's Market is back on **Friday, May 5, 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.

Pocket Park Concert Series - Location: Pocket Park (just south of 125 N. Michigan Ave.)

Every Friday from June through September, there is free live music in Pocket Park from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m! Brought to you by the Schuberg Insurance Agency and Auto Owners Insurance

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.



Friendly Reminders

All residents please be reminded with warmer weather there will be children playing outside. Please slow down & remind your visitors of the **10 MPH** speed limit within the complex. Please be watchful for children when driving. Parents, please remember children must be attended while outside and not allowed to play in roadways. Also, Evergreen residents: Bikes and scooters are not allowed to be ridden on the upper sidewalks.

PET OWNERS Please clean all pet droppings from the area around your unit.

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

ALL RESIDENTS – Garbage Reminder

Please be reminded that dumpsters are for regular bagged garbage only. If you have a large item that needs to be disposed of, please contact the office to make special arrangements for pickup.

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.

Security Cameras For your protection we have security cameras throughout all complexes.

Spring Reminders

Please move patio furniture, tables, toys, etc. when you see the mowers around the complex. In addition, please remember to monitor your children at all times 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.

Playground Policy Rules!

The playground area is open for play during daylight hours. To avoid injuries this area is prohibited at 9:00 p.m. or dark, whichever comes first. The following rules are posted on the playground:

1. Use of playground equipment is at your own risk.
2. Play area reserved for residents only.
3. Young residents under the age of thirteen (13) must be accompanied by an adult.
4. No rough playing or yelling permitted.
5. Only 1 person per swing at a time.
6. No jumping off sliding board.
7. No glass bottles in play area.
8. No one over the age of sixteen (16) permitted to use equipment.

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.

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.