



Meadow Park Apartments

April 30, 2024

The management office will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024, in observance of Memorial Day.

Upcoming Meetings

The Big Rapids Housing Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Highrise Conference Room. All residents are invited to attend.

Rent is due on May 1, 2024. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024.

Annual Inspections

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

Meadowpark Units A1 – C24

Thursday May 2, 2024

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.

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, 2024, 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 Wednesday, May 22, 2024, and Thursday, May 23, 2024, 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.

The laundry rooms are for residents only. If you notice anything or anyone out of the ordinary in the laundry rooms, please contact the police immediately- do not wait.

Extermination Notice – Ants, spiders, etc. –May 8, 2024

On Wednesday May 8, 2024, Rose Pest Solutions will be spraying around the perimeter of EVERY building. In case of rain Wednesday May 22, 2024, 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 6, 2024, 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.

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.

Friendly Reminder

Please remember to lock your apartments and vehicles.

Bicycles

Residents of the City of Big Rapids are no longer required to register their bikes. However, the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety recommends that you take a picture of the bike and the serial number that is typically located on the underside of the pedal to give to law enforcement in the event it is stolen.

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.

2024 Senior Project Fresh-

Mecosta County Commission on Aging will be hosting a free educational class and registration Thursday, June 5, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at Parkview’s Highrise Building. Must be 60 years of age or older. You are eligible to receive \$25.00 in free coupons at participating Farmer’s Markets to purchase Michigan grown produce.

Michigan Works

The Big Rapids Michigan Works office is having a **HIRING PARTY**, Friday, May 31, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can contact them with any questions at (231)-796-0049.

Downtown Farmer’s Market

Spring is here, and the Big Rapids Downtown Farmer’s Market is back beginning **Friday, May 10, 2024!** The Farmers’ Market is now located in the parking lot next to Bernie’s, across from City Hall. It 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: Friday’s only from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Every Friday from May 31, 2024, through August 30, 2024, 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

Angels of Action

Rock The Crock is for families in Mecosta and Osceola Counties. Rock The Crock is a collaborative effort to bring children and families together around the dinner table. This is an eight week program

where families receive ingredients, menus, and instructional videos every week. Participating families are given a brand new crock pot, cooking and kitchen utensils, and a recipe binder. Every week angel volunteers load and deliver grocery items to families across the counties. Space is limited. Rock The Crock is for new participants only. For more information you can email Laurie at laurie@angelsaction.or or call (231) 629-8140.

Community Pool

The Community Pool opens for registration and evening open swim on Monday, June 10, 2024, and will be open for 9 weeks. There will be swimming lessons, open swimming, and senior water aerobics offered. For any questions, please call 231-796-7798

Local Resources

- Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency (231) 660-0271
- Project Starburst (231) 796-5342
- Angels of Action (231) 629-8140
- Salvation Army (231) 796-5597
- Manna Pantry (231) 408-2940



STORYTIME
with *DIAL-A-RIDE*

When: Wednesday, June 12 at 11:00 AM
Where: Big Rapids Community Library
426 S. Michigan Ave, Big Rapids MI 49307

Join Mr. Howard for storytime and a conversation about bus safety with a Big Rapids Dial-A-Ride driver and a police officer.

STORYTIME AT ROBEN-HOOD AIRPORT

Join Mr. Howard for storytime with airport staff!

Wednesday
May 29, 2024
11:00 AM

Roben-Hood Airport
21325 18 Mile Rd
Big Rapids, MI 49307

