



## Resident Newsletter

April 30, 2024

**We will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024, in observance of Memorial Day.**

### Upcoming Meetings

All meetings will be held in the Highrise Conference Room. All residents are invited to attend.

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2024, 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 7, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

**Rent is due on May 1, 2024. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.**

Resident Council Board Member Election Results: Douglas White, Arthur Hoover, Roberta Daniels, Kristina Harris, Margaret Orvis, and Pat Worthing.

Neighborhood Watch Executive Board Election Results: President Susan Cendrowski, Vice President Kristina Harris, Secretary/Treasurer Deb Priest.

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### **\*Prevailing Wage Laborer Temporary Position Available for Residents Only - Section 3 Resident Needed**

RAO Roofing has been contracted to replace the roofs on several buildings. The contractor is looking for a laborer to assist them with grounds cleanup. The project started in the early part of April. You must be a resident to apply. Applications are available at the Housing Commission Office.

### 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 13, 2024
Evergreen (118-126)	Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Evergreen (127-135)	Wednesday, May 15, 2024

If this time is not convenient for you, Thursday May 9, 2024, will be the alternate date. You must contact the office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 06, 2024, 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.**

**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: 3A 3C 4B 4C 4D 5D 6A 6D 7C 8CU 11C 13A 14A 14C 15B 18A 18B 18C 19A 19C 20A 21A 22B 24A 25C 27C 28B 28C 19A 19C 30A 30B 31B 101B 101D 102D 104B 104C 104E 105A 105B 106A 106E 107B 108B 108C 108E 109A 110A 110C 111A 113A 113B 113E 113F 114A 114B 114C 114D 116C 117B 117C 118A 118B 118C 118D 119B 121A 121B 122C 122D 123C 123D 126A 127E 128D 129D 131B 131C 131D 131E 132A 134C 134D 135C 135E 135F 135G 202 204 306 104

**\*Laundry Rooms\***

All laundry rooms will be closed on Thursday, May 23, 2024, and possibly Friday, May 24, 2024, 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 do not over fill washers and dryers, by doing so, this creates potential fire hazard and/or mechanical issues to the machine. If you are doing your laundry, you need to stay in the laundry room until it is done.

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.

**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 farmers markets to purchase Michigan grown produce.

**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.

**Reminder**

Please remember to lock your apartments and vehicles.



### **Friendly Reminder**

Please do not close or lock any of the doors in the Highrise at any time. We have staff to make sure this is taken care of after we close.

### **Extermination Notice – Ants, spiders, etc. –Wednesday, 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.

### **Highrise Community Room Activities**

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



### **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	Apt #	Date
105D	5/8	107B	5/15	108D	5/22	110D	5/29
106A	5/8	107C	5/15	108E	5/22	111A	5/29
106B	5/8	107D	5/15	108F	5/22	111B	5/29
106C	5/8	107E	5/15	109A	5/22	111C	5/29
107D	5/8	107F	5/15	109B	5/22	111D	5/29
106E	5/8	108A	5/15	110A	5/22	112A	5/29
106F	5/8	108B	5/15	110B	5/22	112B	5/29
107A	5/8	108C	5/15	110C	5/22	112C	5/29



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 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: Fridays 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

### **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

### **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 may contact them with any questions at (231)-796-0049.

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

### **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.

## **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, 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 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. By shifting when you use energy, and taking advantage of energy efficiency opportunities, will help save energy.

## **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 and doors. Please keep your area clean and clutter free. Pick up papers and rubbish. Also, remember to respect your neighbors' property and belongings.

You are welcome to set out lawn/leaf debris, if you do the following: Please put it in an outdoor paper lawn & leaf bag. Plastic rips. We are not allowed to take anything with garbage mixed in it. Please call the office if you have set out a paper leaf bag that is free of trash, and we will pick it up, and take it to the city for disposal.

## **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.



## **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@angelsfaction.or](mailto:laurie@angelsfaction.or) or call (231) 629-8140.

## **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

