



October Newsletter



September 28, 2018

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 2:30 p.m.	Agency Plan Meeting
Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 3:00 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 2:00 p.m.	Designated Smoking Area Meeting
Thursday, October 11, 2018, 3:00 p.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting

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

Rent is due on October 1, 2018. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

Signatures Needed

1A, 1C, 2A, 2B, 4C, 5C, 6B, 6D, 7A, 8B, 113B, 113E, 116A, 116B, 118A, 118B, 119C, 119D, 121A, 121E, 122A, 122E, 125D, 128D, 133C, 134D, 135G, 305

Designated Smoking Area Meeting – Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

All residents are invited to attend a meeting on October 10, 2018 to discuss possible options for designated smoking areas.

Illegal Drug Use – Please be advised that the Big Rapids Housing Commission prohibits the use of all illegal drugs, including marijuana, regardless if you have a medical marijuana card. If you believe illegal drug activity is occurring, please contact central dispatch at 231-796-4811 or 9-1-1 immediately.

Fall Bus Tour – See Attached Flyer - Save the date - Friday, October 19, 2018. Call the office to sign up today!

Air Conditioner Policy Reminder

Air conditioners must be removed by Oct. 1 of each year. If you live in North Parkview Senior Section please contact the office upon removal of your air conditioner so we can remove the monthly fee.

Bus Stop Supervision

It is necessary for parents to supervise your children at the bus stop. We also ask that there is no smoking at the bus stop.

Thermostats

Your thermostat will not go above 72°. If you force it past 72° it will break, the connection to the heating system will be lost, you will have no heat and you will be charged up to \$85.20 for replacement.

Winter Reminder

Garden hoses will need to be removed by November 15, 2018 to avoid damage to the water spouts. If you fail to remove your hose and it results in damage to the spigot you will be charged for the repair.

Halloween Treats – Wednesday, October 31, 2018

Residents will be passing out candy in the lobby at the Highrise on Halloween night, so please bring the kids by between 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Career Connect at Meceola Tech

Career Connect is a free program to those that qualify and allows adult students to go from class to career. Career Connect offers specific learning paths to job skills while obtaining your GED or high school diploma. Programs: Emergency Medical Technician, Welding and Automotive Electrical Systems. Call today for more information at (231) 796-5805 ext. 1138.

Reminder: R.E.A.C. Inspection – FAMILY Units Only 1 – 8 & 115 – 117 Parkview & Evergreen

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is required to complete a physical inspection on all Housing Commissions. The R.E.A.C. Inspector is scheduled to be here on Thursday, October 4, 2018 to conduct this inspection. The apartments will be selected at random - we do not know which apartments will be inspected, therefore, all family residents should be prepared to have their apartments inspected. The inspections will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2018 in all family buildings: 1 - 8 South Parkview, 115 - 117 North Parkview, 118 - 135 Evergreen Village. You do not need to be home for the inspection. This inspection will take place whether you are home or not and since inspectors are contractual agents of HUD, this inspection cannot be rescheduled.

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, and spray the door jambs and doorways throughout the apartments. Residents will receive an additional notification. This is the tentative schedule for this month:

Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date
109B	10/10/18	111D	10/17/18	113D	10/24/18	202	10/31/18
110A	10/10/18	112A	10/17/18	113E	10/24/18	203	10/31/18
110B	10/10/18	112B	10/17/18	113F	10/24/18	204	10/31/18
110C	10/10/18	112C	10/17/18	114A	10/24/18	205	10/31/18
110D	10/10/18	112D	10/17/18	114B	10/24/18	206	10/31/18
111A	10/10/18	113A	10/17/18	114C	10/24/18	207	10/31/18
111B	10/10/18	113B	10/17/18	114D	10/24/18	301	10/31/18
111C	10/10/18	113C	10/17/18	201	10/24/18	302	10/31/18

Wild Rose Café

The Wild Rose Café is offering a free Christmas Dinner for elderly residents who do not have any family to spend Christmas with. This dinner will be on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at the Wild Rose Café, 708 Maple St. Big Rapids. Transportation through Dial-a-Ride is available if needed. The space is limited to 30 people – call the office to sign up today at 796-8689!

Big Rapids Annual Fall Festival

Join the fun for the 2018 Downtown Big Rapids Fall Festival! Friday, October 26th local restaurants and caterers will compete in a Chili Cook Off located in the City Hall Parking Lot. This will start at 5:00 pm under the tent (rain or shine). Saturday, October 27th events are as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. – Skeleton Skurry 5K Run/Walk
- 10:30 a.m. – children, parents, pet costume parade (line-up at 10:20 in movie theater parking lot)
- 11:00 a.m. – trunk or treat, kid's games, inflatable playground, & climbing wall.
- 11:30 a.m. – Celebrity Pumpkin Roll.

Smoke Free/Flame Free/Burn Free

Please be reminded that on August 1, 2018 the Smoke Free/Flame Free/Burn Free took effect, banning the use of prohibited tobacco products in all public housing living units, interior common areas and outdoor areas. **The policy prohibits all residents, guests and employees from smoking on Big Rapids Housing Commission property and also bans candles, incense and e-cigarettes.**