



Resident Newsletter #2 Reminders

May 10, 2018

Extermination Notice – Ants, spiders, etc. – May 16, 2018

On Wednesday, May 16, 2018, Rose Pest Solutions will be spraying around the perimeter of EVERY building (front & back). In case of rain the make-up day will be Wednesday, May 23, 2018. 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. Pets should not be outside during the application. The exterminator recommends having all windows shut during the application.

On Monday, May 14, 2018 the maintenance staff will be tagging any units that have not complied with the above request to remove all items from around the buildings. If it is necessary for the staff to move the items the resident will be charged accordingly.

Smoke Free

Please be reminded effective August 1, 2018 Big Rapids Housing Commission will become a smoke free property. Until that time we are asking residents who currently smoke to be considerate of their neighbors and refrain from smoking near other resident's open windows and doors.

Speed Limit 10 MPH

Please slow down and remind your visitors of the 10 MPH speed limit within the complex.

Keep the Neighborhood Clean

Please remind your children not to litter and help pick up any litter you see.



United States Postal Service

The United States Postal Service is having a food drive to benefit the local food pantry. There is a basket in the office lobby for any donations you wish to contribute. They will be picking up the box on Saturday, May 12, 2018.

Resident Council – Neighborhood Watch Penny War

The Resident Council vs. Neighborhood Watch Penny War will run from Monday, May 14, 2108 – Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Put your spare change toward a great cause. All proceeds from our penny war fundraiser will go to support resident activities (picnics, fun night, etc.).



Pennies are “negative.” Here’s how it works:

- Containers are located near the office during office hours for each group
- Each silver coin is worth the point total of that coin—for example, a quarter is 25 points
- Pennies count as negative points. In other words, dropping 40 pennies into a group’s container takes 40 points from their total—so save up those pennies!
- At 3:00 pm on June 12, 2018 all change/points will be tallied and the group with the most points will win a **trophy**.

Start saving your change—it can make a big difference!

The IRS isn't calling you!

It's a scam, hang up and never return a phone call from someone claiming to be with the IRS. If the IRS needs to get in touch with a taxpayer, they send a letter.



Building a Weather-Ready Nation



Severe Thunderstorm Quick Facts and Preparedness:



Quick facts you should know about Severe Thunderstorms:

- Severe Thunderstorms are officially defined as storms that are capable of producing hail, straight-line winds, or a tornado that may endanger a life or damage property.
- Severe hail is defined as 1 inch in diameter or larger. Hail this size can damage property such as plants, roofs, and vehicles.
- The largest hail stone ever officially recorded was 8 inches in diameter. It fell in Vivian, South Dakota.
- Severe straight line wind gusts exceed 58 mph. Some thunderstorms have produced wind gusts in excess of 100 mph and have created widespread wind damage similar to that of a tornado.

Preparedness:

A Severe Thunderstorm Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms to develop. When a watch is issued, it is time to *prepare and stay weather aware*.

A Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued when a thunderstorm poses a threat to life or property. Now is the *time to act!*

Have a NOAA weather radio handy and make sure it is tuned to the right transmitter:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/Maps/index.php>

How do I stay safe? Go indoors and stay away from windows. If you are caught outside, do not seek shelter underneath a tree – they are prone to lightning strikes. A hard-topped vehicle may offer some protection as a last resort. Do not touch the sides of the vehicle.

All thunderstorms can be deadly: When Thunder Roars, Go indoors!