

# Meadow Park Apartments February 2018 Newsletter



## **Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting**

The Big Rapids Housing Commission meeting will be held Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 3:00 pm in the High-Rise Conference room. All residents are invited to attend.

**Rent is due by Saturday, February 10, 2018. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018**

## **Income**

"I agree I must immediately notify the Landlord or cooperative when there is a change in my gross income or adjustment to income of \$100 per month or when there is a change in the number of persons living in the household. I also understand that failure to report such changes may result in my losing benefits to which I may be entitled or may result in the Landlord/Cooperative or Agency taking corrective action if benefits were mistakenly received.

**If your income changes more than \$100 per month you must contact the office as soon as possible.**

## **Illegal Drug Use**

Please be advised that Meadow Park Apartments 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 call Central Dispatch at 231-796-4811 or 9-1-1.**

## **Free Tax Preparation Available**

RSVP of Mecosta County is offering free tax preparation services this year. Please call to set up an appointment at 231-796-4848 Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

## **Updated Routine Schedule of Maintenance Charges**

See the attached updated schedule of charges. Call with any questions.

## **After-School Community Center**

The Salvation Army is offering after school activities at 325 Linden St. Big Rapids, MI 49307 and their phone number is (231) 796-5597. Here are the details:

- Open to all students 6-17 years old.
- Free to attend
- Lots of fun activities, homework help and special events!
- Open every day there is school... opens early on early release days too!



## **Utility Assistance**

TruNorth has utility assistance available. Empower program has applications online at [www.tnempower.org](http://www.tnempower.org). They also have an online chat and a hotline where questions can be answered. Please call them at (231) 924-0641.

### **Big Rapids Festival of the Arts**

Beat the winter blues with a month-long celebration of art, music, dance, literature and more! The Festival of the Arts is an annual series of entertainment, educational and cultural events offered daily throughout February in Big Rapids. Provided through a partnership between Ferris State University and the Big Rapids community, the Festival features a variety of art, film and music presentations, as well as interactive workshops and contests. All Events are held in Big Rapids. Admission to most events is FREE; however, some require advanced registration or ticket purchase. Stop in the office to pick up a catalog of events today!

### **Maintenance Reminders to All Residents**

Wipes are not flushable! Even if the package claims they are sewer safe and flushable, they ARE NOT and this eventually leads to clogged sewer lines. A charge will apply if personal wipes are found to be the cause of your sewer back up.

### **Laundry Room Reminders**

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.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity has a lot of household items at their Big Rapids location at 18387 Northland Dr. Big Rapids, MI 49307. They can help families that have been displaced and have very little possessions.



### **Snow Removal Reminders**

Just a friendly reminder: The maintenance staff will plow parking lots and sidewalks after the conclusion of each snow fall. It is necessary for you to move your vehicle in order for the maintenance to properly plow your lot. We cannot guarantee a time when the maintenance will be at your parking lot, however, the sooner everyone moves their vehicles, the sooner your lot will be plowed. Feel free to call the office when the lot is empty.

### **Other Reminders:**

**Be prepared to move or have someone move your vehicle on snow days so all the parking areas may be plowed properly.**

**Keep all vehicles back as far as necessary to keep the front bumper from hanging over the sidewalk so as to avoid personal injury of the pedestrian traffic and assist the maintenance personnel in the snow removal from the sidewalks.**

**Any vehicle improperly parked, inoperable or unlicensed will be tagged and towed after 48 hours at the owner's expense. (Only 12 hours will be given for vehicles that do not move for snow removal).**

Thanks for your cooperation in assisting the maintenance staff with the snow removal process. Ice melt is available for sale in the office for \$0.25/pound – you must bring your own container.

### **Community Room Rentals**

The community room will soon be available for tenant use – more information will be provided at a later date.