



# February Resident Newsletter



January 31, 2018

## Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, February 8, 2018 3:00 p.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 3:00 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting

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

**Rent is due on February 1, 2018. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2018.**

**Signatures Needed** Please come to the office to sign your most recent rent recertification paperwork: **1A 1B 2A 2D 3D 4A 4B 4D 5C 5D 6A 6B 7C 7D 8A 11A 17A 18A 18C 19C 23C 24A 24C 29C 30B 108A 108F 113E 114C 115C 116A 116C 117A 117C 118B 118D 119C 119D 120B 121A 121B 121E 122B 123C 123D 124C 124D 125C 126C 126D 127C 128A 128C 128E 129C 129D 129E 131E 131F 132C 133A 133D 134A 134E 202 305 406**

## Parkview & Evergreen SENIOR Apartments - REMINDER

Annual rent recertification paperwork is now ready to be signed in accordance with the notice sent on 1/20/18. All senior and disabled resident rent reviews will become effective 06/01/18. Please stop by the office to sign your paperwork by 02/9/18. Also, if you have accounts at Fifth Third or Chase Bank, please bring in the last 6 months of your checking account statements, the most recent month for your savings account & your 1099-INT. The following tenants still need to sign: **12B 13A 13B 14B 14C 15A 16A 17A 18A 18B 18C 19B 20A 21B 21C 25A 25C 26B 27A 28A 28C 29C 30B 31C 101B 101D 102A 102B 102D 102F 104A 104B 104C 104F 106A 107B 107C 107D 107F 108A 108B 108E 109A 110B 110C 110D 111A 111C 113D 114A 114D 118A 119E 120A 123A 124E 125A 126A 127A 129E 131A 132E 135A 304 402**

## Free Tax Preparation Available

AARP and the Mecosta County Commission on Aging are offering tax preparation services again this year. Tax specialists will be at the Highrise on Monday, March 12, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. You must call our office to set up an appointment. 231-796-8689. There are a couple spaces available for tenants that do NOT have transportation so call today! They are asking tenants with transportation to make an appointment to have their taxes done at the RSVP County Services Building or Commission on Aging/Senior Center – please call them to set up an appointment. RSVP: 231-796-4848 OR Commission on Aging Senior Center: 231-972-2884

## Neighborhood Watch

North Parkview Block Captain is needed. Your duty is to observe, log, and report to Big Rapids Housing Commission and/or law enforcement suspicious persons/activity, safety concerns, and suggestions for improving our neighborhood in a coordinated effort to resolve issues as well as educate the residents about home and personal safety while setting a standard for the local community. If you are interested, please contact Laurie and plan to attend the next Neighborhood Watch meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

## Thermostats

Please be reminded that the thermostats will not go above 72°. If you force the thermostat past 72° it will break, and you will be charged accordingly. Please provide a Dr. statement if you need an exception.

### **Reporting Income Changes**

Please remember that the lease states that you must promptly report income changes to Management **within ten (10) days** of occurrence.

### **Residents Who Receive Child Support**

The State of Michigan has a website where recipients of child support can print their payment history. We are encouraging residents who have internet access to sign up for this website. A 12-month payment history is typically required to be submitted to the office during the recertification process. The website is <http://Micase.state.mi.us> and you can sign up the same day. If you have any questions regarding this website please contact the office and ask for Karla (231) 796-8689.

### **SPACE HEATER CHARGE - North Parkview Senior Section – Residents in 101A – 114D**

Reminder: All residents living in 101A thru 114D ONLY will be charged \$15.00 per month for excess electric usage for using a space heater. Space heaters must be UL approved (Underwriters Laboratory Safety Compliance - UL LISTED) and be approved by the Big Rapids Housing Commission.

### **Garbage Disposal**

We have observed that tenants have been laying their garbage on top of and beside the dumpsters instead of placing it inside the dumpster which is causing it to fall on the ground. Please discontinue this practice.

### **High Rise Recycle Area**

The recycling area is not the place to dispose of your bagged garbage. Help keep this area tidy and odor free by rinsing out your containers and placing them in the proper bins.

### **Laundry Room Reminders**

Remember when doing your laundry to always clean out your pockets prior to washing your clothing, clean washers after use and empty dryer lint traps after each use. Also, a reminder of laundry room hours are as follows:

#### South Parkview Village Laundry Room Hours:

Monday – Friday      7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Saturdays/Sundays    8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### North Parkview Village Laundry Room Hours:

Monday – Saturdays    7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday                    7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### Evergreen Village Laundry Room Hours:

Monday – Friday      7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Saturdays/Sundays    8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The doors will be locked at closing time – so make sure you are done with your laundry according to the closing times.

### **Security Cameras**

For the protection of our residents we have installed security cameras throughout the Big Rapids Housing Commission complexes.

### **Snow Removal Reminders**

#### **Do Not Pull Your Vehicle Over the Sidewalks!!!**

**Be prepared to move or have someone move your vehicle on snow days so all parking areas may be plowed properly. Residents shall be responsible to remove snow and ice from the immediate unit area, patios, porches and service walks to main sidewalk.**



Please contact the office if you observe any icy sidewalks or lots that need attention. Ice melt is available for sale in the office – you must bring your own container.

Many of you are not moving your vehicles for snow removal. In most cases, it is necessary for ALL vehicles to move from the lot. Be considerate to others in your area who make the effort to move.

Please be on the lookout for our snow removal trucks and tractors! Keep a safe distance from this equipment. The maintenance staff is concerned for your safety, as many people walk out in front of and behind them. With all the attached equipment on their vehicles, it makes it very difficult for them to see a pedestrian behind their vehicle – especially children.

**Reminder!**

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.

**Maintenance Treatment for Bed Bugs**

The Housing Commission has renewed the contract 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
115A	2/14/2018	117C	2/21/2018	119C	2/28/2018
115B	2/14/2018	118A	2/21/2018	119D	2/28/2018
115C	2/14/2018	118B	2/21/2018	119E	2/28/2018
116A	2/14/2018	118C	2/21/2018	120A	2/28/2018
116B	2/14/2018	118D	2/21/2018	120B	2/28/2018
116C	2/14/2018	118E	2/21/2018	120C	2/28/2018
117A	2/14/2018	119A	2/21/2018	120D	2/28/2018
117B	2/14/2018	119B	2/21/2018	120E	2/28/2018

Residents with allergies will have an opportunity before the treatment date to notify the office if anyone residing in the apartment has asthma/respiratory ailments or sensitivity to petrochemicals. Do not call now.

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.

It will be necessary for you to acquire a bed frame so the monitors can be installed. These monitors must be kept in place at all times and the resident will be charged \$5.00 per monitor for any damaged or removed monitors.

