



March Resident Newsletter



February 28, 2018

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, March 8, 2018 3:00 p.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 2:30 p.m.	Smoke-Free Policy Meeting-Highrise Dining Room
Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 3:00 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 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 March 1st. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Tues., March 6, 2018.

Signatures Needed Please come to the office to sign your most recent rent recertification paperwork: 1A 1B 1C 2A 2B 2C 2D 3B 3C 3D 4B 4C 5B 5C 5D 6B 6C 6D 7A 7B 7D 8D 11A 18C 22B 22C 23A 29C 103B 104B 106C 108A 108F 112A 113B 113E 114B 114C 115A 115B 115C 116C 118B 118C 118D 119B 119C 119D 120C 120D 121A 121B 121C 121E 122B 122D 122E 123B 123D 125B 125D 126B 126D 127D 127E 127F 128B 128D 129A 129B 129D 131D 131F 132C 132D 133D 134B 134C 134D 135B 135D 135E 135F 205 305

Neighborhood Watch

Beginning in March the Neighborhood Watch will be having Taco Wednesdays! This will be taking place in the Highrise Dining Room from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 28, 2018. Come on down for your \$1.00 tacos and to visit and support our Neighborhood Watch Board.

Resident Council News & ELECTION

All Regular Board Members are currently up for re-election. We are currently accepting nominations. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact Linda & plan to attend the next Resident Council meeting & election on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 3:00 pm. The Executive Board is not up for election at this time, so the President, Vice President and Secretary Treasurer will remain the same.

Day Lights Savings Time

Remember to spring clocks ahead on March 11, 2018 at 2:00 a.m.

Reporting Income Changes

Reminder to all residents to report **ALL** income changes within 10 days of the change. Please don't wait until your first paycheck to report it.

Smart 9-1-1 Be Smart About Your Safety

Sign up for Smart911 for FREE to give 9-1-1 valuable information about yourself, family members, your home, pets and even vehicles that will be immediately available to 9-1-1 when you make an emergency call. This program can help with individuals with limited mobility, deaf or hard of hearing, and blindness as well. The process is very simple to create a private safety profile at www.Smart911.com to sign up.

Residents can attend a Smart911 presentation on Monday, March 19, 2018 in the community room at the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety at 10:00 am. Computers will be available for residents to sign up for Smart 911 at this time.

Smoke Free

In accordance with HUD Notice PIH-2017-03 Public Housing Authorities must implement a smoke-free policy barring the use of prohibited tobacco products in all public housing living units, interior common areas and outdoor areas.

You are invited to attend a resident meeting on **Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Parkview Highrise Dining Room to discuss the upcoming Smoke-Free Policy that will become effective August 1, 2018.

Quit Smoking Classes

The Mecosta County District Health Department will be offering a smoking cessation class free of charge for all residents that are interested in quitting smoking. Space is still available in our upcoming Smoking Cessation Class – please contact the office to sign up today! Class is every other Tuesday beginning March 27, 2018, from 4:00 -5:00 p.m. in the Highrise Dining Room.

Spring Clean Up

On Monday, April 23, 2018 we will be having Spring Clean-Up. On this day you may place any large items out for pick up & we will pick them up free of charge. It is your responsibility to transport items to the curb by noon.

Annual Inspections

Unit Inspections have been scheduled for all apartments on the following dates:

Parkview Highrise (201 – 408)	Friday, April 20, 2018
Parkview Family (Apts 1A – 8D & 115A – 117C)	Monday, April 23, 2018
Evergreen Village (Apts 118A – 126E)	Tuesday, April 24, 2018
Evergreen Village (Apts 127A – 135G)	Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Parkview South Senior (10-A – 31-C)	Thursday, April 26, 2018
Parkview North Senior (101-A – 114-D)	Friday, April 27, 2018

If this time is not convenient for you, Friday, April 20, 2018, will be the alternate date. You must contact the office by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 13, 2018 in order to reschedule your inspection. Thursday, April 19, 2018, will be the alternate date for the Highrise residents.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are on monthly/quarterly inspections, your Spring inspection will be on the above date.

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 or not you are home.

We will be making sure that your stove is clean, including 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.

Security Cameras For your protection we have installed security cameras throughout the Big Rapids Housing Commission complexes.

Bed Bugs

Eliminate Clutter - Clutter is a bed bug's best friend and a pest management professional's worst enemy. Clutter provides an infinite number of areas for bed bugs to hide and creates areas that cannot be effectively treated by your pest management professional. These areas are a safe haven for bed bugs. Cluttered areas can cause the complete failure of a bed bug control program. Do your best to eliminate clutter. Contact the office immediately if you suspect you may have bed bugs. **Please clean out your bed bug monitors and make sure they are free of dirt and lint. Call the office immediately if any bed bugs are visible.**

Maintenance Treatment for Bed Bugs

The Housing Commission contracts 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
121-A	3/14/2018	122-D	3/21/2018	124-B	3/28/2018
121-B	3/14/2018	122-E	3/21/2018	124-C	3/28/2018
121-C	3/14/2018	123-A	3/21/2018	124-D	3/28/2018
121-D	3/14/2018	123-B	3/21/2018	124-E	3/28/2018
121-E	3/14/2018	123-C	3/21/2018	125-A	3/28/2018
122-A	3/14/2018	123-D	3/21/2018	125-B	3/28/2018
122-B	3/14/2018	123-E	3/21/2018	125-C	3/28/2018
122-C	3/14/2018	124-A	3/21/2018	125-D	3/28/2018

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.

Spring time Reminders

Children have been climbing over the chain link fences at North Parkview Village and Evergreen Village. Please do not allow your children from climbing the fence as this is damaging the fences and your children could get seriously injured by doing this.

Please keep the areas around your unit debris/clutter free, and remind your children to throw away wrappers, trash, papers etc. into the garbage.

DO NOT feed the animals!! It attracts all kinds of critters, including skunks. One tenant may call to complain of skunks while the neighbor next door is throwing out all kinds of food for them. Please work together to keep the wild animals away!

Resident and Community Activities Held in BRHC Highrise Dining Room

Euchre: Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.
The last Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. with a potluck to follow at 5:00 p.m.

Bible Study: Tuesdays 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Smoking Cessation Class: Every other Tuesday beginning March 27, 2018, from 4:00 -5:00 p.m.

Bingo: Thursdays 3:15 - 5:30 p.m.

