



GreenBrier apartments

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Mon–Fri (Summer Hrs.) ... 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
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 Sunday Closed
 Maintenance Requests
 Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
 24-Hour Emergency Maintenance
 Any Other Time & Weekends

Fun Events in Michigan in May

With summer almost upon us, here are some events both near and far in our great state to enjoy in May!

May 5, Thurs., 8 p.m. Hill Auditorium

Enjoy this Bon Voyage concert by the University of Michigan Symphony Band before they leave on a tour of China. Some great symphonic works are featured, including a composition by UM Professor Bright Sheng.

May 7 & 8, Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Chelsea

The Chelsea Craft Show, a juried event, brings artists from all over Michigan and the United States for different mediums from watercolor, wood and jewelry.

May 14, Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

2140 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor

The Ann Arbor Juggling Festival features games, workshops, vendors and open juggling demonstrations for jugglers and non-jugglers alike! Come enjoy the fun! \$2 admission

May 20-22, Fri.-Sun. Grand Rapids, DeVos Center Auditorium
Catch an amazing show by the

performance/musical group STOMP! These musicians create rhythm and music out of everyday items, even cigarette lighters and garbage cans. Worth the 3-hour trip to the west side of the state! Tix \$27.50-\$47.50. (800) 745-3000

May 27 & 28, Fri.-Sat. Northville, Main Street

The 24th annual Northville Flower Sale lines the streets of this Victorian town and features flora from over 20 top-rated Michigan greenhouses and growers. Take home a bit of color for your window or balcony!



Reminder: The office will be closed Mon., May 30, in remembrance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Two New Faces

A warm welcome to our two new staff members: Associate Maintenance Supervisor Rick Stiltner and Service Technician Justin Fortin! Rick and Justin have been hard at work already as we prepare for the upcoming summer months. The pool opens this month and the flowers are popping up soon!

Guest Suite Sweet!

You can rent our 921 sq. ft., two-bedroom model apartment for only \$75/night. Let your friends or family stay in style, with linens and kitchen utensils already provided, along with basic cable on the TV. Ask in the office for details (at least two days' notice and deposit required).

Spring Clean for Cash

Spring cleaning is a great time to make everything feel new again! As you go through your apartment and storage cage, there's a great way to pick up some extra cash, too—

Getting rid of clothes you haven't worn? Consider taking them to secondhand clothing stores like Plato's Closet (860 W. Eisenhower Pkwy, ph. 769-8500) that will pay you cash! An extra \$20-\$50 (depending on how much you sell) may not be a lot, but it all adds up.

Don't skate or play softball anymore? Play It Again Sports buys used sporting equipment (usually in season, and make sure it's clean!). You can find them at 2461 W. Stadium Blvd., ph. 747-6277.

If you're selling items online, such as www.ebay.com or www.craigslist.org remember that pictures help! The better your picture, the more likely you are to sell your items.

And of course, if you just want the extra space, you can always donate items to some great resale shops around Ann Arbor, such as:

Habitat For Humanity ReStore
170 April Drive

(just west of Quality 16 theaters off Jackson Ave.)

ph. 822-1530

Salvation Army Thrift Shop
1621 S. State St.

ph. 332-3474

or

Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop
2280 S. Industrial Ave.

ph. 996-9155

Going Green: What you don't want, someone else could still use. Help keep things from ending up in the dumpsters and eventually in landfills!



Random Summer News

Summer's a good time to recall some community rules:

1. Fire doors (center hallway doors) should ALWAYS be kept closed. Fire doors prevent spread of fire from one side of the building to another for at least 30 minutes. We hope we'll never need this safety feature, but accidents never announce when they occur.

2. Having issues with a neighbor? Please try to work it out face to face first, but if there's no resolution, give the office a written description of what's going on. Then we can get involved and not misinterpret what you have said. We'll try to work out a solution and restore community harmony!

3. The pool opens this month! Please review the swimming pool rules in your lease. Although there is a pool attendant in the evenings, please

note there is no lifeguard on duty. Be aware of your swimming ability. Don't bring glass containers, alcohol or food, and be considerate of all swimmers!

4. The smell of a great barbeque is enticing to many. But the smell of an apartment fire is not. Remember that grills (charcoal or gas) are not allowed. Please feel free to use the picnic grills already located in safe positions throughout the community!

Enjoy the safe summer at GreenBrier Apartments!



Refer a Friend! Pick Your Neighbors!

Refer a friend to GreenBrier Apartments and get a coupon for \$200 off your rent! It's easy; your friend tells us that **you** sent him when he applies. Then he gets \$125 off his first month's rent, and after he moves in, you get a coupon. Great savings for everyone!

There are a few rules, though:

-Your friend cannot claim any other referral bonuses through other companies, such as Rent.com or Apartments.com. GreenBrier will only pay one referral source. Does NOT apply to any applicant who is currently living at GreenBrier moving to a new apartment.

-You'll get your rent coupon mailed to your apartment shortly after your referral actually moves in.

-You can refer as many people as you like! There's no limit to how many referral coupons you can redeem!

Wireless Internet

GreenBrier is pleased to offer our 2mbps FREE wireless Internet connection to all apartments. It's perfect for casual surfing or browsing the Internet.

However, we have had reports from our system administrator, Crosstown Wireless, of illegal file sharing or uploading of copyrighted material. Please remember that by using the free connection provided to you, you also agree to use it responsibly and legally! Crosstown will suspend the account of any user who violates these laws.

If you're having any kind of trouble with the Internet, we recommend you contact the system administrator directly at 1-888-556-0731 or techsupport@crosstownwireless.com.

Michigan History Corner

Michigan Native American legends describe many of the landmarks that make our state so unique. From the shape of the lower peninsula, “the mitten” to the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes and National Lakeshore, here are some of the tales of the land of Michigama that also make great summer visit destinations:

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

(Chippewa legend) Long years ago, on the western shores of Lake Michigan (Wisconsin) a great fire consumed the forests that covered many miles. Mother Bear, Mishe Mokwa, and her two cubs fled the flames, keeping only a little ahead, until at last they reached the edge of the land and only the wide lake ahead. Mother Bear, knowing that the fire would not be content until it had consumed all it could, jumped into the lake and swam for her life. Her cubs followed close behind.

Mother Bear swam and swam, knowing their only hope lay in the far shore. Her cubs, not realizing the danger, played in the waves and lagged behind. Throughout the night, Mishe Mokwa forged ahead, the waves sapping the strength of the bears even as the far shore grew closer. At last, Mother Bear made it to the sands of the shore and turned to search for her cubs from the top of a tall bluff.



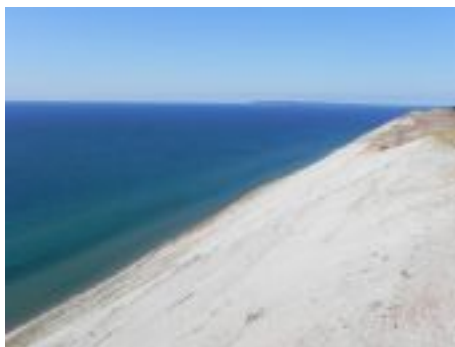
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Though Mother Bear waited and waited faithfully, her cubs had wasted their energy in play and never reached the safety of the shore beside her, having sunk to the bottom of the lake. In her grief, she refused to leave, forever waiting for her missing cubs.

The Great Spirit looked down upon the land and shared the sorrow of Mishe Mokwa over the loss of her cubs. He wrapped her in sands carried by the winds and raised two islands to commemorate the cubs (North and South Manitou Islands) that they would always have Mother Bear looking over them, where she waits to this day as the Sleeping Bear Dunes.

Located along the northwestern side of the lower peninsula of Michigan, the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore covers 65 miles of shoreline and features sand dune bluffs that rise as much as 450 ft. above the shoreline. To plan a trip or gain more information, check out www.nps.gov/slbe/index.htm. To see an image of the “sleeping bear,” visit www.geo.msu.edu/geogmich/bearlegend.html

Here’s a view from 450 ft. above the shoreline by the Empire Bluffs. In the distance, you can see South Manitou Island:



Scenic Drive, Stop #9, Empire Bluffs view of South Manitou Island. Photo courtesy of Rachel Berger.

Wicked Weather in Michigan!

May brings with it some extreme temperatures and weather patterns in Michigan. Here are some highlights:

May 1, 1966: Four inches of snow recorded in Lansing

May 5, 1895: High temperature of 96° in Grand Rapids

May 9, 1923: Six inches of snow recorded in Detroit

May 21, 2004: Thunderstorms bring winds up to 70 mph and flooding from Benton Harbor to Ann Arbor.

May 31, 1998: A huge line of thunderstorms with wind gusts between 90-120 mph knock down thousands of trees and power lines across lower Michigan. Sections of the state are declared Disaster Areas and thousands are without power for several days.

Some of the most extreme weather in our area can result in tornadoes. A **tornado watch** means that conditions are right for tornadoes to form in the area. There is no immediate danger, but be aware of the conditions.

A **tornado warning** means that a tornado has been spotted, or that Doppler radar has picked up cloud rotations that can indicate a tornado that has not yet touched the ground.

In the case of a warning, seek shelter immediately. Avoid areas with windows, and get as low to the ground as possible. An interior bathroom is often the safest place to be because of the framing of the plumbing around the walls. Put as many walls between you and a tornado as possible. Try to avoid flying debris.

Tornadoes can be frightening, but remember that only a small percentage of the estimated 1,000 tornadoes each year actually strike occupied buildings. Knowing how to stay safe can put your mind at ease!

For more safety tips, visit www.tornadoproject.com/safety/safety.htm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rent Is Due 1 Even though it's Sunday, you can use the rent drop slot to the right of the office door!	2	3	4 	5	Rent Is Late 6 Add \$50 Late Fee if Paying Today or Later :(:(7
8  Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
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29	Memorial Day 30 Office Is Closed	31				

"This Month In History"

May

1869: The "Golden Spike" is driven at Promontory Summit, Utah, celebrating the link between the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways. It is promptly removed for preservation.

1881: Clara Barton organizes the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C., and serves as its president until 1904.

1904: St. Louis hosts the first Olympics staged in the United States.

1915: Rookie Babe Ruth hits the first of his 714 Major League Baseball home runs.

1927: Charles Lindbergh successfully completes the first solo trans-Atlantic flight.

1929: And the award goes to ... the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel for hosting the inaugural Academy Awards celebration.

1937: Margaret Mitchell wins the Pulitzer Prize for her novel, "Gone With the Wind."

1942: The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) is founded, enabling women to enlist for non-combat military duties.

1952: The sugary sweet, compressed candy known as PEZ is trademarked.

1967: Elvis Presley marries Priscilla Beaulieu at their Las Vegas wedding.

1981: American Airlines introduces AAdvantage, the first frequent-flier program.

2004: The National World War II Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C.