

CITY OF BIG RAPIDS NEWSLETTER

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Big Rapids Housing Commission Gives Updates on Building Renovations and Housing Development

In 2023, the Big Rapids Housing Commission unveiled significant projects aimed at tackling the shortage of single-family housing and preserving historical structures in Downtown Big Rapids.

With 1.6 million dollars in grant money awarded by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to the Housing Commission, renovations commenced in September at the Nisbett-Fairman Buildings.

Fast Forward to 2024, Linda Miller, the Executive Director of the Big Rapids Housing Commission, reported that upgrades including new cabinets, countertops, flooring, and painting are currently underway at the Nisbett Building. Upon completion, renovations will shift to the Fairman Building.

Miller mentioned that renovations will continue throughout the year. Enhancements will cover heating and cooling systems, intercoms, power door openers, smoke and fire detection systems, elevators, and water heaters. Additionally, exterior improvements will involve repainting, brick repairs, and necessary replacements of roofs and windows.

The Mechanic Street Housing Project, which began in June 2023, included five homes in its initial phase.

According to Miller, four of the homes have already been purchased. Her team is now focused on finding the perfect owner for the remaining home.

"The Big Rapids Housing Commission is thrilled to contribute to the growth of single-family homes in our city," Miller expressed with pride. "Construction on the first phase should be wrapping up in the next few months."

Upon the successful sale of the final home in the first phase, the project has ambitious plans to construct two additional homes in the upcoming phase 2, catering to more families looking to make Big Rapids their home.

If you would like more information regarding the Mechanic Street Housing Project, scan the QR Code!



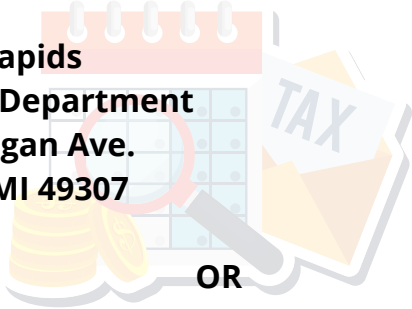
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Big Rapids, MI 49307



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**Big Rapids
Community
Library**

- 3/6: Storytime w/ Mr. Howard @ 11am
- 3/9: Morel 101: Picking w/ the champ @ 2pm
- 3/12: Art & Craft Workshop @ 4pm
- 3/6: Storytime w/ Mr. Howard @ 11am
- 3/13: Stem Lab @ 4pm
- 3/20: Storytime w/ Mr. Howard @ 11am
- 3/21: Family Stem Night @ 4pm
- 3/27: Storytime w/ Mr. Howard @ 11am
- 3/28: Wizards, Wands & Potions @ 1pm
- 3/28: Pirate Party @ 11am

For additional details on programs, please contact Sarah at the Library at 231-796-5234.

City Happenings!

MAR. 4: CITY COMMISSION MEETING 6:30PM

MAR. 13: CHARTER REVISION MEETING 5:30PM

MAR. 14: PARK & REC MEETING 6:30PM

MAR. 18: CITY COMMISSION MEETING 6:30PM

**MAR. 20: PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
6:30 PM (PENDING)**

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