

CITY OF BIG RAPIDS NEWSLETTER

May 2024 Edition



Big Rapids Dial-a-Ride now offers the 'Gold Pass' Program for Eligible Seniors and Active/Retired Military Members

Big Rapids Dial-a-Ride is introducing the "Gold Pass" program, which offers discounted fares to eligible seniors aged 80 and older, as well as active and retired military members residing within the city limits.

According to City Manager Mark Gifford, the idea for a discounted program for individuals over 80 years old or active military/veterans was led by DART Supervisor Dawn Fuller. The Gold Pass program would allow them to use the DART system at a significantly reduced cost.

With the Gold Pass, eligible riders can pay a \$1 fee and ride DART free of charge for one year.

The current fare is \$2.50 per one-way ride for ages 17 through 59, and \$1.25 per one-way ride for children 4 to 16, disabled riders, and patrons 60 years old and older.

Applications for the Gold Pass can be found at City Hall. For more information, please call (231) 796-8675.



Sidewalk Improvements are on the Docket for Department of Public Works

As we approach the Summer season, the Public Works crews are gearing up to enhance sidewalks across the community. A budget of \$75,000 has been allocated this year to upgrade sidewalks in the neighborhoods of Big Rapids.

Public Works Director Heather Bowman believes this is a vital program for the community.

"Improving our sidewalks isn't just about infrastructure; it's about ensuring safer, more accessible pathways for all members of our community, fostering connectivity, and enhancing quality of life," she said.



If you notice any sections of sidewalk in need of repair, please contact the City at info@cityofbr.org.

CLERK'S CORNER

IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION

Please note a change in your polling location for the MAY 7, 2024, SCHOOL ELECTION.

All registered voters within the city limits will vote at:

Big Rapids City Hall
226 N. Michigan Avenue
Big Rapids, MI 49307

This precinct will be open for voting from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk at 231-592-4020.

Absentee ballots may be obtained from the City Clerk's office. All registered City voters will be receiving notification by mail of this polling location change.



DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN PAY
YOUR CITY WATER BILL,
PROPERTY OR INCOME TAXES
ONLINE?



Log on to cityofbr.org
Click 'Pay Bills Online' and follow
the instructions

City Happenings!

MAY 8: BR LIBRARY: STEM LAB: SHAPESHIFTING
AGES: 9-13 4PM

MAY 8: CHARTER REVISION MEETING 5:30PM

MAY 9: PARK & REC MEETING 6:30PM

MAY 10: BIG RAPIDS FARMERS MARKET OPENING
DAY 8AM-2PM

MAY 11: BR LIBRARY: GROW GREAT
VEGETABLES 2PM

MAY 13: CITY COMMISSION MEETING 6:30PM

MAY 14: BR LIBRARY: ARTS & CRAFTS
WORKSHOP: BEGINNER CROCHET 4PM

MAY 15: PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 6:30 PM
(PENDING)

MAY 20: CITY COMMISSION MEETING 6:30PM

MAY 27: CITY HALL CLOSED

MAY 29: BR LIBRARY: STORYTIME W/ MR. HOWARD
@ ROBEN HOOD AIRPORT 11AM

MAY 31: POCKET PARK CONCERT SERIES OPENING
DAY 12PM

