

CITY OF BIG RAPIDS NEWSLETTER



November Edition

Depot Trail head Park Receives Grant

The City of Big Rapids recently received a \$450,000 grant for the construction of the Depot Trailhead Park as part of the Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) Program.

The city was part of 17 other projects selected for new, innovative ideas to reactivate lost, underutilized, or vacant spaces.

Community Development Director for Big Rapids Michelle Stenger is very excited to put these funds to use.

"City staff is excited about the opportunity to develop Depot Park into a welcoming park for those visiting the City using the newly paved White Pine Trail," Stenger said.

"We are also excited about the opportunity this will create for the businesses and residents of the east side."

Pictured are concept plans for Depot Trail Head Park.



Need a Ride? Call Dial-A-Ride

Dial-A-Ride (DART) offers modern public transit services with comfortable facilities and affordable prices in Big Rapids.

Dial-A-Ride has 8 vehicles all equipped with wheelchair lifts to provide transportation to all our mobility-impaired passengers.

Punch Cards are \$12.50 each which is five rides for an Adult of 10 rides for Seniors, disabled, or Children. Our Punch Cards are on sale the first six business days of each month, 2 cards for \$20.00.

Holiday Schedules are as follows:

Thanksgiving Day – **Closed**

Friday and Saturday after (November 24 and 25, 2023) – **Hours 9 am to 4 pm**

Christmas and New Year's Day – **Closed**

For more information, call DART at 231-796-8675.

OVERNIGHT WINTER STREET PARKING BAN STARTS

NOV. 15TH

In order to permit the city to properly remove all snow and ice from streets during the winter months, an overnight parking ban will be in place on any street in the city from November 15 through March 15, between the hours of 2am and 6am

Vehicles parked in violation may be ticketed and/or impounded by the Police.



City Happenings!

NOV. 7: ELECTION DAY 7AM-8PM

NOV. 9: PARKS & REC MEETING 6:30PM

NOV. 13: CITY COMMISSION MEETING 6:30PM

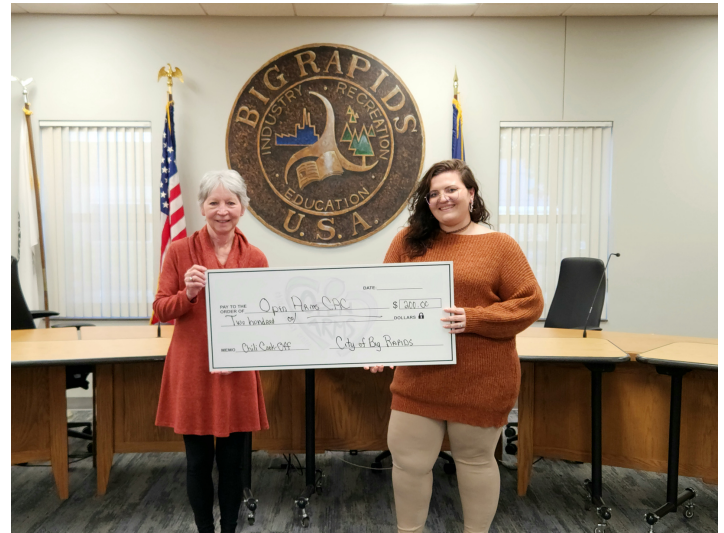
NOV. 14: BR LIBRARY ARTS & CRAFT WORKSHOP 4-5PM (REGISTER EARLY)

NOV. 17: HOLIDAY FARMERS MARKET

NOV. 18: FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE 6-8PM (DOWNTOWN BR)

NOV. 20: CITY COMMISSION MEETING 6:30PM

NOV. 23, 24: CITY HALL CLOSED



During a city staff Chilli Cook-off event, donations were accepted and staff was able to raise \$200 for the Open Arms Child Advocacy Center

Thanksgiving Fire Safety Tips from BR Fire Chief Steve Schroeder

According to the National Fire Protection Association, Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires with more than three times the daily average for such incidents.

Big Rapids Fire Chief Steve Schroeder has provided some valuable tips to ensure you have a safe Thanksgiving holiday:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay three feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy, or coffee could cause severe burns.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in a room with a lit candle.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks, or bags.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.