



April Resident Newsletter

March 23, 2021



The B.R.H.C. office will be closing at noon on April 2, 2021 in observance of Good Friday.

Rent is due on April 1, 2021. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Upcoming Meetings

The Big Rapids Housing Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 9 a.m. with meeting details to be determined. Agendas will be posted at the main office, Housing Commission Facebook page, and laundry rooms when available.

The Resident Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. via conference call. Call-in information for the meeting is **1-701-802-5178, access number is 727375**. All Neighborhood Watch Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

COVID-19 Operations Update

Big Rapids Housing Commission continues to take extra precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Community rooms and the lobby will remain closed for the safety of all residents. Please make sure you continue to call in all repairs (work orders), however, work orders will be completed as necessary only.

Before a maintenance person enters your apartment to complete a work order, we will ask if you or anyone in your household is sick. As a precaution we are asking residents to leave your apartment if possible or move to another room during the completion of the work order.

Rent is still due and payable by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021, however if you have a loss of income and cannot pay rent due to this crisis you must contact the office for additional instructions. If you are signed up for electronic rent the rent will transfer on April 6, 2021. Residents can put their rent and other items in the tenant drop box which will continue to be checked on a daily basis.

The laundry rooms **will** be open to residents only during normal hours.

Resident Council Election

All executive board and board members positions expire March 31, 2021. Below please find the election ballot. All lease signing residents age 18 and older may vote in this election. Please complete the ballot below, detach and return to the Housing Commission office via mail or the drop box. Ballots will be due by Monday, April 12, 2021 and the results will be announced at the April Resident Council meeting at 3:30 on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

Resident Council Election Ballot

DO NOT VOTE FOR MORE THAN ONE (1)

- President: () Lori Butler
 () _____
 Write in vote

- Vice President: () Nora Sisson
 () _____
 Write in vote

- Secretary/
Treasurer: () _____
 Write in vote

DO NOT VOTE FOR MORE THAN EIGHT (8)

- Board Member: () Doug Hacks
 () Doug White
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Spring Clean Up

On Tuesday, April 20, 2021 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.

Do NOT flush wipes

Please be reminded that wipes are not flushable! Even if the package claims they are sewer safe and flushable, they **ARE NOT** and this eventually leads to clogged sewer lines. A charge will apply if personal wipes are found to be the cause of your sewer back up.

PET OWNERS – Please clean all pet droppings from the area around your unit now that the snow is melting.

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

Springtime Reminders

Please do not allow your children to climb the fences 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!

Annual Inspections - Postponed

Annual Inspections will NOT take place in April, however, please be prepared to have your apartment inspected sometime this year. As a reminder, your lease states:

V. RESIDENT OBLIGATIONS - Resident shall be obligated:

5. To keep the dwelling unit and other such areas as may be assigned to Resident for exclusive use in a clean and safe condition.

Please make sure that you keep your refrigerator and stove clean, including your oven. Please make sure that you keep your floors and other fixtures in your apartment clean, including your bathtub, toilet, and sinks. 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.

Reminders and Lawn Maintenance

Please move patio furniture, grills, tables, bikes, toys, etc. when you see the mowers around the complex. Please remind your children not to hang on the clotheslines, stand on picnic tables, and to respect neighbors' personal property and belongings. Any flowerbeds that are not being properly maintained by the residents will be mowed down. Charcoal lighter fluid should be stored in the shed.

Maintenance Treatment for Bed Bugs- Postponed until further notice.

Leave Pest Control to the Professionals

NEVER USE THESE PRODUCTS IN YOUR APARTMENT FOR PEST CONTROL! The Housing Commission has a pest control contract that will resolve pest issues. By using these products you are increasing the problem and hindering the treatment process. Any suspicious bugs should be placed in a Ziploc baggie and brought to the office immediately for identification.

