



MEADOW PARK APARTMENTS

August 2023

Upcoming Meetings

The August Big Rapids Housing Commission meeting will be held in the Nisbett Building community room on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

August Rent

Rent is due and payable by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. Late fees will be assessed at 8 a.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023.

Downtown Farmer's Market

The Big Rapids Downtown Farmer's Market is back! The Farmers' Market, located at 226 N. Michigan Ave. Hours are as follows: Tuesdays - 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. & Fridays – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Project Fresh coupons are accepted here.



Resident Council Picnic

The Resident Council Picnic will be Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Highrise employee parking lot. The Resident Council will be providing hot dogs, water, tea, and lemonade. They are requesting you bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair. Please sign up at the office before Saturday, August 12, 2023. Make sure to mention how many will be attending and which dish you would like to bring.

National Night Out

National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 1, from 5 – 8 p.m. on Michigan Avenue from Pine to Elm Street. Michigan Avenue will be blocked off to cars in the evening. Everyone is invited to attend this free community event. There will be free food and games for the kids. If you are interested in volunteering to run a game, please contact the office.

A Note from Crime Prevention/Community Relations Officer Bill Sell

Today one of the most popular “weapons of choice” for fraud is the telephone. It provides an easy opening into your home for thieves. Catching and prosecuting these thieves is extremely difficult.

These thieves may spend days or weeks grooming the unsuspecting victim. They may claim to be a friend or family member asking for money. They may also say they are local, state, or federal law enforcement and demand money to keep the victim from going to jail. They may even say you have won a foreign lottery that you never entered. There are endless ways that these thieves try to take your money.

The best way to avoid being scammed is to trust your instincts. **NEVER** give out your personal information like credit card numbers, bank ID numbers, driver's license number, or social security number. It is illegal for telemarketers to ask for this personal information for you to be able to claim prizes. Don't send cash through the mail to unknown addresses. Don't buy Google Play cards or other forms of gift cards and give these thieves the numbers on the back. If you do become a victim, call the police and make a report. You can also contact the National Consumers League Fraud Information Center at 202-853-3323, or www.fraud.org.

Income

"I agree I must immediately notify the Landlord or cooperative when there is a change in my gross income or adjustment to income of \$100 per month or when there is a change in the number of persons living in the household. I also understand that failure to report such changes may result in my losing benefits to which I may be entitled or may result in the Landlord/Cooperative or Agency taking corrective action if benefits were

mistakenly received. **If your income changes more than \$100 per month you must contact the office as soon as possible.**



Free Summer Lunch Program

Free summer lunch program offered for children 18 and under at these participating schools.

Grab & Go Meals- Brookside Elementary June 12, 2023, thru August 11, 2023. Monday – Friday 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Crossroads Charter June 7, 2023 – Aug 11, 2023, sit-down dinner at the CCA High School cafeteria Tues, Wed, and Thurs 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (RSVP to martini@ccabr.org) Free for children 18 and under. Select locations offer paid adult meals.

Crossroads Summer Food Program

Crossroads School will be handing out FREE food to local children every Wednesday starting June 7, 2023, to August 16, 2023, from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The distribution area will be at the Parkview Apartments in the 4-7 buildings circle drive. Children ages 2-18 and ages 18-26 with disabilities can participate. Note: June 28, 2023, delivery will be handing out additional food for the July 5, 2023, date due to no delivery being made during the holiday.

Downtown Farmer's Market

Spring is here, and the Big Rapids Downtown Farmer's Market is back! The Farmers' Market, located at 226 N. Michigan Ave., is a showcase for locally grown food and other farm related products, providing an alternative marketing opportunity for local farmers and consumers to interact directly with each other. Hours are as follows: Tuesdays – 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. & Fridays – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Labor Day Arts & Crafts Festival – Monday, September 4th 10 AM - 4 PM

The board of directors for the Band of Locals, a community and small business organization, are excited to announce the return of one of Big Rapids most beloved events, but with a new twist. Upon the return of the festival, you will see a few new changes. The official name of the new event is the Band of Locals Arts, Crafts, Food Festival and will be held on Michigan Avenue, Downtown Big Rapids, as opposed to Hemlock Park.

You'll find unique hand-crafted items, original artwork, amazing food from local restaurants and vendors, live music in Pocket Park, and so much more!