



August Resident Newsletter



July 29, 2022

Upcoming Meetings

The following meetings will be held in the High-rise Conference Room:

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 3:30 p.m.

Resident Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

The August Big Rapids Housing Commission meeting will be held in the Nisbett Building community room on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Rent is due on August 1, 2022. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 8, 2022.

Signatures Needed

If your apartment # appears on this list, then you need to stop by the office and sign your completed rent review.

1A 3A 5C 6A 6B 11C 14A 15C 18B 18C 20A 21B 22B 24A 25C 27C 29C 30A 30B
31C 101C 102F 103A 104C 105A 106E 107A 107C 108A 108C 109B 111B 112A
112C 113A 113E 113F 114C 114D 117C 118A 118C 118D 119A 119B 119C 119D
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129A 129C 129D 129E 131A 131B 131C 131E 131F 132A 132D 132E 133D 134A
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Electronic Rent Program

Are you tired of writing a check every month? If so, electronic rent is available! Stop by the office to complete our Electronic Rent Enrollment form. Please provide a cancelled check if possible!

NO Cash Reminder

We do not accept cash in the office, and we are not able to make change either.

Resident Council Picnic

On Saturday, August 27, 2022 the Resident Council will be hosting a 1950's themed picnic from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. behind the highrise building. Access this area through the Employee Parking Lot located on the West end of the highrise. In case of rain, the event will be moved to the highrise dining room. Refreshments and hot dogs will be served. This is a great opportunity for residents to meet the Resident Council Officers. Feel free to bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair and please remember to put your name on dishes you bring. **Everyone is welcome to attend.** Please sign up in the office.

REAC Inspection

The REAC Inspection went well. Thank you for helping us keep the apartments in good physical condition. Please be advised that mirrors must be attached to the walls. Please do not use double sided tape, use mirror hanging kits/screws Please be reminded that cords must not be tripping hazards and emergency pulls cords must be at the base boards, not tied up.

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

Highrise Community Room Activities

- Euchre schedule is as follows: Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and Fridays at 6:00 p.m., and the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3:00p.m.
- Bible Study on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.
- Mexican Train on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.
- Bingo will resume on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Disposal of Trash/Garbage

Please place trash in the dumpsters provided in your area. Throwing garbage over the fence is unacceptable. Do not place garbage next to dumpster. Do not put boxes out by trash carts. Cardboard boxes can be brought to the recycle room located in the highrise, next to the laundry room.

Recycle Room

The Big Rapids Housing Commission has a Recycle Room located in the Highrise, next to the Laundry Room. The Recycle Room is open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and has bins for newspaper, office paper, magazines, cardboard, fiberboard, #1 and #2 plastic (caps must be removed), styrofoam, clear glass, and tins cans. Please be reminded that the Recycle Room is not a donation center for your unwanted items. All other garbage must be disposed of in your assigned dumpster/tote.

National Night Out

National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 2, 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.

Reporting Income Changes

Please be reminded that you must come into the office to report **ALL** income changes within 10 days for **ALL** adults in your household, 18-years and older. Also, be reminded to report anyone that moves out of your household. Please be reminded that you can submit your income changes on our website by visiting www.bigrapidshousing.org and clicking on ‘Report a change in income’ tab.

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.

Maintenance Treatment for Bed Bugs

The Housing Commission has contracted with Rose Pest Solutions to inspect all apartments for bed bugs, inspect and/or install monitors on all the accessible beds and couches. Residents will receive an additional notification. This is the tentative schedule for this month:

Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	Apt#	Date
107E	8/10/22	109A	8/17/22	111C	8/24/22	113C	8/31/22
107F	8/10/22	109B	8/17/22	111D	8/24/22	113D	8/31/22
108A	8/10/22	110A	8/17/22	112A	8/24/22	113E	8/31/22
108B	8/10/22	110B	8/17/22	112B	8/24/22	113F	8/31/22
108C	8/10/22	110C	8/17/22	112C	8/24/22	114A	8/31/22
108D	8/10/22	110D	8/17/22	112D	8/24/22	114B	8/31/22
108E	8/10/22	111A	8/17/22	113A	8/24/22	114C	8/31/22
108F	8/10/22	111B	8/17/22	113B	8/24/22	114D	8/31/22

You are required to contact the office immediately or within 24 hours if you suspect you see a bed bug or other vermin in your apartment.

Bed Bug Monitors

The monitors that are installed in your apartment must be kept in place at all times. You will be charged \$5.00 per monitor for any damaged or removed monitors. Upon move out if all the monitors we installed are not left in the unit you will be charged \$5.00 for each monitor. Example: 20 monitors x \$5.00 = \$100.00. **ALSO**, if your mattress is not on a bed frame it will be necessary for you to acquire a bed frame within 30 days so the monitors can be installed.

Local Resources

Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency (231) 660-0271
Project Starburst (231) 796-5342
Angels of Action (231) 629-8140
Salvation Army (231) 796-5597
Arch Staffing (231) 629-8140
Legal Aid (888) 783-8190

Resources - 211

We are the boots on the ground, the local experts who make finding help easier. There are more than **200 2-1-1 agencies across the United States**, each with a team of compassionate, highly trained community specialists who are available to help you access the best local resources and services to address any need. Our 2-1-1 helpline provides referrals to programs to assist with food, housing, financial assistance, utility assistance and more. Help is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, from anywhere in the state of Michigan.