



August Resident Newsletter



July 31, 2023

Upcoming Meetings

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

Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Friday, August 11, 2023, 3:00 p.m.	2024 BRHC Annual Planning Meeting

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.

Rent is due on August 1, 2023. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 7, 2023.

Signatures Needed

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

2A 2B 4B 6B 13A 18C 20B 27A 27C 29A 102A 105A 107C 108C 112D 113E 113F
116C 117B 117C 118A 118B 119B 119C 121A 121E 122D 123D 126A 126B 126C
127C 127E 129B 131A 131B 131C 131E 135G 201

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. You will need your bank routing number, account number, and if the account is a checking or savings account.

NO Cash Reminder

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



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.

Highrise Community Room Activities

- Euchre schedule is as follows: Mondays at 1:00 p.m., Fridays at 5:00 p.m., and the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m.
- Bible Study on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.
- Mexican Train on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.
- Crafting Creations on Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Bingo on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.
- Uno on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

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.

National Night Out

National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 1, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 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.

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

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.

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.

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
109A	8/9/23	111C	8/16/23	113C	8/23/23	201	8/30/23
109B	8/9/23	111D	8/16/23	113D	8/23/23	202	8/30/23
110A	8/9/23	112A	8/16/23	113E	8/23/23	203	8/30/23
110B	8/9/23	112B	8/16/23	113F	8/23/23	204	8/30/23
110C	8/9/23	112C	8/16/23	114A	8/23/23	205	8/30/23
110D	8/9/23	112D	8/16/23	114B	8/23/23	206	8/30/23
111A	8/9/23	113A	8/16/23	114C	8/23/23	207	8/30/23
111B	8/9/23	113B	8/16/23	114D	8/23/23	301	8/30/23

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

***Mid Michigan Community Action Agency is offering assistance for those behind on natural gas bills.**

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!



Friendly Reminders

All residents please be reminded with warmer weather there will be children playing outside. Please slow down & remind your visitors of the **10 MPH** speed limit within the complex. Please be watchful for children when driving. Parents, please remember children must be attended while outside and not allowed to play in roadways. Also, Evergreen residents: Bikes and scooters are not allowed to be ridden on the upper sidewalks.



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.



Friendly Reminder

Please remember to lock your apartments and vehicles.

