



August Resident Newsletter



July 31, 2024

Upcoming Meetings

The following meetings will be held in the Highrise Conference Room:

Thursday, August 8, 2024, 9:00 a.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 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 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Rent is due on August 1, 2024. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

PHA Plan Public Hearing

The Big Rapids Housing Commission has revised its' Annual Plan for fiscal year 2025 along with the 5 Year Agency Plan for years 2025-2029. It is available for review from Monday, July 29, 2024, until Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at the Big Rapids Housing Commission Office located at 9 Parkview Village, Big Rapids, Michigan. The Commission's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All comments must be received by Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024, in the Housing Commission's Conference Room at 9:00 a.m.

Signatures Needed

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

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122E 125B 125C 126A 126B 127C 127E 128D 129D 131B 131C 131D 131E 135F
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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.
- Bingo on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.

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.

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.

Reminder

If you plan on moving, the lease states: Resident shall give Management 30 days written notice before moving from the dwelling unit. If the Resident does not give the full notice, the Resident shall be liable for rent to the end of the notice period or to the date the dwelling unit is re-rented, whichever date comes first.

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
121B	8/14/24	122E	8/21/24	124C	8/28/24
121C	8/14/24	123A	8/21/24	124D	8/28/24
121D	8/14/24	123B	8/21/24	124E	8/28/24
121E	8/14/24	123C	8/21/24	125A	8/28/24
122A	8/14/24	123D	8/21/24	125B	8/28/24
122B	8/14/24	123E	8/21/24	125C	8/28/24
122C	8/14/24	124A	8/21/24	125D	8/28/24
122D	8/14/24	124B	8/21/24	125E	8/28/24



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.

Mole Tunnels/Runs-The Big Rapids Housing Commission has contracted with Rose Pest Solutions to treat for moles. Please contact the office if you have an active mole run near your building so it can be treated accordingly.

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 8:00 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.

Cardboard

Please break down all cardboard boxes and bring them to the recycle room in the Highrise to avoid filling garbage totes. Do not place any cardboard boxes outside of garbage totes or on the ground.

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.

Friendly Reminder

Please remember to lock your apartments and vehicles.



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.



***Children below the age of thirteen (13) must be supervised at all times inside and outside of the units.**



Pet Policy Reminders

All animals need to be caged or kenneled when maintenance is being performed or inspections are being done. If you do not have a kennel, your pet must be kept out of the area being worked on or inspected.

*Petvet will be at Tractor Supply located at 754 Perry Ave in Big Rapids one Sunday a month from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. offering dog and cat vaccinations. Vaccinations are given on a first come first serve basis. Future Petvet dates are as follows: July 21, 2024, August 18, 2024, September 15, 2024, and October 13, 2024. For more information and fees, please visit Petvet.vippetcare.com or call 231-796-4642.



Increase in Electric Rate

Beginning June 1, 2024, peak pricing will go into effect through the end of September. That means from Monday through Friday in the summer, electricity will cost 1.5 times more, during the hours of 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Shifting when you use energy, and taking advantage of energy efficiency opportunities, will help save energy.

Downtown Farmer's Market

Spring is here, and the Big Rapids Downtown Farmer's Market is back. The Farmers' Market is now located in the parking lot next to Bernie's Donuts, across from City Hall. It 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. The hours are as follows: Fridays only from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Free Summer Lunch Program



Grab & Go Meals- Big Rapids Middle School June 20, 2024, through August 15, 2024. Every Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (July pick up will be on Wednesday, July 3rd) Pick up behind Big Rapids Middle School, 500 N Warren Ave. Parents or students may pick up meals.

Gather and Grow- The Big Rapids Library is offering summer meals in partnership with Feeding America West Michigan. Meals are of no cost to all youth 18 and under and disabled adults up to age 26. Lunch is Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Big Rapids Library, located at 426 S Michigan Ave, Big Rapids. For more information, please call 231-796-5234 or visit www.bigrapidslibrary.org

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
Michigan Works (231) 796-0049
St. Mary- St. Paul Catholic Church (231) 796-5202

