



# July Resident Newsletter

June 30, 2020

**The Big Rapids Housing Commission prohibits the use of all fireworks at all their properties. Residents are encouraged to contact the office to report any violations during the day and to contact the police if it is after hours.**

## **Office reopens on Monday July 6, 2020 – Face Mask Required for Entry**

The Big Rapids Housing Commission plans to reopen on Monday, July 6, 2020. The office will return to normal business hours which are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. It will be necessary to wear a face mask when entering the Big Rapids Housing Commission lobby and all common areas. If you need a face mask, please call our office at 231-796-8689 and request one before entering the building.

## **Independence Day – Office Closed**

The Housing Commission Office will be closed **Friday, July 3, 2020** in observance of Independence Day.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

The Resident Council and Neighborhood Watch meetings have been postponed until further notice. Information regarding the Regular Commission Meeting can be found posted at the main office and all laundry rooms when available.

## **Community Room - Euchre and Bingo**

The Parkview Village Community room will remain closed to social events until further notice.

## **July Rent**

Rent is due and payable by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020. Payments can be placed in the resident drop box or mailed to 9 Parkview Village, Big Rapids, MI 49307. If you are signed up for electronic rent, we will withdraw your rent from your account as we normally do. If you have a loss of income and cannot pay rent due to the COVID-19 crisis you must contact the office at 231-796-8689 for additional instructions.

## **Electronic Rent Program**

Let us show you how you can sign up for the Electronic Rent Program and save time and money.

## **Signatures Needed – Beginning July 6, 2020**

If your apartment # appears on this list please stop by the office after July 6, 2020 to sign your completed rent review. 1C 2B 2C 2D 3C 3D 4A 4B 4C 4D 5A 5B 5C 6A 6C 6D 7A 7D 8B 10A 11A 11B 11C 12A 12C 13B 14A 14C 15B 16A 16B 17B 17C 18B 18C 20A 20C 21A 21B 21C 22B 22C 23A 23B 23C 24A 24C 25A 25C 26A 27B 27C 28A 28B 28C 29B 29C 30B 31C 101A 101C 101D 101E 101F 102B 102C 102D 103A 103B 104A 104B 104C 104E 104F 105B 106A 106B 106C 106E 106F 107B 107C 107D 107F 108A 108B 108C 108E 109A 109B 110A 110B 110C 112B 112C 113C 113D 113E 113F 114A 114B 114D 115A 116A 116B 117A 117B 117C 118B 118C 118D 119A 119B 119C 119E 120B 120D 120E 121C 121D 121E 122A 122B 122E 122B 123A 123C 123D 124A 124C 124E 125A 125C 125E 126D 126E 127C 127D 127F 128B 128C 129C 129D 131B 131D 131F 132A 132B 132C 132D 132E 133A 133B 133C 133B 133E 134B 134C 134E 135A 135B 135C 135D 135G 201 202 203 301 302 303 307 404 407 408

## **Dial -A-Ride Bus Tickets**

Beginning Monday June 29, 2020 Dial-A-Ride will be taking fares for each ride again and selling punch cards for frequent riders. Each red dot is worth \$1.25 so each card has a value of \$12.50.

PUNCH CARD SALE PRICE DATES: June 29, 2020 thru July 11, 2020. Sale Price is 2 punch cards for \$20.00 or \$ 12.50 each. After that date the cards will be \$12.50 each or 2 for \$25.00.

Tickets that you currently have are still good, they will trade them in for a punch card. We will have the new punch cards for sale here in the office just like we did with the tickets. If you have any further questions you may call Dial-A-Ride at (231)-796-8675.

### **Senior Project Fresh-COUPON PICK UP!**

Mecosta County Commission on Aging is participating in Senior Project Fresh. You are eligible to receive \$20 in FREE COUPONS accepted at participating Farmer's Markets to purchase Michigan grown fresh fruits & vegetables. If you are: 60 years or older, live in Mecosta County, your income is under \$22,459.00 for 1 person or \$30,451.00 for 2 people **THEN YOU QUALIFY!** For more information and to sign up call Mecosta County Commission on Aging at (231)-972-2884.

### **Downtown Farmer's Market**

The Farmer's 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 as follows: Tuesdays-12 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & Fridays-8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Senior Project Fresh coupons are accepted here!

### **Speed Limit**



The speed limit in the complex is 10 MPH and will be enforced in the best safety interest of the children and adults in the complex. We have had complaints that people are driving too fast through Evergreen.

### **Summer 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 leave food wrappers and debris on the lawn or 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.

### **Water keys are available in the office for the outside faucets. The cost is \$4.00.**

To avoid high water bills, we continue to limit water use.

1. Sprinklers (for children to play in) can be used for 1 hour every day.
2. Kiddy pools can be filled once every day. Pools are limited to 20 gallons.
3. Watering (plants, flowers, etc) is limited to 15 minutes.

**Pools are to be emptied after use. Residents are prohibited from leaving pools up overnight due to safety issues.** IN ADDITION, RUNNING TOILETS, DRIPPING SINKS, AND TUB FAUCETS NEED TO BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE OFFICE FOR REPAIR.

### **Bikes on Parkview Drive**

Please be reminded not to ride bicycles on the sidewalk in the senior sections for safety reasons.

### **Security Cameras**

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

### **Playground Policy**

To avoid injuries on the playground children are required to follow the playground rules.

Children below the age of thirteen (13) must be supervised at all times, including while they are on the playground. The playground areas are open for play during daylight hours. To avoid injuries these areas are prohibited at **9:00 p.m.** or dark, whichever comes first.

**We have received several complaints that young children are playing outside unsupervised at both Evergreen Village and Parkview Village Family Sections.**

### **Pet Policy Reminders**

Please be reminded that according to the Pet Policy all dogs and cats must be on a leash when not in owners' apartment. The leash must be no longer than 4 feet. Pets cannot be tied up or left unattended at anytime on Housing Commission property. Also, you must clean up after your pet immediately.

### **Smoke Free/Flame Free/Burn Free**

Please be reminded Effective August 1, 2018 the Big Rapids Housing Commission became a Smoke Free Property. **All residents, guests and employees are prohibited from smoking on Big Rapids Housing Commission property. The policy also bans candles, incense and e-cigarettes.**

### **Maintenance Treatment for Bed Bugs**

The Big Rapids Housing Commission has temporarily postponed the preventive bed bug maintenance treatment until further notice. Watch in next month's newsletter for an update and please review the Bed Bug Facts included in this newsletter.

### **Social Distancing**

Please continue to practice social distancing, including on the playgrounds. The CDC guidelines for social distancing are as follows:

Social distancing, also called "physical distancing," means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home. To practice social or physical distancing:

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people
- Do not gather in groups
- Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings

### **Playground precautions**

Please use playground precautions and follow the rules in place by the CDC.

**It is important to practice proper hand washing which greatly reduces the chances of spreading germs.**

### **Social Security Administration Important Information**

A Social Security Administration local representative is available to take your call Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at (855) 245-0641 (TTY) 1-800-325-0778. They may be able to schedule an appointment if they cannot help you by phone. You may also visit SSA.gov for many services that can be completed online.

**The Big Rapids Housing Commission  
would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy 4th of July.**

