



# July Resident Newsletter

July 1, 2021

**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.**

**Rent is due on July 1, 2021. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2021.**

## **Independence Day – Office Closed**

The Housing Commission Office will be closed **Monday, July 5, 2021**, in observance of Independence Day.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

The Big Rapids Housing Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 9 a.m. in the Highrise Dining Room. All residents are invited to attend. If you prefer to attend via zoom you may do so. Zoom instructions will be posted at the main office, Housing Commission Facebook page, and laundry rooms when available.

The Resident Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. The Neighborhood Watch Meetings will resume in August 2021.

## **Office reopens on July 1, 2021–Mask Are Required if you are not vaccinated for Covid 19**

The Big Rapids Housing Commission plans to reopen to the public on Thursday, July 1, 2021. The office will be open normal business hours which are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Face masks are required to enter the lobby if you have not been vaccinated for Covid 19. If you need a face mask, please call our office at 231-796-8689 and request one before entering the building. Please stay home if you are sick and remember to stay 6 feet from others. For questions or clarification please visit [www.Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.Michigan.gov/Coronavirus).

## **Signatures Needed – Beginning July 1, 2021**

All Annual Recertifications have been completed and residents are required to come to the office to sign the new recertification. Please do this as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

## **Commodities**

As of July 1, 2021, any resident that receives commodities will now be able to come pick up your box at the Highrise Community Room. The next scheduled commodity date is Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

## **Highrise Community Room Activities**

- Euchre will resume beginning on Friday, July 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Euchre schedule is as follows: Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and Fridays at 6:00 p.m.
- Mexican Train will resume on Wednesdays beginning on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.
- Bingo will resume on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning on Thursday, July 8, 2021.

If a non-resident would like to come and participate in these activities, they are allowed if they are vaccinated for Covid 19 or wear a mask if not vaccinated and follow the social distancing guidelines.

**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 \$23,828.00 for 1 person or \$32,227.00 for 2 people **THEN YOU QUALIFY!** For more information and to sign up call Mecosta County Commission on Aging at (231)-972-2884 and ask for Beth.

**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!

**Summer Reminders and Lawn Maintenance**

Weather permitting the lawn mowing schedule for Parkview Village is typically every Friday and Evergreen Village is typically every other Friday. 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.

**Security Cameras**

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

**Air Conditioners**

When you remove your air conditioner in the fall, please remember to reinstall your screen.

**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.

**Annual Inspections**

Unit Inspections have been scheduled for all apartments in the family section on the following dates:

Parkview Family (1-A – 117-C)	Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Evergreen Village (118-A – 126-E)	Wednesday, September 22, 2021
Evergreen Village (127-A – 135-G)	Thursday, September 23, 2021

If this time is not convenient for you, Monday, September 20, 2021, will be the alternate date. You must contact the office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021, to reschedule your inspection.

If any needed repairs are identified during the inspection the maintenance staff may be re-entering your apartment on your inspection day to complete the repairs whether you are home or not.

We will be making sure that your stove is clean, including oven and under stovetop. We will also be making sure you are taking proper care of your floors (mopping and waxing when needed) and take an overall look at your general housekeeping. We will be checking for damage to the unit and looking for any work orders that are not being reported to the office in a timely manner. Please be reminded it is your responsibility to call the office if you need a work order completed. It is also important that the areas in front of and behind your unit are clean, including your shed. Residents in violation of the

Curtain Policy will receive a lease violation notice. If you need curtains, please stop by the Curtain Pantry located in the Highrise, for free curtains.

**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
28C	7/14/21	31A	7/21/21	102A	7/28/21
29A	7/14/21	31B	7/21/21	102B	7/28/21
29B	7/14/21	31C	7/21/21	102C	7/28/21
29C	7/14/21	101A	7/21/21	102D	7/28/21
30A	7/14/21	101B	7/21/21	102E	7/28/21
30B	7/14/21	101C	7/21/21	102F	7/28/21
30C	7/14/21	101D	7/21/21	103A	7/28/21
30D	7/14/21	101E	7/21/21	104A	7/28/21

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.

**Reporting Income Changes**

Please report any income changes within 10 days of the change. As a reminder you can now report income changes on our website: [www.bigrapidshousing.org](http://www.bigrapidshousing.org), just click on the ‘Report a change in income’ tab, fill out the necessary information and submit it.

**Tornado Procedures**

Please find the Tornado Procedures from the B.R.H.C. Emergency Operations Plan on back for your review.

**National Night Out**

National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 3, from 5 – 8 p.m. on Michigan Avenue from Maple to Pine 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.

