



July Resident Newsletter

June 23, 2022

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, 2022. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2022.

Independence Day – Office Closed

The Housing Commission Office will be closed **Monday, July 4, 2022**, in observance of Independence Day.

Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming meetings are as follows & will be held in the Highrise Conference Room and all residents are invited to attend.

Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting

The July Commission Meeting has been cancelled. The August Commission meeting will be held at the Nisbett Building in the Community Room.

Laurie Hatchew is Retiring after 35 Years of Service

All residents are invited for refreshments in honor of Laurie Hatchew’s retirement on Thursday, July 28, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the Parkview Dining Room. Please join us.



Signatures Needed –

10B, 11C, 14A, 14B, 15C, 16B, 17A, 17B, 17C, 18A, 18B, 18C, 20A, 20B, 20C, 21B, 22B, 22C, 23C, 24A, 24B, 25A, 25C, 26A, 26C, 27A, 27C, 29C, 30A, 30B, 31A, 31C, 101B, 101C, 102C, 102F, 103A, 104A, 104C, 104F, 105D, 106A, 106B, 106E, 107A, 107C, 108C, 108D, 108E, 108F, 109A, 109B, 110A, 110B, 110D, 111B, 112A, 112C, 113A, 113B, 113C, 113E, 113F, 114A, 114B, 114C, 114D, 202, 203, 206, 301, 304, 305, 308, 401, 406

Commodities

Residents that receive commodities may pick up your box at the Highrise Community Room. The next scheduled commodity date is Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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
102E	7/13/22	104E	7/20/22	106C	7/27/22
102F	7/13/22	104F	7/20/22	106D	7/27/22
103A	7/13/22	105A	7/20/22	106E	7/27/22
103B	7/13/22	105B	7/20/22	106F	7/27/22
104A	7/13/22	105C	7/20/22	107A	7/27/22
104B	7/13/22	105D	7/20/22	107B	7/27/22
104C	7/13/22	106A	7/20/22	107C	7/27/22
104D	7/13/22	106B	7/20/22	107D	7/27/22

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.

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, just click on the 'Report a change in income' tab, fill out the necessary information and submit it.

A note from Crime Prevention/Community Relations Officer Bill Sell

The Big Rapids Department of Public Safety is seeing an increased number of stolen bikes this summer. Please make sure you are locking your bikes up at night or storing them in your sheds.

UPDATED: Community Room Rentals

The Evergreen and North Parkview Village Community Rooms will soon be available again for rental by residents. The fee for a private event is \$20 plus a \$5 key deposit that is returned when the keys are turned in. Please contact the office if you are interested in reserving a community room for an event.

Laundry Room Reminder-

Do not leave clothes unattended. Do not leave laundry in the machines. The Housing Commission is not responsible for clothes left unattended.

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.

Dumpster Use

Please contact the office immediately if you observe any non-residents using the dumpsters. The dumpsters are for resident use only.

Tornado Procedures

- **Tornado Watch:** Conditions are favorable for a tornado or severe weather. Make staff aware, but take no action. **NOTE: Tornado watches may last from two to six hours.**
- **Tornado Warning:** Tornado has been sighted or the conditions are consistent with tornado activity; take shelter immediately.

The City of Big Rapids maintains 4 outdoor public alert sirens. The sirens will only be activated during a **Tornado Warning**. There are two tones that sound.

- Long Tone- Tornado Warning
- Hi-Lo Tone- All Clear

Role	Expected Action
Residents and Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay calm and alert.• When severe weather is forecasted, monitor the situation via radio, television, or weather alert radio.• It is important to know the differences between the different weather alerts.• When a tornado warning is issued, you and your visitors should remain in the building and shelter in place in the designated emergency shelter locations.• If you live in a multi-story building get to the lowest floor and shelter in an interior room. (Underground is the best place to shelter).• If you live in a single story building get into the most interior room. (ie: bathroom, and lay in the bathtub with a mattress over top of you.• After the all clear is given, call 911, if you are or someone else around is injured, if possible.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor the situation including radar, National Weather Service, and NOAA All Hazards Alert Radio.• Respond to reports of trees down, vehicle accidents, and other damage from trees and debris.• If there is severe damage, it may take the responders some time to respond to your location.
Emergency First Responders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combustible materials should not be accumulated in resident apartments.• Storage or use of flammables such as gasoline, kerosene, etc. is prohibited.• Doors and/or windows should not be mechanically blocked to remain in open position.

