



# MEADOW PARK APARTMENTS

## *July 2023 Newsletter*

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

The Housing Commission Office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023, in observance of Independence Day.

July rent is due and payable by 4:30 p.m. on Saturday July 1, 2023. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00am on Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, July 27, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting

### Lawn Maintenance

Please assist the maintenance staff with maintaining the lawns. It is your responsibility to remove bikes, children's toys and other outside items from the lawn before maintenance begins mowing. Non-compliant residents will be tagged, and the items will be removed at the resident's expense.

### Cinnaire and Rural Development Inspections

Cinnaire is scheduled to conduct a physical inspection on Tuesday, July 11, 2023. Rural Development is scheduled to conduct their inspection on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, which will also include random tenant interviews. Please see the attached memo for additional information.

### 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.

### Illegal Drug Use

Please be advised that Meadow Park Apartments prohibits the use of all illegal drugs including marijuana, regardless if you have a medical marijuana card. Marijuana is still against federal law and therefore not allowed in any of our apartment complexes because our funding and/or rules are federal. **If you believe illegal drug activity is occurring, please contact the office at (231) 796-8689.**



### Big Rapids Library

\*Kick off to summer reading Saturday, July 1, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Games, snacks, and more. Water-friendly clothes recommended. Featuring Michigan Warrior Clowns, Department of Public Safety, and friends of the Big Rapids Library.

\*Magic show Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Magic show full of visual humor and audience interaction.

\*Wizard of Oz puppet show Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Located at the Bandshell in Hemlock Park. All ages welcome.

\*Archives Overview Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Learn about the Archives of Michigan. We will learn about the types of records they have, how to access the archives, and collection resources. Registration is recommended.

\*Movies in the park Friday, July 28, 2023, at 9:15 p.m. Free movie at sundown. Bring your own blanket and snack.

\*More information for all of the events listed can be found at [www.bigrapidslibrary.org](http://www.bigrapidslibrary.org)

### 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](mailto: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.

## Tornado Procedures

A tornado is a violent, dangerous, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud. Tornadoes come in many shapes and sizes but are typically in the form of a visible condensation funnel, whose narrow end touches the earth and is often encircled by a cloud of debris and dust.

- **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
- Sirens are tested on the first Saturday of every month during the Spring – Fall

(Attached to the BRHC EOP is an outline of the City of Big Rapids Outdoor Public Alert Sirens)

Role	Expected Action
Residents and Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay calm and alert.</li><li>• When severe weather is forecasted, monitor the situation via radio, television, or weather alert radio.</li><li>• It is important to know the differences between the different weather alerts.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• If you live in a multi-story building, get to the lowest floor and shelter in an interior room with no windows. (Underground is the best place to shelter). If you wish to remain in your apartment, take a blanket and lie in your bathtub.</li><li>• 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. Stay away from windows.</li><li>• After the all clear is given, call 911, if you are or someone else around is injured, if possible.</li></ul>
Emergency First Responders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monitor the situation including radar, National Weather Service, and NOAA All Hazards Alert Radio.</li><li>• Respond to reports of trees down, vehicle accidents, and other damage from trees and debris.</li><li>• If there is severe damage, it may take the responders some time to respond to your location.</li></ul>
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Combustible materials should not be accumulated in resident apartments.</li><li>• Storage or use of flammables such as gasoline, kerosene, etc. <b>is prohibited.</b></li><li>• Doors and/or windows should <b>not</b> be mechanically blocked to remain in open position.</li></ul>

