



July Resident Newsletter

June 28, 2023

Rent is due on July 1, 2023. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2023.

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.

Independence Day – Office Closed

The Housing Commission Office will be **closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023**, 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 11, 2023, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Thursday, July 27, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting

Signatures Needed

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Updates

The office is updating emails. Please feel free to contact Nicky or Jess with your email address. You may also email admin@bigrapidshousing.org to share your contact information.

Commodities

Residents that receive commodities may pick up your box at the Highrise Community Room. The next scheduled commodity date is Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

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 3:00 p.m.
- Mexican Train on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.
- Crafting Creations on Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Bingo on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.
- Uno on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Friendly reminder-



Please do NOT put bread, popcorn, or any other food item in or around the water fountain. If you see anyone putting food in the fountain, please contact office. If this continues, we will have to shut the fountain down for the rest of the summer due to the maintenance issues it creates. Please do not feed the animals.

Security Cameras

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

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.

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.

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
104E	7/12/23	106C	7/19/23	107E	7/26/23
104F	7/12/23	106D	7/19/23	107F	7/26/23
105A	7/12/23	106E	7/19/23	108A	7/26/23
105B	7/12/23	106F	7/19/23	108B	7/26/23
105C	7/12/23	107A	7/19/23	108C	7/26/23
105D	7/12/23	107B	7/19/23	108D	7/26/23
106A	7/12/23	107C	7/19/23	108E	7/26/23
106B	7/12/23	107D	7/19/23	108F	7/26/23

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

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 are available for rent 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.

National Night Out

National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Michigan Avenue from Pine to Elm Street. Michigan Avenue will be blocked off to cars that 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.

Downtown Farmer's Market

Spring is here, and the Big Rapids Downtown Farmer's Market is back! The Farmers' 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 are as follows: Tuesdays – 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. & Fridays – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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.



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) 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.

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

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"> • 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 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. • 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. • After the all clear is given, call 911, if you are or someone else around is injured, if possible.
Emergency First Responders	<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.
Additional Information	<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.

