



# MEADOW PARK APARTMENTS

## *July 2024 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 Thursday, July 4, 2024, in observance of Independence Day.**

**July rent is due and payable by 4:30 p.m. on Monday July 1, 2024. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Thursday, July 11, 2024, 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.

### **Reminder**

Please remember to lock your apartments and vehicles.



### **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.

\*Petvet will be at Tractor Supply located at 754 Perry Ave in Big Rapids one Sunday a month from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. offering dog and cat vaccinations. Vaccinations are given on a first come first serve basis. Future Petvet dates are as follows: July 21, 2024, August 18, 2024, September 15, 2024, and October 13, 2024. For more information, please visit [Petvet.vippetcare.com](https://www.petvet.vippetcare.com) or call 231-796-4642.

### **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.**



### **Free Summer Lunch Program**

Grab & Go Meals- Big Rapids Middle School June 20, 2024, thru August 15, 2024. Every Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (July pick up will be on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>) Pick up behind Big Rapids Middle School, 500 N Warren Ave. Parents or students may pick up meals.

Gather and Grow- The Big Rapids Library is offering summer meals in partnership with Feeding America West Michigan. Meals are of no cost to all youth 18 and under and disabled adults up to age 26. Lunch is Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Big Rapids Library, located at 426

S Michigan Ave, Big Rapids. For more information, please call 231-796-5234 or visit [www.bigrapidslibrary.org](http://www.bigrapidslibrary.org)

**Community Pool**

The Community Pool is open for registration and evening open swim on Monday, June 10, 2024, and will be open for 9 weeks. There will be swimming lessons, open swimming, and senior water aerobics offered. For any questions, please call 231-796-7798. There are no fees for swim lessons or open swim this year.

## **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)

<b>Role</b>	<b>Expected Action</b>
<b>Residents and Visitors</b>	<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>
<b>Emergency First Responders</b>	<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>
<b>Additional Information</b>	<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>