



July Resident Newsletter

June 28, 2024

Rent is due on Monday, July 1, 2024. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024.

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

Upcoming Meetings

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

Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 2024, 9:00 a.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting

PHA Plan Public Hearing

The Big Rapids Housing Commission has revised its' Annual Plan for fiscal year 2025 along with the 5 Year Agency Plan for years 2025-2029. It is available for review from Monday, July 29, 2024, until Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at the Big Rapids Housing Commission Office located at 9 Parkview Village, Big Rapids, Michigan. The Commission's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All comments must be received by Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024, in the Housing Commission's Conference Room at 9:00 a.m.

Signatures Needed

1C 2C 3A 3C 4B 4C 5D 6A 6B 7A 7C 8CU 10C 14A 14B 18A 18B 18C 19A 19C 24A
25C 28B 29A 31A 101B 101D 102D 104D 106A 108A 111A 113A 113E 113F 114D 116C
117B 118A 118B 118C 118D 119B 121A 121B 122C 122E 123D 126A 126B 127C 127E
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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 1:00 p.m.
- Mexican Train on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.
- Bingo on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.

Laundry – Washer Use

The detergent soap pods **cannot** be used in the soap drawers in any of the Housing Commission laundry rooms. This will cause the washers to malfunction. If you use detergent soap pods, please place it directly into the wash basket and **NOT** the soap drawer.

Please be reminded to clean up after yourself in the laundry room. It is necessary to dispose of any used dryer sheets and clean the lint catcher when finished.

Please do not over fill washers and dryers. Doing so creates a potential fire hazard and/or mechanical issues to the machine. If you are doing your laundry, you need to stay in the laundry room until it is done.

The laundry rooms are for residents only. If you notice anything or anyone out of the ordinary in the laundry rooms, please contact the police immediately- do not wait.

Reminder: Pets are not allowed in laundry rooms.

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.

*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 or call 231-796-4642.

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	Apt #	Date
7A	7/10/24	115A	7/17/24	117C	7/24/24	119C	7/31/24
7C	7/10/24	115B	7/17/24	118A	7/24/24	119D	7/31/24
7D	7/10/24	115C	7/17/24	118B	7/24/24	119E	7/31/24
8A	7/10/24	116A	7/17/24	118C	7/24/24	120A	7/31/24
8B	7/10/24	116B	7/17/24	118D	7/24/24	120B	7/31/24
8C	7/10/24	116C	7/17/24	118E	7/24/24	120C	7/31/24
8CU	7/10/24	117A	7/17/24	119A	7/24/24	120D	7/31/24
8D	7/10/24	117B	7/17/24	119B	7/24/24	120E	7/31/24

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.

Mole Tunnels/Runs

The Big Rapids Housing Commission has contracted with Rose Pest Solutions to treat for moles. Please contact the office if you have an active mole run near your building so it can be treated accordingly.

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.

Reminder

Please remember to lock your apartments and vehicles.



Bicycles

Residents of the City of Big Rapids are no longer required to register their bikes. However, the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety recommends that you take a picture of the bike and the serial number that is typically located on the underside of the pedal to give to law enforcement in the event it is stolen.



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.

Parents please be reminded, playground policy states the playground area is closed at 9:00 p.m. or dark, whichever comes first. Children should not be outside playing after dark unattended.

Cardboard

Please break down all cardboard boxes and bring them to the recycle room in the Highrise to avoid filling garbage totes. Do not place any cardboard boxes outside of garbage totes or on the ground.

Security Cameras

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



Free Summer Lunch Program

Grab & Go Meals- Big Rapids Middle School June 20, 2024, through August 15, 2024. Every Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (July pick up will be on Wednesday, July 3rd) 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

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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.