



June Resident Newsletter



May 31, 2023

Upcoming Meetings

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

Thursday, June 8, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting

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

Retirement of Mark Sochocki

Mark Sochocki is retiring Friday, June 30, 2023. Please join the Big Rapids Housing Commission to celebrate his retirement Thursday, June 29, 2023. The celebration will be from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Nisbett building community room, located at 208 Maple Street.

Office Hours for Thursday, June 29, 2023

The Big Rapids Housing Commission office will be closed on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. You can call the answering service for maintenance emergencies at (877) 451-0123.

Signatures Needed - All elderly recertifications have been completed and are ready for signatures.

If your apartment # appears on this list, then you need to stop by the office and sign your completed rent review:
2B 4A 4B 6B 7C 10C 13A 18C 19C 22B 25A 27C 102A 102D 103B 105A 106C 107C 108B 108F
109B 111A 111C 112C 112D 113B 113E 113F 116B 117C 118A 118B 118C 118D 119B 119C 121A
121B 121E 122D 123D 124B 125C 125D 126A 126B 127D 127E 128E 129B 131A 131C 131E 135B
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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 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.

Water keys are available in the office for the outside faucets. The cost is \$4.00.

To avoid high water bills, we continue to limit water use.

1. Sprinklers (for children to play in) can be used for 1 hour every day.
2. Kiddy pools can be filled once every day. Pools are limited to 20 gallons.
3. Watering (plants, flowers, etc.) is limited to 15 minutes.

Pools are to be emptied after use. Residents are prohibited from leaving pools up overnight due to safety issues. IN ADDITION, RUNNING TOILETS, DRIPPING SINKS, AND TUB FAUCETS NEED TO BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE OFFICE FOR REPAIR.

Parking Policy Reminder – Non-compliant Vehicles will be tagged

Keep all vehicles back as far as necessary to keep the front bumper from hanging over the sidewalk so as to avoid personal injury of the pedestrian traffic and children riding bicycles.

All vehicles must be registered with the management office and must have a Housing Commission parking sticker provided by management, affixed to the inside upper left rear window of the vehicle.

2023 Senior Project Fresh-

Mecosta County Commission on Aging will be hosting a free educational class and registration Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at Parkview's Highrise Building. Must be 60 years of age or older. You are eligible to receive \$25.00 in free coupons at participating farmers markets to purchase Michigan grown produce.

Labor Rate

Effective June 1, 2023, the maintenance labor rate is increasing to \$47.00.

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
30B	6/14/23	101C	6/21/23	102E	6/28/23		
30C	6/14/23	101D	6/21/23	102F	6/28/23		
30D	6/14/23	101E	6/21/23	103A	6/28/23		
31A	6/14/23	101F	6/21/23	103B	6/28/23		
31B	6/14/23	102A	6/21/23	104A	6/28/23		
31C	6/14/23	102B	6/21/23	104B	6/28/23		
101A	6/14/23	102C	6/21/23	104C	6/28/23		
101B	6/14/23	102D	6/21/23	104D	6/28/23		

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.

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

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.

Pull cord Reminder: SOUTH PARKVIEW SENIOR SECTION - Building 10-31

When a resident pulls their emergency pull cord a special light will come on near the resident's front door. 9-1-1 is not contacted. Residents are encouraged to contact the office (if open) or call 9-1-1.

Summer Reminders

Please move patio furniture, tables, toys, etc. when you see the mowers around the complex. Also, please remind your children not to leave food wrappers and debris on the lawn or hang on the clotheslines and to respect neighbors' personal property and belongings.

Pet Owners- Please clean all pet droppings from the area around your unit.

Playground Policy Rules!

The playground area is open for play during daylight hours. To avoid injuries this area is prohibited at 9:00 p.m. or dark, whichever comes first. The following rules are posted on the playground:

1. Use of playground equipment is at your own risk.
2. Play area reserved for residents only.
3. Young residents under the age of thirteen (13) must be accompanied by an adult.
4. No rough playing or yelling permitted.
5. Only 1 person per swing at a time.
6. No jumping off sliding board.
7. No glass bottles in the play area.
8. No one over the age of sixteen (16) permitted to use equipment.

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.

Smoke Free/Flame Free/Burn Free

Please be reminded effective August 1, 2018, the Big Rapids Housing Commission implemented a policy barring the use of prohibited tobacco products in all public housing living units, interior common areas and outdoor areas. **The policy prohibits all residents, guests and employees from smoking on Big Rapids Housing Commission property and also bans candles, incense and e-cigarettes.**

Illegal Drug Use

Please be advised that Big Rapids Housing Commission 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 drug activity is occurring, please contact the office at (231) 796-8689.**

Increase in Electric Rate

Beginning June 1, 2023, peak pricing will go into effect through the end of September. That means from Monday through Friday in the summer, electricity will cost 1.5 times more, during the hours of 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. shifting when you use energy, and taking advantage of energy efficiency opportunities, will help save energy.

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.

Michigan Works -Young Professionals Program

Michigan Works Young Adult Services Program will help you gain the skills to succeed in tomorrow's workforce. If you are ready to work, they can help. They are looking for young adults ages 16 – 24 who are getting ready to graduate from high school, about to start or finish their GED, teen parents or in foster care, getting ready to enter the workforce, and looking for their next step. They provide the following programs: Young Professionals Program, Training Funding Assistance, On the Job Training, and Work Experience. Give them a call at 231-796-0049 or visit mwwc.org/youth.

34th Senior Enrichment Day -Wednesday June 28, 2023

Senior enrichment day is an annual event which brings together many organizations in the Mecosta County area to assist seniors. This even includes speakers who enlighten you to the many services and activities available in the area. For more information and registration visit www.seniorenrichmentday.com.

MOCC Cosmetology Program for Senior Citizens

We are sorry to announce the salon will be closed while school is closed for the summer.

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.

Pocket Park Concert Series

Every Friday from June through September, there is free live music in Pocket Park from 12:00pm to 2:00pm! Brought to you by the Schuberg Insurance Agency and Auto Owners Insurance **Location:** Pocket Park (just south of 125 N. Michigan Ave.)



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.

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. **Wednesday, June 7, 2023, start date is pending approval from the State. If the truck is not out there on that Wednesday, they will be there the following week, June 14, 2023.** 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

The Big Rapids Library is offering several free events. “Crafternoon” every Saturday in May from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. for ages 12 and up. “The Seed Library” is offering 10 packets of free seeds to families. “Storytime with Mr. Howard” on Wednesdays and Mondays at 11:00 a.m. in the Library Community Room. “Baby Bookworms” is every Tuesday in May from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m., which includes songs, bounces, and Rhymes for babies. “1000 books before kindergarten” sign up at the first-floor circulation desk at the library and after 100 books, you can collect a gift from the library. Knit Night is every 1st Thursday of the month from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., all ages and experience levels are welcome.

Summer Block Party

Bring your family to the corner of Elm and Stewart to stroll the block visiting all the booths for an afternoon of fun on Friday, June 23, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Hosted by Angels of Action, Corewell Health, Ten 16 Recovery Network, First Methodist Church, Salvation Army and General Dentistry. New clothing giveaways, games and activities, veggie van, food and refreshments, free books, fire and police vehicles.