



June Resident Newsletter



May 31, 2024

Upcoming Meetings

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

Tuesday June 11, 2024, 2:00 p.m.	Annual Plan Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Wednesday June 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m.	Annual Plan Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting

Rent is due on June 1, 2024. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

2024 Senior Project Fresh-

Mecosta County Commission on Aging will be hosting a free educational class and registration Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 10:30 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.

Signatures Needed -

If your apartment # appears on this list, then you need to stop by the office and sign your completed rent review:

1C 3C 4B 4C 5D 6A 6D 7C 8CU 12A 13A 14A 18A 18B 18C 19A 19B 19C 24A 25C 28B 29A
29C 30B 101B 101D 102D 104B 106A 106B 106E 108C 110C 111A 113A 113E 113F 114B 114C
114D 116A 116C 117B 118B 118C 118D 119B 121A 121B 122C 122E 123D 125B 126A 126B
127C 127E 128D 128E 129D 131B 131C 131D 131E 131F 132D 133D 135F 135G 201 204

Labor Rate

See attached Schedule of Routine Maintenance Charges for updated maintenance charges that are effective July 1, 2024.

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.

Water use and outside faucets.

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. Watering (plants, flowers, etc.) is limited to 15 minutes.
3. Kiddy pools can be filled once every day. Pools are limited to 20 gallons.

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.

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
203	6/12/24	2C	6/19/24	3B	06/26/24
204	6/12/24	2D	6/19/24	3C	06/26/24
1A	6/12/24	3A	6/19/24	3D	06/26/24
1B	6/12/24	A2	6/19/24	4A	06/26/24
1C	6/12/24	A7	6/19/24	4B	06/26/24
1D	6/12/24	B9	6/19/24	4C	06/26/24
2A	6/12/24	B16	6/19/24	4D	06/26/24
2B	6/12/24	C21	6/19/23	5A	06/26/24

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.

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

Reminder

Please remember to lock your apartments and vehicles.



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. Cooking grills are allowed but must be ten (10) feet away from all buildings before use.

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.

Please do not over fill washers and dryers, by doing so, this creates 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.

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, 2024, 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.

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.

35th Senior Enrichment Day -Wednesday June 26, 2024

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.

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.

Downtown Farmer's Market

Spring is here, and the Big Rapids Downtown Farmer's Market is back. The Farmers' Market is now located in the parking lot next to Bernie's Donuts, across from City Hall. It 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. The hours are as follows: Fridays only from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Pocket Park Concert Series - Location: Pocket Park (just south of 125 N. Michigan Ave.)

Every Friday from May 31, 2024, through August 30, 2024, there is free live music in Pocket Park from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Brought to you by the Schuberg Insurance Agency and Auto Owners Insurance

Community Pool

The Community Pool opens 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.



Friendly Reminders

All residents please be reminded with warmer weather there will be children playing outside. Please slow down and 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.

Angels of Action

Rock The Crock is for families in Mecosta and Osceola Counties. Rock The Crock is a collaborative effort to bring children and families together around the dinner table. This is an eight week program where families receive ingredients, menus, and instructional videos every week. Participating families are given a brand new crock pot, cooking and kitchen utensils, and a recipe binder. Every week angel volunteers load and deliver grocery items to families across the counties. Space is limited. Rock The Crock is for new participants only. For more information you can email Laurie at laurie@angelfaction.or or call (231) 629-8140.

Big Rapids Dial-A-Ride

Big Rapids Dial-A-Ride is introducing the "Gold Pass" program, which offers discounted fares to eligible seniors aged 80 and older, as well as active and retired military. Applications for the Gold Pass can be found at the City Hall. For more information, please call 231-796-8675.

Big Rapids Dial- A-Ride has partnered with Ride Pingo. Ride Pingo is a mobile app which will enable you to schedule your bus ride and pay for it with your debit card. Track your bus in real time.