



Resident Newsletter

April 29, 2019

We will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, May 9, 2019, 3:00 p.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting

All meetings will be held in the High-rise Conference Room. All residents are invited to attend.

Rent is due on May 1, 2019. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Signatures Needed

If your apartment # appears on this list then you need to stop by the office and sign your rent review: 1B 2B 6A 12A 13B 14C 15B 15C 17A 18A 18B 18C 22C 24C 101A 101B 102B 113A 113F 114B 119C 120B 120C 122E 123A 123E 125E 126C 127F 128C 131D 132A 135E 135F 304 308

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

Karla Humm has left BRHC

After ten years, Karla Humm has made the bittersweet decision to leave Big Rapids Housing Commission. She wants to thank you all for the kindness you have extended to her over the years.

Extermination Notice – Ants, spiders, etc. – May 15, 2019

On Wednesday, May 15, 2019, Rose Pest Solutions will be spraying around the perimeter of EVERY building. In case of rain Wednesday, May 22, 2019 will be the make-up date. Please clean up the area around your unit and remove all lawn furniture, toys, plants, lawn ornaments, etc. from the outside perimeter of your apartment, (about 3ft. from the building). Toys and other items should be placed in the sheds. On Monday, May 13, 2019 we will be checking to make sure the areas around your apartment are clear and anyone in non-compliance will receive a notice. Pets should not be outside during the application. The exterminator recommends having all windows shut during the application.

Spring Reminders

Please move patio furniture, tables, toys, etc. when you see the mowers around the complex. In addition, please remember to monitor your children at all times when they are on the playground and outside. Please prevent them from leaving items on the lawn, littering and writing with chalk on buildings. Also, remember to respect your neighbors' property and belongings.

Speed Limit 10 MPH

Please slow down & remind your visitors of the 10 MPH speed limit within the complex.

Resident Council Yard Sale

The Resident Council will be having a yard sale on Thursday, July 11, 2019 and Friday, July 12, 2019. Please feel free to bring in donations to the Big Rapids Housing Office. They are accepting clean clothing and miscellaneous items.



THANK YOU – The Resident Council & Neighborhood Watch would like to thank all residents

who voted in the recent elections. Thank you!!

Playground Policy Rules!

To avoid injuries on the playground children are required to follow the playground rules. Children below the age of thirteen (13) must be supervised at all times, including while they are on the playground. 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 play area.
8. No one over the age of sixteen (16) permitted to use equipment.



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.

Registration is Open for Big Rapids Community Garden at the corner of Second Avenue & Adams

The Big Rapids Community Garden Club offers Big Rapids residents a space to garden and grow their own food. They provide raised garden beds that are rented for a small fee, along with support to help people to grow their own food. There is a garden located at the corner of Second Avenue and Adams Street, just down from the Housing Commission office. This will be a great opportunity for Residents to rent a garden bed for a small fee to grow their own fresh food. This will also be a great opportunity for residents who need to do community service. For more information, to register, or pick up a flyer, please come to office.

Also, this is a great opportunity to complete Community Service hours. Please contact Garden Manager, Lauren Tatum at 117-A Parkview Village or (231) 580-3997 to set up a time to help out in the garden to meet your Community Service hours.



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.

Bed Bug Monitors

The monitors that are installed in your apartment must be kept in place at all times. You will be charged \$5.00 per monitor for any damaged or removed monitors. Upon move out if all the monitors we installed are not left in the unit you will be charged \$5.00 for each monitor.

Example: 20 monitors x \$5.00 = \$100.00. **ALSO**, if your mattress is not on a bed frame it will be necessary for you to acquire a bed frame within 30 days so the monitors can be installed.

Bed Bug Prevention

Bed bugs are hard to prevent because of their small size, night habits, and ability to hitchhike.

Here are some prevention tips:

- Be on the lookout for signs of infestations such as: waking up with bites; seeing live bugs;

Or dark red or black spots on bedding, carpets, walls and furniture. Finding bed bugs early is the key to preventing their spread.

- Inspect used furniture closely before bringing into your home. Look for signs of infestations in cushions, zippers, seams, and underneath including springs and frames. Use a magnifying glass if possible. Beware of items in alleys and dumpsters.
- If you have carpet vacuum your home regularly. If you do have bed bugs, make sure you close the vacuum bag tightly and dispose of it outside your home.

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, and spray the door jambs and doorways throughout the apartments. Residents will receive an additional notification. This is the tentative schedule for this month:

Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date
131E	5/8/2019	133B	5/15/2019	134E	5/22/2019	10A	5/29/2019
131F	5/8/2019	133C	5/15/2019	135A	5/22/2019	10B	5/29/2019
132A	5/8/2019	133D	5/15/2019	135B	5/22/2019	10C	5/29/2019
132B	5/8/2019	133E	5/15/2019	135C	5/22/2019	11A	5/29/2019
132C	5/8/2019	134A	5/15/2019	135D	5/22/2019	11B	5/29/2019
132D	5/8/2019	134B	5/15/2019	135E	5/22/2019	11C	5/29/2019
132E	5/8/2019	134C	5/15/2019	135F	5/22/2019	12A	5/29/2019
133A	5/8/2019	134D	5/15/2019	135G	5/22/2019	12B	5/29/2019

Residents with allergies will have an opportunity before the treatment to notify the office if anyone residing in the apartment has asthma/respiratory ailments or sensitivity to petrochemicals. Do not call now. 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.

City of Big Rapids Memorial Day Celebration

Monday, May 27th starting at 10 AM the American Legion Post 98 Honor Guard and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 18 will be hosting the annual City of Big Rapids Memorial Day Celebration. A ceremony remembering those who have paid the supreme sacrifice and honoring those who served or are serving will be presented.

Immediately following the ceremony at the court house, a parade will proceed west on Elm and north on Michigan to the DAV Hall/Mitchell Creek. A brief ceremony and wreath laying, honoring sailors who have paid the supreme sacrifice and honoring those who are serving or have served will be presented.

The parade will proceed to Highland View Cemetery, Bellevue Avenue, where a ceremony remembering those who have paid the supreme sacrifice and honoring those who have served or are serving will be presented.

Evergreen Construction

Buildings 126, 127, 128, 129, 131 & 132 will be undergoing construction including new concrete walks, entry roofs, landscaping, repaving of the parking lot, dumpster enclosure and other work. Residents will receive further notice when the dates are determined.

Smoke free Reminder

Please see the attached flyer as a reminder of the non-smoking areas. Smokers need to be outside of the yellow highlighted areas. The Mecosta County District Health Department offers a smoking cessation

class free of charge for all residents that are interested in quitting smoking. If interested feel free to contact Karen Ripke at the District Health Department #10 at (231)305-8659.