



November

October 30, 2019



The Big Rapids Housing Commission will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2019 and Friday, November 29, 2019 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

Resident Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Big Rapids Housing commission meeting is cancelled this month.

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

Rent is due on November 1, 2019. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2019.

Signatures Needed

Residents who need to stop by the office and sign a completed rent review are as follows: 2B, 3A, 4A, 4C, 4D, 6B, 7A, 7B, 8A, 10A, 12B, 23B, 101B, 105B, 113F, 119C, 120B, 122D, 122E, 124D, 127D, 127E, 128B, 128D, 129A, 131D, 131F, 132B, 132D, 303

Halloween Treats

Residents will be passing out candy in the lobby at the Highrise on Halloween night Thursday, October 31, 2019. Please bring the kids by between 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Daylight Savings

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 3, 2019.

Thermostats

Your thermostat will not go above 72°. If you force it past 72° it will break, the connection to the heating system will be lost, you will have no heat and you will be charged up to \$89.00 for replacement.

Report All Income Changes

Please remember you must report all income changes within 10 days of the change. Do not wait until your first check. If you fail to report the change in a timely manner you could be subject to retroactive rent.

Thanksgiving Dinner

All residents are invited to attend a Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 22, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the Highrise Dining Room. BRHC will be providing KFC. Please bring a dish to pass such as a salad or dessert like pumpkin pie. We hope you are able to come and enjoy a nice dinner with us. Please call the office to sign up by Friday, November 15.

Christmas Dinner

All residents are invited to attend a Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the Highrise Dining Room. BRHC will be providing a ham and sides from Bob Evans. Please bring a dish to pass. We hope you are able to come and enjoy a nice meal with us. Interested residents need to contact the office to sign up by Monday, December 9.

Christmas Light Tour

See the information on the back of this newsletter.



Neighborhood Watch News

There are several openings on the Neighborhood Watch Board. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact Laurie & plan to attend the next Neighborhood Watch meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 4:00 pm. Supportive residents are greatly needed to keep this program successful.

Parking on City Streets

Beginning November 15, 2019 parking is not allowed on city streets from 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. until March 15, 2020. This is to allow for snow removal. You will be ticketed and/or towed if you park on the streets during this time.

Kid's Christmas Party

The Kid's Christmas Party has been scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Big Rapids Roller Rink located at 325 N. Michigan Ave. Big Rapids, MI 49307. See the attached invitation!

Winter Reminder

Garden hoses need to be disconnected and boats removed from the parking lots by November 15, 2019.

Air Conditioner Reminder

Please be reminded that in accordance with the Air Conditioner Policy, air conditioners must be removed by October 1 of each year. Therefore, they should all be out now.

Snow Removal Reminders

Please DO NOT pull your car over the curb. This blocks the sidewalks and makes snow removal difficult.

Pet Policy Reminder

The Pet Policy states: Residents are responsible for immediately removing feces dropped anywhere and disposing of it properly. Also, remember when walking your pet to always use a leash.

Space Heater – Excess Utility Charge for Residents in apartments 101-A – 114-D

Please be reminded where no direct metering or check metering is in place, monthly charges will be assessed for resident owned appliances. Residents living in 101A – 114D ONLY will be charged \$15.00 per month for excess electric usage for using a space heater. If you live in the North Parkview Senior Section, it is your responsibility to report your space heater to the office (the same as you do your air conditioner). Management will apply the excess utility charge for the period you use the heater and remove the charge when you report that you are no longer using the heater. All space heaters must be UL approved and approved by the Big Rapids Housing Commission. A resident who fails to report the possession of a resident owned appliance will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Reminder: Do not heat your apartment with your oven!

Maintenance Reminders to All Residents

If you are aware of an emergency work order, such as having no heat, or toilet not flushing – call during hours of operation, if possible! Please do NOT wait until the end of the day to report an issue you were aware of earlier in the day! If you do have an after-hours **maintenance** emergency that cannot wait until working hours, please call 1-877-451-0123.

Security Cameras

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

Interested in buying a home?

See attached flyer regarding possibly purchasing a modular in Big Rapids!

New Activity

There will be a matinee movie shown in the community room on Tuesdays at 3pm beginning November 5th, here is a tentative schedule:

November 5th -John Wayne

November 12th- Mule- Clint Eastwood

November 19th- Stan- Ollie Comedy

November 26th- Taking Chance- Drama true story

Popcorn will be provided, please bring your own drink. Suggestion box for upcoming movies will be available.

Wild Rose Café

The Wild Rose Café is offering a free Christmas Dinner for elderly residents who do not have any family to spend Christmas with. This dinner will be on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at the Wild Rose Café, 708 Maple St. Big Rapids. Transportation through Dial-a-Ride is available if needed. The space is limited to 45 people – Please call the office to sign up today at 796-8689!

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:

Date									
11/13/19	306	307	308	401	402	403	404	405	
11/20/19	406	407	408						

Also please be sure to clean the motes after preventive treatment is completed.

PHA Plan Public Hearing

The Big Rapids Housing Commission has revised its 5 Year Agency Plan and its Annual Plan for the fiscal year 2020. It is available for review from October 25, 2019 until December 9, 2019 at the Big Rapids Housing Commission Office located at 9 Parkview Village, Big Rapids Michigan. The Commission’s hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 in the Housing Commission’s Conference Room at 3:00 p.m.

Big Rapids Festival of Lights Christmas Parade

Join the fun on Saturday, November 23rd from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for the Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade! This popular parade features about 30 floats and groups of walkers loaded with Christmas lights, live reindeer, plus Santa & Mrs. Claus’ grand entrance! A short program and read of “The Night Before Christmas” and tree lighting ceremony takes place after the parade in front of the downtown Chemical Bank branch. There will be plenty of hot chocolate stations throughout downtown. Santa is available for visits after the ceremony at the Salvation Army.

Winners of the Scarecrow Contest

1st Place Melissa Latimer, 2nd Place Tracey Eckert, and 3rd Place Janet Sims. Congratulations!

