



# Nisbett-Fairman Newsletter 2020

## **Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting**

The Big Rapids Housing Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 9 a.m. with meeting details to be determined. Agendas will be posted at the main office, Housing Commission Facebook page, and laundry rooms when available.

## **Important Dates**

November 1<sup>st</sup> – Daylight Savings (*remember to fall back an hour!*)

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Happy Birthday, Ned Jorgensen!

November 21<sup>st</sup> – Happy Birthday, Peter Deksnis!

November 26<sup>th</sup> – Happy Thanksgiving! (Office Closed)

November 27<sup>th</sup> – Office Closed

## **COVID-19 Operations Update**

Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, the Big Rapids Housing Commission is taking extra precautions. Community rooms will remain closed for the safety of all residents. Please make sure you continue to call in all repairs (work orders), however, work orders will be completed as necessary only.

## **Social Distancing/COVID-19 Reminders**

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. We want to remind all residents to social distance in all common areas (hallways, lobbies, elevators) and to wear masks.

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.
- Do not gather in groups.
- Stay out of crowded places & avoid gatherings, especially if you are sick or have COVID symptoms.

## **Parking on City Streets**

Beginning November 15<sup>th</sup> parking is not allowed on city streets from 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. until March 15<sup>th</sup>. This is to allow for snow removal. You will be ticketed if you park on the streets during this time.

## **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!

Also, do not dump grease down your sinks. Pour hot grease in a tin container, and when it has cooled then throw it away in the trash. Grease will clog the lines and a charge will apply if grease is found to be the cause of your clogged sink.

## **Dial-A-Ride**

Dial-A-Ride Tickets are for sale in the office. The first six (6) business days of the month they are \$20.00 and after the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) business day they can be purchased for \$25.00. They are sold by the book only!

## How to Use a Garbage Disposal

Please make sure you are running your garbage disposal at least once per week.

# USING A FOOD WASTE DISPOSER IS EASY!



Cleaning your garbage disposal can help prevent and remove foul odors. If your garbage disposal starts to smell, please make sure you clean the rubber baffle at the drain opening. Weekly cleaning can keep the garbage disposal clean and free of smells.

## Telephone Fraud

Today one of the most popular “weapons of choice” for fraud is the telephone. It provides an easy opening into your home for thieves. Catching and prosecuting these thieves is extremely difficult.

These thieves may spend days or weeks grooming the unsuspecting victim. They may claim to be a friend or family member asking for money. They may also say they are local, state, or federal law enforcement and demand money to keep the victim from going to jail. They may even say you have won a foreign lottery that you never entered. There are endless ways that these thieves try to take your money.

The best way to avoid being scammed is to trust your instincts. **NEVER** give out your personal information like credit card numbers, bank ID numbers, driver’s license number, or social security number. It is illegal for telemarketers to ask for this personal information for you to be able to claim prizes. Don’t send cash through the mail to unknown addresses. Don’t buy Google Play cards or other forms of gift cards and give these thieves the numbers on the back.

If you do become a victim, call the police and make a report. You can also contact the National Consumers League Fraud Information Center at 202-853-3323, or [www.fraud.org](http://www.fraud.org).

