



November Newsletter

October 31, 2022



The Big Rapids Housing Commission will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2022, and Friday, November 25, 2022, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Rent is due on November 1, 2022. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Upcoming Meetings

The following meetings will be held in the High-rise Conference Room:

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2022, 9:00 a.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting

Signatures Needed

Residents who need to stop by the office and sign a completed rent review are as follows:

1A 2B 3C 4C 5A 6A 6B 18C 24A 26C 104C 107A 108A 111B 112A 113F 115C 118A 118B 119B
119C 121B 122C 122D 123D 125D 125E 126A 127C 127E 128E 129E 131A 131B 131D 132C 134C
134D 135E 206 304

PHA Plan Public Hearing

The Big Rapids Housing Commission has revised its' Annual Plan for fiscal year 2023. It is available for review from November 14, 2022, until December 30, 2022, 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. All comments must be received by December 30, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023, in the Housing Commission's Conference Room at 9:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner

All residents are invited to attend a Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 18, 2022, 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 share a nice dinner with us. Please call the office to sign up by Friday, November 11.

Big Rapids Festival of Lights Christmas Parade

Join the fun on Saturday, November 19th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for the Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade! This popular parade features 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 Horizon Bank. There will be plenty of hot chocolate stations throughout downtown.

Wild Rose Café Dinner

The Wild Rose Café is offering a free Christmas Dinner for residents who do not have any family to spend Christmas with. This dinner will be on Thursday, December 15, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Big Rapids Housing Commission dining room. The space is limited to 45 people – Please call the office to sign up today at 796-8689. You must sign up before December 2nd.

Christmas Light Tour

See information on the back of the newsletter. You must sign up for this event before December 8, 2022.

Christmas Dinner

The Big Rapids Resident Council will be planning a Christmas dinner. The date and further information will be posted in the December newsletter.

Daylight Savings

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 6, 2022.

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 \$105.50 for replacement.

Laundry Reminder

If you use the front-loading washing machines and you are washing pet items, please make sure to clean the rubber ring out when you are finished.

Parking on City Streets

Beginning November 15, 2022, parking is not allowed on city streets from 2 a.m. – 6 a.m. until March 15, 2023. This is to allow for snow removal. You will be ticketed and/or towed if you park on the streets during this time.

Winter Reminder

Garden hoses need to be disconnected by Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

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.

Security Cameras

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

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 \$23.00 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.

Speed Limit

The speed limit in the complex is 10 MPH and will be enforced in the best safety interest of the children and adults in the complex. We have had complaints that people are driving too fast through Evergreen. Children should not be unattended or playing in the parking lots.



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
1A	11/09/2022	3A	11/16/2022	5A	11/23/2022	7A	11/30/2022
1B	11/09/2022	3B	11/16/2022	5B	11/23/2022	7B	11/30/2022
1C	11/09/2022	3C	11/16/2022	5C	11/23/2022	7C	11/30/2022
1D	11/09/2022	3D	11/16/2022	5D	11/23/2022	7D	11/30/2022
2A	11/09/2022	4A	11/16/2022	6A	11/23/2022	8A	11/30/2022
2B	11/09/2022	4B	11/16/2022	6B	11/23/2022	8B	11/30/2022
2C	11/09/2022	4C	11/16/2022	6C	11/23/2022	8C	11/30/2022
2D	11/09/2022	4D	11/16/2022	6D	11/23/2022	8CU	11/30/2022

You are required to contact the office immediately or within 24 hours if you suspect you see bed bug or other vermin in your apartment.

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.

Angels of Action

Angels of Action “Rock the Crock” program is currently signing families up for the February program. You must have at least 1 child under 18 to qualify for the program. Contact Laurie at 231-629-8140 to sign up.

Angels of Action Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Big Rapids Fairgrounds on November 19th and December 17th. Sign up is at 9:30 am and pick up begins at 10:00 a.m. Drive thru only. Bringing empty boxes or bags for food is appreciated but not necessary.

Mecosta County Commission on Aging

Veterans Luncheon November 9, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. Prime rib lunch will be served free of charge to Veterans, a suggested \$3.00 donation for all others. You must RSVP to (231) 972-2884 if you would like to attend.

Mecosta County Commission on Aging

Mecosta County Commission on Aging will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner November 16, 2022. The suggested donation amount is \$3.00. You must RSVP to (231) 972-2884 if you would like to attend.

Pam Penney Art Club

Free 1-hour senior drawing class with Pam Penney, Friday, November 4, 2022, and Friday November 11, 2022, at 1:00 a.m. in the Highrise dining room. Bring your own supplies and enjoy art with others.