



October 31, 2023

The Big Rapids Housing Commission will be closed on Thursday, November 23, 2023, and Friday, November 24, 2023, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Rent is due on November 1, 2023. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Upcoming Meetings

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

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Thursday, November 9, 2023, 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 2A 2C 6B 7C 18C 19C 101F 102A 105A 112D 113E 115C 117B 118A 118B 118C 121A 121E
122D 122E 123E 126A 126B 127C 127D 127E 129D 131A 131B 131D 131E 133D 134A 134D 135G
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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.
- Crafting Creations on Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Bingo on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
- Uno on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

PHA Plan Public Hearing

The Big Rapids Housing Commission has revised its' Annual Plan for fiscal year 2024. It is available for review from Tuesday, November 14, 2023, until Friday, December 29, 2023, 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 Friday, December 29, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, in the Housing Commission's Conference Room at 9:00 a.m.

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.

Prevailing Wage Laborer Temporary Position Available for Residents Only - Section 3 Resident Needed

RAO Roofing has been contracted to replace the roof on several buildings. The contractor is looking for a laborer to assist them with grounds cleanup. The project is anticipated to start in the early part of November. You must be a resident to apply. Applications are available at the Housing Commission Office.

Daylight Savings

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 5, 2023.



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
119C	11/08/2023	121A	11/15/2023	122D	11/22/2023	124B	11/29/2023
119D	11/08/2023	121B	11/15/2023	122E	11/22/2023	124C	11/29/2023
119E	11/08/2023	121C	11/15/2023	123A	11/22/2023	124D	11/29/2023
120A	11/08/2023	121D	11/15/2023	123B	11/22/2023	124E	11/29/2023
120B	11/08/2023	121E	11/15/2023	123C	11/22/2023	125A	11/29/2023
120C	11/08/2023	122A	11/15/2023	123D	11/22/2023	125B	11/29/2023
120D	11/08/2023	122B	11/15/2023	123E	11/22/2023	125C	11/29/2023
120E	11/08/2023	122C	11/15/2023	124A	11/22/2023	125D	11/29/2023

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.

Cockroach Information

Sanitation is the Key

- Remove/discard trash and unneeded newspapers, magazines, piles of paper bags, rags, boxes and other items that provide hiding places and harborage.
- Store opened items of food in insect proof containers such as glass jars or sealable plastic containers.
- Drain all sinks in the kitchen and bathrooms and remove any food debris.
- Floors need to remain clean (swept and/or mopped) at all times. Directly after treatment, do not clean with water for two weeks to allow access to the residual chemical.
- Do not leave unsealed food items in bedrooms, living area, etc.

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 \$28.00 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!

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.

Winter Reminder

Garden hoses will need to be removed by Wednesday, November 15, 2023, to avoid damage to the water spigot. If you fail to remove your hose and it results in damage to the spigot you will be charged for the repair.

Security Cameras

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

Friendly reminder

Sidewalk chalk on the side of buildings and the pillars is not acceptable. If you see your children chalking any area other than the sidewalks, please clean it off immediately.

Parking on City Streets

Beginning Wednesday, November 15, 2023, parking is not allowed on city streets from 2 a.m. – 6 a.m. until Friday, March 15, 2024. This is to allow for snow removal. The City of Big Rapids will ticket and/or tow your vehicle if you park on the streets during this time.

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.

Dial-A-Ride Bus Tickets

Dial-A-Ride punch cards are for sale in the office. The first six (6) business days of the month they are \$20.00 for two (2) cards, and after the sixth (6th) business day they can be purchased for \$12.50 each. Stop in the office to see me if you have any questions.

Thanksgiving Dinner

All residents are invited to attend a Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 17, 2023, 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 10, 2023.

Big Rapids Annual Holiday Market

The downtown Holiday Market is Friday, November 17, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Located at 226 N. Michigan Ave in Big Rapids. Come down to the downtown Big Rapids Farmers Market and get your last-minute needs for the Holiday Season.

Big Rapids Festival of Lights Christmas Parade

Join the fun on Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 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.

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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 14, 2023, 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 Friday, December 8, 2023.

Christmas Light Tour

See attached flyer. You must sign up for this event before Friday, December 8, 2023.

Christmas Dinner

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

Angels of Action

The Angels of Action Literacy in Action tutoring center is available for reading and math help. It is open Monday through Thursday, by scheduled appointment. There is an application process, and it is open to Mecosta/Osceola County students between 1st grade- 12th grade.

Angels of Action has a mobile food pantry scheduled for Saturday, November 18th, and Saturday, December 16th, at the Mecosta County Fairgrounds. Anyone is welcome to utilize this pantry. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. and it is first come, first serve (up to 150 families), food distribution will start at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Mecosta Osceola Career Center (MOCC) Salon - to all residents

The Salon is now located at the Mecosta Osceola Career Center. Beginning September 7, 2023, the MOCC Salon will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for haircuts only. Haircuts are \$2.00, which includes a cut and style. MOCC will be open for more days and more services sometime in mid to late October. The MOCC restaurant is also open so you can enjoy lunch for \$8.00. Residents must call the salon at (231) 796-5807 to schedule an appointment. Make sure to mention you are a Parkview resident to receive the same special rates as last year.

Local Resources

Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency (231) 660-0271
Project Starburst (231) 796-5342
Meals on Wheels (231) 972-2884
Manna Pantry (231) 408-2940
Michigan Works (231) 796-0049
Legal Aid (888) 783-8190
Angels of Action (231) 629-8140

Thanksgiving Baskets

Resurrection Life Church is providing THANKSGIVING BASKETS! Registration is all online this year, making it super easy! <https://www.rlcbr.org/thanksgiving>.

