



October Newsletter



September 29, 2023

Upcoming Meetings

The following meetings will be held in the Highrise Conference Room:

Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Thursday, October 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting

Rent is due October 1, 2023. Late fees will be assessed at 8 a.m. on Friday, October 6, 2023.

Electronic Rent Program

Are you tired of writing a check every month? If so, electronic rent is available! Stop by the office to complete our Electronic Rent Enrollment form. Please provide a cancelled check if possible!

Signatures Needed

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Safety Reminder

Please make sure you keep your vehicles locked. If you see anything or anyone that looks suspicious, please call the police. Remember to keep apartments and vehicles locked.

Attention Parents

Please do not leave your children unattended at the bus stop. Parents, please remember children must be attended while outside and not allowed to play in roadways. Also, Evergreen residents: Bikes and scooters are not allowed to be ridden on the upper sidewalks or in between vehicles.

Friendly Reminder

Please do not put bird feeders or watering dishes on the ground. Do not feed squirrels or chipmunks.

Air Conditioner Policy Reminder

Air conditioners must be removed by October 1 of each year. If you live in North Parkview Senior Section, please contact the office upon removal of your air conditioner so we can remove the monthly fee. Also - please remember to put your screen back in. If you cannot get your screen in, please contact the office.

Security Cameras

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

Bed Bug Monitors need to be cleaned on a regular basis

Please be reminded that it is your responsibility to clean and inspect your bed bug monitors on a regular basis. Any bed bugs found in the monitors must be placed in a sealed container or baggie and brought to the office immediately for inspection.

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
7A	10/11/23	115A	10/18/23	117C	10/25/23
7B	10/11/23	115B	10/18/23	118A	10/25/23
7C	10/11/23	115C	10/18/23	118B	10/25/23
7D	10/11/23	116A	10/18/23	118C	10/25/23
8A	10/11/23	116B	10/18/23	118D	10/25/23
8B	10/11/23	116C	10/18/23	118E	10/25/23
8C	10/11/23	117A	10/18/23	119A	10/25/23
8CU	10/11/23	117B	10/18/23	119B	10/25/23

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.

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 \$101.00 for replacement.

Winter Reminder

Garden hoses will need to be removed by 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.

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.

Recycle Room

The Big Rapids Housing Commission has a Recycle Room located in the Highrise, next to the Laundry Room. The Recycle Room is open Monday – Sunday from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Local Resources

- Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency (231) 660-0271
- Project Starburst (231) 796-5342
- Meals on Wheels 9231) 972-2884
- Manna Pantry (231) 408-2940
- Michigan Works (231) 796-0049
- Legal Aid (888) 783-8190
- Angels of Action (231) 629-8140



Salvation Army

Need a little extra help this Christmas season? The Salvation Army Angel Tree 2023 Program may be able to help. Online applications are being accepted from Tuesday, October 24, 2023, to Monday, December 4, 2023, at www.saangeltree.org. If you are unable to get online, you can call (231) 796-5597 for an appointment. Children ages 0-6 are put in as angels, not household members. Use a working email, you will get emails.

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, October 28th, 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.

Big Rapids Community Library

Big Rapids Community Library has a homebound delivery program. If you are unable to travel and would like to sign up for the book delivery program, please call 231-796-5234. Deliveries are the first full week of the month on Thursday and Friday. They are also looking for volunteers to help deliver books.

Police Storytime

Meet Mr. Howard Wednesday, Oct 11, 2023, 11:00 a.m. at the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety (435 N. Michigan Ave). Come join the Big Rapids Police for stories and more.

2023 Fall Festival

Join REMAX Together downtown Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Dress up in your favorite costume for Big Rapids Trunk or Treat, inflatables, food trucks, and more.



Coffee with a Cop

On Friday, October 6, 2023, at City Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety will be hosting another Coffee with a Cop event at Biggby Coffee in Big Rapids. The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

Please join us there for some good coffee and great conversations!!



Fall Color Tour – See Attached Flyer

The Fall Color Tour is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023. Call the office to sign up today!

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 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 will be opening mid to late October and will be offering groups so you can go get your hair done and enjoy lunch together. 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.