



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 31, 2022



Big Rapids Housing Commission will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022, in observance of Labor Day.

Rent is due on September 1, 2022. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Upcoming Meetings

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

Thursday, September 8, 2022, 9:00 a.m.	September Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 3:00 p.m.	Second Annual Plan Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Thursday, September 29, 2022, 11:00 a.m.	Final Annual Plan Meeting

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!

NO Cash Reminder

We do not accept cash in the office, and we are not able to make change either.

Signatures Needed

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

1A 2B 3A 5C 6B 11C 14A 18C 24A 25C 27C 30B 102F 104C 107A 108A 108C 109B 111B 112A
113A 113E 113F 114C 115C 117C 118A 118B 118C 119B 119C 119D 121B 122B 122C 122D
123D 124B 124C 125E 126A 126C 127E 128A 128C 129A 129C 129D 129E 131A 131B 131D
132A 132C 132D 132E 133B 134C 134D 135B 135D 135F 201 206 304

Garbage Reminder- All garbage must be bagged and tied before placing in carts/dumpsters.

Please place trash in the dumpsters/cart provided in your area. Throwing garbage over the fence is unacceptable. Do not place garbage next to dumpster. Do not put boxes out by trash carts. Cardboard boxes can be brought to the recycle room located in the Highrise, next to the laundry room.

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 – Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and has bins for newspaper, office paper, magazines, cardboard, fiberboard, #1 and #2 plastic (caps must be removed), styrofoam, clear glass, and tins cans. Please be reminded that the Recycle Room is not a donation center for your unwanted items. All other garbage must be disposed of in your assigned dumpster/cart.

Reminder Pet Owners

All dogs and cats must always be on a leash not exceeding four feet in length when not in resident’s apartment.

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. 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.

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
201	9/14/22	302	9/21/22	402	9/28/22		
202	9/14/22	303	9/21/22	403	9/28/22		
203	9/14/22	304	9/21/22	404	9/28/22		
204	9/14/22	305	9/21/22	405	9/28/22		
205	9/14/22	306	9/21/22	406	9/28/22		
206	9/14/22	307	9/21/22	407	9/28/22		
207	9/14/22	308	9/21/22	408	9/28/22		
301	9/14/22	401	9/21/22	MP A1	9/28/22		

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.

Highrise Community Room Activities

- Euchre schedule is as follows: Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and Fridays at 6:00 p.m., and the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3:00p.m.
- Bible Study on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.
- Mexican Train on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.
- Bingo on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
- Uno on Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays 1:00 p.m.

Downtown Farmer's Market

The Farmers' Market, located at 226 N. Michigan Ave. Hours are as follows: Tuesdays – May 24th- September 27th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. & Fridays - May 6th – October 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Project Fresh coupons are accepted here.

Security Cameras

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

Safety Reminder

Do not let your children ride their bikes between cars. Please make sure that children are properly supervised at all times.



New Senior Beginner Drawing Class-

Free 1-hour senior beginner drawing class with Pam Penney, Friday, September 9, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the Highrise dining room. You need to bring your own pencil and paper.

Resources - 211

We are the boots on the ground, the local experts who make finding help easier. There are more than **200 2-1-1 agencies across the United States**, each with a team of compassionate, highly trained community specialists who are available to help you access the best local resources and services to address any need. Our 2-1-1 helpline provides referrals to programs to assist with food, housing, financial assistance, utility assistance and more. Help is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, from anywhere in the state of Michigan.

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

Mecosta County Commission on Aging

The Mecosta County Commission on Aging will be hosting a Watercolor Workshop on Thursday, Sept 22, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., at the Mecosta County Commission on Aging building. The cost is \$5.00

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 11:30 a.m., they will be hosting a 90th Birthday celebration for anyone 90 years old and older. You can contact MCCA at (231) 972-2884 for further information.

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.

Angels of Action-

The Angels of Action tutoring center is available for reading and math help, called Literacy in Action. 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 pantry scheduled for Saturday, September 24th, at 10am, 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).