



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 31, 2023



Big Rapids Housing Commission will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023, in observance of Labor Day:

Rent is due on Friday, September 1, 2023. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

Upcoming Meetings

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

Friday, September 8, 2023, 3:00 p.m.	Second Annual Plan Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Thursday, September 14, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting
Friday, September 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m.	Final Annual Plan Meeting

2024 Annual Plan- Resident Advisory Committee Meeting:

The Big Rapids Housing Commission is in the process of revising the Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2024. We need your input. Residents will serve as the Resident Advisory Committee throughout this process. The second meeting will be held on Friday, September 8, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. and the third meeting will be held on Friday, September 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. We will be discussing the Capital Fund Program (future improvements to the apartments) and necessary updates to Commission policies. All residents are encouraged to attend this meeting; your suggestions and comments are appreciated.

Electronic Rent Program

Are you tired of writing a check every month? Stop by the office to complete our Electronic Rent Enrollment form. You will need your bank routing number, account number, account type. (Checking or Savings)

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:

2A 2C 2D 4B 4C 6B 18C 20B 27A 102A 105A 108C 112D 113E 113F 117C 118A 118B 118C
119B 119C 120E 121A 121E 122D 122E 123D 126A 126B 126C 127C 127D 127E 128E 129B 131A
131B 135G

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 4:00 p.m.
- Uno on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

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/tote.

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.

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.

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
1A	9/13/23	3A	9/20/23	5A	9/27/23
1B	9/13/23	3B	9/20/23	5B	9/27/23
1C	9/13/23	3C	9/20/23	5C	9/27/23
1D	9/13/23	3D	9/20/23	5D	9/27/23
2A	9/13/23	4A	9/20/23	6A	9/27/23
2B	9/13/23	4B	9/20/23	6B	9/27/23
2C	9/13/23	4C	9/20/23	6C	9/27/23
2D	9/13/23	4D	9/20/23	6D	9/27/23



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.

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.

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.

Firefighter Storytime.

Meet Mr. Howard September 13, 2023, 11:00 a.m.at the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety (435 N. Michigan Ave) for Storytime and a firehouse tour with our favorite local firefighters!



Friendly Reminder - Please remember to lock your apartments and vehicles.

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 (231) 796-5597

Big Rapids Department of Public Safety

Dog Walker Watch Training is open to all Big Rapids residents as well as those who walk in/through Big Rapids. During training, we will show you what to look for and make sure you know who and how to call if you see something that police need to check on. We will also share some safety tips for you and for your pet. It is not required that you have a dog to participate in this training, and in fact, training is for humans only. Anyone who walks and is interested in learning more about what to do to improve personal safety and recognize crime risks in the community is welcome to attend!

If you are interested in attending the Dog Walker Watch training, please e-mail wsell@bigrapidsdps.org with your name, address, telephone number, and email address, or call Officer William Sell at 231-527-0005.

Band of Locals Labor Day Arts, Crafts, and Food Festival – Monday, September 4, 2023, from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

The Band of Locals, a community and small business organization, is excited to announce the Band of Locals Arts, Crafts, Food Festival which will be held on Michigan Avenue, in Downtown Big Rapids, on Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You'll find unique hand-crafted items, original artwork, amazing food from local restaurants and vendors, live music in Pocket Park, and so much more!

Coffee With a Cop

On Friday, October 6th, 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 the farmers market 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 out there for some good coffee and great conversations!!

Mecosta Osceola Career Center (MOCC) Salon – SENIOR HAIR CARE

The Salon is now located at the Mecosta Osceola Career Center. Beginning September 7, 2023, the MOCC Salon will be open on Thursdays for senior 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. Senior 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.

Fall clean up-

October

Family Inspections-

October

