



August Resident Newsletter



July 27, 2018

Upcoming Meetings

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

Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 2:30 p.m.	Annual Plan Meeting
Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 3:00 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting

The August Big Rapids Housing Commission meeting will be held at the Nisbett Building: on

Thursday, August 9, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

Rent is due on August 1, 2018. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

Signatures Needed

If your apartment # appears on this list then you need to stop by the office and sign your completed rent review. 1C 2A 3C 3D 4C 6B 6D 17A 21C 23C 25B 29B 31C 110B 113E 113F 116A 116B 117B 118A 118B 119C 120C 121A 121B 121E 122C 122D 122E 123B 123D 123E 124D 125D 127A 128D 132A 133A 133C 133D 134D 135G

Update Emergency Contact Information and Phone Numbers

If any of your emergency contact information has changed, please come to the office to complete a new form. In addition, if you have recently changed your phone number please make sure you contact our office so we can update your file information.

Reporting Income Changes

Please be reminded that you must come into the office to report **ALL** income changes within 10 days for **ALL** adults in your household, 18-years and older. Also, be reminded to report anyone that moves out of your household.

National Night Out

Volunteers are needed to help with National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 6 – 9 p.m. You can use the time that you volunteer towards community service. Please contact the office at 796-8689 if you are interested in volunteering. See attached flyer.

2019 Annual Plan – Resident Advisory Committee Meeting

The Big Rapids Housing Commission is in the process of revising the Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2019. We need your input. Residents will serve as the Resident Advisory Committee throughout this process. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. in the Highrise Conference Room. 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.

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

Reminders

- There will NOT be Bingo for the month of August. It will resume in September.
- Commodities are distributed the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Highrise Dining Room. If you have any questions regarding Commodities please call (231) 660-0260.

Recycle

We DO NOT accept used oil at the Highrise Recycle area. Please take it directly to the Recycle Center.

Disposal of Trash/Garbage

Please place trash in the dumpsters provided in your area. Throwing garbage over the fence is unacceptable.

Revised Pet Policy and Security Deposit Policy

Effective August 1, 2018, the Pet Policy will no longer require a pet deposit or the requirement to have cats declawed. The Policy requires that all residents have a zero balance, paid in full security deposit and be in full compliance with all lease provisions before pet registration will be approved. Also, effective on August 1, 2018, the security deposit policy requires the security deposit to be equal to one and one-half month's gross rent or \$75.00, whichever is greater, not to exceed \$600.00.

Smoke Free/Flame Fee/Burn Free

Please be reminded effective August 1, 2018 the Big Rapids Housing Commission is implementing a policy barring the use of prohibited tobacco products in all public housing living units, interior common areas and outdoor areas. **The policy prohibits all residents, guests and employees from smoking on Big Rapids Housing Commission property and also bans candles, incense and e-cigarettes.** Please review the Prohibited Smoking Area Maps.

Downtown Farmers Market

The Big Rapids Downtown Farmers Market started Friday, May 11, 2018 and continues through the 3rd week of October. Market hours are Tuesdays 12:00pm –5:00pm and Fridays 8:00am –2:00pm and is located at 226 N. Michigan Ave. Big Rapids, MI 49307. Senior Project Fresh coupons may be used at the downtown Farmer's Market.



Neighborhood Watch Program & Resident Council Picnic – All Residents are welcome to attend!

On Saturday, August 11, 2018 the Neighborhood Watch Program and Resident Council will be hosting a picnic from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the South Parkview Village Senior Section near building 25. In case of rain, the picnic will be held in the Highrise Community Room on the same day and at the same time. Refreshments and hot dogs will be served. This is a great opportunity for residents to meet the Neighborhood Watch & Resident Council Officers. Feel free to bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair and please remember to put your name on your dish or have it in a disposable container. The theme is the 1960's & 1970's, so come and join the fun! **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

Artworks Summer Camp

Artworks is offering an Art-Venture camp available for children ages 7-15 on August 7-9, 2018 for \$90.00. There are scholarships available, please contact Artworks for more information at (231) 796-2420.

Bed Bug Monitors

The monitors that are installed in your apartment must be kept in place at all times. You will be charged \$5.00 per monitor for any damaged or removed monitors.

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, and spray the door jambs, baseboards and doorways throughout the apartments. Residents will receive an additional notification. This is the tentative schedule for this month:

Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date
28A	8/8/18	30C	8/15/18	101D	8/22/18	102F	8/29/18
28B	8/8/18	30D	8/15/18	101E	8/22/18	103A	8/29/18
28C	8/8/18	31A	8/15/18	101F	8/22/18	103B	8/29/18
29A	8/8/18	31B	8/15/18	102A	8/22/18	104A	8/29/18
29B	8/8/18	31C	8/15/18	102B	8/22/18	104B	8/29/18
29C	8/8/18	101A	8/15/18	102C	8/22/18	104C	8/29/18
30A	8/8/18	101B	8/15/18	102D	8/22/18	104D	8/29/18
30B	8/8/18	101C	8/15/18	102E	8/22/18	104E	8/29/18

Residents with allergies will have an opportunity before the treatment date to notify the office if anyone residing in the apartment has asthma/respiratory ailments or sensitivity to petrochemicals. Do not call now. You are required to contact the office immediately or within 24 hours if you suspect you see a bed bug or other vermin in your apartment.

Big Rapids Public Schools first day back is on Monday, August 27, 2018.

