



July Resident Newsletter

June 28, 2018

The Big Rapids Housing Commission prohibits the use of all fireworks at any of their properties. Residents are encouraged to contact the office to report any violations during the day and to contact the police if it is after hours.

Independence Day – Office Closed

The Housing Commission Office will be closed **Wednesday, July 4, 2018** in observance of Independence Day.

Upcoming Meetings

Cancelled for July

Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting

Resident Council Meeting

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Rent is due on July 1, 2018. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 6, 2018.

Signatures Needed

If your apartment # appears on this list please stop by the office to sign your completed rent review.

2A 2B 3D 4C 6D 14C 17A 21C 29B 31C 101D 102F 107A 107C 113E 113F 116B 118A
118B 119C 119D 120B 120C 121A 121E 122C 122D 122E 123A 123D 123E 124C 125D
126A 126E 132D 133A 133B 133D 134B 134D 135F 135G

Speed Limit



The speed limit in the complex is 10 MPH and will be enforced in the best safety interest of the children and adults in the complex. We have had complaints that people are driving too fast through Evergreen.

Neighborhood Watch Yard Sale

The Neighborhood Watch will be having a yard sale on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 & Thursday, July 5, 2018. Please feel free to bring in donations to the Big Rapids Housing office. They are accepting clean clothing and miscellaneous items.



Summer Reminders

Please move patio furniture, tables, toys, etc. when you see the mowers around the complex. Also, please remind your children not to leave food wrappers and debris on the lawn or hang on the clotheslines and to respect neighbors' personal property and belongings.

Water keys are available in the office for the outside faucets. The cost is \$4.00.

To avoid high water bills, we continue to limit water use.

1. Sprinklers (for children to play in) can be used for 1 hour every day.
2. Kiddy pools can be filled once every day. Pools are limited to 20 gallons.
3. Watering (plants, flowers, etc) is limited to 15 minutes.

Pools are to be emptied after use. Residents are prohibited from leaving pools up overnight due to safety issues. IN ADDITION, RUNNING TOILETS, DRIPPING SINKS, AND TUB FAUCETS NEED TO BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE OFFICE FOR REPAIR.

Bikes on Parkview Drive

Please be reminded not to ride bicycles on the sidewalk in the senior sections for safety reasons.

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

Red Mulch

On Friday, June 29, 2018, at 7:00 a.m. contractors will be installing red mulch in all the areas that currently have the red mulch now. Please make sure the area in front of your unit is accessible. The buildings at Evergreen that have not been renovated yet will not receive mulch at this time.

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 old and older. Also, be reminded to report anyone that moves out of your household.

Senior Companion Program

The Senior Companion Program and the SMILE program are working together to offer senior services. A senior companion representative and a Big Rapids police officer will come to your home for the following:

- Companionship: visiting, reading, playing games; assist client in arranging and/or accompanying social or recreational activities.
- Simple Chores: accompanying client shopping, doing errands, letter writing, fill out forms and prepare food.
- Medical: arrange transportation; assist in obtaining and/or accompanying clients to medical services.
- Respite: General caregiver respite.

If you are interested please call the office and speak with Sarah to sign up.

Reminder – Flammable Liquids

Please remember that propane tanks, charcoal lighter fluid or any other flammable product must be stored in your shed.

Playground Policy

To avoid injuries on the playground children are required to follow the playground rules. Children below the age of thirteen (13) must be supervised at all times, including while they are on the playground. The playground areas are open for play during daylight hours. To avoid injuries these areas are prohibited at **9:00 p.m.** or dark, whichever comes first.

We have received several complaints that young children are playing outside unsupervised at both Evergreen Village and Parkview Village Family Sections.

Lawn Maintenance

Please assist the maintenance staff with maintaining the lawns and remind children not to leave wrappers and debris on the playground and surrounding area. It is your responsibility to remove bikes, children's toys, grills and other outside items from the lawn. Non-compliant residents will be tagged and the items will be removed at the resident's expense. Any flowerbeds that are not being properly maintained by the residents will be mowed down.

Pet Policy Reminders

Please be reminded that according to our Pet Policy all dogs and cats must be on a leash when not in owners' apartment. The leash must be no longer than 4 feet. Pets cannot be tied up or left unattended at anytime on Housing Commission property. Also, you must clean up after your pet immediately.

Electronic Rent Program

Let us show you how you can sign up for the Electronic Rent Program and save time.

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. It will require that all residents must 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. Residents will receive individual letters regarding their security deposit balances before August 1, 2018. Any resident with a security deposit balance will be allowed to make a suitable payment arrangement on it.

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.**

Downtown Farmers Market

The Big Rapids Downtown Farmers Market starts 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. 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 date will be postponed to Sunday, August 12, 2018. 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 dishes you bring. The theme is the 1960's & 1970's, so come and join the fun! **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 6 – 9 p.m.

The National Night Out Committee is looking for volunteers to run games at this year's event, which will be held at the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety on August 7, 2018. This is a great family event and also a great way to earn community service hours. Please contact the Housing Commission office if you are interested in volunteering.



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

Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date
20A	7/18/18	22C	7/25/18
20B	7/18/18	23A	7/25/18
20C	7/18/18	23B	7/25/18
21A	7/18/18	23C	7/25/18
21B	7/18/18	24A	7/25/18
21C	7/18/18	24B	7/25/18
22A	7/18/18	24C	7/25/18
22B	7/18/18	25A	7/25/18

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.

Summer fun for kids

Free fun activities, crafts, books and a healthy lunch! For all children 18 years old and younger from all areas and schools are welcome to come and enjoy. Children come and go as they please, so parents please provide supervision for your younger children. Parents are welcome to purchase a meal for \$4.00 and eat with their child. This will take place at the Big Rapids Middle School at 500 N. Warren, Big Rapids, MI 49307 on June 11, 2018 – August 17, 2018 weekdays only between the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Closed July 4-6 for the holiday. Free activities and books are made possible by Big Rapids Public Schools, several great organizations, churches, area businesses, FSU, the Community Library, parents, volunteers and emergency personnel in our community.

**The Big Rapids Housing Commission
 would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy 4th of July.**

