

April 2026 | Brookfield Highlands

HIGHLANDS

Happenings

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PAST ACTIVITIES & RECREATIONAL EVENTS



UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS



Mini Letter Writing Station

24/7 THE WHOLE MONTH OF APRIL | FIRESIDE ROOM

All month long, stop by our station to spread a little kindness! Write a short note starting with "You matter because..." and leave it for a neighbor or team member who makes a difference. Join us in sharing appreciation, warmth, and connection!

This event is free. RSVP Not Required



Make Your Own Shadow Box

MONDAY, APRIL 6TH AT 1:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Join us for a fun craft event with shadow boxes, dried flowers, stickers, and fun stationery. All supplies are provided, and you're welcome to bring a small personal item to make your design even more meaningful. We can't wait to craft with you!

\$15 per person. RSVP by Friday, April 3rd



Share Your Story - The Best Advice

MONDAY, APRIL 20TH AT 1:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Join us for an easygoing afternoon of shared wisdom and heartfelt moments. We'll offer gentle table prompts, light snacks, and a warm space to reflect. Share the best advice you've ever received—no pressure, just uplifting conversation and inspiring stories.

This event is free. RSVP by Monday, April 13th



Kentucky Derby Mixer

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH AT 6:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Sip mimosas and mint juleps, enjoy light apps, and show off your style in your best Derby Hat. Join us for a lively, festive Derby cocktail celebration—fun, flair, and fashion await!

\$5 per person. RSVP by Friday, April 17th



French Countryside Dinner

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH AT 1:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Join us for a charming afternoon filled with quiche, fresh salad, and fruit tart catered by The Chef's Daughter. Enjoy rustic touches and warm company as we bring the relaxed beauty of the French countryside right to you. We'd love to see you there!

\$18 per person. RSVP by Wednesday, April 22nd

*We look forward to having you join us!
For a complete list of activities and events taking place
this month at the Highlands, visit our Activity Calendar on pages 6 - 7.*

RESIDENT REMINDERS



April in Wisconsin; where you can wear shorts, snow boots, and a raincoat all before lunch.



Congratulations!

Who won \$300?



This month's winner of our \$300 lease renewal drawing is Janet E.



Muddy Season

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS

As we move into the warmer days of Wisconsin spring, things can get muddy quickly! Please remember to wipe your feet and your pet's paws before re-entering the building to help keep hallways and common areas clean. Thank you for helping us keep our shared spaces fresh and welcoming.



Courtyard Entries

SAFETY REMINDER

Please note that if there is no sidewalk leading to the courtyard entry doors, these are not to be used as an exit or entrance, these are emergency exits only.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking Lots & Thawing Ground

USE CAUTION

Spring thaw can cause soft ground, puddles, and shifting surfaces in parking areas, driveways, and sidewalks. Please use caution when navigating these areas. Please avoid cutting corners short and driving on any grass or unpaved areas. This helps prevent ruts and damage to the landscape as it gets ready to green up for the season.

Spring Cleaning

THE EASY WAY

As the days get brighter and the air a little softer, spring offers the perfect excuse for a fresh start. A few simple resets—opening windows for a breeze, donating items you no longer use, or wiping down a shelf you walk past every day—can make your home feel lighter and more welcoming. Spring cleaning doesn't have to be a marathon; think of it as giving your space a gentle refresh. Even one small tidy-up can bring a big sense of accomplishment!

Maintenance Is Everyone's Job

IT HELPS WHEN WE KNOW RIGHT AWAY

If you notice something that needs attention—burned-out hallway lights, a dripping faucet, a sticky door—please report it. Small fixes prevent larger issues and keep our shared spaces in great shape.

Celebrate Good Times

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH AT 9:45 AM
COMMUNITY ROOM

IT'S CELEBRATION TIME

Be our guest as we celebrate April's special moments at coffee hour!

Join us for special dessert, coffee, and joyful company as we honor all April Birthdays & Anniversaries, and welcome our new residents. Let's gather, connect, and celebrate together.



Spring is the season of muddy shoes, happy moods, and neighbors reappearing from hibernation.

Go for a walk today!

REFER A FRIEND

Make Your Friends Your Neighbors

Refer a friend or relative who completes an application by May 31, 2026 and when they move in, **you'll receive a \$1,000 rent credit**, and **your friend will receive a \$500 rent credit!**

*Some restrictions apply. Application must be completed by May 31, 2026 Promotional program and cash back applicable to current Highlands Communities residents only. Recipient is responsible for paying all other local, county, state, and federal taxes on referral bonus.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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<p>HIGHLANDS COMMUNITIES</p> <p>APRIL 2026 ACTIVITIES</p>											
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<p>9 am Catholic Mass 1 pm Dominoes</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p>		<p>1 pm Bridge 1 pm Make Your Own Shadow Box 3 pm Orange Fitness 5:30 pm Dominoes</p>		<p>8:15 am Bible Study 9:30 am Walk Class 1 pm Bowling 1:30 pm Sequence 2 pm Book Club #1 5:30 pm Cribbage</p>		<p>9:30 am Knittwitters 9:30 am Walk Class 1 pm Bunco</p>		<p>PASSOVER ENDS</p> <p>9 am Exercise 9:45 am Coffee Hour & Birthday and Anniversary 1 pm Sheepshead 3:30 pm Scrabble</p>		<p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>1 pm Dominoes</p> <p>11 am Wii Bowling</p>	
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<p>9 am Catholic Mass 1 pm Dominoes</p> <p>National Dog Parent Appreciation Day</p>		<p>1 pm Bridge 1 pm Share Your Story 3 pm Orange Fitness 5:30 pm Dominoes</p>		<p>8:15 am Bible Study 9:30 am Walk Class 1 pm Bowling 1:30 pm Sequence 5:30 pm Cribbage</p>		<p>EARTH DAY</p> <p>9:30 am Knittwitters 9:30 am Walk Class 1 pm Bunco</p>		<p>9 am Exercise 9:45 am Golden Grounds Coffee Hour 1 pm Sheepshead 3:30 pm Scrabble</p>		<p>ARBOR DAY</p> <p>11 am Wii Bowling 1 pm Dominoes 6 pm Cocktail Social</p> <p>World Heritage Day Husband Appreciation Day</p>	
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<p>9 am Catholic Mass 1 pm Dominoes</p> <p>Get Organized Day</p>		<p>1 pm Bridge 3 pm Orange Fitness 5:30 pm Dominoes</p>		<p>8:15 am Bible Study 9:30 am Walk Class 1 pm Bowling 1:30 pm Sequence 5:30 pm Cribbage</p>		<p>9:30 am Knittwitters 9:30 am Walk Class 4 pm French Countryside Evening</p>		<p>9 am Exercise 9:45 am Golden Grounds Coffee Hour 1 pm Sheepshead 3:30 pm Scrabble</p>			

JUST FOR FUN



If April had a motto in Wisconsin, it would be: "Hope for sunshine, plan for slush."



Fun Facts About Rainbows

Rainbows occur when sunlight passes through raindrops, bending (refracting), reflecting inside the drop, and exiting at a different angle. This process splits the light into its different colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet.

A rainbow is actually a full circle, but we usually only see an arc due to the ground blocking the bottom half. And yes—double rainbows are real! They form when light reflects twice inside the raindrop, creating a fainter, reversed second arc.



Back Then In History

April 22, 1970 marked the first Earth Day, when over 20 million Americans rallied to raise awareness about environmental issues. Sparked by growing concerns over pollution and conservation, Earth Day united people across political and social lines. The event helped lead to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency later that year. Now a global movement, Earth Day continues to inspire individuals and communities to protect and preserve our planet.



Top Ten

RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES

Rainy days can be cozy and relaxing with the right mood and a little creativity indoors. They are also a great time to reset and relax with your favorite snack and music.

1. Watch an old favorite movie
2. Bake cookies
3. Declutter a closet
4. Build a blanket fort
5. Listen to a podcast
6. Do a craft
7. Write a letter
8. Practice yoga
9. Try a new playlist
10. Take a nap

Rain Reset!

WHAT'S COOKING

Spring Mix Salad

This easy green salad features a fresh spring mix tossed with a bright, homemade lemon balsamic dressing. Crisp, colorful, and full of flavor, it's a simple way to add freshness to your table. Whether you're serving it alongside a hearty entrée or enjoying it on its own for a light lunch, this salad is the perfect complement to any meal.



INGREDIENTS

Salad Dressing:

- 3 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil

For the Salad:

- ½ red onion, thinly sliced
- 5 oz spring mix
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 medium cucumber, peeled and sliced
- 2–3 small radishes, sliced
- ½ cup sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, walnuts, or sliced almonds
- ½ cup crumbled goat cheese or feta (optional for vegan)

STEP 1: Whisk all dressing ingredients together in a bowl.

STEP 2: Soak red onion slices in hot tap water for a few minutes, then drain.

STEP 3: In a large bowl, combine spring mix, tomatoes, cucumber, and onion.

STEP 4: Drizzle dressing over and toss gently to coat.

STEP 5: Top with seeds and crumbled cheese. Serve immediately.

MAKE-AHEAD TIP: Store dressing and salad ingredients separately in airtight containers up to 2 days; toss just before serving. Once mixed, salad stays fresh up to 1 day but may wilt.

Source: FoolProofLiving.com

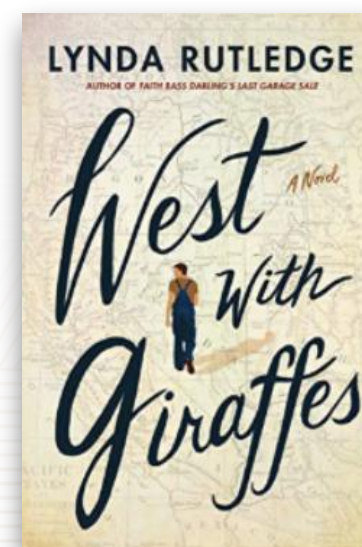
Healthy & Delicious!

Shelf Indulgence

THIS MONTH'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION

West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

Inspired by a true story, this charming historical novel follows two giraffes and the unlikely trio escorting them across Depression-era America. The road trip is full of unexpected friendships, small-town encounters, and heartfelt reflections. Told with wit and wonder, it's an easy, satisfying read for fans of quirky history and animal stories.



CONTACT INFORMATION



Resident Portal

Make rent payments. Pay online, check the status of your payments, review your payment history, submit maintenance requests and view event invitations.

Our resident portal is an online tool for you to be able to take care of some things without having to wait for the Resident Services Office to open. It's easy, it's convenient and it's designed with you in mind.

Need more information? Contact us today!



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Celebrate Moments that Matter

ENJOY MEANINGFUL MOMENTS TOGETHER

This April, we'll Celebrate Moments that Matter with a month of connection, creativity, and shared stories. Each event will give our community a chance to slow down, express gratitude, and enjoy meaningful moments together.



Join Us Each Week For:

Orange Shoe Fitness - Stay active by joining our group exercise class designed to help individuals of all ages build strength, flexibility, and balance. Mondays at 3 pm. Classes are held in the Community Room.

Coffee Hour - Join us for warm drinks and great conversation every Thursday at 9:45 am in the Fireside Room.

Onsite Services

Salon

Tuesday - Friday, by appointment only.
Located in Building 7, Suite 740
262-424-6991

STYLIST

Kathy Gaffney

Men and Women Welcome!

Spring has sprung!

Spring Scavenger Hunt

LET THE HUNT BEGIN

Get ready to welcome the season with adventure! Join us **every Wednesday in April at 10:30 AM** in the Community Room for a lively Spring Scavenger Hunt filled with color, surprises, and prizes.



Each week brings new items to discover—nothing hidden too far, so everyone can take part. Come explore, laugh, and celebrate the joys of spring with friends and neighbors. Don't forget to turn in your completed form to the Resident Services Office for a prize!

Local Services

Spectrum Cable

CUSTOMER SERVICE

1-833-697-7328

We Energies

CUSTOMER SERVICE

(800)-242-9137

Brookfield Town Hall

PHONE

(262) 796-3788

Dog License

PHONE: (262) 782-9650

FAX: (262) 796-6671

A Dog License can be obtained at:
<https://www.ci.brookfield.wi.us/219/Dog-License>
Stop at Town Hall at 645 N. Janacek Road, Brookfield, WI 53045. Bring the rabies certificate that you obtain from your vet, not the receipt.



Waukesha Public Library

262-782-4140

CHECK IT OUT

Community Newsletters Online HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

You can view this edition of your Highlands Happenings newsletter and newsletters from our other Highlands Communities simply by visiting their respective websites. Each website has a "Newsletter" page where you'll find current and archived newsletters. Start reading online today!



Help Us To Better Help You RESIDENT SERVICES OFFICE VISITS

To ensure we can address your needs promptly and thoroughly, we kindly ask for your support in two ways:

For in-person visits:

- Please schedule an appointment whenever possible.
- If visiting without an appointment, limit conversations to 5 minutes or less for non-urgent matters.

For non-urgent questions:

- Submit detailed requests via email or voicemail. This helps us respond efficiently and identify common topics for future resources.

These steps allow our team to dedicate focused attention to walk-ins and appointments while managing essential behind-the-scenes tasks that benefit our entire community.

Thank you for partnering with us to enhance service for all residents.

*We appreciate your understanding
and cooperation!*

Arden Property Group Portfolio of Communities HIGHLANDS COMMUNITIES AND PARAGON PLACE PROPERTIES

Interested in learning more about other communities in our portfolio? Visit our website at ArdenPropertyGroup.com.

Know someone who may be interested in moving to the Highlands Communities or Paragon Place Properties, refer them to any of the properties in our portfolio to earn a Refer A Friend bonus.

Highlands Communities 55+:

Brookfield	Appleton
Menomonee Falls	Neenah
Mequon	De Pere
New Berlin	Winneconne
Franklin	Weston

Paragon Place Properties:

Madison
Middleton

We appreciate your referrals and look forward to meeting your friends & family!