

HIGHLANDS

Happenings



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PAST ACTIVITIES & RECREATIONAL EVENTS



UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS



Golden Grounds Coffee Hour

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH AT 9:45 AM | FIRESIDE ROOM

Join us for Golden Grounds Coffee Hour! Sip rich brews, savor sweet treats, and share warm conversation. A cozy gathering where every cup shines and every bite delights—don't miss this golden moment!

This event is free. RSVP Not Required



Return of the King

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH AT 2 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

You're invited to "Return of the King" — an unforgettable Elvis tribute! Celebrate the legend with live music, blue suede vibes, and his favorite treats: Nutter Butter Bars, Banana Nut Bread, Pepsi & Coffee. Don't miss this rockin' afternoon!

\$8 per person. RSVP by Monday, January 5th



Soup, Salad & Smiles

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH AT 12:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

You're invited to Soup, Salad & Smiles! Gather with friends for Chicken & Gnocchi Soup, House Salad with Italian Dressing & Breadsticks -all catered by Olive Garden. A delicious way to brighten your day—come hungry, leave happy!

\$10 per person. RSVP by Tuesday, January 6th



Winter Warm-Up Bar

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH AT 2 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Come in from the cold and cozy up with rich hot cocoa topped with marshmallows and whipped cream. Pair your cup with fresh cookies and make this season a little sweeter. Don't miss the warmest spot of winter!

\$3 per person. RSVP by Tuesday, January 13th



Cheers & Chill

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH AT 6 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Join us for a relaxed evening of good company and great flavors. We'll provide the drinks—limit two per person—and you bring a dish to share! Sip, savor, and mingle as we toast to a cozy night together.

\$5 per person. RSVP by Friday, January 24th

*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



January, the first month of the year. A perfect time to start all over again. Changing energies and deserting old moods. New beginnings, new attitudes.

-Charmaine J Forde

Congratulations!

Who won \$300?



This month's winner of our \$300 lease renewal drawing is Helen G.



Snowplow Awareness

Be watchful of snowplows when it snows. If you have a car parked in the lot, please try and move it so the plow can clear the entire lot. The weather has been very unpredictable this season and we thank you for being patient.

Common Area Temperatures

Community Room & Library temps are set to 72°-74° and hallway temps are set to 70°. Please contact the Resident Services Office if you notice any problems.

Doors

You may have noticed, the change in Wisconsin weather temperatures can often times impact the operation of the automatic doors and the mechanism used to properly close them. We kindly request that you take some extra time to ensure that all doors close behind you when entering and leaving the building. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Activity & Upcoming Events Sign Up Sheet

THE MORE THE MERRIER! PLEASE JOIN US!

We love to see our residents participating in the many activities offered at our community. Be sure to sign up for the event you wish to attend using the Sign Up Sheet provided with this newsletter. Our calendar will list all of the events and many of them will be featured as Spotlight Events in this newsletter as well. Attend them ALL, or simply select your favorites! We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming activities and events this month.

Slow Down You're Moving Too Fast

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FOR DRIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Patience is a virtue and in a parking lot and on the roads that connect our community buildings, that virtue can be tested. That patience, however, can preserve damages to your car, to other's cars, surrounding landscape, and the likelihood of injury to pedestrians. Please take things slow when driving in/out and around our community and parking lots. If you see someone speeding in the parking lot or surrounding areas of our community, please let the office know by providing a description to the best of your ability of the make/model, color, and license plate of the speeding vehicle.

Please also remember that the garage doors are set for sufficient time for one vehicle to pass through. We are not responsible for any damage to cars that "piggyback" each other to enter or exit the underground parking garage.

While driving in the underground parking garage, please be aware and on the lookout for residents who may be walking in the garage to/from their cars as well as those around the waste receptacle area/recycling and trash.

Refer A Friend

Refer a friend or relative who completes an application by January 31, 2026 and when they move in, you'll receive \$1,000 CASH BACK!* The friend you refer will receive \$500.

Some restrictions apply. Application must be completed by January 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.



Make your friends your neighbors!

Resource Center

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A RESOURCE CENTER?

Our Resource Center is located in the Sunroom along the side wall and contains information from various service providers who cater to the needs of those 55 and better. Enjoy information on cleaning services, home health care services, and more!

Check out the resources available to you today!



Don't wait for the perfect moment. Take the moment and make it perfect.

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



JANUARY 2026 ACTIVITY & EVENTS CALENDAR

				1	2	3
				NEW YEAR'S DAY Office Closed	9 am R.O.M.E.O. 10 am J.U.L.I.E.T 1 pm Dominoes	National Mind-Body Wellness Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9 am Catholic Mass 1 pm Dominoes Packers vs. Vikings Time TBD	1 pm Bridge 3 pm Orange Fitness 5:30 pm Dominoes	8:15 am Bible Study 9:30 am Walk Class 1 pm Bowling 2 pm Book Club #1 5:30 pm Cribbage	9:30 am Knittwitters 9:30 am Walk Class 9:45 am Golden Grounds Coffee Hour 1:00 pm Bunco 1:30 pm Sequence	9 am Exercise 9:45 am Coffee 1:00 pm Sheepshead 3:30 pm Scrabble	11 am Wii Bowling 2 pm Return of the King 1 pm Dominoes	NFL Playoffs Wild Card Round Games at 3:30 PM & 7 PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9 am Catholic Mass 1 pm Dominoes NFL Playoffs Wild Card Round Games at 12, 3:30 & 7 PM	1 pm Bridge 3 pm Orange Fitness 5:30 pm Dominoes	8:15am Bible Study 9:30 am Walk Class 12 pm Soup, Salad & Smiles 1 pm Bowling 2 pm Book Club #2 5:30 pm Cribbage	9:30 am Knittwitters 9:30 am Walk Class 1:30 pm Sequence	9 am Exercise 9:45 am Coffee 1:00 pm Sheepshead 3:30 pm Scrabble	1 pm BINGO! 1 pm Dominoes	NFL Playoffs Divisional Round Games at 3:30 PM & 7:15 PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9 am Catholic Mass 1 pm Dominoes NFL Playoffs Divisional Round Games at 2 PM & 5:30 PM	Martin Luther King Jr Day 1 pm Bridge 3 pm Orange Fitness 5:30 pm Dominoes	8:15 am Bible Study 9:30 am Walk Class 1 pm Bowling 2 pm Winter Warm Up Bar 5:30 pm Cribbage	9:30 am Knittwitters 9:30 am Walk Class 1 pm Bunco 1:30 pm Sequence	9 am Exercise 9:45 am Coffee 1 pm Sheepshead 3:30 pm Scrabble	11 am Wii Bowling 1 pm Dominoes	National Compliment Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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JUST FOR FUN



To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold.

-Aristotle



WHAT'S COOKING

White Chicken Chili

This white chicken chili is full of flavor and ideal for a quick, hearty meal—especially on a cold winter night. And the best part is that it comes together easily in one pot and also freezes well, making it a great option for meal prep or leftovers.



Fun Facts About New Year's Resolutions

The tradition of New Year's resolutions dates back over 4,000 years to the ancient Babylonians. During a 12-day festival called Akitu, they made promises to their gods to pay debts and return borrowed items—early versions of resolutions!

The Romans later adopted similar practices, offering resolutions to Janus, the two-faced god of beginnings. Today, while fitness goals top most lists, only about 9% of people actually stick to their resolutions. Still, the hope of a fresh start keeps the tradition alive



Back Then In History

On January 17, 1867, Frank Lloyd Wright was born in Richland Center, Wisconsin. Widely considered one of America's most influential architects, Wright pioneered the Prairie School movement and designed iconic buildings like Taliesin in Spring Green. His philosophy of organic architecture emphasized harmony between human spaces and nature. Wright's legacy continues to inspire architects around the world, with more than a dozen of his structures still standing throughout Wisconsin.



Top Ten

COZY THINGS TO DO INDOORS DURING COLD WINTER MONTHS

Staying in can be just as enjoyable as going out, especially when it's January in Wisconsin. Check out these Top 10 cozy things to do inside the comfort of your own home.

1. Read a new book
2. Make hot cocoa
3. Try a new recipe
4. Do a puzzle
5. Stream a movie
6. Light a candle
7. Listen to calming music
8. Knit or crochet
9. Organize a drawer
10. Start journaling

Stay warm!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 5 ¼ cups chicken broth
- 3 (15 oz) cans cannellini beans, rinsed
- 2 (4 oz) cans chopped green chiles
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 pinches cayenne pepper (or to taste)
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro (or to taste)
- ½ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- Salt to taste

STEP 1: In a dutch oven, heat olive oil over medium heat. Saute chicken, onion, and garlic until chicken is lightly browned, about 5 minutes.

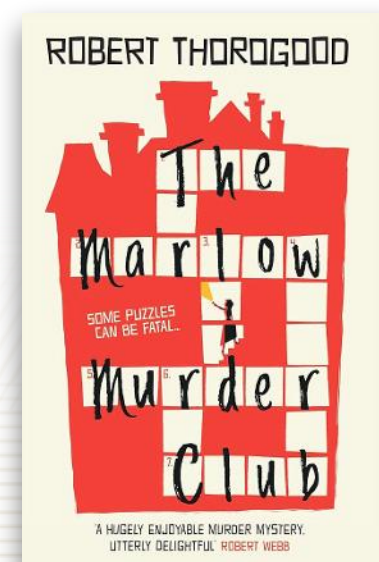
STEP 2: Transfer chicken to a cutting board and cut into bite-sized chunks. Return to pot.

STEP 3: Add broth, beans, chiles, oregano, cumin, and cayenne. Simmer 30-40 minutes.

STEP 4: To serve, place cilantro in bowls, ladle chili over, and top with cheese and salt to taste.

Source: Allrecipes.com

Warm up with chili!



Shelf Indulgence

THIS MONTH'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION

The Marlow Murder Club by Robert Thorogood

When 77-year-old Judith Potts spots something suspicious from her riverside home, she stumbles into a real murder mystery—and decides to solve it herself. Teaming up with two unlikely new friends, Judith forms an amateur sleuthing trio in the sleepy English town of Marlow. Witty, charming, and full of cozy intrigue, this book is a fun and clever read perfect for spring afternoons. Fans of light mysteries and lovable eccentrics will be hooked.

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!



Main Office

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Mike Despina

Thank you to all our Community Engagement Coordinators for all you do to keep our community running smoothly.



Onsite Services

Salon

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

STYLIST

Kathy Gaffney
Men and Women Welcome!

Your Feedback is Important To Us

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Our team works hard to ensure that your expectations are not only met, but exceeded. We send general feedback surveys when the following touch points take place:

Following your move in
Completion of a maintenance request
At lease renewal
Following a move out

Your feedback is extremely important to us and we appreciate your kind words and recognition of our team members and services. We also appreciate when you take the time to tell us where we may have fallen short so that we have an opportunity to improve.

Our community is only as good as our residents' satisfaction and we appreciate you taking the time to share your feedback with us.

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

We want to hear from you!

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

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Madison
Middleton

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