

March 2026 | Brookfield Highlands

# HIGHLANDS

## *Happenings*

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**HIGHLANDS  
COMMUNITIES**  
Apartments & Townhomes 55+

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## PAST ACTIVITIES & RECREATIONAL EVENTS



## UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS



### The Spring Poetry Collective

**MONTH OF MARCH 24/7 | FIRESIDE ROOM**

Drop in anytime this month and enjoy a moment of quiet creativity at our Spring Poetry Station. Simple, seasonal prompts are provided to gently inspire reflection and self-expression. Sharing is always optional—write just for yourself or leave a poem for others to enjoy. **This event is free. RSVP Not Required**



### Spring Planting Workshop

**MONDAY, MARCH 9TH AT 1:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM**

Join us for a hands-on Spring Planting Workshop! Our dedicated CEC's will guide you as you pot your own plants. Soil, small pots, and beginner-friendly herbs or plants will be provided. Come enjoy a fun, creative, and welcoming spring experience!

**\$7 per person. RSVP by Friday, March 6th**



### Taste of Tuscany

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH AT 4:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM**

Savor the charm of Italy at our Taste of Tuscany dinner! Enjoy favorites like baked ziti, caprese salad, and tiramisu - catered by Apple Spice. Relax, mingle, and soak in the cozy vibe. Soft music and warm lighting set the scene for an inviting, delicious Tuscan evening.

**\$18 per person. RSVP by Wednesday, March 18th**



### Diamond Cocktail Social Hour

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH AT 6:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM**

This month's cocktail social will have a twist! Eric Diamond, a Tribute Artist to Neil Diamond, will be performing two hours of Neil's best music! Two drinks and snacks provided by Brookfield Highlands included. Come grab a seat and feel the beat!

**\$10 per person. RSVP by Friday, March 20th**



### Build Your Own Bouquet

**MONDAY, MARCH 30TH AT 1:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM**

Create your own beautiful bouquet at our Build Your Own Bouquet Workshop! We will provide seasonal flowers, greenery, tools, and simple arranging tips. All supplies are included—enjoy a relaxed, creative experience and take home a bouquet you'll love!

**\$7 per person. RSVP by Monday, March 23rd**

*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

Luck is living surrounded by people who make you smile.

Unknown



*Congratulations!*

Who won \$300?



This month's winners of our \$300 lease renewal drawing is Deborah M.



### Alarms

If you hear an alarm sounding in the area of the furnace, water heater, or elevator, this may mean there is a water leak in one of these areas.

Please notify the Resident Services Office at (262) 747-2151 or on evenings & weekends, The Answer at 1-800-263-6148 immediately.

Your help with this preventative measure is greatly appreciated.

### Puppy Paws

We sincerely thank you for helping us maintain the cleanliness and beauty of our shared spaces. Our hardworking housekeeping team takes great pride in keeping our community looking its best. To support their efforts, we kindly ask that pets remain off the furniture in our common areas. This small step helps us prevent additional cleaning from muddy paw prints or unexpected accidents.

Thank you for your cooperation and for being a thoughtful neighbor!

### Rental Agreement Renewals

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RENEWAL

We'd like to thank all of our residents who will be renewing their rental agreements with us.

Please provide the Resident Services Office with the following documents when you sign your Rental Agreement Renewal:

- Resident Update Form to include all new updates
- A current copy of your Renters Insurance Declaration Page.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

### Wisconsin Homestead Rent Certificates

#### FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE RESIDENT SERVICES OFFICE

The State of Wisconsin allows deduction to income taxes for your residence. The program, established in 1964, is called the Homestead Tax Credit. To be eligible, a person must own or rent his/her residence, be at least 18 years of age and have a low annual household income.

If you qualify and wish to take advantage of this program, you will need a Rent Certificate completed by your landlord. The Resident Services Office has these forms available and upon request, will complete the form for you within 3 business days.

If you have questions about this tax credit, contact your tax advisor. If you have questions about completing the Rent Certificate, please contact our Resident Services Office.

### Celebrate Good Times

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH AT 9:45 AM  
COMMUNITY ROOM

#### IT'S CELEBRATION TIME

Be our guest as we celebrate March's special moments! Join us for pastries, coffee, and joyful company as we honor all March birthdays, anniversaries, and welcome our new residents. Let's gather, connect, and celebrate together.

**This event is free. RSVP by Thursday, March 5th**



*Here's to good luck, good laughs,  
and green everything!*



*I'm a great believer in luck,  
and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.*

*-Thomas Jefferson*

### POP-UP ART GALLERY

Join us in showcasing the creativity of our residents. All artistic mediums are welcome—paintings, crafts, photography, and more! If you're interested in submitting your artwork for display, please submit it to the Resident Services Office by **Tuesday, March 10th**.

We'll kick things off with a special opening reception on **Tuesday March 17th at 4 pm**, featuring light refreshments and great company. Afterward, the gallery will remain on display in the Billiards Room for two weeks, giving everyone plenty of time to enjoy the inspiring pieces created by neighbors.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
<b>9 am</b> Catholic Mass <b>1 pm</b> Dominoes  <b>National Peanut Butter Lovers Day</b>	<b>1 pm</b> Bridge <b>3 pm</b> Orange Fitness <b>5:30 pm</b> Dominoes	<b>Purim</b>  <b>8:15 am</b> Bible Study <b>9:30 am</b> Walk Class <b>1 pm</b> Bowling <b>2 pm</b> Book Club#1 <b>5:30 pm</b> Cribbage	<b>Holi</b>  <b>9:30 am</b> Knittwitters <b>9:30 am</b> Walk Class <b>1 pm</b> Bunco <b>1:30 pm</b> Sequence	<b>9 am</b> Exercise Sunrise Stretch <b>9:45 am</b> Golden Grounds Coffee Hour <b>1 pm</b> Sheepshead <b>3:30 pm</b> Scrabble	<b>1 pm</b> Dominoes	<b>National Flapjack Day</b>		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
<b>9 am</b> Catholic Mass <b>1 pm</b> Dominoes  <b>Daylight Saving Time</b> <b>At 2:00 am, clocks move forward to 3:00 am</b>	<b>1 pm</b> Bridge <b>1 pm</b> Spring Planting Workshop <b>3 pm</b> Orange Fitness <b>5:30 pm</b> Dominoes	<b>8:15 am</b> Bible Study <b>9:30 am</b> Walk Class <b>1 pm</b> Bowling <b>2 pm</b> Book Club#2 <b>5:30 pm</b> Cribbage	<b>9:30 am</b> Knittwitters  <b>9:30 am</b> Walk Class  <b>1:30 pm</b> Sequence	<b>9 am</b> Exercise Sunrise Stretch <b>9:45 am</b> Golden Grounds Coffee Hour & Birthday and Anniversary <b>1 pm</b> Sheepshead <b>3:30 pm</b> Scrabble	<b>11 am</b> Wii Bowling <b>1 pm</b> Dominoes	<b>Pi Day (3.14)</b>		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
<b>9 am</b> Catholic Mass <b>1 pm</b> Dominoes  <b>Pretzel Sunday</b>	<b>1 pm</b> Bridge <b>3 pm</b> Orange Fitness <b>5:30 pm</b> Dominoes	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>  <b>8:15 am</b> Bible Study <b>9:30 am</b> Walk Class <b>1 pm</b> Bowling <b>4 pm</b> Pop-Up Art Gallery <b>5:30 pm</b> Cribbage	<b>9:30 am</b> Knittwitters <b>9:30 am</b> Walk Class <b>1 pm</b> Bunco <b>1:30 pm</b> Sequence	<b>Ramadan Ends</b>  <b>9 am</b> Exercise Sunrise Stretch <b>9:45 am</b> Golden Grounds Coffee Hour <b>1 pm</b> Sheepshead <b>3:30 pm</b> Scrabble	<b>1 pm</b> BINGO! <b>1 pm</b> Dominoes	<b>National Corndog Day</b>		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
<b>9 am</b> Catholic Mass <b>1 pm</b> Dominoes  <b>National Goof Off Day</b>	<b>1 pm</b> Bridge <b>3 pm</b> Orange Fitness <b>5:30 pm</b> Dominoes	<b>8:15 am</b> Bible Study <b>9:30 am</b> Walk Class  <b>1 pm</b> Bowling <b>5:30 pm</b> Cribbage	<b>9:30 am</b> Knittwitters <b>9:30 am</b> Walk Class  <b>1:30 pm</b> Sequence <b>4 pm</b> Taste of Tuscany Dinner	<b>9 am</b> Exercise Sunrise Stretch <b>9:45 am</b> Golden Grounds Coffee Hour <b>1 pm</b> Sheepshead <b>3:30 pm</b> Scrabble	<b>11 am</b> Wii Bowling <b>1 pm</b> Dominoes <b>6 pm</b> Cocktail Social	<b>International Women in Music Day</b>		
29	30	31						
<b>9 am</b> Catholic Mass <b>1 pm</b> Dominoes  <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>National Vietnam War Veterans Day</b>	<b>1 pm</b> Bridge <b>1 pm</b> Build Your Own Bouquet <b>3 pm</b> Orange Fitness <b>5:30 pm</b> Dominoes	<b>8:15 am</b> Bible Study <b>9:30 am</b> Walk Class  <b>1 pm</b> Bowling <b>5:30 pm</b> Cribbage					<b>HIGHLANDS COMMUNITIES</b> <b>MARCH 2026 ACTIVITIES</b>	

## JUST FOR FUN



Wherever you go, may good luck follow.

Irish Saying



## Fun Facts About Springing Forward

Daylight Saving Time begins in March for most of the U.S. The idea is to make better use of daylight by shifting an hour of sunlight from the morning to the evening.

First widely adopted during World War I to conserve fuel, the practice remains controversial—some love the extra daylight, while others dread the lost sleep.

Not all states observe it: Hawaii and most of Arizona skip the spring-forward/fall-back routine entirely.



## Back Then In History

In March 1968, Milwaukee was awarded an NBA expansion franchise: the Milwaukee Bucks. Just two years later, they drafted superstar Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (then Lew Alcindor) and won their first championship in 1971. The Bucks became a defining part of Wisconsin's sports identity. Decades later, they secured a second title in 2021, led by Giannis Antetokounmpo. From the MECCA to Fiserv Forum, the Bucks have brought pride and excitement to generations of Wisconsin fans.



## Top Ten

### WAYS TO REFRESH AND GET READY FOR SPRING

There's a chill that's still in the air, but warm weather is just around the corner. Here's 10 ideas for how to spend your remaining chilly days preparing for spring's warm wave of weather.

1. Open your windows
2. Add a new houseplant
3. Try a new hobby
4. Clean out a drawer
5. Buy fresh flowers
6. Rearrange furniture
7. Donate old clothes
8. Switch up scents
9. Set a spring goal
10. Change up décor

Spring is all about fresh starts—even small changes can brighten up your space and your mindset.

## WHAT'S COOKING

### Balsamic Roasted Vegetables

Tired of the same old side dishes? This roasted vegetable recipe is full of bold, savory flavor thanks to balsamic vinegar, garlic, and thyme. It pairs beautifully with chicken, beef, or plant-based mains.

Serve it as a side dish, or enjoy it as your main entree.



### INGREDIENTS

Cooking spray  
10 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed  
4 large carrots, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch chunks  
1 medium onion, sliced into 1/4-inch strips  
1/3 cup balsamic vinegar  
1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted  
8 sprigs fresh thyme or 1 tsp dried thyme  
1 tsp minced garlic  
1 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp ground black pepper

**STEP 1:** Preheat oven to 425°F. Lightly coat a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

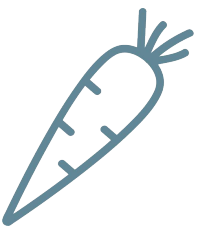
**STEP 2:** In a large glass bowl, mix potatoes, carrots, onion, balsamic vinegar, butter, thyme, garlic, salt, and pepper until evenly coated. Spread mixture into the prepared pan in a single layer and cover with foil.

**STEP 3:** Roast for 45 minutes, shaking the pan every 15 minutes.

**STEP 4:** Remove foil and roast another 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Watch closely during the last 10 minutes to avoid burning.

**COOKS NOTE:** Use a glass bowl (not plastic) to avoid staining from the balsamic vinegar.

Source: [allrecipes.com](https://www.allrecipes.com)

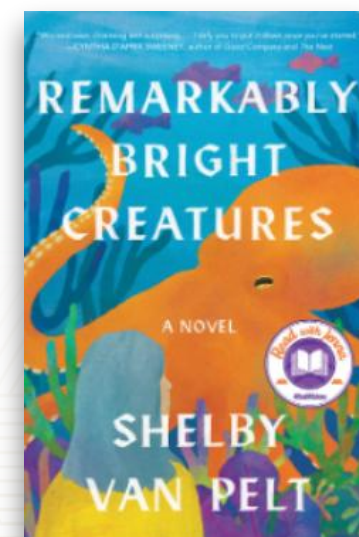


## Shelf Indulgence

### THIS MONTH'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION

#### Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

Set in a coastal town, this delightful novel follows the friendship between a widowed aquarium worker and a surprisingly observant octopus named Marcellus. Through alternating perspectives, it blends warmth, curiosity, and a touch of mystery. With spring themes of renewal and connection, this story is both fresh and uplifting



## 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

Mon - Fri, 10am - 4pm  
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**Mike Despina**

## Spring into Creative Bloom A SEASON FOR FRESH CREATIVITY

This March, we'll invite everyone to Spring into Creative Bloom, our month-long series celebrating art, inspiration, and renewal. Together, we'll create opportunities to connect, express creativity, and enjoy the energy of the new season.



Join Us Each Week For:

**Exercise Class** - Stay active and social by joining our group fitness class every Thursday at 9 am in the Community Room.

**Golden Grounds Coffee Hour** - Keep the fun going with 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!

### BINGO!!

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH AT 1 PM  
COMMUNITY ROOM**

Feeling lucky this March? Join us for a fun and festive Bingo Game filled with smiles, friendly competition, and a little extra luck!



Whether you're chasing a win or just enjoying the company, it's a great way to celebrate the season and connect with friends. Bring your lucky charm, mark your cards, and see where the numbers fall—good times and good fortune await!

## 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

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.



## For After Hours Maintenance Emergencies

### HERE'S HOW TO GO ABOUT MAKING US AWARE THAT YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE

For all maintenance emergencies after 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, please call our after hours call center, The Answer, at 1-800-263-6148.

You will be asked to provide the following information:

1. Your name
2. The name of the Highlands Community where you reside
3. Your building #, apartment # and phone #
4. A description of your emergency

If leaving a message, please be sure to include all information listed above.

Upon receiving an emergency call, The Answer operator will contact our on-call maintenance staff and they will respond accordingly. If you do not hear back from our on-call team member within 30 minutes, please call 'The Answer' back to make them aware.

If your call is not considered a maintenance emergency, The Answer will not contact our on-call maintenance staff. We ask that all residents have a personal plunger and attempt to unclog your toilet prior to calling for emergency assistance.

**A maintenance emergency is considered as the following:** No heat, flooding such as water heater, toilets and drains or unnatural flooding into the apartment, refrigerator not working, gas odor, plugged toilet if overflowing and the only toilet in the apartment, clogged drains, no A/C if temperature is higher than 75 degrees, garage doors not opening/closing properly, lockouts, no electricity, elevator stuck or not opening, smoke detector beeping. For all medical, fire and police emergencies, please call 911.

