

April 2026 | Foresthill Highlands

HIGHLANDS

Happenings

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**HIGHLANDS
COMMUNITIES**
Apartments & Townhomes 55+

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UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS



Community Kindness Cards

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH
FIRESIDE ROOM AND BLDGS 2 - 6 SOCIAL ROOMS**

Share appreciation with Foresthill Value Cards! Write a thoughtful note at card stations in each building, then pass it along to a resident or team member who makes a difference. Let's spread kindness and celebrate our Foresthill community!

This event is free. RSVP Not Required



French Countryside Dinner

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH AT 4:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Join us for French Style Chicken or Fish options, Au Gratin Potatoes, Fresh Garden Salad, Baguettes, Mini Quiches, and Cheese Cake Bites - catered By Bunzels. Enjoy rustic touches and warm company as we bring the relaxed beauty of the French countryside right to you.

\$12 per person. RSVP by Thursday, April 2nd.



Kentucky Derby Mixer

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH AT 5:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Sip a cocktail or mocktail while you enjoy light appetizers and show off your style in your best Derby hat. Join us for a lively, festive Derby celebration—fun, flair, and friendly competition await! **\$9 per person. RSVP by Tuesday, April 7th**



Mind Matters: Presentation & Game

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH AT 3:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Join us for an engaging Brain Presentation and Game presented by Franklin Place Memory Care Center! Enjoy mind-stimulating activities, helpful brain-health tips, and a fun time with friends. Don't miss this uplifting event!

This event is free. RSVP by Wednesday April 8th



Make Your Own Shadow Box

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH AT 11:00 AM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Join us for a crafting 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!

\$9 per person. RSVP by Friday, April 17th

*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.*

PAST ACTIVITIES & RECREATIONAL EVENTS



RESIDENT REMINDERS



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



Congratulations!

Who won \$150?



This month's winners of our \$150 lease renewal drawing are Lynn & Noah B.



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

MONDAY, APRIL 13TH AT 11 AM
COMMUNITY ROOM

IT'S CELEBRATION TIME

Join us for cake, coffee, and joyful company as we honor all April birthdays and anniversaries, and warmly welcome our new residents.

Due to the recent snowstorm, we were unable to hold our March celebration, so we are excited to include all March birthdays and anniversaries in this April gathering as well. Let's gather, connect, and celebrate together!

This event is free. RSVP by Thursday, April 9th



Wine Down Wednesday

Join us for Wine Down Wednesday on **April 29th!** Enjoy great company, light refreshments, and a relaxing mid-week break. We hope to see you there!

This event is free. RSVP by Wednesday, April 22nd

FEATURED EVENT

Story Night - The Best Advice

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND AT 4:00 PM
FIRESIDE ROOM

Join us for an easygoing evening of shared wisdom and heartfelt moments hosted by Don. We want to know what the best advice you've ever received - we'll provide gentle table prompts, light snacks, and a welcoming space where everyone can reflect and share. No pressure—just good conversation, warm company, and stories that inspire.

This event is free. RSVP by Wednesday, April 15th



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

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITIES
APRIL 2026 ACTIVITIES

			1	2	3	4
			PASSOVER BEGINS 10 am Crocheting/Knitting Building 6 1 pm Wii Bowling	1 pm Bingo 1 pm Sheepshead Building 6	GOOD FRIDAY 6 pm Game Night	Holy Saturday National Love Our Children Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter Sunday	10 am Exercise 11 am Coffee	11 am Book Club 1 pm Left-Right-Center 5 pm Polish Poker Monthly Fire Alarm Testing	10 am Crocheting/Knitting Building 6 Reilly McGoldrick's Birthday	PASSOVER ENDS 1 pm Sheepshead Building 6	4 pm French Countryside Dinner	Ken Loontjen's Birthday National Pet Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day	10 am Exercise 11 am Anniversary, Birthday, & New Resident Celebration & Coffee Hour	1 pm Left-Right-Center 5 pm Kentucky Derby Happy Hour	10 am Crocheting/Knitting Building 6 1 pm Wii Bowling 3 pm Mind Matters: Presentation & Game	1 pm Bingo 1 pm Sheepshead Building 6 6 pm Pampered Chef Hosted By Nancy	9 am Morning Blend 6 pm Game Night	World Heritage Day Husband Appreciation Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
National Cat Lady Day National Dog Parent Appreciation Day	10 am Exercise 11 am Coffee	11 am Book Club 1 pm Left-Right-Center 5 pm Polish Poker	EARTH DAY 10 am Crocheting/Knitting Building 6 4 pm Story Night - The Best Advice	1 pm Sheepshead Building 6	ARBOR DAY 11 am Make Your Own Shadow Box 6 pm Game Night	Hairstylist Appreciation Day
26	27	28	29	30		
Get Organized Day	10 am Exercise 11 am Coffee 12 pm Cousins Subs	1 pm Left-Right-Center 5 pm Polish Poker	10 am Crocheting/Knitting Building 6 1 pm Wii Bowling 5 pm Wednesday Wine Down	1 pm Sheepshead Building 6 5 pm Townhomes Social Hour		

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

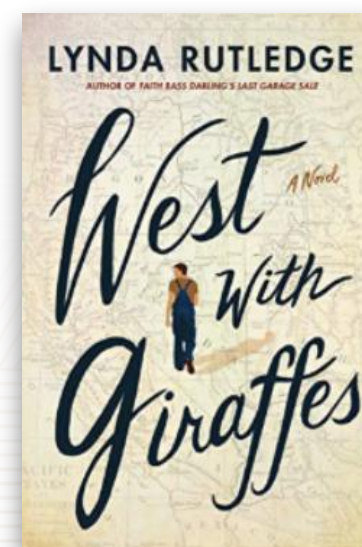
Healthy & Delicious!

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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Thank you to our CEC's!

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:

Group Fitness - Stay active by joining our group exercise class designed to help individuals of all ages build strength, flexibility, and balance. Every Monday at 10 am in the Community Room.

Coffee Hour - Join us for warm drinks and great conversation every Monday at 11 am in the Fireside Room.

Onsite Services

Salon - Building 6

By appointment only
Gail 414-303-2437

Hearing with Care

Call to schedule an appointment

Technician - Margie Roman
Phone: (414) 315-3149
Many services are performed free of charge.

Spring has sprung!

Spring Scavenger Hunt

LET THE HUNT BEGIN

Get ready to welcome the season with adventure! Join us **every Monday in April at 11 AM.**

Weekly Scavenger Hunt sheets will be provided in the Social Room of all buildings. Clues and finds will be hidden in each building. Turn in your sheets by Tuesday each week to be entered to win the weekly prize. Come explore, laugh, and celebrate the joys of spring with friends and neighbors.



Local Services

Spectrum Cable

CUSTOMER SERVICE
866-513-4900

WE Energies

CUSTOMER SERVICE
800-242-9137

Franklin City Hall

PHONE
414-425-7500

Franklin Public Library

PHONE: 414-425-8214

Franklin Police Department

NON-EMERGENCY
414-425-2522



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!