

April 2026 | Highlands at Mahler Park

# HIGHLANDS

## *Happenings*

### IN THIS ISSUE

Spotlight Activities and Events	3
Fun Facts About Rainbows	8
Spring Mix Salad	9



**HIGHLANDS  
COMMUNITIES**  
Apartments & Townhomes 55+

# Welcome to the Highlands Happenings Table of Contents

Past Activities & Events	2	Just For Fun	8
Upcoming Events	3	What's Cooking	9
Resident Reminders	4	Contact Information	10
Welcome & Celebrations	5	On-Site & Local Services	11
Activity Calendar	6 - 7	Check It Out	12



## UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS



### Day Trippers

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST AT 11:30 AM | MEET IN THE PARKING GARAGE**

Join our Day Trippers lunch adventure! Each month we explore a new spot—this time we're heading to Batley's Grill & Bar at 1010 Cameron Way, Neenah. Everyone's welcome, and drivers are appreciated. Come enjoy great food, great company, and a fun afternoon out!

**This event is Self-pay. RSVP by Friday, March 27th**



### French Countryside Lunch

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 1:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM**

Join us for a charming afternoon filled with hearty beef stew in a bread bowl, salad, and dessert catered by Choice's Catering. 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!

**\$14 per person. RSVP by Wednesday, April 1st**



### Make Your Kentucky Derby Hat

**MONDAY, APRIL 13TH AT 2:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM**

Design your very own Kentucky Derby Hat: Select your favorite color hat and have fun decorating it with an assortment of tulle, ribbons, feathers, rhinestones and flowers to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece to wear at our Kentucky Derby Mixer!

**\$5 per person. RSVP by Monday, April 6th**



### Happy Hour with Pat Pedersen

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST AT 3:30 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM**

Welcome back singer, songwriter (and retired Lieutenant with Neenah City Police) Pat Pedersen and his guitar! Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share with your neighbors. This is one happy hour you will not want to miss!

**This event is free. RSVP Not Needed**



### Kentucky Derby Mixer

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH AT 3:30 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM**

Sip mint juleps, enjoy light apps, and show off your style in your best Derby wear. Join us for a lively, festive Derby celebration with —fun, flair, and friendly competition await! Don't forget to wear your customized Derby hat!

**This event is free. RSVP Not Needed**

## PAST ACTIVITIES & RECREATIONAL EVENTS



*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 \$100?



This month's winner of our \$100 lease renewal drawing is Marigen C.



### 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.

### 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!

### HVAC Filter & Battery Changes

#### A REMINDER TO OUR RESIDENTS

It's that time of year again! Time to change your HVAC filter and the smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector, and thermostat batteries in your apartment. We change the filters twice a year as preventative maintenance and for your air quality. We change the batteries in your apartment once a year in an effort to keep your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors working properly, along with your thermostat. Should you prefer we install a specialized filter for your HVAC system please place it outside your apartment door up against the wall by 9am the morning of your scheduled day, see calendar.

**In preparation for our visit, please clear the area around your HVAC system so our Maintenance Team may easily access it.**

On our filter and battery change days, our Maintenance Team will be working on a tight time line, so please do not request any general maintenance for this visit. As always, you may use the resident portal or call or visit the Resident Services Office to enter a work order request for any other maintenance needs you may have at this time.

### 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.

### Celebrate Good Times

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH AT 2:00 PM  
COMMUNITY ROOM

#### IT'S CELEBRATION TIME

Be our guest as we celebrate April's special moments! Join us for Banana Cream Pie, coffee, and joyful company as we honor all April Birthdays and welcome our new residents. Let's gather, connect, and celebrate together. (Free for new residents and those with April birthdays.)

**\$3 per person. RSVP by Thursday, April 9th**



### 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.

#### FEATURED EVENT

### Story Time - The Best Advice

24/7 ALL MONTH OF APRIL | COMMUNITY ROOM

Share your wisdom and heartfelt moments. We want to know what the best advice you've ever received - we'll provide note cards and a welcoming space where everyone can reflect and share at their wisdom. Fill out a card with the best advice you've ever received and post it on the board provided.

**This event is free. RSVP Not Needed**



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
			<b>PASSOVER BEGINS</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Book Club <b>9:30 am</b> Bible Study in Library <b>11:30 am</b> Day Trippers	<b>10 am</b> Strong Bodies <b>1:30 pm</b> Bingo <b>7 pm</b> Poker	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>8:30 am</b> BP Check <b>9 am</b> Coffee & VNA Health Chat <b>6 pm</b> Dominoes	Holy Saturday  National Love Our Children Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>9 am</b> Resident Led Coffee Hour <b>11 am</b> Strong Bodies <b>2:30 pm</b> Crafts	<b>9:30 am</b> Wii Bowling <b>1 pm</b> French Countryside Lunch <b>6:30 pm</b> Cribbage	<b>9:30 am</b> Bible Study <b>11 am</b> Balance & Motion	<b>PASSOVER ENDS</b> <b>10 am</b> Strong Bodies <b>1:30 pm</b> Bingo <b>3:30 pm</b> Puppy Pals <b>7 pm</b> Poker <b>Monthly Fire Alarm Testing</b>	<b>9 am</b> Coffee <b>3:30 pm</b> Old Fashion Happy Hour <b>6 pm</b> Dominoes	National Clean Up Your Pantry Day  National Pet Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day</b>	<b>9 am</b> Resident Led Coffee Hour <b>11 am</b> Strong Bodies <b>2 pm</b> Make Kentucky Derby Hats	<b>9:30 am</b> Wii Bowling <b>1 pm</b> Scrabble <b>2 pm</b> Birthday & New Resident Dessert <b>6:30 pm</b> Cribbage <b>Massage Day</b> <b>Filter/Battery Change</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> Bible Study <b>10:30 am</b> Tech Talk in Game Room <b>11 am</b> Balance & Motion <b>Filter/Battery Changes</b>	<b>10 am</b> Strong Bodies <b>1:30 pm</b> Bingo <b>7 pm</b> Poker <b>Filter/Battery Changes</b>	<b>9 am</b> Coffee <b>1 pm</b> Catholic Communion <b>6 pm</b> Dominoes	World Heritage Day  Husband Appreciation Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>National Cat Lady Day</b>  <b>National Dog Parent Appreciation Day</b>	<b>9 am</b> Resident Led Coffee Hour <b>11 am</b> Strong Bodies <b>2:30 pm</b> Crafts <b>Foot Clinic Day</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> Wii Bowling <b>10 am</b> Protostant Communion <b>1 pm</b> Scrabble <b>3:30 pm</b> Happy Hour w/Pat Pederson <b>6:30 pm</b> Cribbage	<b>EARTH DAY</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Bible Study <b>11 am</b> Balance & Motion	<b>10 am</b> Strong Bodies <b>1:30 pm</b> Bingo <b>7 pm</b> Poker	<b>ARBOR DAY</b> <b>9 am</b> Morning Blend Coffee <b>6 pm</b> Dominoes	Hairstylist Appreciation Day
26	27	28	29	30		
<b>Get Organized Day</b>	<b>9 am</b> Resident Led Coffee Hour <b>11 am</b> Strong Bodies <b>1 pm</b> Mahler Mall <b>2:30 pm</b> Crafts	<b>9:30 am</b> Wii Bowling <b>1 pm</b> Scrabble <b>6:30 pm</b> Cribbage <b>Massage Day</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> Bible Study <b>11 am</b> Balance & Motion <b>3:30 pm</b> Kentucky Derby Mixer	<b>10 am</b> Strong Bodies <b>1:30 pm</b> Bingo <b>7 pm</b> Poker		

## 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

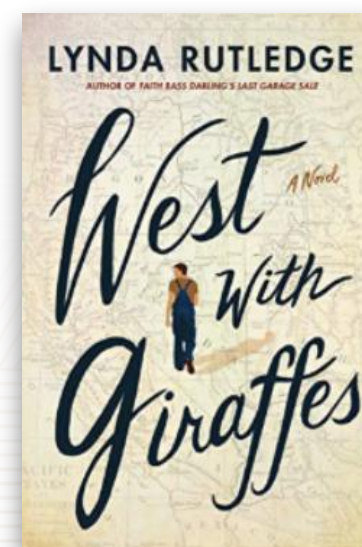
*Healthy & Delicious!*

## 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



### Main Office

Mon - Fri, 10am - 3pm  
Phone: (920) 657-5021  
Fax: (920) 722-2282

1555 Lyon Dr.  
Neenah, WI 54956

#### DIRECTOR

**Lisa Olm**  
MahlerPark@ardenpropertygroup.com

#### ASSISTANT MANAGER

**Ann Rahn**  
MahlerPark@ardenpropertygroup.com

#### LEASING

Mon - Fri, 9:30am - 4:30pm  
Phone: (920) 657-5021

#### LEASING SPECIALIST

Debbie Griffith

#### MAINTENANCE

Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm  
Phone: (920) 657-5021  
Evenings & Weekends EMERGENCIES ONLY  
(800) 263-6148

#### MAINTENANCE TEAM

Ryan Grohman, Ted Hammen

#### HOUSEKEEPING TEAM

Vickie Hoffmann, Harlee Sovey

### Community Engagement Coordinators

**Pam Verhagen**

**Randy Martin**

#### Old Fashioned Happy Hour

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH AT 3:30 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM**

Join us for an after-hours celebration!

Sip a classic Wisconsin Old Fashioned—supplies on us—or bring your favorite drink. Bring an appetizer to share and take a shot at winning our 50/50 drawing. Great drinks, great bites, great fun—don't miss it!

**This event is free. RSVP Not Needed**



#### 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:

**Strong Bodies** - Stay active by joining our group exercise class designed to help individuals of all ages build strength, flexibility, and balance. Mondays at 11 am and Thursdays at 10 am. See instructor for pricing and more details. Classes are held in the Community Room.

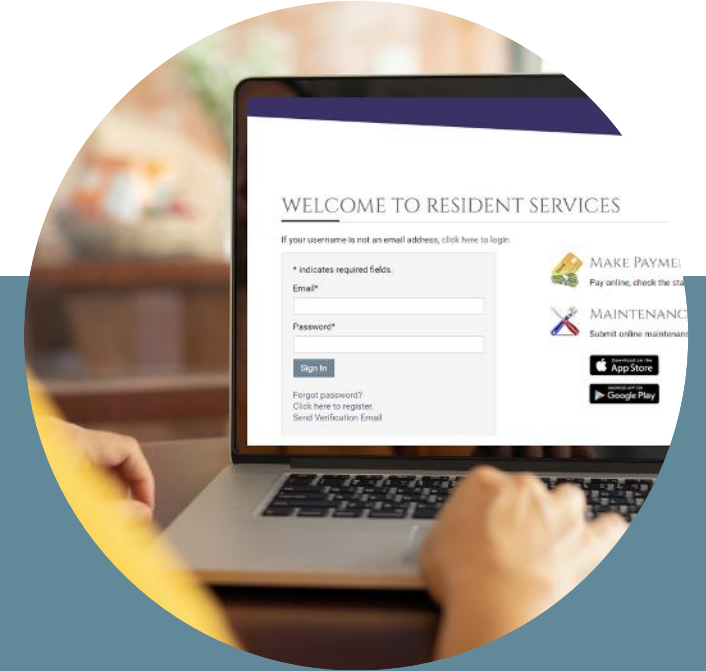
**Coffee Hour** - Join us for warm drinks and great conversation every Friday at 9 am in the Community Room.

## 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!



### Onsite Services

#### Salon: 3rd Floor Near #322

Tues - Fri, Hours Vary  
Walk ins available when open.  
(920) 450-2343

#### STYLIST

**Darcy Schmidt**  
Cash or Check. No credit cards, thank you.

#### Blood Pressure Checks

**LOCATION: FIRESIDE ROOM**  
**1st Friday of each month, 8:30am - 9am**  
Provided free of charge by the Valley VNA.

#### Foot Care Clinic

**LOCATION: SALON, 3RD FLOOR NEAR #322**  
**Call the Valley VNA to schedule:**  
(920) 727-5555

#### FREE WI-FI

**LOCATIONS: FIRESIDE ROOM, COMMUNITY ROOM, LIBRARY, POOL TABLE ROOM, FITNESS CENTER & GUEST SUITE.**

**Search for 'Mahler Park', no password needed.** Tell your guests, your enjoy!



### Local Services

#### Free TV & WiFi

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
(844) 725-4323  
**WE OFFER FREE BASIC CABLE AND WIFI IN ALL APARTMENTS. FOR ANY SERVICE ISSUES YOU MAY HAVE, YOU MUST CALL SPECTRUM AND ASK FOR THE BULK CALL CENTER.**

#### We Energies

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
(800) 242-9137

#### Valley Transit

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
(920) 832-5800

#### City of Neenah

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**  
(920) 886-6100

*Spring has sprung!*

# 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](http://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!