

January 2026 | Highlands at Mahler Park

HIGHLANDS

Happenings



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PAST ACTIVITIES & RECREATIONAL EVENTS



UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS



Toast In The New Year

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND AT 9:00 AM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Join us for coffee and a New Year's Toast with your fellow residents. Share, inspire, reflect or take the opportunity to make others laugh with your toast. Everyone will have an opportunity to share if they wish. Let's raise a glass to another year together! A variety of breads to toast and refreshments provided. **This event is free. RSVP Not Required**



Hot Cocoa Social

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH AT 2:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Warm up with neighbors and craft your perfect cup of cocoa! Mix and match delicious toppings and flavors to make it uniquely yours. A cozy way to beat the chill and share some warmth & smiles!

This event is free. RSVP by Wednesday, January 7th



Balance & Motion

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH AT 11:00 AM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Please welcome back Valley Academy for the Arts! We have been chosen as a location for them to host a class focused on balance and range of motion. This weekly class is fun, free and open to all. It will be recurring every Wednesday at 11 am for 10 weeks!

This event is free. RSVP Not Required



The Story of the Endurance by Rochelle Pennington

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH AT 10:00 AM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Don't miss this opportunity to hear renowned speaker Rochelle Pennington present the extraordinary story of one of history's greatest shipwrecks, The Endurance. Hear how the captains unwavering resolve inspired his crew to survive and overcome two years of brutal hardship in the frozen Antarctic. **This event is free. RSVP by Wednesday, January 14th**



Rise & Shine Breakfast

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH AT 10:00 AM | COMMUNITY ROOM

Start your day with a hearty breakfast and great company! Join us in the Community Room for scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, and breakfast potatoes catered by Choices Catering. Don't miss this delicious way to connect with neighbors!

\$13 per person. RSVP by Monday, January 19th

*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 \$100?



This month's winner of our \$100 lease renewal drawing is Mary W.



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.

Designated Animal Waste Areas

A friendly reminder to our animal owners please make sure your dog is using the designated animal area. For your convenience, we have an animal waste clean-up station to help you pick up and dispose of your pet's waste. Please do not create your own area for your dog to relieve themselves or allow them to use your patio or balcony. We want to keep the grounds looking neat and clean for all residents to enjoy

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.

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 and color of the speeding vehicle.

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.

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.

Celebrate Good Times

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH AT 2 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM
RSVP BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Is your birthday in January? Be our guest as we celebrate with peach cobbler, vanilla ice cream, and coffee. This event is free to all with birthdays in January and \$3 to all others. Happy Birthday to all!



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

Zoey Sayward

Packages

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE ITEMS FROM THE MAIL ROOM THAT DO NOT BELONG TO YOU

Although we appreciate your good intentions when distributing your neighbors' packages to their doors, this causes issues with the delivery companies tracking a missing package.

Resource Center

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A RESOURCE CENTER?

Our Resource Center is located in the Library 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, restaurant menus, coupons and more!

Check out the resources available to you today!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	JANUARY 2026 ACTIVITY & EVENTS CALENDAR			NEW YEAR'S DAY Office Closed	9 am Toast in the New Year 6 pm Dominoes	National Mind-Body Wellness Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Packers vs. Vikings Time TBD	11 am Strong Bodies 2:30 pm Crafts	9:30 am Wii Bowling 11 am Personalized Tours 1 pm Scrabble 6:30 pm Cribbage	9:30 am Book Club 9:30 am Bible Study in Library	10 am Strong Bodies 1:30 pm Bingo 3:30 pm Puppy Pals 7 pm Poker Monthly Fire Alarm Testing	8:30 am BP Check 9 am Coffee & VNA Health Chat 2 pm Hot Cocoa Social 6 pm Dominoes	NFL Playoffs Wild Card Round Games at 3:30 PM & 7 PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3:30 pm Hymn Sing NFL Playoffs Wild Card Round Games at 12, 3:30 & 7 PM	11 am Strong Bodies 2:30 pm Crafts Massage Day	9:30 am Wii Bowling 1 pm Scrabble 2 pm Birthday Dessert 6:30 pm Cribbage	9:30 am Bible Study 11 am Balance & Motion 11:30 am Day Trippers 12 pm Private Event	10 am Strong Bodies 1:30 pm Bingo 7 pm Poker	9 am Coffee 10 am Rochelle Pennington 6 pm Dominoes	NFL Playoffs Divisional Round Games at 3:30 PM & 7:15 PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
NFL Playoffs Divisional Round Games at 2 PM & 5:30 PM	Martin Luther King Jr Day 11 am Strong Bodies 1 pm Mahler Mall 2:30 pm Crafts Foot Clinic Day	9:30 am Wii Bowling 10 am Protestant Communion 1 pm Scrabble 6:30 pm Cribbage	9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Tech Talk in Game Room 11 am Balance & Motion	10 am Strong Bodies 1:30 pm Bingo 7 pm Poker	9 am Morning Blend Coffee 1 pm Catholic Communion 6 pm Dominoes	National Compliment Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NFL Conference Championship 5:30 PM	11 am Strong Bodies 2:30 pm Crafts	10 am Rise & Shine Breakfast 1 pm Scrabble 6:30 pm Cribbage Massage Day	9:30 am Bible Study 11 am Balance & Motion	10 am Strong Bodies 1:30 pm Bingo 7 pm Poker	9 am Coffee 3:30 pm Happy Hour 6 pm Dominoes	National Hot Chocolate Day

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

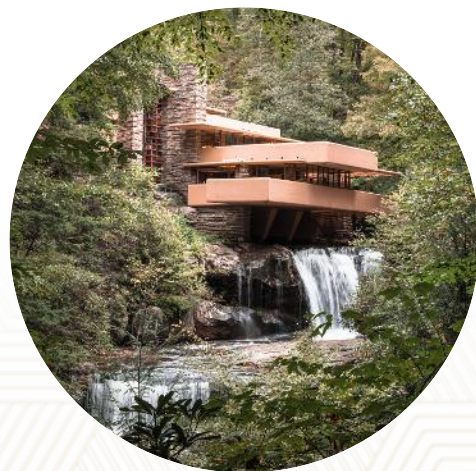
The tradition of New Year's resolutions dates back over 4,000 years to the ancient Babylonians. During a 12-day festival called Akitu, they made promises to their gods to pay debts and return borrowed items—early versions of resolutions!

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, above 5 minutes.

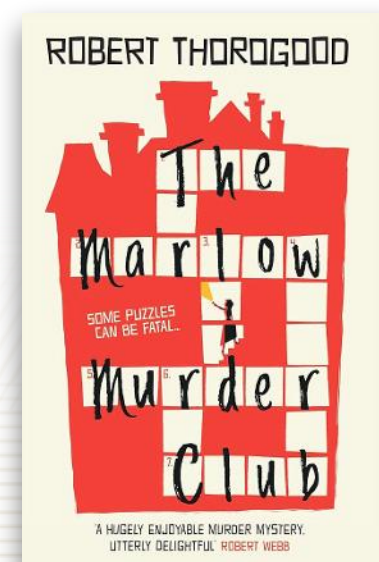
STEP 2: Transfer chicken to a cutting board and cut into bite-sized chunks. Return to pot.

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!



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We want to hear from you!

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.

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, enjoy!

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

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.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE
(800) 242-9137

Valley Transit

CUSTOMER SERVICE
(920) 832-5800

City of Neenah

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
(920) 886-6100

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!