

March 2026 | Parkwood Highlands

# HIGHLANDS

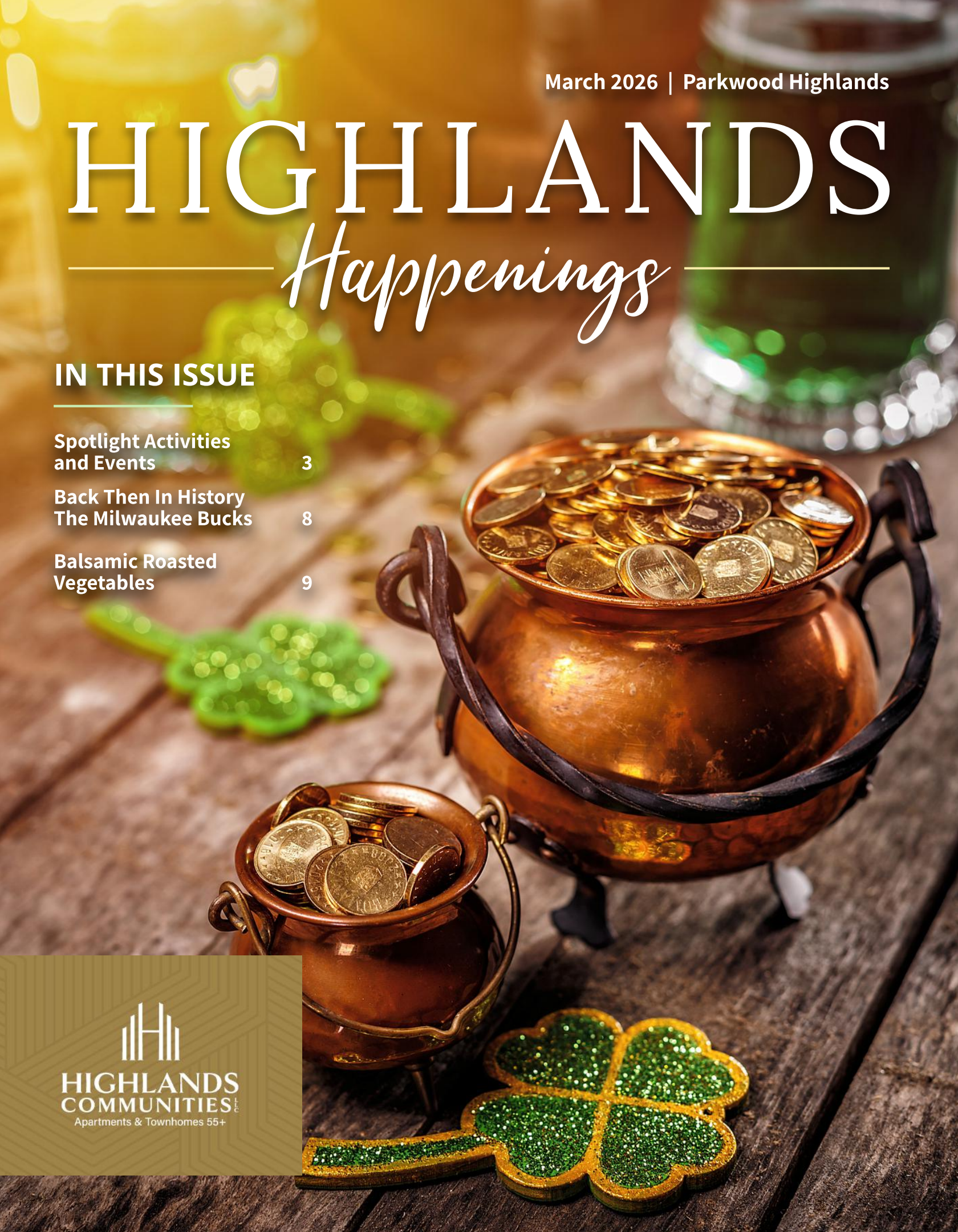
## *Happenings*

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**HIGHLANDS  
COMMUNITIES**  
Apartments & Townhomes 55+



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## PAST ACTIVITIES & RECREATIONAL EVENTS



## UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS



### The Spring Poetry Collective

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH AT 3:00 PM | BUILDING 4 COMMUNITY ROOM**  
 Join us for a spring-inspired poetry workshop. Participants will receive simple seasonal prompts to spark creativity. Everyone is encouraged to write at their own pace in a relaxed, supportive space. Residents may share their poems if they feel comfortable. Come enjoy a refreshing moment of expression and connection!  
**This event is free. RSVP by Friday, March 6th**



### Spring Planting Workshop

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH AT 10:00 AM | BUILDING 4 COMMUNITY ROOM**  
 Join us for a hands-on Spring Planting Workshop! Let us guide you as you pot your very own plants. Soil, small pots, and beginner-friendly herbs or plants will be provided. Come enjoy a fun, creative, and welcoming spring experience with your neighbors!  
**\$6 per person. RSVP by Friday March 6th**



### Taste of Ireland

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH AT 4:00 PM | BUILDING 4 COMMUNITY ROOM**  
 Join us for a Taste of Ireland this St. Patrick's Day! Enjoy a hearty corned beef supper featuring traditional Irish favorites, warm hospitality, and festive cheer. Come savor comforting flavors, celebrate the season, and share a joyful evening together.  
**\$17 per person. RSVP by Tuesday March 10th**



### Coffee with a Firefighter

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH AT 3:00 PM | BLDG 2 MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**  
 Residents in Buildings 1-3 are invited to join us for a Fire Safety Meet-and-Greet with the New Berlin Fire Department. Stop by to enjoy coffee and donuts while learning important fire safety tips from our local fire fighters.  
**This event is free. RSVP by Wednesday, March 11th**



### Build Your Own Bouquet

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST AT 10:00 AM | BUILDING 4 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!  
**\$9 per person. RSVP by Tuesday, March 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

Luck is living surrounded by people who make you smile.

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# Congratulations!

Who won \$100?



This month's winner of our \$100 lease renewal drawing is Lee A.



### 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 262-288-9165 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

TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 3PM  
BLDG 4 COMMUNITY ROOM

#### IT'S CELEBRATION TIME

Be our guest as we celebrate December, January, and February special moments! Join us for cake, ice cream, coffee, and joyful company as we honor birthdays & anniversaries, and welcome our new residents. Let's gather, connect, and celebrate together!

**This event is free. RSVP by Tuesday, March 17th**



*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*

#### FEATURED EVENT

### Friday Fish Fry

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH AT 12 PM | BLDG 4 COMMUNITY ROOM

Friday fish fry is back! Join us for a delicious meal from Open Flame, featuring a choice of baked or fried fish. We'll also have tasty sides including veggies, coleslaw, potato pancakes, applesauce, and dessert!

**\$16 per person. RSVP by Friday, March 13th**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
National Peanut Butter Lovers Day	10 am Orange Shoe Fitness 1 pm Marbles 6 pm Sheepshead	Purim 10 am Bible Study 12:30 pm Sheepshead	Holi 1 pm Cribbage 6:30 pm 3-13 Card Game	9 am Walking Group 12:45 pm Dominoes 6 pm Rosary	8:30 am Coffee & Puzzles 1 pm Poker 1:30 pm Knitting Group 6:30 pm Bingo	1 pm Sheepshead 7 pm Royal Rummy  National Flapjack Day	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Daylight Saving Time At 2:00 am, clocks move forward to 3:00 am	10 am Orange Shoe Fitness 1 pm Marbles 6 pm Sheepshead	12:30 pm Sheepshead	8 am Buildings 4 & 5 Breakfast 3 pm The Spring Poetry Collective 6:30 pm 3-13 Card Game	9 am Walking Group 12:45 pm Dominoes 6 pm Rosary	8:30 am Morning Blend 10 am Spring Planting Workshop 1 pm Poker 6:30 pm Bingo	1 pm Left, Right, Center & Penny Drop 7 pm Royal Rummy  Pi Day (3.14)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Pretzel Sunday	10 am Orange Shoe Fitness 1 pm Marbles 6 pm Sheepshead	St. Patrick's Day 10 am Bible Study 12:30 pm Sheepshead 4 pm Taste of Ireland Dinner 6:30 pm Book Club	1 pm Cribbage 3 pm Coffee with a Firefighter 6:30 pm 3-13 Card Game Monthly Fire Alarm Testing	Ramadan Ends 9 am Walking Group 12:45 pm Dominoes 6 pm Rosary	8:30 am Coffee & Puzzles 12 pm Friday Fish Fry 6:30 pm Bingo	1 pm Sheepshead 7 pm Royal Rummy  National Corndog Day	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
National Goof Off Day	10 am Orange Shoe Fitness 1 pm Marbles 6 pm Sheepshead	12:30 pm Sheepshead 3 pm B-day / Anniversary / New Resident Celebration	1 pm Cribbage 3 pm Cocktail Social 6:30 pm 3-13 Card Game	9 am Walking Group 12:45 pm Dominoes 6 pm Rosary	8:30 am Coffee & Puzzles w / Treat 11 am Hobby Day / Pop-Up Art Gallery 1 pm Poker 6:30 pm Bingo	1 pm Left, Right, Center & Penny Drop 7 pm Royal Rummy  International Women in Music Day	
29	30	31					
Palm Sunday  National Vietnam War Veterans Day	10 am Orange Shoe Fitness 1 pm Marbles 6 pm Sheepshead	10 am Build Your Own Bouquets 12:30 pm Sheepshead					<p>HIGHLANDS COMMUNITIES</p> <p><b>MARCH 2026 ACTIVITIES</b></p>

## JUST FOR FUN



Wherever you go, may good luck follow.

Irish Saying



## 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.

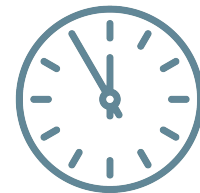


### Fun Facts About Springing Forward

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.

### 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.

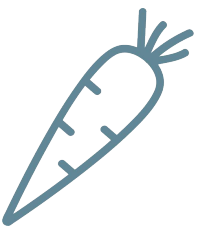
**STEP 2:** In a large glass bowl, mix potatoes, carrots, onion, balsamic vinegar, butter, thyme, garlic, salt, and pepper until evenly coated. Spread mixture into the prepared pan in a single layer and cover with foil.

**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)

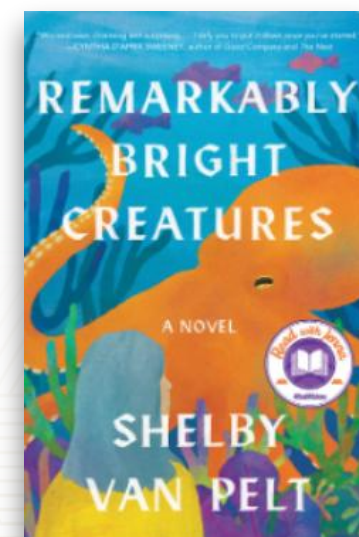


## Shelf Indulgence

### 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

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## Spring into Creative Bloom

A SEASON FOR FRESH CREATIVITY

This March, we invite everyone to Spring into Creative Bloom, with 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:

**Orange Shoe Fitness** - Stay active by joining our group exercise class every weekday at 10 am in Buildign 4 Community Room.

**Coffee Hour** - Warm drinks and great conversation every Friday at 9 am in Building 4 Community Room. Enjoy a special treat every 2nd and 4th Friday.

We can't wait to see you there!

## Onsite Services

### Bible Study

**BUILDING 4 COMMUNITY ROOM**  
First & Third Tuesdays 10 am

### Rosary

**BUILDING 4 COMMUNITY ROOM**  
Thursdays 6 pm

### Pop-Up Art Gallery

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH AT 11 AM | BUILDING 4 COMMUNITY ROOM**

Join us for "hobby day" where we will enjoy our Pop-Up Art Gallery.

We are thrilled to showcase 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 contact the Resident Services Office no later than **Friday, March 13th** to reserve your display space.

Come share your creativity—or simply soak in the inspiration!

**This event is free. RSVP by Friday, March 20th**



## Local Services

### Spectrum or AT&T

**HOTLINE**  
Spectrum: (855) 757-7328  
AT&T: (800) 321-2000

### WE Energies

**HOTLINE**  
(800) 242-9137

### New Berlin Senior Taxi

**PHONE**  
(262) 814-1611

### New Berlin Police Department

**PHONE- NON-EMERGENCY**  
(262) 782-6640

### New Berlin Senior Club

**PHONE**  
(262)754-1706

### New Berlin Public Library

**PHONE**  
(262)785-4980

### Pet License

**PHONE (262)797-2448**

A pet license can be obtained at: New Berlin City Hall 3805 S Casper Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151. Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm.

## CHECK IT OUT

Refer a friend or relative who completes an application by June 30, 2026 and when they move in, you'll receive **\$500 CASH BACK!\***

\*Some restrictions apply. Application must be completed by June 30, 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.

