

# HIGHLANDS

## *Happenings*

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**HIGHLANDS  
COMMUNITIES**  
APARTMENTS & TOWNHOMES 55+

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## PAST ACTIVITIES & RECREATIONAL EVENTS



## UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS



### Cinco De Mayo Celebration

**TUESDAY, MAY 5TH AT 12:00 PM | BUILDING 4 COMMUNITY ROOM**

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a festive taco bar catered by Romero's! Build your perfect plate with fresh proteins and flavorful toppings, sip handcrafted margaritas, and enjoy lively vibes, bold flavors, and plenty of fiesta fun. ¡Vamos!

**\$12 per person. RSVP Sent in April**



### Mothers Day Celebration

**MONDAY, MAY 11TH AT 10:00 AM | BUILDING 4 COMMUNITY ROOM**

Celebrate Mother's Day by slowing down and saying thank you to the moms who give so much every day. Enjoy a lovingly staff-cooked pancake breakfast, toast them with mimosas, and share warm moments of gratitude, appreciation, and heartfelt joy.

**\$10 per person. RSVP Sent in April**



### Meet the Author- Mike O'Connor

**TUESDAY, MAY 12TH AT 3:00 PM | BUILDINGS 4 COMMUNITY ROOM**

Meet author Mike O'Connor and discover inspiring nonfiction stories celebrating Wisconsin's hometown heroes. Hear his insights, explore local history, and enjoy a meaningful opportunity to connect with the stories—and people—that shape our communities. **This event is free. RSVP by Monday, May 11th**



### Cocktail Social

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH AT 3:00 PM | BUILDING 4 COMMUNITY ROOM**

Unwind with an evening of cocktails, easy conversation, and great company. Whether you're mingling with friends or meeting someone new, it's the perfect relaxed setting to sip, connect, and enjoy the moment.

**\$5 per person. RSVP by Wednesday, May 13th**



### Cousins & Board Games

**THURSDAY, MAY 28TH AT 12:00 PM | MEET AT BUILDING 4 COMMUNITY ROOM**

Enjoy a delicious Cousins Subs meal with your choice of ham, Italian, or turkey, served with chips, a cookie, and a refreshing soda. Stick around for fun board games and great company—there's something for everyone to enjoy!

**\$12 per person. RSVP by Thursday, May 21st**

*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 page 8.*

## RESIDENT REMINDERS



None are so old  
as those who have  
outlived enthusiasm.

Henry David  
Thoreau



# Congratulations!

## Who won \$100?



This month's winner of our \$100 lease renewal drawing is Gloria M.



### Doors

#### PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY CLOSE

Please make sure you close all doors tightly, however, please try not to let them slam. Please remind your guests as well...your neighbors appreciate your attention to this item.



### Balcony & Patio Refresh

#### SPRING HAS SPRUNG

If your unit includes a balcony or patio, spring is a great time to freshen it up! Please remove winter debris and check that no items hang over the railing. If you have any questions about what is or is not allowed on your patio or balcony, please refer to your lease or contact the Resident Services office. A quick sweep and tidy-up help maintain a clean, pleasant appearance throughout the community.

### Keep Your Pet's File Up To Date

#### LICENSING & VACCINATION RECORDS REQUIRED

Please bring your pet's updated vaccine and licensing records to the Resident Services Office. You can also email them directly to us at [parkwood@ardenpropertygroup.com](mailto:parkwood@ardenpropertygroup.com). Thank you for your cooperation!

### Underground Garage Spring Cleaning

#### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Spring is in the air! In preparation for our upcoming garage spring cleaning, we kindly request that all residents sweep under and around your vehicle in the underground parking garage. We will be hosing down and cleaning the garage floor at the end of April/early May and your preparation of your parking space is greatly appreciated.

### Elevator Etiquette

#### A FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR OUR RESIDENTS

Please avoid holding the elevator doors open. It's better to step out and finish your conversation, allowing the elevator to continue. Holding the doors repeatedly can trigger the alarm, and this may cause problems with the elevator's programming, leading to a shutdown and requiring a reset.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated to help things run smoothly!

### Happy Mother's Day

#### THANK YOU TO ALL THE MOMS OUT THERE

Mothers are the quiet heroes of our days—steady hands, open hearts, endless grace. They show up before dawn and long after the lights dim, loving without limits and teaching us who we can become. Today we celebrate every mom, in all the ways she cares, lifts, and leads.

Happy Mother's Day—and thank you for everything!



*An early morning  
walk is a blessing  
for the whole day.*

*Henry David  
Thoreau*

### Moments of Mindful Fresh Air

A quick step outside can work wonders. Even five minutes on a balcony or porch can help boost energy and clear the mind. Take a moment today to watch the clouds, feel the breeze, or listen to the birds—little pauses can make a big difference.

### SPECIAL FEATURE

### Memorial Day

#### REMEMBERING OUR HEROES

This Memorial Day, we come together to remember and honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. With heartfelt gratitude, we reflect on their courage, sacrifice, and dedication, which helped secure the freedoms we enjoy today. We also hold close the families and loved ones who carry their memories forward. May this day be a time of quiet remembrance, meaningful reflection, and shared appreciation, surrounded by comfort, respect, and the warmth of community as we honor those who will never be forgotten.





## JUST FOR FUN



### Fun Facts About Tulips in Wisconsin

While tulips are famously associated with the Netherlands, they bloom beautifully in Wisconsin each spring. These hardy flowers thrive in cold winters, making the Midwest a perfect environment.

Wisconsin gardeners plant bulbs in the fall for bright spring color. Tulips symbolize perfect love, making them a popular Mother's Day gift. Fun fact: tulip petals are edible and were once used as a food source during wartime shortages in Europe!



### Back Then In History

In May 1952, Mr. Potato Head became the first toy ever advertised on television.

Kids could decorate a real potato with plastic face parts—though parents weren't thrilled with rotting veggies! Soon after, Hasbro included a plastic potato body.

Mr. Potato Head's popularity sparked a new era of marketing directly to children. From Toy Story fame to playroom legend, this spud has stood the test of time—proof that a silly face never goes out of style.



*Blast from the past!*

The world is  
but a canvas to  
our imagination.

Henry David  
Thoreau



## WHAT'S COOKING

### Chipotle Chicken Enchilada Skillet Bake

This easy, cheesy enchilada bake is packed with flavor and comes together in one skillet—perfect for Cinco de Mayo or a simple weeknight dinner.



#### INGREDIENTS

- 3 boneless skinless chicken breasts (or 4–5 thighs)
- 1 (14-oz) can enchilada sauce
- 1 small jar green chiles
- 2 chipotles in adobo, chopped
- 3 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 6 (6-inch) corn tortillas
- 1 cup black beans
- 1 cup fresh corn (cut from the cob)
- Scallions and cilantro, for garnish

**STEP 1:** In a heavy-bottomed pot over medium heat, combine chicken, enchilada sauce, green chiles, and chipotles. Cook 20 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

**STEP 2:** Remove chicken and shred with two forks; reserve sauce.

**STEP 3:** Preheat oven to 375°F. In a medium skillet, layer: sauce, 3 tortillas, half of the chicken, black beans, corn, and cheese. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

**STEP 4:** Bake uncovered for 20–30 minutes, until bubbly and the cheese is melted and golden.

**STEP 5:** Top with scallions and cilantro. Cut into wedges to serve.

Source: [WhatsGabyCooking.com](https://www.whatsgabycooking.com)



## Top Ten

### NATURAL WONDERS OF THE UNITED STATES

From deserts to waterfalls, the U.S. is full of jaw-dropping natural beauty waiting to be explored. From towering red cliffs to misty mountain peaks, these breathtaking destinations remind us how vast, diverse, and awe-inspiring our country truly is.

1. Grand Canyon (AZ)
2. Niagara Falls (NY)
3. Yellowstone Geysers (WY)
4. Redwoods (CA)
5. Crater Lake (OR)
6. Everglades (FL)
7. Monument Valley (UT/AZ)
8. Bryce Canyon Hoodoos (UT)
9. Great Smoky Mountains (TN/NC)
10. Northern Lights (AK)



## Shelf Indulgence

### THIS MONTH'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION

#### The Guncle by Steven Rowley

When Patrick, a former sitcom star, unexpectedly becomes guardian to his niece and nephew for the summer, chaos—and heartfelt laughter—ensues.

Set in sunny Palm Springs, *The Guncle* is a witty and touching story about family, healing, and finding joy in unexpected roles. With sharp humor and plenty of heart, this is a feel-good read perfect for kicking off summer and celebrating the quirky, lovable bonds of chosen family.

## 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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## Celebrate a Legacy of Love

### HONORING FAMILY, TRADITION, AND CONNECTION

This May, we'll Celebrate a Legacy of Love with a month dedicated to honoring family, tradition, and connection across generations. Each event will give our community a chance to honor the love we pass down, the memories we cherish, and the bonds that we continue to grow.



### Join Us Each Week For:

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

**Coffee Hour** - Join us for warm drinks and great conversation every Friday at 8:30 am - comes with a treat on the 2nd & 4th weeks.

## Onsite Services

### Bible Study

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

### Rosary

**BUILDING 4 COMMUNITY ROOM**  
Thursdays 6 pm

*Spring is a lovely time to bloom!*

## Join in the Fun & Games

Join your friends and neighbors for a full month of fun, connection, and friendly competition. From poker and sheepshead to marbles, dominoes, and other resident-led favorites, there's always a game to enjoy and a welcoming group ready for new players. All existing events are featured on the monthly calendar, so be sure to check it often and mark the activities that interest you.

If you'd like to start a new game group, we encourage it—simply share the details with the Resident Services office. We'll highlight your group in a future newsletter to help spread the word and build participation across the community.

## 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

## 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!