

April 2026 | Ridgeview Highlands

HIGHLANDS

Happenings

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UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS



Spring Scavenger Hunt

THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH AT 9:00 AM | BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM FIRESIDE ROOM
 Join us for a fun self-led Scavenger Hunt. Pick up your sheet and enjoy our one mile long walking trail right in our community! Can you find all the small signs of spring? Don't worry—items won't be hidden too far, so everyone can join the fun!
This event is free. RSVP by Not Needed



Gospel Guys Plus One

MONDAY APRIL 6TH AT 2:00 PM | BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM
 Get ready for an uplifting musical experience! The Gospel Guys Plus One bring rich harmonies, timeless favorites, and feel-good energy to every performance. Come sing along, smile big, and enjoy an afternoon of inspiring gospel music!
This event is free. RSVP Not Needed



Kentucky Derby Mixer

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 2:00 PM | BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM
 Sip mimosas, enjoy light apps, and show off your style in your best Derby hat. Join us for a lively and festive Derby celebration—fun, flair, and a friendly trivia competition await!
\$5 per person. RSVP by Monday, April 6th



Make Your Own Shadow Box

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND AT 2:00 PM | BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM
 Join us for a fun craft 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!
\$10 per person. RSVP by Monday, April 6th



French Countryside Lunch

TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 12:00 PM | BUILDING 1 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!
\$15 per person. RSVP by Monday, April 6th

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 \$300?



This month's winner of our \$300 lease renewal drawing is Elizabeth N.



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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15TH AT 5:00PM
BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM

IT'S CELEBRATION TIME

Be our guest as we celebrate Tax Day and April Birthdays! Enjoy dinner catered by Pizza Ranch. We will be serving pizza, chicken, sides, dessert pizza and coffee. Dinner is free for anyone having a April Birthday. Let's gather, connect, and celebrate together.

\$14 per person. RSVP by Monday, April 6th



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

Smits Travel Talk

MONDAY APRIL 13TH AT 3 PM | BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM

Marilyn Smits will be here to talk about her upcoming trips. Don't miss the chance to hear about unforgettable travel experiences!

This event is free. RSVP Not Needed

FEATURED EVENT

Story Night - The Best Advice

THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD AT 3:30 PM
BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM

Join us for an easygoing afternoon of shared wisdom and heartfelt moments. We want to know what the best advice you've ever received - We will supply snacks and mixers, you bring your adult beverage if you wish! Enjoy a welcoming space where everyone can reflect and share at their own pace. No pressure—just good conversation, warm company, and stories that inspire. We'd love to have you there!

This event is free. RSVP Not Needed



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITIES
APRIL 2026 ACTIVITIES

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			PASSOVER BEGINS 9 am Exercise 12:30 pm Sheepshead	9 am Chair Yoga 12:30 pm Poker 1 pm Euchre	GOOD FRIDAY 9 am Exercise 9 am Coffee 12:30 pm Bridge 12:30 pm Hand & Foot	Holy Saturday National Love Our Children Day
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Easter Sunday 8 am - 12 pm Taxes 9 am Exercise (Billiards Room) 10 am Dominoes 12:30 pm Hand & Foot 2 pm Gospel Guys Plus 1	9 am Chair Yoga 1 pm Cribbage 2 pm Kentucky Derby Mixer 5 pm Townhome Potluck	9 am Exercise 10 am Crafters 12:30 pm Sheepshead	PASSOVER ENDS 9 am Chair Yoga 12:30 pm Poker 1 pm Euchre 1 pm Bingo 3:30 pm Happy Hour	9 am Exercise 9 am Coffee 11 am - 4 pm Christopher & Banks Trunk Show 12:30 pm Bridge 12:30 pm Hand & Foot	National Clean Up Your Pantry Day National Pet Day	
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National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day 8 am - 12 pm Taxes 9 am Exercise (Billiards Room) 10 am Dominoes 12 pm Hand & Foot 3 pm Marilyn Smits Travel Talk	9 am Chair Yoga 1 pm Cribbage	9 am Exercise 10 am Book Club 12:30 pm Sheepshead 5 pm Tax Day/Birthday Dinner	8:30 am Casino pick up 9 am Chair Yoga 12:30 pm Poker 1 pm Euchre	9 am Exercise 9 am Morning Blend 12:30 pm Bridge 12:30 pm Hand & Foot	World Heritage Day Husband Appreciation Day	
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National Cat Lady Day 9 am Exercise (Community Room) 10 am Dominoes National Dog Parent Appreciation Day 12:30 pm Hand & Foot	9 am Chair Yoga 1 pm Cribbage	EARTH DAY 9 am Exercise 10 am Crafters 12:30 pm Sheepshead 2 pm Shadow Box Creation	9 am Chair Yoga 12:30 pm Poker 1 pm Euchre 1 pm Bingo 3:30 pm Story Night- The Best Advice /Happy Hour	ARBOR DAY 9 am Exercise 9 am Coffee 12:30 pm Bridge 12:30 pm Hand & Foot 1 pm Plant workshop	Hairstylist Appreciation Day	
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Get Organized Day 9 am Exercise 10 am Dominoes 12:30 pm Hand & Foot 2 pm Volunteer Presentation	9 am Chair Yoga 1 pm Cribbage 12 pm French Countryside Lunch	9 am Exercise 10 am Crafters 12:30 pm Sheepshead	9 am Chair Yoga 9 am Spring Scavenger Hunt 12:30 pm Poker 1 pm Euchre			

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

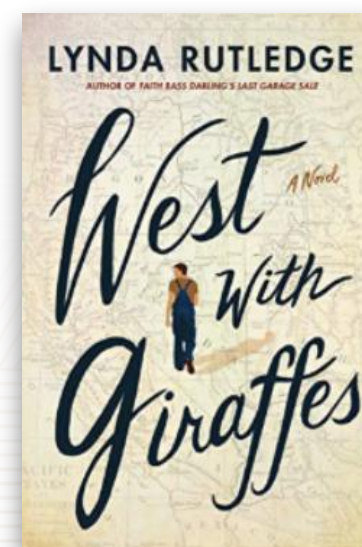
Healthy & Delicious!

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.



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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 For:
Weekly Coffee Hour - Join us for warm drinks and great conversation every Friday at 9 am in the Fireside Room.

Mini Letter Writing Station 24/7 THE WHOLE MONTH OF APRIL FIRESIDE ROOM

All month long, stop by our station to spread a little kindness! Write a short note starting with "You matter because..." and leave it for a neighbor or team member who makes a difference. Join us in sharing appreciation, warmth, and connection!
This event is free. RSVP Not Required

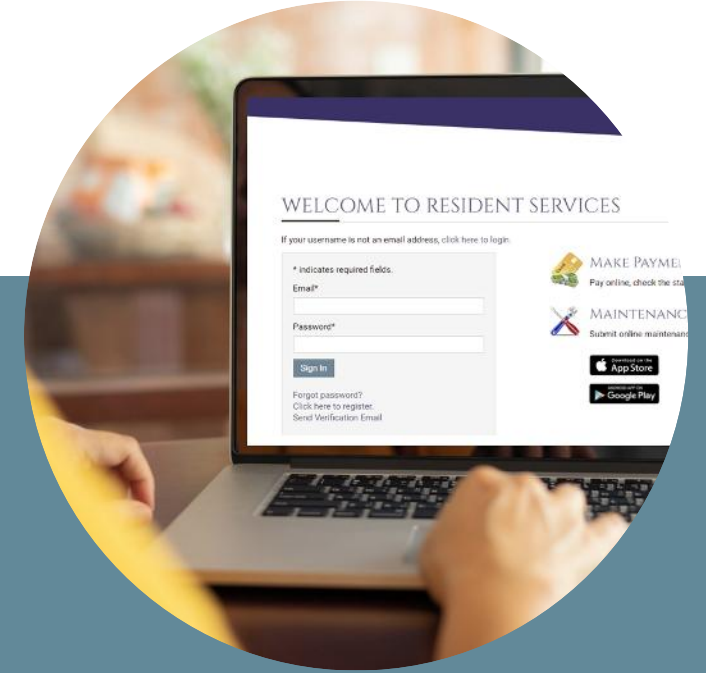


Resident Portal

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

Kristy's Hair Salon

Appointments & Walk-Ins
Building 1, Suite 0141
(920) 381-2435

STYLIST
Kristy Fulton

Foot Care: Valley VNA

BUILDING 1, ROOM 0141
Tuesdays by appointment
Phone: (920) 727-5555

Giving back matters!

Volunteer Presentation

MONDAY APRIL 27TH AT 2 PM
BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM

Have you ever thought about sharing your time and talents? Staying active and involved is a great way to stay energized and connected. Representatives from the Appleton Area School District and Volunteer Fox Cities will be here to highlight meaningful ways you can make a difference in your community. Stop by and discover volunteer opportunities that fit your interests and lifestyle!

This event is free. RSVP Not Needed

Local Services

Spectrum Cable

HOTLINE
(833) 697-7328

We Energies

HOTLINE
(800) 242-9137

Town of Grand Chute

PHONE
(920) 832-1573

Window Washing

JIM AND JED DEWALL
920-739-5796

Christopher & Banks Trunk Show

FRIDAY APRIL 10TH AT 11 AM - 4 PM
BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM

You will not want to miss this Christopher & Banks Trunk Show! Swing by anytime between 11 AM-4 PM to browse fresh, stylish outfits. Discover new looks, find your next favorite piece, and enjoy a fun day of shopping. Fashion is waiting!

This event is free. RSVP Not Needed



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

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