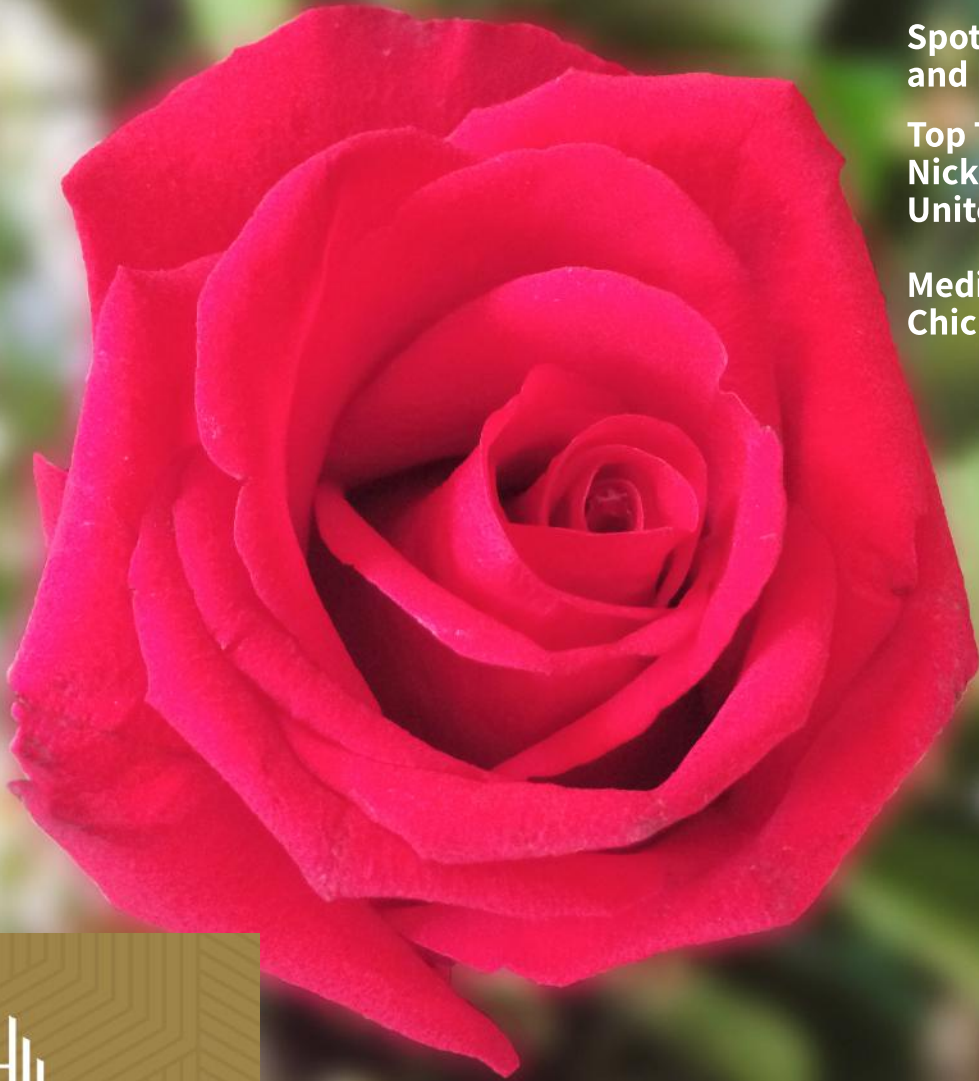


# HIGHLANDS

## *Happenings*

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## UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS



### How Full is Your Heart

**FEBRUARY 1ST - FEB 28TH | FIRESIDE ROOM**

Think you've got what it takes? Guess how many heart candies are packed in the vase and claim your chance to WIN Highlands Dollars! Grab a form next to the jar, drop in your best guess, and see if YOU can outsmart the competition. Closest guess takes the prize—are you feeling lucky? **This event is free. RSVP Not Required**



### Sweetheart Canvas

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH AT 2:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM**

Unleash your creativity! Join us for a fun Heart-Shaped Canvas Kit experience designed for adults. Enjoy a complimentary glass of wine while you paint—everything you need is included. Relax, sip, and create your masterpiece in a cozy, inspiring setting!

**\$7 per person. RSVP by Thursday, February 5th**



### George's Great Cherry Pie Celebration

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH AT 3:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM**

Celebrate Presidents Day with a sweet tradition! Join us for George's Great Cherry Pie Celebration—enjoy a delicious slice of cherry pie and a hot cup of coffee. Come savor the flavor and honor history in the tastiest way possible!

**\$3 per person. RSVP by Thursday, February 5th**



### Chinese New Year Birthday Luncheon

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH AT 12:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM**

Join us for a festive Chinese New Year celebration featuring delicious catering by Asian Thai. Enjoy Broccoli Beef or Chicken & Veggies with rice, almond cookies, and refreshing beverages. Don't miss this flavorful celebration!

**\$12 per person. RSVP by Thursday, February 5th**



### Casual Dinner

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH AT 5:00 PM | COMMUNITY ROOM**

Join us for a comforting meal from Choices Catering—meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables, and dessert—while we share good company and great conversations!

**\$14 per person. RSVP by Thursday, February 5th**

## 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



True friends are never apart, maybe in distance but never in heart.

– Helen Keller

*Congratulations!*

Who won \$300?



This month's winner of our \$100 lease renewal drawing is Shirley P.



### Walkers & Scooters FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE

Walkers and scooters should not be left in the common areas of the community or in hallways when you leave the building. You may, however, leave your walker or scooter near the elevator in the basement as you come and go. If you choose to do this, please be sure to park it out of the way of foot traffic for the safety and convenience of our residents. Please also note that Highlands Communities is not responsible for lost or stolen walkers or scooters.

### 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!

### 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.

### Common Area Expectations A FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR OUR RESIDENTS

The common areas and hallways of our communities are shared spaces enjoyed by all. As a friendly reminder, please be mindful of the following when in the common areas: Avoid behavior that could create a nuisance such as playing, loitering, loud noises, offensive conduct, inappropriate attire (please have shoes and appropriate street attire on at all times), or playing music without headphones.

If you have any questions about what is, or is not allowed, in the common areas, please refer to your lease, or contact the Resident Services Office for more information.

### Happy Retirement, Kay

We are delighted to share that Kay M. in our leasing department will be retiring after 5+ years of service at Ridgeview Highlands.

Thank you, Kay!

A few words from Kay, "Thank you for the wonderful memories and relationships I've gained during my time as the Leasing Specialist here at Ridgeview Highlands. I will truly miss you all and carry these moments into my retirement with gratitude."



*Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible!'*

–Audrey Hepburn

*Wishing you the Best!*

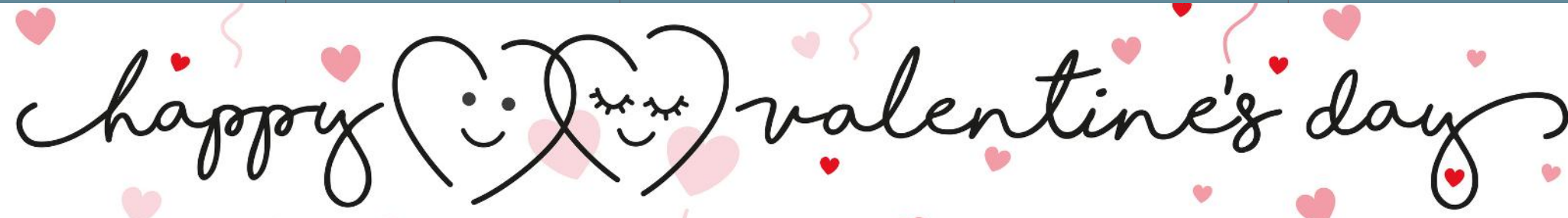
### Welcome Michael to the Team

We are pleased to introduce the newest member of the Ridgeview Highlands Leasing Team, Michael!

Michael brings over 15 years of experience in property management and a passion for working with residents. Currently serving as Leasing Specialist, he's also pursuing his bachelor's degree. Married with two teenage kids, Michael enjoys throwing darts, playing cornhole, and competing in local cribbage tournaments. We're excited to have him on board!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
National Baked Alaska Day	8:30 am - 12 pm Taxes 9 am Exercise (billiards room) 10 am Dominoes 12:30 pm Hand & Foot	9 am Chair Yoga 1 pm Cribbage	9 am Exercise 10 am Crafters 12:30 pm Sheepshead	9 am Chair Yoga 12:30 pm Poker 1 pm Euchre	9 am Exercise 9 am Coffee 12:30 pm Bridge 12:30 pm Hand & Foot	National Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
National Laugh & Get Rich Day	8:30 am - 12 pm Taxes 9 am Exercise (billiards room) 10 am Dominoes 12:30 pm Hand & Foot	9 am Chair Yoga 1 pm Cribbage	9 am Exercise 10 am Book Club 12:30 pm Sheepshead 2 pm Sweetheart Canvas Painting	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 12:30 pm Bridge 12:30 pm Hand & Foot	Happy Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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HIGHLANDS COMMUNITIES  
**FEBRUARY 2026**  
**ACTIVITIES**

## JUST FOR FUN



### Fun Facts About Leap Year

Leap years exist to keep our calendars in sync with Earth's orbit. It takes Earth about 365.242 days to orbit the sun, so adding an extra day every four years—February 29—helps correct that small fraction.

But not all years divisible by 4 are leap years! Century years must also be divisible by 400 to qualify. That's why 1900 wasn't a leap year, but 2000 was. Without leap years, seasons would slowly drift, eventually throwing our calendars out of whack!



### Back Then In History - February

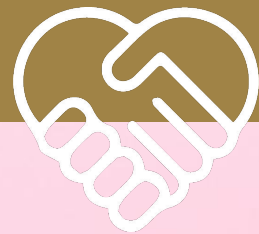
On February 14, 1968—fittingly Valentine's Day—the first successful U.S. heart transplant was performed in Houston, Texas, by Dr. Denton Cooley. The recipient, a 47-year-old man, lived for over 200 days following the procedure.



This medical milestone marked the beginning of a new era in cardiac care and innovation. Today, heart transplants continue to save lives around the world thanks to the groundbreaking efforts of early pioneers in transplant medicine.

February is the border between winter and spring.

— Terri Guillemets



## WHAT'S COOKING

### Mediterranean Chicken Bake

It only takes a handful of fresh, flavorful ingredients to make this easy and vibrant dish. Juicy tomatoes and crumbled feta create a savory, tangy sauce that's delicious spooned over rice, orzo, or pasta—making this recipe perfect for a weeknight dinner or casual weekend meal.

Can be frozen for up to 3 months.



#### INGREDIENTS

- 4 chicken breasts (about 1.5 pounds)
- 2 cups grape tomatoes
- 1 shallot, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 sprigs thyme or 1/2 tsp dried thyme
- 1/2 cup feta, crumbled
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp Italian seasoning
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 2 tbsp parsley, chopped (for garnish)

**STEP 1:** Mix the tomatoes, olive oil, garlic, shallot, thyme, and half of the feta in the bottom of a 9x13 Pyrex baking dish or similar.

**STEP 2:** Make room for the chicken breasts and lay them in a single layer without touching. Sprinkle with salt, pepper, and Italian (or Greek) seasoning.

**STEP 3:** Bake at 375°F for about 30 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 165°F.

**STEP 4:** Top with remaining feta and bake an additional 3–4 minutes to melt.

*Healthy and delicious!*

## Top Ten

### MOST POPULAR NICKNAMES IN THE UNITED STATES

Whether playful, cute, or nostalgic, nicknames bring a personal touch to relationships. From childhood favorites to pet names for loved ones, everyone has a soft spot for a good nickname!

1. Buddy
2. Sweetie
3. Champ
4. Boo
5. Peanut
6. Ace
7. Sunshine
8. Lovebug
9. Chief
10. Snickers

*Fun Names!*

## Shelf Indulgence

### THIS MONTH'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION

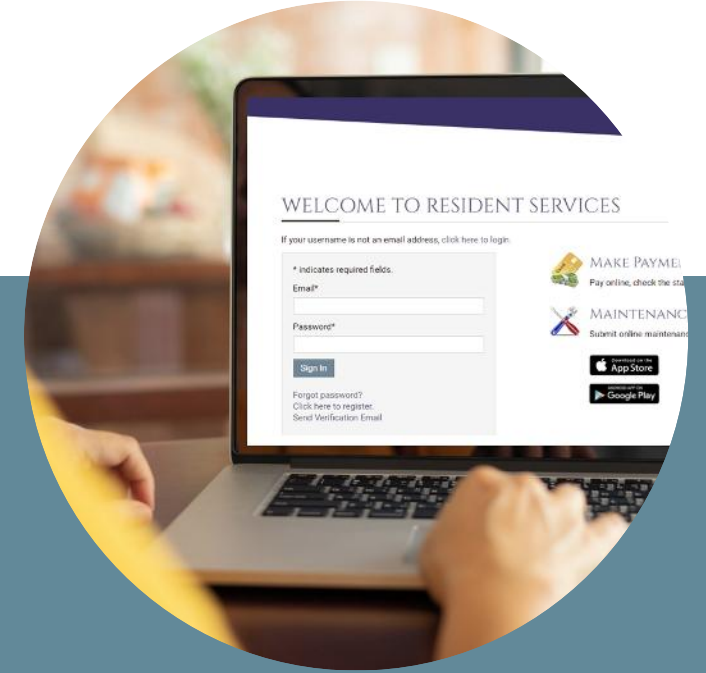
#### The Bookish Life of Nina Hill by Abbi Waxman

Nina, a bookstore employee and trivia whiz, lives a quiet, organized life—until the father she never knew leaves her a large, chaotic family. With lovable characters, sharp humor, and witty observations, this book is a feel-good celebration of introverts, books, and embracing change. A smart, cozy pick for curling up with in the winter.



## 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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Fax: (920) 954-8577

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Evenings & Weekends (AnSer) (800) 263-6148

### MAINTENANCE TEAM

Kent A., Mark B., Brad P., Josh P., Paul D.

### HOUSEKEEPING TEAM

Lisa C., Lee D., Emily P.

## Community Engagement Coordinators

**Mary Larkin**

**Betsy Benoit**

**Tom & Lynn Phillipps**

**Deborah Ross**

**Sally Streckenbach**

## Connecting Through Life Experiences

### WARM UP WINTER WITH FRIENDSHIP AND FUN

This February, we're creating spaces for community, creativity, and meaningful connection.

Join Us Each Week For:

**Exercise Class** stay active by joining our group class every weekday at 9 am in the Community Room.

**Coffee Hour** with warm drinks and great conversation every Friday at 9 am in the Community Room.

**Pen-Pal Card Making** - This month we invite each of you to write a card to share words of hope that will brighten a child's day at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please be positive & empowering: "You are so brave," "Thinking of you," "You're a superhero!". Wish them well: "Wishing you lots of smiles and fun," "Hope you get to play soon," "Get well soon!". Keeping it short is best for kids.

**Cards can be mailed to:**

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital - Cards for Kids  
262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105

## 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

## February - A Month of Progress

February marks Black History Month, honoring the achievements and contributions of African Americans throughout history.

It also includes significant events like Presidents Day, Valentine's Day, and the birthdays of influential figures such as Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

Join us this month in celebrating reflection, connecting through life experiences, and progress.

## 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



## CHECK IT OUT

Refer a friend or relative who completes an application by March 31, 2026 and when they move in, you'll receive

**\$500 CASH BACK!\***

\*Some restrictions apply. Application must be completed by March 31, 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.

