

HIGHLANDS

Happenings



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**HIGHLANDS
COMMUNITIES**
Apartments & Townhomes 55+

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PAST ACTIVITIES & RECREATIONAL EVENTS



UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS



The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH AT 2:00 PM | BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM
 Rochelle Pennington is an award-winning newspaper columnist presenting The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald. No other Great Lakes shipwreck is more well-known - it disappeared into Lake Superior on November 10, 1975. It remains the largest shipwreck on the Great Lakes to this day. **This event is free. RSVP by Monday, January 5th**



Toast in the New Year

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH AT 10:00 AM | BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM
 Join us as we "Toast" in the New Year! We will be enjoying a variety of bagels, breads, and spreads along with yummy mimosas. Bring your new years resolution to share!
\$5 per person. RSVP by Monday, January 5th



Morning Blend

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH AT 9:00 AM | BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM
 Start your day with coffee and connection at The Morning Blend! This relaxed gathering brings together residents and our Resident Services team to share conversation, ideas and a warm sense of community. We look forward to a friendly morning together.
This event is free. RSVP not needed



Casual Dinner

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 AT 5:00 PM | BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM
 Join us for a cozy evening of great food and laughter! Savor Choice Catering's Chicken Cordon Bleu with wild rice pilaf, fresh veggies, a dinner roll, and a refreshing beverage. Good friends, good vibes—see you there!
\$16 per person. RSVP by Monday, January 5th



Country, Classics & Cliff

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH AT 2:00 PM | BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM
 Spend an afternoon with Cliff Kruse, a solo musician with over 30 years of experience enjoying a variety of classic country, folk, 50's & 60's rock and even a polka or two. Join us for a musical good time!
This event is free. RSVP by Monday, January 5th

*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 \$300?



This month's winner of our \$300 lease renewal drawing is Lois L.



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.

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.

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.

Activity & Upcoming Events Sign Up Sheet

THE MORE THE MERRIER! PLEASE JOIN US!

We love to see our residents participating in the many activities offered at our community. Be sure to sign up for the event you wish to attend using the Sign Up Sheet provided in this newsletter. Our calendar will list all of the events and many of them will be featured as Spotlight Events in this newsletter as well. Attend them ALL, or simply select your favorites! We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming activities and events this month.

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.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH AT 12 PM

BUILDING 1 COMMUNITY ROOM

RSVP BY MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Is your birthday in January? Be our guest for our January Birthday Lunch! Enjoy a classic BLT on honey wheat with chips, drink, and a cookie catered by Arby's. Free for January birthdays, \$10 for guests. Let's celebrate together!



AARP Tax Prep Appointments Available

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY

Volunteers from AARP will be back in 2026 to assist you with tax preparation. Beginning on Monday, February 2nd thru Monday, April 6th, they will be here every Monday at 9:15 am.

This is a free service, however AARP is asking you to make an appointment and pick up your Intake forms at the Resident Services Office after January 19th.

Resource Center

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A RESOURCE CENTER?

Our Resource Center is located in the Sunroom along the back wall 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!



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

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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 <h1 style="margin: 0;">JANUARY 2026</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0;">ACTIVITY & EVENTS CALENDAR</h2>						
				NEW YEAR'S DAY Office Closed	9 am Exercise 9 am Coffee 12:30 pm Bridge 12:30 pm Hand & Foot	National Mind-Body Wellness Day
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Packers vs. Vikings Time TBD	9 am Exercise 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 2 pm The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald	9 am Chair Yoga 12:30 pm Poker 1 pm Euchre 1 pm Bingo 3:30 pm Happy Hour	10 am Toast in the New Year 9 am Coffee 12:30 pm Bridge 12:30 pm Hand & Foot	NFL Playoffs Wild Card Round Games at 3:30 PM & 7 PM
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NFL Playoffs Wild Card Round Games at 12 PM, 3:30 PM & 7 PM	9 am Exercise 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	8:35 am Casino pick up 9 am Chair Yoga 12 pm Birthday Lunch 12:30 pm Poker 1 pm Euchre	9 am Exercise 9 am Morning Blend 12:30 pm Bridge 12:30 pm Hand & Foot	NFL Playoffs Divisional Round Games at 3:30 PM & 7:15 PM
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NFL Playoffs Divisional Round Games at 2 PM & 5:30 PM	Martin Luther King Jr Day 9 am Exercise 10 am Dominoes 12:30 pm Hand & Foot	9 am Chair Yoga 1 pm Cribbage 5 pm Casual Dinner	9 am Exercise 10 am Crafters 12:30 pm Sheepshead	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	National Compliment Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NFL Conference Championship 5:30 PM	9 am Exercise 10 am Dominoes 12:30 pm Hand & Foot	9 am Chair Yoga 1 pm Cribbage	9 am Exercise 12:30 pm Sheepshead 2 pm Country, Classics & Cliff	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 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

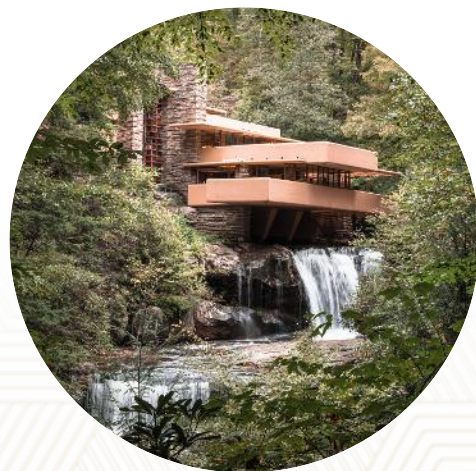
The tradition of New Year's resolutions dates back over 4,000 years to the ancient Babylonians. During a 12-day festival called Akitu, they made promises to their gods to pay debts and return borrowed items—early versions of resolutions!

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

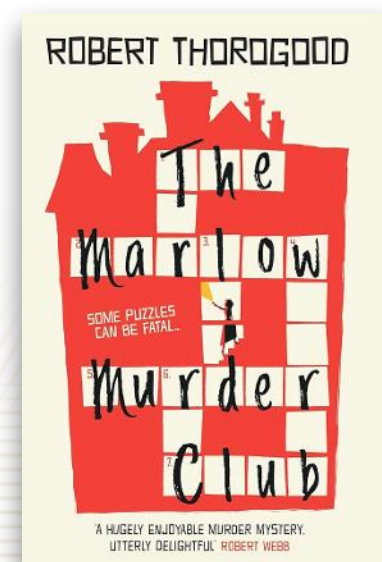
Warm up with chili!

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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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

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

*We want to hear
from you!*

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

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

*Wishing you the
best in 2026!*

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

We appreciate your referrals and look forward to meeting your friends & family!