



# THE HIGHLANDS FLING MARCH 2026



## MARCH EVENTS

**Barleens Dinner & Show**  
March 5

**Pancake Breakfast**  
Saturday, March 7

**Highlands Book Club**  
Monday, March 9

**March Potluck**  
Tuesday, March 10

**Men's Breakfast**  
Wednesday, March 11

**Food Truck & Concert**  
Monday, March 16

**Art Classes**  
Mondays, March 16 & 30, April 6

**Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 18, 10am

**Artisan & Craft Market**  
Saturday, March 21

**Chicken & Karaoke**  
Sunday, March 22

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## HIGHLANDS ARTISAN & CRAFT MARKET Saturday, March 21 Clubhouse, 9am-1pm

Join us at the Annual Artisan and Craft Show! This market is an opportunity to showcase all the wonderful talent we have in The Highlands community. We will be advertising and promoting outside The Highlands in print media, flyers, social media sites and more. Because of this, there will be a \$5 fee to help cover the costs. So, if you do woodworking, painting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc., we would love to have you involved. Please sign up in the clubhouse. If you have any questions, you can call Cindy Bennett, 810-599-8929 or Jeanie Weihl, 231-981-2535.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturday, March 7 Clubhouse, 7:30am-10am

Enjoy a delicious breakfast with family and friends. For only \$7 you get: pancakes, sausage, eggs, potatoes, coffee and orange juice. All prepared and served with love and perfection. For ticket, call Bernie Lee at 520-409-8709.

## THE HIGHLANDS BOOK CLUB Monday, March 9 Resource Room, 10am

In honor of the Tucson Book Festival our March selections will feature "authors with a Tucson connection." There are plenty of eligible writers across genres, for example, *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, by Ray Bradbury

(dark fantasy, horror,) *Witch of Blackbird Pond*, by Elizabeth George Speares, (young adult, historical fiction,) *Monkey Wrench Gang*, by Edward Abbey (eco-fiction, political satire,) or *Den of Iniquity*, by J. A. Jance (contemporary mystery.) An abbreviated list of possibilities is posted in our library, where you can find several appropriate volumes. Come join us for conversation, no sign up is needed.

## MARCH POTLUCK Tuesday, March 10 Clubhouse, 5pm



Get ready for The Highlands 1<sup>st</sup> Chili Cookoff at our monthly Potluck. Come and enter the contest or just sample the chili and pick the WINNER. Sign up at the Clubhouse, starts at 5:00 pm.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST Wednesday, March 11 Ole Mexican Grill, 8am 2080 W Orange Grove Rd

Join us for the next Men's Breakfast on March 11. Please sign-up by March 9th (2 days in advance) as the restaurant uses this number to help them get set-up for us. Sign up sheet is in the poker room and I will be calling the restaurant with the headcount. We had 17 attending the February breakfast and we are looking for some more folks to join us in March!! Any questions feel free to call Steve Horst at 309-781-5154.

## ART COMMITTEE CLASSES

**Monday, March 16**  
**Resource Room, 1pm**  
(with the 23rd if needed to finish up)



Learn how to make etched eggs using the Ukrainian Easter Egg method. It is a good beginner class for those interested to learn this ancient method for decorating eggs. Cost for class is \$10. All materials will be provided to make one or two eggs as time permits. Make sure not to use lotion on your hands before class. Sign up sheet in the Clubhouse. Instructor Terry Wojdyla (612)414-4047.

## Arts and Crafts—Tote Bag

**Monday, March 30**  
**Resource Room, 1pm**



Come and join us for painting a tote bag! Freehand your own design or we will have some ideas to choose from. Please sign up on the clipboards in the clubhouse. Remember NOT to wear your best clothes as we will be painting with acrylic paints and they don't wash out very easily, or bring an apron. Instructor: Patti Triplett 520-887-4120, cost is \$10.

## Arts and Crafts-Cactus Rock Garden

**Monday, April 6**  
**Resource Room, 1-3pm**



Come paint a cactus rock garden. This has been brought back by popular demand. Paints and brushes will be provided for \$3. All you need to bring is your rocks and container so start looking now! Instructors: Patty, Sharon and Terry.

## QUILTERS SEWING BEE



Thank you to all of the ladies who participated in the Sewing Bee. You have warmed the hearts of many newborn babies and infant children.

We made a total of 47 flannel blankets and still have more flannel to make more!! The blankets were donated to Child Protection Services. Unfortunately there has been a large demand for newborn infant blankets.

We appreciate Linda Spores and Patti Triplett for the large donations of flannel. Six large totes and several bolts of beautiful flannel for the kids blankets. Our sewing projects continue to make baby bibs and burp cloths. The Highland's Community should be proud to have such generous ladies donating their time and talents to benefit the needy children.

## FOOD TRUCK UPDATE



If you're planning to enjoy the Clear Country Band and Flaming Heart BBQ Food Truck on March 16th, (Kevin was here last year) please remember the following: If you've purchased a ticket please print your name & food choice from the BBQ menu on the sheet marked "COUNTRY BAND" which will be in the poker room at the Community Center (aka Clubhouse). By doing this it will guarantee you a seat at a table inside the Community Center while enjoying the band and dancing. But if you just want to have a great BBQ meal, please print your name and food choice on the sheet marked "RESIDENT". Those who have purchased a ticket will be given

a number to present to Kevin at the food truck and return to their seat. Those with an "R" number will be able to present their ticket to Kevin after those attending the concert have been served. If you have any questions on any of this please call Jamie (309-230-0233).

## BARLEENS DINNER & SHOW UPDATE

If you've signed up for the **BARLEENS** Dinner and Show (America's #1 Hits) on March 5th, please be at the Clubhouse by 8:30 a.m. We'll hope to be boarded and leaving the community by 9:00 a.m. and after a 15-20 minute stop at the McDonald's in Florence, we'll continue on to the Barleens for a noon dinner and 1:00 p.m. show. After we get everyone back on the charter bus, we'll head back to the Highlands with an arrival around 5:30 p.m. (depending on traffic)! If you have any questions please give Jamie a call (309-230-0233). Since everyone has paid, if for some reason you cannot make the trip **PLEASE** find someone to pay for your ticket/tickets as I don't have anyone else on the waiting list.

## HORAC UPDATE

The "Walk Challenge" began on February 14 and will end on April 1. The board for logging miles has been placed in the Clubhouse; and it's not too late to participate. Let's get moving! Hikes are planned for March 13 and March 23. Please sign up in the Clubhouse the week prior to each hike. An additional hike is planned for April 6. Please contact Cheryl Stafford (586)876-4589 for details. There will be a FREE concert at the pool on March 9. A variety of songs from the 60's-80's will be performed by "Tomac Family Harmony" and Dan Allen. There will be a Poker run/drive/walk on Saturday, March 14 at 11 a.m.. A signup sheet and details will be available

in the Clubhouse the week prior to the event. There will be a \$5 entry fee that will be used for cash prizes for the best hands. Come join the fun! Our next meeting is Thursday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Resource Room. If you are interested in joining HORAC or helping out with our events, please contact Brian Tomac (920) 819-7795.

## MEMORIAL FOR DAVID KNUDSON

**Saturday, March 28**

**Church Service, 10am-11am**

1st Baptist Church

3505 E Wilds Rd, Catalina, AZ

**Light Lunch at The Highlands Clubhouse, 12 Noon-3:00pm**

Everyone is invited.



## CHICKEN, KARAOKE AND SING-ALONG

**Sunday, March 22**

**Clubhouse, 5:00pm**

Come up to the clubhouse to be fed and entertained. We'll be serving Safeway chicken, sides, and coffee (paper plates and napkins included). If coffee's not for you, just bring your own beverage. Then stick around to be part of the entertainment or just to listen to you neighbors as they sing some popular songs of our bygone days, classic country tunes, rock 'n' roll oldies, and some old standards where everyone can sing along. Only \$5.00 per person. And we'll have 4 chances for you to answer a trivia question and win your \$5.00 back, giving you a free evening of food and entertainment. Please sign up in the poker room so we know how much food to buy. See y'all there.

## HIGHLANDS HELPERS

The Highlands Helper met in February for their first meeting which was well attended.

The purpose of the meeting was to develop a Mission Statement that defined their purpose which is as follows:

*"Highlands Helpers is a dedicated group of volunteers, providing short term support on a case by case basis to our members during times of need. Whether facing physical recovery, or just social challenges, we offer assistance with simple tasks to foster healthy aging and enhance the quality of life within our Highlands Community."*

The volunteers are working to further define its purpose with regards to its tasks which may include, but not limited to, grocery shopping, simple yard work, and getting members to appointments. There will be an Update at the March Board meeting. If anyone wishes to volunteer, your help will be greatly appreciated. Please call Ron Wehl or Chuck Ardingo if you have additional questions.

## PETS



There has been an uptick in complaints regarding pets in the community. We do make every effort to follow up on these complaints. The pet committee met in February to discuss options moving forward and we will present our findings at the March Board Meeting. Members please remember to register your pets at the office as we only allow for Service and Support Animals. If you rent your home the same applies to your renters. Should we verify a policy violation, fines will apply. Members, please take the time to make sure you are in compliance.

## CARDS SENT

Jerry Dennis-Get Well

Debbie DiPasquale-Thinking of You

Helen Knudson-Sympathy on loss of husband David

Gene Malik—Thinking of You

## WELCOME TO THE HIGHLANDS!

**Scott Charter**

41 Matterhorn

**Tom & Brenda Moore**

10761 Highlands

**Kerry & Roxana Fritz**

234 Appalachian

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Colleen Nolan

3/2 Jan Gates

3/5 Joann Leider

3/7 Carol Alberda

3/9 Jeanie Wehl

3/10 Darlene Sand

3/11 Kay Delong

3/13 Barbara Moe

3/19 Dan Wojdyla

3/24 Lela Krohn

3/28 Tony Springer

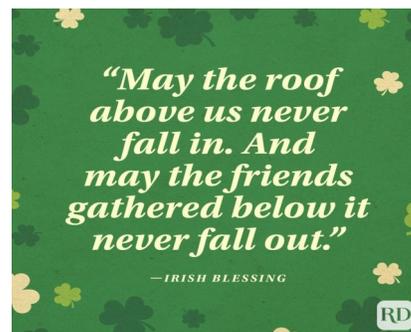
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## FRIENDLY REMINDER

If you observe any maintenance concerns around the community, please fill out a Maintenance form so that we can address the concern properly. Maintenance forms are available at the office. This is not to be used for personal property concerns.

*Happy St. Patrick's Day!*



## MARKETPLACE

*Residents can buy/sell/trade/barter items or services to other residents of the Highlands.*

Please email me before our 3rd week of the month's production. Thanks. Connie

[CROSEHIGHLANDS23@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CROSEHIGHLANDS23@GMAIL.COM)

**HAND PAINTED GREETING CARDS:** Original Watercolor art, you don't need to wait for a craft show to purchase them. Call or text me: Patti Triplett at 520-887-4120.

**CREATIVE GIFTS:** has one-of-a-kind handmade gifts. How about an apron created using mens dress shirts!! Or a beautiful design on a favorite denim jacket! Come see her work. Phone or text Sharon Dennis at: 360-708-7247

**ADULT TRICYCLE:** Asking \$200. For details and to view, talk with Jackie Armstrong at: 520-870-1905

**FLAN AND NY CHEESECAKE:** Flan: 8x2 round pan \$30. NY Cheesecake: 7x3 round pan \$30. Available within 48 hrs. Call or text me: David Cruz 347-406-2825

**PANERAI WATCH** - \$2,500 used (\$10,000 new) OBO. Original wood box and paperwork. Contact Rich Vertel 847-431-0232 for info and photo.

**BAMBOO PATIO SET** - Love seat, table, chair. \$100. Call or text Louise Adams. 520-471-8555

### **DRYWALL REPAIRS:**

Install drywall. Tape, Texture and finish. 44 years experience. Lenny Beyer 847-417-9684

## LAST PAGE

This section is a communication between the board and our residents, plus a Marketplace to list sale/rent/trade/services in the neighborhood.

### **ANNUAL 2026 DIRECTORY**

Please take a moment to look through the last one and inform us of any changes or corrections - ASAP. If you want to include your email address that would be up to you. Please Email Diane. If we don't hear, we assume your listing is correct.

**SMOKE DETECTORS:** Rural Metro installed free smoke detectors and the alarms have reached their expiration date and are all starting to go off. There is no removable battery - the entire beeping unit gets put in trash. I asked if they had a public service program to replace those - and they said "no". If you need help someone in the community will help. The fire department may also be able to help reinstall those units - if you purchase your own - but I have no official commitment on that. You would ask at the non-emergency Rural Metro phone number.

**SECURITY CAMERA.** We are still focused on this project. Thank you very much if you can and want to contribute. There is a collection box in the office and a growing number of members contributing. What a great community of great people! Thank you all.

## REMINDERS

### **MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**

Diane has them in the office. Thank you.

### **HOME IMPROVEMENT (HIR) FORMS**

Also available in the office or downloaded from the website – the first step in any renovation project.

**CC&Rs:** This document is on-line on our website. Other documents, forms and minutes are also on our website.

[www.thehighlandsmhp.com](http://www.thehighlandsmhp.com).

## KUDOS

We want to give a big hug and thanks to Alicia Gatti (again) for not only her work in cleaning our clubhouse, but donating a portion of the salary earned to the security camera fund. Not only is she a great cleaner, I think Alicia could be called a Facility System Engineer. She, along with Cindy, have engineered the updating and refreshing of the Clubhouse, from countertops and flooring, fixtures to sound system and acoustic tiling, to a tv smarter than any of us. THANK YOU ALICIA!!

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