



Winter 2026

Board Meetings

4:00 pm

(Meetings are held in the
Autumn Manor Community
Room and online via Zoom.)

Jan. 28, 2026

Feb. 25, 2026

March 25, 2026

Closures

Presidents Day—
Feb. 16, 2026

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Friday—Closed to the Public



I named my toilet Jim instead of
John. Everyone is so
impressed
when I tell
them I go to
the Jim every
morning.



Housing Authorities of the City of Washburn & County of Bayfield

Norvado Bulk Rate Television

City of Washburn and County of Bayfield Housing Authority tenants have the option to subscribe to Norvado streaming television at a bulk rate.

Prices for the various packages and Cloud DVR are as follows:

- Basic - \$6/month
- Basic Expanded - \$34/month
- Expanded Plus - \$37/month
- Cloud DVR - \$3/month (This allows you to record shows to watch again or at a time convenient for you.)

If you wish to subscribe to one of the packages or upgrade the one you are currently on, please contact the office at 715-373-2653, ext. 113.

To watch TV on a television set, you will need a Firestick (4K or newer), Roku device, or an Apple TV box. If you want to watch your shows on a computer, iPad, phone, etc. you do not need any further equipment.

If you have questions about streaming tv or if you need help getting set-up, please contact the Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board Digital Navigator, Eric Faber, at 715-204-7501 or efaber@nwwib.com.

Please do not contact the Housing Authority office or maintenance regarding questions or problems with your service or devices as we will only be able to direct you to call the above number or Norvado directly.

Annual Inspections Coming Soon!

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires an Annual Inspection to ensure the unit is properly maintained based on HUD's Housing Quality Standards (HQS).

Inspections are scheduled every year. Work orders are generated and completed to correct any deficiencies. Information is collected for any future large-scale projects.

Let's get started...

Walk through and prepare your unit:

1. General housekeeping—free of dirt, debris, and clutter
2. Clean appliances
3. Call in any repair needs—leaking faucets, change of light bulbs, broken doors, etc.

Tenants will be notified well in advance of their inspection date.

Humor

1. What did the paper clip say to the magnet? 2. Where do snowmen keep their money? 3. What do mountains wear to stay warm?

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Requesting 2025 Rent Certificates for Taxes

The Homestead Credit is a state of Wisconsin tax benefit for renters with low or moderate incomes.

Please contact our office to request a Rent Certificate.



2026 Social Security Award Letters

These usually come out in December. Be sure to send a copy to the Housing Authority office upon receipt.

Dog Owners—2026 License Required

Dog owners, please remember to purchase your 2026 dog license and submit a copy of your receipt to the Housing Authority office.

Per Bayfield County Government, dog owners are required to purchase a license for all dogs aged five months or older. Owners will be given a late fee for all dogs that are not licensed by April 1, 2026.

Dog licenses can now be processed online by visiting www.doglicenses.us/WI/Bayfield or by mail using a form found on your City/Town website.

Proof of rabies vaccination is a requirement for a dog license and will need to be uploaded with your application.



Winter Snow Removal

Please cooperate with maintenance to allow for plowing of the parking lots. Due to the number of buildings to plow, they may not get to your building right away. Keep salt and a shovel on hand outside your unit. As a reminder, this is the time of year we experience fluctuation in temperatures, which means melting and freezing, so there may be a slippery spot here, but not there. Please use caution when walking on sidewalks and in parking lots.

The following guidelines apply to all units for snow removal procedures when we receive over 2 inches of snow:

- Your vehicle must be moved out of the parking lot no later than the time posted. If you are unable to move your vehicle yourself, please make arrangements with a friend or neighbor to move it for you. Staff cannot move vehicles.
- Please be advised that Housing staff will not call or look for tenants to move their vehicles.
- Our maintenance workers will not plow between parked cars. If you do not move your vehicle, it may be "plowed in."
- Apartments - Maintenance will remove snow and ice from perimeter walkways and the sidewalks leading from the entrance of the apartment to the perimeter walkway both in front of and behind the unit.
- Do not move your vehicle back into the parking lot until after your lot has been plowed.
- Tenants will be charged a fee of \$25.00 each time their vehicle is not moved by the posted time.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Housing Authority Contact Information

715-373-2653

Work Orders, Ext. 8

After Hours Emergencies, Ext. 7

Executive Director, Ext. 112 Accountant/Office Manager, Ext. 110 Occupancy Specialist, Ext. 111 Admin. Assistant, Ext. 113

Humor Answers: 1. I find you attractive. 2. In snowbanks. 3. Snowcaps.

Baseboard Heat Reminders

Allow Air to Flow

To function properly, a baseboard heater needs space for air to flow. Though they don't directly need air to operate, baseboard heaters release the warmth into the cool air surrounding them, thereby heating the entire room. A blocked baseboard heater is both a safety hazard and a drain on the heater's efficiency since it won't be able to heat the room as effectively as if it weren't blocked.

Avoid Placing Furniture or Fabrics Next to Heaters

An object blocking a heater not only prevents heat from circulating throughout the room but also poses a serious safety hazard. Baseboard heaters typically need at least 12 inches of space in front of the heater. Though it's rare, a piece of furniture, set of curtains, or similar object that has prolonged contact with baseboard heaters while they're running is at risk of catching fire. Better to make sure the baseboard heaters are clear of any obstructions.



Maintenance Reminders

Do you have any maintenance or repair issues in your unit? Do not delay...this could turn a small problem into big damage!

Do NOT give work order requests directly to Maintenance, through notes on doors, or by calling them. It is IMPORTANT to ALWAYS call the office with any work orders so they can be processed and documented properly. Both HUD and USDA require us to track maintenance/repair issues.



If you have a maintenance request, please call the office:

715-373-2653

Press 8 for non-emergency work orders.

Press 7 for after-hours heating, water, or sewer emergencies.

If no one is available to take your call, please leave a detailed message and state whether maintenance may enter your unit if you are not home when they arrive.

Get Free Tax Prep Help

(For most people, **April 15** is the last day to file a 2025 tax return.)



IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Free tax help for taxpayers who qualify.

Northwest Wisconsin Community Services Agency - Ashland VITA
623 2nd Avenue East
Ashland, WI 54806

Volunteer Prepared and Self-Prep

For an appointment call:

715-292-6400

TAX-AIDE 2025 TAX SEASON

Free tax preparation offered by AARP, IRS, & Wisconsin Department of Revenue. All tax returns will be completed at the Bayfield County Courthouse.

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

Taxpayers must pick up an envelope containing paperwork that needs to be completed before an appointment can be made. Instructions for making an appointment are included in the packet.

Taxpayers can pick up the required envelope at the following locations beginning January 15:

*Bayfield County Courthouse
117 E 5th Street Washburn
8:00-4:00 Monday – Friday

NOTICE: Packets will be available in the entrance. No staff or volunteers are on site to answer questions or provide service. Look for the Tax-Aide signage.

*Ashland, Bayfield, Cable, and Iron River Libraries.

*Town of Bell Community Center-Cornucopia.

*Hayward Community Center

Local Events

Community Dinners

Second Tuesday of the month; 5 – 6 p.m.

Cost: Free

Cable Community Center

13660 Cty Hwy M; Cable, WI 54821

Community dinners are held at the Cable Community Center from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM on the second Tuesday of the month from October to April. They are open to the public and free of charge. A freewill donation is collected, with all of the proceeds going to CARE.

Each month, a local group, business, or organization partners with CARE to provide and serve the meal. It is the goal of these dinners to not only create and build a sense of community by enjoying the company of our fellow neighbors, but to also provide a warm home cooked meal once a month at no cost or for a minimal donation.

If you or your organization is interested in partnering with C.A.R.E. for the community dinners, or to volunteer during the dinners, please contact Diane Stewart at (715) 798-4567.

**If the world
feels heavy,
Let this
reminder
be a
counterweight.**



There are still
people out there
holding umbrellas for strangers.
Still kids waving to garbage trucks.
Still nurses tying their shoes in quiet
hallways, choosing to show up.
Kindness isn't gone.
It's just not shouting as loud
as some of the other stuff.

Karen Salmansohn + yourtodieforlife.com

Chequamegon Kite Fest

February 7; 1-4 p.m.

Cost: Free

Thompson's West End Park

401 8th Ave W;

Washburn

Join us for a beautiful afternoon of fun, friends, flying and more on frozen Lake Superior. Bring your own kite or borrow one from Chequamegon Kiting.



There will be a fire going in the fire pit by the pavilion to keep warm (weather permitting) and kids can take home a free kite (while supplies last).

7th Annual Northern Pines Sled Dog Race

**Sat., Feb. 7, 2025;
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Cost: Free

Northern Pines Golf
Course and Special
Events Center

69420 Airport Rd, Iron
River, WI 54847



This FREE, family-friendly event hosts 50-60 professional & recreational mushers from across the Midwest!

Join us for a day filled with thrilling race action including four different sled dog races, and kids mutt run, a sanctioned weight pull, sled dog rides provided by Martens Mushing, and snowshoeing provided by the Iron River National Fish Hatchery!

Spectators can catch all the action from the warmth of the clubhouse or along several great vantage points on the trail route.

There will also be a variety of vendors, raffles, food & drinks, and sled dog merch available!