



2026

**Board Meetings**

4:00 pm

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

April 22

May 27

June 24

**Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday

8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Friday—Closed to the Public

**Closures**

Memorial Day—



My daughter asked me if I had seen the dog bowl. I said, "No, I didn't even know he could."

# Housing Authorities of the City of Washburn & County of Bayfield

## Preparation for Spring/Summer Yard Work

As thoughts turn to gardening, remember that grassy areas must be kept free of any items that will interfere with lawn care.

Flowerpots, lawn ornaments, etc. must remain off mowed areas. Flowerpots are allowed on either porch areas or in the rock/wood chip areas outside the building. Tenants may NOT dig up any lawn areas or remove rock/wood chips to plant flowers, etc.

The Housing Authority will **NOT** be responsible for any damaged items that are in or *near* mowed areas.

## Summer Air Conditioners

You may choose to use an air conditioner during the summer months. If you do so, please follow the instructions below:

**1. Call the office before May 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Call the office at 715-373-2653.
- Let us know that you will use an air conditioner.
- You will be notified of the installation date once schedules are set.

**2. Pay the \$30 Air Conditioner Seasonal Fee with your June rent.**

This fee is for the entire summer season and is required to be paid in full, no matter how often or when you stop using your AC.

**3. Maintenance will install your AC**

Tenants are prohibited from installing or removing AC units. Only maintenance may install your air conditioner.

## Need a Laptop?

If you would benefit from access to a laptop or iPad and cannot afford one, the CLICK digital lending program can loan one to you at no cost. Reach out to your Digital Navigator today:



Eric Faber, 715-204-7501 or [efaber@nwwib.com](mailto:efaber@nwwib.com).

Are you having trouble with your laptop, tablet, phone? Remember, Eric can also help you become an effective user of technology!

## Humor

1. What's a rabbit's favorite springtime dance?
2. How do you catch a unique rabbit?
3. How do you catch a tame rabbit?

## Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) 2025 Housing Grant Program Awards Announced

In December, WHEDA announced that the WHEDA Foundation awarded 59 grants amounting to \$2 million to improve emergency shelter, transitional residences, and extremely low-income housing.

WHEDA received 117 applications requesting more than \$4.4 million through the housing grant process this year, indicating the high need in Wisconsin.

We are excited to announce that the Bayfield County Housing Authority has been awarded one of these grants. The Bayfield County Housing Authority received \$50,000 to repair a roof on one of the properties in Bayfield County. The Housing Authority expects that work will be completed within the 2026 calendar year.



Sustainability in Action

### Trash and Recycling Pick-up Schedule

#### Trash:

Washburn & Bayfield - Thursday

Port Wing -Wednesday

Grand View- Monday

Iron River - Wednesday

#### Recycling:

All sites - Tuesday

### Need Help with Your Heating or Electric Bill? Apply Now!

There are four ways to apply:

1. Call our statewide Customer Care Center at 1-800-506-5596 to complete an on demand application.
2. Apply online at <https://energybenefit.wi.gov>
3. Call to request a paper application form at (715) 373-6144.
4. Call to schedule a phone or in person interview with a Bayfield County Energy Intake Worker at (715) 373-6144.

Find more information at <http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov/>

### Lifeline (Personal Emergency Response System)

(<https://www.tamarackhealth.org/services/senior-services/>)

Since 1989, **Partners of Tamarack Health Ashland** (the hospital's volunteer group) has funded and maintained the crucial Lifeline program in Ashland and Bayfield Counties.

Lifeline is a medical alert system that gives you quick access to the help you need 24/7, 365 days a year, whether at home or on the go, ensuring peace of mind for independent living. Press your help button, and a trained care specialist will assess your situation and send the help you need—whether from a friend, family member, neighbor, or emergency service.

**For options, there are both landline and mobile options available:**

- The HomeSafe medical alert system delivers peace of mind at home, at an exceptional value. Can use landline or cellular.
- Mobile systems connect to help anytime, anywhere.
- The SmartWatch features a GPS-enabled help button, heart rate monitor, and step tracking to support your active lifestyle while offering 24/7/365 assistance.

To learn more about Lifeline services in Ashland/Bayfield Counties, call **715.685.5184**.

### 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. The bunny hop. 2. Unique up on it. 3. The tame way. Unique up on it.