

RidgePointe News

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A bit of malarkey, lots of green beer,
and make no mistake, you'll want to be here!

Charlie Heymann

Button Accordion
English Concertina



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY!

**Green Beer, Snacks &
Live Entertainment**

Monday, March 17th

2:30 PM

ATRIUM

March Events

Tuesday, March 4 : In-Person Speaker— David Jones **10 AM MH**

Statue of Liberty: Two Decades of Effort, Almost Impossible Odds. The Statue of Liberty stands proudly in the New York Harbor, but how did the Statue come to be? What does it symbolize? Join us for a compelling look at the idea, the construction and the meaning behind one of the most recognizable symbols in the world.

Wednesday, March 5: Pancake Breakfast **7-9 AM Atrium**

Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast together down in the Atrium; courtesy of Bob Park. Donations are welcomed.

Friday, March 7: Resident Potluck **5:30 PM Atrium**

Join your fellow residents for the first Friday of the month RidgePointe Potluck. Bring a dish to share, your personal utensils, a plate and a beverage.

Tuesday, March 11: In-Person Speaker—Gary Hansen **10 AM MH**

The Art of Impressionism. This lecture deals with Impressionism and how it changed the world of art. During this lecture, we will look at what prompted this remarkable change, who the key players were in this story, and what impact it had on the art of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Tuesday, March 11: Affinity Hearing—Free Hearing Aid Cleaning **11:30 AM MH**

No sign up necessary.

Monday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day Party **2:30 PM Atrium**

Be sure to wear your green duds and enjoy a beverage, a snack and live entertainment.

Tuesday, March 18: In-Person Speaker—Jokeda Bell **10 AM MH**

Author Jokeda Bell will discuss her book, ***Red Stained: The Life of Hilda Simms.*** Simms was an influential black actress and activist born and raised in Minnesota. Simms was a rising star on the stage and screen in post-WWII America until accusations of un-Americanism and communist sympathies derailed her career.

Tuesday, March 18: Birthday Celebration **3 PM EL**

3:00pm—HAPPY HOUR IN THE EAST LOBBY: Wine and Appetizers

3:30pm—Entertainment: Guitarist, Pavel Jany

5:00pm—Birthday Meal: Is your birthday in March? Happy Birthday! If you plan on using your three meals this month, enjoy an additional dinner at half-price on March 18.

Tuesday, March 25: In-Person Speaker— Robin Doroshow **10 AM MH**

Jewish in Public Office. Robin Doroshow will return to RidgePointe to present on behalf of the JHSU. A discussion and a video entitled ***Those Who Serve*** will be showcased. This video premiered in September 2024 at the Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest's 40th anniversary event.

**Happy**
St. Patrick's Day



MARCH MOVIES

FRIDAYS 7PM MARION HALL



March 7: *Twister*. Action. Two storm chasers on the brink of divorce must work together to test a new ground-breaking tornado data-gathering device as the most powerful storm of the century approaches.

March 14: *The Hundred-Foot Journey*. Comedy. A young, self-taught chef opens a restaurant just 100 feet away from an acclaimed French restaurant. Competition erupts. Starring Helen Mirren.

March 21: *Ghost*. Drama. A banker (Patrick Swayze) and an artist (Demi Moore) are madly in love. The banker is killed and left to roam the earth as a powerless spirit. A psychic (Whoopie Goldberg) helps set things right.

March 28: *Hope Floats*. Comedy. Birdee Pruitt (Sandra Bullock) returns to her small Texas hometown after being humiliated on live TV by her best friend. She is met by petty people except for one friend (Harry Connick Jr).

Enjoy Live Music!

Guitarist and Composer

Pavel Jany

Tuesday, March 18th

3:30pm

East Lobby



TED Talks Wednesdays at 1pm on Channel 991

Wednesday, March 5: *How to Turn Setbacks into Success* | Amy Shoenthal | TED. Success rarely happens in a straight line, with setbacks all but guaranteed along the way. What's the best way to recover? Leadership coach Amy Shoenthal lays out the four phases of the "setback cycle" and explains how to transform difficult moments into opportunities for reinvention and progress. ***I'm a Conservative — and I Care About the Climate, Too* | Danielle Butcher Franz | TED.** Environmental challenges aren't for just one political party to deal with — everyone must work together to solve them, says conservation champion Danielle Butcher Franz. Drawing on her work with young conservatives mobilizing environmental action, she shares how bridging divides and embracing shared values is the only way to tackle one of the world's biggest problems. ***How AI Can Bridge the Deaf and Hearing Worlds* | Adam Munder | TED.** Software engineer Adam Munder is on a mission to break down communication barriers between the Deaf and hearing worlds.

Wednesday, March 12: *The Art of Marketing — for Good* | Raja Rajamannar | TED. Can marketing transcend traditional business goals and actually be a force for good? Mastercard CMO Raja Rajamannar shares how purpose-driven initiatives ***Solar Energy Is Even Cheaper Than You Think* | Jenny Chase | TED.** According to researcher Jenny Chase, it's already displacing fossil fuels in key energy markets around the world. She explains the rise of affordable solar power and dives into how her team tracked its rapid installation in unexpected countries, offering a vision of a brighter, more sustainable future. ***How to use your strength as an outsider* | Samuel Kasumu | TEDxSoho.** What if being an outsider is, in fact, a superpower that frees one from groupthink, enabling fresh perspectives and new ways of thinking, resulting in new solutions to old problems?

Wednesday, March 19: *Bringing an Olympic mindset to life* | Camille Cheng | TEDxTinHau Women. Have you ever dedicated years of your life to something that comes down to just one moment? Three-time Olympic swimmer, Camille Cheng, shares how over the past 15 years, she's spent thousands of hours training for races that last less than a minute. ***How to be the hero of your own story* | Sean Kanan | TEDxSouthlake.** Emmy Award-winning visionary Sean Kanan transcends traditional entertainment boundaries as an actor, producer, and author. ***Why Body Language Is the Key to Self-Expression — and Hot Selfies* | David Suh | TED.** What if striking a pose could not only make you look good but also help you embody who you're meant to become? Demonstrating the art of mindful posing, portrait photographer and TikTok's "King of Poses" David Suh shares body language secrets to help your most authentic, confident self show up for every photo

Wednesday, March 26: *Is indoor air quality making us sick?* | Matt Schaubroeck | TEDxWinnipeg. Indoor air quality affects our physical health and our day-to-day performance. Matt wants people to think differently about the physical spaces they occupy, and how they impact their individual and social health. ***How to live fully after something bad happens* | Alice Foeller | TEDxNewAlbany.** Alice Foeller, author of *The Art of Compassion*, speaks about her journey through grief after her life partner of nine years died by suicide in 2023. She shares a compelling tale of the variety of activities, experiences and interactions that supported her healing, and what she learned about being supportive to others dealing with grief and trauma.

March Excursions

Thursday, March 6—Spring Flower Show, MN Arboretum **Depart: 10:20 AM**

Cost: \$17.00 (Checks Made Out To RidgePointe) **Lunch Cost: On Your Own**

Visit four main areas: floor-to-ceiling vignettes and gardens in the **Oswald Visitor Center Great Hall**; displays throughout the **Balcony and Rootstock Cafe**; more eye candy in the **Snyder Building and Andersen Horticultural Library** and the finale with tropical plants in the balmy **Conservatory**. Have lunch on your own at the Rootstock. **(Spring Flower Show: 11am)(Depart 1:15pm)**

Saturday, March 8— Grease at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre **Depart: 10:35 AM**

Cost— \$84.16 (Checks Made Out to RidgePointe)

Grease the musical is back at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre! The-back hair and leather jackets, ponytails and poodle skirts, fast cars and rock'n'roll; experience the nostalgia of high school in the '50s... peer pressure, love, and teenage life set against the campy backdrop of Rydell High!

(Lunch 11am— Production Start Time 1pm) (Production is 2 hours & 5 minutes, including one 20-minute intermission)

Thursday, March 13— Minnesota Orchestra **Depart: 9:30 AM**

Cost: Must Purchase Tickets On Your Own

Beethoven -Violin Concerto, Tabakova-Fantasy Homage to Schubert, Schubert-Symphony o.8, Unfinished. You will experience the talented young conductor, Tabita Berglund, and the American violinist, Erin Keefe.

Saturday, March 15— Into the Woods at Plymouth Playhouse and lunch at Perkins **Depart: 12:15 PM**

Cost: \$24.00 (Checks Made Out to RidgePointe) **Lunch Cost: On Your Own**

The story follows a baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results. A musical.

(Lunch 12:30pm)(Production Start Time 2pm) (Production is 2 hours & 45 minutes)

Thursday, March 20—Shoppes at Knollwood Mall and lunch at Applebee's **Depart: 10:15 AM**

Cost: On Your Own

Wear your shopping shoes and go through all the fun shoppes at Knollwood. Stores include Nordstrom Rack, TJ Maxx, Homegoods, Old Navy, DSW and Kohls. When you are done shopping, meet the group for lunch at Applebee's. **(Lunch Reservations 12:30pm)**

Saturday, March 22— The Mousetrap at Guthrie **Depart: 12 PM**

Cost: \$55.40 (Checks Made Out To RidgePointe)(15 People Maximum)

The Mousetrap is a murder mystery play by Agatha Christie. The play begins with a terrible blizzard that has trapped a number of guests inside a recently opened hotel. The mood goes from bad to worse with the news that a woman has been murdered nearby, and it seems that one of the guests is destined to be the killer's next target. **(Production Start Time 1pm)**

Thursday, March 27— Mystic Lake Casino **Depart: 10:15 AM**

Cost: On Your Own

Head out to Mystic Lake Casino for a day of Bingo, gambling or just enjoy lunch. **(Van Returns: 3 PM)**

Saturday, March 29—Ladies Luncheon at Taste of India **Depart 10:50 AM**

Lunch Cost: On Your Own

Enjoy an authentically delicious Indian style lunch. This restaurant has great lunch specials.

(Reservations 11am)

March Special!

Check out this fantastic deal!

If you are interested in moving this Spring, take a tour & find out why some describe RidgePointe as the best kept secret in the area! We own the whole city block making RidgePointe an ideal location to relax and still enjoy the conveniences of being near malls, restaurants, medical, etc. We offer lots of social opportunities, free cable TV, weekly housekeeping, a responsive maintenance team, a reliable van service, optional food, and yes, nice rental rates! In fact, here's a special for you to consider:

The Monarch *(Click to see floor plan)*

The Monarch is a two-bedroom, two-bathroom unit located in our West building on the sixth floor. This East facing apartment boasts 952 square feet and has a galley style kitchen with a bar-height pass through letting in plenty of natural light. Enjoy the large windows and the spacious walk-in closet in the primary bedroom. All this for just \$2,300 per month!

Naturally, the RidgePointe Amenities Package is included in your rent making your dollar work even harder. Want to take possession or move in sooner? No problem! Rent begins when you take possession or move any of your belongings in, not to exceed 60 days.

Call today & schedule a tour with Paula Rickett!
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