



# CCHA NEWSLETTER

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## TENANT HOLIDAY DINNER

Please join us for our Annual Tenant Holiday Dinner. This year's event will be held on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015**, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Manny's Pizza (located at 211 Main St., Savanna, IL). All tenants are welcome to come and enjoy a complimentary dinner and to celebrate the 2015 Holiday Season. We hope to see all of you there, as this is the perfect time to put on your party attire, come socialize with all of your fellow tenants, and get into the holiday spirit.

**MENU: TACOS, PIZZA & ASSORTED DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED**  
**ENTERTAINMENT: TBD**

Following the entertainment, **SANTA** will make a special appearance to greet each of the children that are in attendance at the Holiday Dinner with a **GIFT**. A drawing for **DOOR PRIZES** will be held at the conclusion of the evening.

Please R.S.V.P. to the office by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015**. Again, we welcome and encourage all tenants to join us for an evening of holiday celebration. **NOTE:** Complimentary transportation will be available upon request.



### PEPPERMINT SWIRL FUDGE RECIPE

Indulge in candy-shop flavor with these rich swirled squares. For Christmasy color, add crushed peppermint candies and red food coloring.

#### INGREDIENTS

- \* 1 teaspoon butter
- \* 1 package (10-12 oz.) white baking chips
- \* 1 can (16 oz.) vanilla frosting
- \* 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- \* 8 drops red food coloring
- \* 2 tablespoons crushed peppermint candies

#### DIRECTIONS

- \* Line a 9-in. square pan with foil and grease the foil with butter; set aside.
- \* In a small saucepan, melt chips; stir until smooth. Remove from the heat. Stir in frosting and extract. Spread into prepared pan. Randomly place drops of the food coloring over fudge; cut through fudge with a knife to swirl. Sprinkle with candies. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until set.
- \* Using foil, lift fudge out of pan. Gently peel off foil; cut fudge into 1-in. squares. Store in an airtight container.

**Yield:** about 1-1/2 pounds.

### CHRISTMAS WALK IN DOWNTOWN SAVANNA

Savanna's Annual Christmas Walk will be held from **5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** on **Friday, November 27th**. Following are some of the wonderful activities that will be held throughout the evening:

- Horse Drawn Wagon Excursions (Compliments of Colony Brands)
- Santa at Savanna-Thomson State Bank
- Letters to Santa at Triumph Comm. Bank
- Christmas Cook Walk & Silent Basket Auction at Blackhawk Area Credit Union
- Face Painting at The Answer Fitness



### A WINTERY NIGHT

The sky is dark and the ground is white.  
The world is peaceful on this wintery night.  
No one around, not a sound to be heard.  
Not a laugh, not a car, not even a bird.  
For a moment, it's just the snow and me.  
I smile inside. I feel so free.

- Lyndsey Kuster

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**"SING HEY! SING HEY! FOR CHRISTMAS DAY; TWINE MISTLETOE AND HOLLY.**

**FOR A FRIENDSHIP GLOWS, IN WINTER SNOWS, AND SO LET'S ALL BE JOLLY."**

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN



### CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- BINGO (Mest Manor) Monday, December 7th & 21st 1:00p.m. (All Tenants Welcome)
- Tenant Holiday Dinner Thursday, December 10th 5:00p.m. (Manny's Pizza) All Tenants Welcome
- Board Game/Card Club Saturday, December 12th 6:30p.m. (Mest Manor) All Tenants Welcome
- Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, December 15th (Mest Manor Dining Room) 3:15p.m.

### OFFICE CLOSURE:

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**  
Thursday, December 24th & Friday, December 25th

**NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY**  
Friday, January 1st



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Julia Dreyer	1
Terry Tipp	3
Caylee White	3
Ruth Wiegert	6
Larissa Lewis	6
Paul Free	6
Robert Streeter	11
Lorena Green	12
Kimberly Gouty	15
Mary Menke	19
William Nemeck	24
Kya Yenney	24
Eva Mika	25
Tamzie Feary	27
Barbara Yenney	28
Mary Jo Holcomb	28
Mary Wolfe	31



**SANTA'S LIST DAY**

Santa's List Day is observed on December 4th. You better watch out. You better not cry. You better not pout. Because Santa is making his list, he is checking it twice, and now that it is December, it is crunch time to get on Santa's Nice List.



Santa's List Day is a good day to step back and take a look at your year. Do you think that you would fall into the Naughty List or the Nice List? As Christmas approaches, we should be thinking about the way we live our lives, whether or not Santa is keeping an eye on us.

Celebrate Santa's List Day by watching a Christmas movie. Make some hot chocolate, enjoy a few freshly baked cookies, and get into the Christmas spirit. 'Tis the season!

Make a "Santa's List" of your own. It is the season of giving after all, and sometimes we get lost in the Black Friday sales and Cyber Monday steals. It can be easy to focus on what we want for ourselves, so try to be observant about your loved ones and what they need. Come up with thoughtful gifts this holiday season. Don't wait until the last minute...only 20 more shopping days left until Christmas, so start your list!

Make a personal goals list. In light of the idea of Santa's Naughty and Nice Lists, what are some things that you would like to improve in your life? This is a great New Year's resolution prep.

Quote of the Day:

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." - Charles Dickens

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**Mission Statement**

The Housing Authority of the County of Carroll is committed to providing quality, affordable housing that is decent and safe, to eligible families in this community. We endeavor to instill pride and desire for an enhanced quality of life for our residents and their families. We are committed to serving our residents and this entire community in a manner that demonstrates professional courtesy, respect, and caring.



**HALLOWEEN PARTY PICTURES (AT MEST MANOR)**



**SAVANNA CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Eighth Annual Savanna Area Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 20th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church (2100 Chicago Avenue) in Savanna. Everyone is welcome to attend this complimentary concert for a night full of beautiful Christmas music. The program will feature many local musicians! Refreshments will be served following the concert.



**FESTIVAL OF TREES—JOLLY HOLIDAY EVENT**



The Savanna Historical Society is proud to present the 5th Annual Festival of Trees. This year, **CARROLL COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY** is sponsoring one of the over fifty lighted Christmas trees that will be delightfully decorated by local businesses, organizations and individuals. Visitors submit their votes for the Best Tree. Also, a Gingerbread House Display contest will also be featured. Santa will be at the Museum from 1:00pm - 3:00pm on Saturday 12/5 & 12/13/2015. Face painting and craft projects will be available for the children. In addition, wonderful raffle prizes will be available. Admission to the Festival of Trees is free, however, donations are always accepted.

DATES: December 5 - December 13, 2015

HOURS: Weekends Noon - 6:00pm, Weekdays 4:00pm - 7:00pm

LOCATION: Savanna Historical Museum (406 Main St., Savanna, IL)