



# CCHA NEWSLETTER

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## VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT HOUR

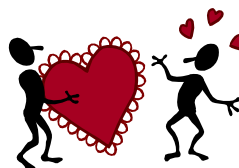
S.A.L.T. (Serving and Learning Together), a woman's group from the Evangelical Free Church in Chadwick, IL is kindly sponsoring a **VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT HOUR** for all of our Carroll County Housing Authority residents. The ladies will be assisting tenants in creating Valentine's Day cards for your friends, family, and neighbors. Please bring your imagination to create your cards, and join us for a fun-filled evening with your fellow neighbors.

\* **ALL** card supplies will be provided, and refreshments will be served.

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH**

**TIME: 6:30 P.M.**

**LOCATION: MEST MANOR DINING ROOM**



**NOTE:** Please R.S.V.P. to the CCHA office (815-273-7081) by **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016.**

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"The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers."

- Thomas Jefferson

### CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- **Annual Re-Examinations**  
Throughout the Month of February (All Tenants)  
\* Please call the office as soon as possible to schedule an appointment if you have not already done so.
- **January Policy Committee Meeting & Board Meeting**  
Thursday, February 4th  
1:30p.m. & 2:00p.m.  
(Mest Manor Dining Room)
- **BINGO (Mest Manor)**  
Monday, February 8th & 22nd  
1:00p.m. (All Tenants Welcome)
- **Valentine's Day Craft Hour**  
Wednesday, February 10th  
6:30p.m. (Mest Manor)
- **Valentine's Day Party**  
Friday, February 12th  
2:00p.m. (Mest Manor)
- **Board Game/Card Club**  
Saturday, February 13th  
6:30p.m. (Mest Manor)  
All Tenants Welcome
- **February Board Meeting**  
Thursday, February 18th  
2:00 p.m.  
(Mest Manor Dining Room)

### OFFICE CLOSURE: PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday,  
February 15th



### CHOCOLATE CHERRY CUPCAKES RECIPE

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a fruity surprise inside each of these cupcakes !

#### INGREDIENTS

- \* 1 package (regular size) chocolate cake mix
- \* 1-1/3 cups water
- \* 1/2 cup canola oil
- \* 3 eggs
- \* 1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling
- \* 1 can (16 ounces) vanilla frosting
- \* Chocolate curls, optional

#### DIRECTIONS

- \* In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, water, oil and eggs; beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes.
- \* Spoon batter by 1/4 cupful into paper-lined muffin cups. Place a teaspoonful of pie filling in the center of each cupcake.
- \* Set remaining pie filling aside.
- \* Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes. Remove from pans to wire rack to cool completely.
- \* Frost cupcakes; top each with a cherry from pie filling. Garnish with chocolate curls if desired. **Yield:** 2 dozen.



### TENANT VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

We have been bitten by the love bug!! Please join us for our Valentine's Day celebration. There will be plenty of delicious sweets and treats being served up. Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon with some **SOCIALIZING** with your fellow tenants, **FABULOUS FOOD**, and **BINGO**.

**DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH**

**TIME: 2:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION: MEST MANOR DINING ROOM**

### GROUNDHOG FUN FACTS

Here are a few fun facts in observance of Groundhog Day on February 2nd:

1. They are rodents, and are the largest animal in the squirrel family.
2. Groundhogs live in the Eastern part of North America.
3. They can move over 700 pounds of dirt digging one burrow or den!
4. Groundhogs weigh between 9-15 pounds, and live up to 6 years old.
5. Groundhogs can swim and are excellent tree climbers.



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Steven Delp	4
Elenor Paisley	6
Trinity Perry	9
Brydyn Keister	15
Laura King	17
Raphnie Lawrence	17
Albert Anderson	21
James Fecke	22
Kathryn Broderick	23



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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.



**CARROLL COUNTY TAX-AIDE PROGRAM**

With the New Year comes tax preparation. The Carroll County Tax-Aide program begins on February 12th at the Carroll County Senior Center, in Mt. Carroll, IL. This a **free service** available to the general public.



To simplify your tax preparation, find a large envelope to hold all of your 2015 tax documentation. This documentation may include the following:

1. W-2 forms, unemployment compensation forms, SSA-1099 or 1099-R forms
2. 1099-INT (bank interest) or December bank statement
3. Cash Income (still considered income)
4. Documentation on health insurance coverage from the marketplace, your employer or the government
5. To itemize deductions bring receipts or canceled checks to prove medical expenses, charitable donations, property taxes and home mortgage interest.
6. 2014 tax return and proof of identity

When you have collected all your tax documents, then it is time to visit your tax preparer. To utilize the Carroll County Tax-Aide Program, please call the Carroll County Senior Center to make an appointment at 815-244-1800 or 866-214-1959. This **free service** will be available on Monday and Friday mornings, February 12th through April 11th.

**HUMOROUS STORIES**

**A funny story involving a cop and two ladies:** There was a this car that was driving very slowly down the highway. A state trooper pulled it over. What did I do wrong, officer?" the driver asked. "You were going 26 MPH on a major highway, there is a law against that. You must go at least 50 MPH." "But when I got onto the highway, the sign said 26!" "That is because this is Interstate 26! The 26 isn't the speed limit!" The driver leaned back into her car seat and the cop saw another woman sitting beside her, she looked as pale as a ghost. "What happened to her?" the officer asked. "I don't know, but she has been that way ever since we got off the interstate 160."

**Wrong e-mail address:** A couple was going on vacation but the wife was on a business trip so the husband went to the destination first and his wife would meet him the next day. When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick e-mail. Unfortunately, when typing her address, he mistyped a letter and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint. At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this on the screen: *Dearest Wife, Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow. P.S. Sure is hot down here.*

**PROJECT REACH**



Business Employment Skills Team (BEST, Inc.) is launching a new Program; Project Reach. This is an exciting new program that will start soon, and will fill up fast. This program offers an opportunity for individuals to do the following:

- Earn Your GED**
- Plan Your Career**
- Train for a Job**

The Project Reach program will assist qualified individuals to earn money, get started in a career, and get connect to training. To qualify for the program; You must be 17-24 years old, need a GED certificate, and live in Carroll or Jo Daviess County.

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