



CCHA NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL LEASE RE-EXAMINATIONS

With the new year upon us, the Annual Lease Re-examinations will be fast approaching in February. In the meantime, if you receive a letter from the [Social Security Administration](#) indicating your income for 2016, please bring it to the CCHA office and we will make a copy for your file. Also, you will be receiving a letter from our office regarding the required information needed to complete your re-examination. Upon receipt of the Lease Re-examination letter, call the CCHA office to schedule your appointment. Please be sure that all applicable forms are completed **prior** to your appointment. It is especially important that the "Banking Verification" form be taken to your banking institution a few weeks prior to your appointment to be completed, as a few local banks have to forward the paperwork to their office headquarters, which may be in a different state, to be completed. As a reminder, all re-examinations must be completed and forwarded to the Chicago HUD office by **February 29, 2016**. Thus, if your re-examination is **not** completed by this date your Lease **will not be renewed**.



SLOW COOKER CHEESY BROCCOLI SOUP RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

- * 2 tablespoons butter
- * 1 small onion, finely chopped
- * 2 cups finely chopped fresh broccoli
- * 3 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- * 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- * 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- * 1 package (8 oz.) process cheese (Velveeta), cubed
- * 1-1/2 cups (6 oz.) shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese
- * 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- * Additional shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese

DIRECTIONS

- * In a skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook and stir 3-4 minutes or until tender. Transfer to a 3- or 4-qt. slow cooker. Add broccoli, broth, milk and pepper.
- * Cook, covered on low 3-4 hours or until broccoli is tender. Stir in process cheese until melted. Add shredded cheeses; stir until melted. Just before serving, stir soup to combine. Top servings with additional cheddar cheese.

YEILD: 4 servings.

REAC INSPECTION

The Carroll County Housing Authority will be inspected by the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) on the following dates beginning at **8:00 A.M.** each day:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016 & WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016

In preparation of the REAC inspection, Ed Bochniak, Executive Director, and the maintenance staff will be around to all units to complete an **initial unit inspection** as follows:

Carroll Apartments

Tuesday, January 5, 2016
Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Maple Lane

Wednesday, January 6, 2016
Beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Mest Manor

Thursday, January 7, 2016
Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER PLACEMENT

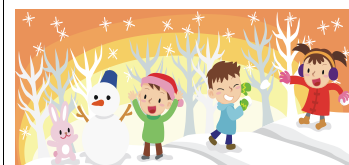
CCHA, with the recommendation of the Savanna Fire Department, is installing fire extinguishers in all units. They will be placed in the kitchen area of your home. We are working with the Savanna Fire Department to offer classes on how to properly use the extinguishers in a fire. More information will be forthcoming.

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"MAY ALL YOUR TROUBLES LAST AS LONG AS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!"

- JOEY ADAMS



CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- BINGO (Mest Manor)
Monday, January 4th & 18th
1:00p.m. (All Tenants Welcome)
- Board Game/Card Club
Saturday, January 9th
6:30p.m. (Mest Manor)
All Tenants Welcome
- Pest Control
Friday, January 15th
9:00a.m. (Carroll Apartments)
- Policy Committee Meeting & Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 19th
1:30 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.
(Mest Manor Dining Room)
- Tenant Meetings
Tuesday, January 26th
10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
(Mest Manor - Dining Room)
Thursday, January 28th
2:30 p.m. (Maple Lane)
- Tenant Potluck (Mest Manor)
Tuesday, January 26th

OFFICE CLOSURE:

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Friday, January 1st

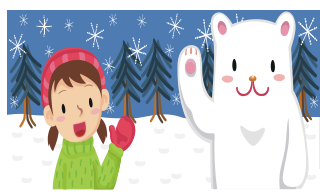
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
Monday, January 18th





JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Harris	6
Jessica Veltman	8
Dillion Sipe	9
Dalton Sipe	9
Angel Lopez	9
Ruth Kelly	19
Kendall White	24
Kathryn Musser	25
Richard Sipe	25
Shoshawna Inness	29



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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.



**JANUARY IS NATIONAL BATH SAFETY MONTH:
TIPS FOR SENIORS & CHILDREN**



Safety Tips for Seniors: A common area where seniors often end up having accidents is falls in the bathroom, and helping prevent those kinds of accidents is what January's National Bath Safety Month is all about. These types of accidents, while common, are sometimes overlooked as a cause for concern. The good news is, however, that bathroom falls are easily prevented if you take the right precautions. It really only takes a few simple things to make your bathroom a lot safer. To decrease the likelihood of you ever falling while in the bathroom, follow these useful tips:

- Install non-slip mat on the floor, as well as, at the entry/exit of your bathtub/shower
- Use the safety handles provided for climbing in and out of the bathtub/shower
- Make sure your bathroom floor stays clean and free of spills
- Keep a portable phone in your bathroom in case of emergencies

Safety Tips for Children: Stay with your children. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children 4 and under always have a parent or caregiver present when they are near water, including the bathtub. Accidents can happen in an instant.

- Prevent slips. Young children do not have the coordination or strength to hold steady if they lose their balance. Affix a slip-resistant plastic mat that suctions to the bottom of the bathtub and make sure the throw rug outside the tub does not slide when stepped on.
- Test temperature. Always wait until the bathtub is finished filling up before placing your child in the water, as the temperature can change.

Taking these steps toward preventing falls in your bathroom could definitely help save a life, so put them into practice right away as part of National Bath Safety Month.

**TENANT HOLIDAY DINNER PICTURES
(THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH @ MANNY'S PIZZA)**

THANK YOU to all of our tenants, board members, and guests who joined us for a wonderful evening of holiday cheer. Following are a few photos that captured the magic of the evening:

