**Thanksgiving Day Celebration**

All Mest Manor residents are cordially invited to join in on a wonderful Thanksgiving Day Celebration at Mest Manor graciously hosted and sponsored by Christie & Ritchie Atkins.

The morning will kickoff with the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade being televised in the Community Room, followed by a fun-filled afternoon to include; a traditional Thanksgiving Feast, NFL Football Games televised in the Community Room, and BINGO held in the Dining Room.

**Menu:** Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Dressing, Green Bean Casserole. Cranberries, Meat & Cheese Tray, Vegetable Tray, Deviled Eggs, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Pies, and Beverage

**DATE:** Thursday, November 24th

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 1:00 P.M.)

**LOCATION:** Mest Manor (Community Room & Dining Room)

**Note:** The Turkey & Ham will be provided by J. C. Carey Motors. There is a sign-up sheet in the Mest Manor Lobby for attendance of the lunch, as well as, a sign-up sheet to bring a food item to the Thanksgiving Celebration. If you have any questions, please contact Christie Atkins at (815) 590-3394. We hope to see you there!!

**No-Fuss Pumpkin Cake Recipe**

Make the most of convenience items you have in your pantry to make this moist old-fashioned cake.

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 package yellow cake mix (regular size)
- 1 can (15 oz.) solid-pack pumpkin, divided
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 can (16 oz.) vanilla frosting
- 1 package (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened

**DIRECTIONS:**
- In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, pumpkin, eggs, sugar, oil and pumpkin pie spice; beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes.
- Pour into a greased 9 x 13 baking pan. Bake at 350° for 25-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.
- In a small bowl, beat frosting and cream cheese until smooth; spread over cake.
- Store in the refrigerator.

**Yield:** 20-24 servings.

**Daylight Savings Time**

Just a reminder…. Daylight Savings Time will officially end at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, **November 6, 2016**. Remember, you will “FALL BACK,” set your clocks back one hour.

**Thank a Veteran:**

**A Veterans Day Poem**

(by Brittany Cuneo)

Today is the day we honor, the noble and the brave, the men and women who dedicated their lives, and the sacrifices that they have made.

When America had an urgent need, they were the first to raise their hand, without thinking twice about it, they were proud to take a stand. Some came back from war with battle scars, others in flagged draped coffins, even though their flesh may have left, their spirits will never be forgotten.

They unselfishly and knowingly, put their lives on the line, so when you see a Veteran, thank them, cause without them, freedom would have died!

**CCHA Monthly Happenings:**

- BINGO (Mest Manor) Monday, November 7th & 21st 1:00 p.m. (All Tenants Welcome)
- Game/Card Club Saturday, November 12th 6:30 p.m. (Mest Manor)
- Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, November 15th 2:00 p.m. (Mest Manor)
- Pest Control (All Units) Friday, November 18th 8:30 a.m.
- Tenant Meetings: Monday, November 21st 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. (Mest Manor)
- Maple Lane Unit Inspections Wednesday, November 30th Beginning at 1:00 p.m.

**Office Closure:**

- Friday, November 11th (Observance of Veterans Day)
- Thursday, November 24th & Friday, November 25th (Thanksgiving Holiday)
A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

We humbly ask Thy blessing on the turkey and dressing,
On the yams and cranberry jelly, and the pickles from the deli.
Bless the apple pie and tea, bless each and every calorie.
Let us enjoy Thanksgiving dinner. Tomorrow we can all get thinner.
For all Thy help along the way we are thankful this Thanksgiving Day.
We are thankful too, for all our dear ones, for all the far way and near ones.
Although we may be far apart, we are together in my heart.
Keep us in Thy loving care, this is my Thanksgiving Prayer.
P.S. Anyone who wishes, may help with the dishes.

6th Annual Halloween Bash Pics

On Monday, October 31, 2016, our 6th Annual Halloween Bash was held at Mest Manor. Following are a few photos that captured the afternoon of fright.

Upcoming Holiday Shopping Events

The 2016 Holiday Season is fast approaching. Following are a few local events to provide you an opportunity to get a jump start on your Christmas shopping and support your local communities:

The Great Route 64/84 Holiday Shop Hop will be held on November 4, 5, 11, and 12th (Friday & Saturday.) This Shop Hop is sponsored by the cities of Lanark, Mt. Carroll, Savanna, Thomson and Fulton. The Savanna shops and restaurants that will be participating include: College Street Creations, Sassy Stems, Savanna Marketplace, Photography by Connie Zink, and Café Crumbles. If you would like any additional information visit: www bwcbv com shop hop
Enjoy touring Savanna’s historic downtown during the Annual Christmas Walk from 5:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. on Friday, November 25, 2016.