**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 2017, 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 28, 2017**. Thus, if your re-examination is **not** completed by this date your Lease will not be renewed.

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**Macaroni Taco Bake Recipe**

Comforting mac and cheese with a touch of taco flavoring and tortilla-chip crunch….. no wonder kids love it!

**Ingredients**
- 2 packages (7-1/4 oz. each) macaroni and cheese dinner mix
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 cup chunky salsa
- 2 cups crushed tortilla chips
- 1 can (2-1/4 oz.) sliced ripe olives, drained
- 2 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend
- Sour cream, optional

**Directions**
- Prepare macaroni and cheese according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook beef until no longer pink; drain. Stir in salsa; set aside.
- Spread macaroni into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Layer with beef mixture, chips and olives; sprinkle with cheese.
- Bake uncovered, at 350° until heated through, 15-20 minutes. Serve with sour cream if desired. **YIELD:** 8 servings.

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**Macaroni & Cheese Fun Facts:**
1. Macaroni and cheese is the number one cheese recipe in the United States.
2. In 1993, Crayola named one of their crayon colors “macaroni and cheese.”

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**Merry & Bright**

Christmas may be over, the stockings put away. The chocolate and cookies enjoyed every single day.

Now the New Year’s coming, all hurry on their way, to live their busy lives, no more thoughts of Santa’s sleigh.

Although the season’s come and go, and holidays have their cheer, the spirit of Christ can stay in our hearts, to warm and bless all near.

I hope you had a Merry Christmas, full of the Christmas spirit, but more than that I hope your year has much happiness and love in it!

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**If You Want to Be Your Year….**
1. Don’t sit on the couch and wait for it.
2. Go out. Make a change.
4. Throw away what you’ve been cluttering.
5. Go to bed early. Wake up early.
7. Don’t gossip.
8. Show more gratitude.
9. Do things that challenge you.
January Birthdays
Patricia Harris 6
Jessica Adams 8
Dillion Sipe 9
Dalton Sipe 9
Angel Lopez 9
Ronald Bumphrey 9
Ruth Kelly 19
Kathryn Musser 25
Richard Sipe 25
Zecheriah Yenney 26
Shoshawna Inness 29

Tenant Holiday Dinner Pictures
(Thursday, December 15th @ Manny’s Pizza)

Thank you to all of our tenants, board members, and guests who joined us for a wonderful evening of holiday cheer. In addition, we would like to extend a big thank you to the Carroll County Transit for providing transportation, Men of the Calvary for their wonderful music, and of course Santa for visiting with all our tenants (big and little).

At the conclusion of the evening a bike drawing was held. A few months ago, a local family generously donated four (4) bikes to the Carroll County Housing Authority to be given to four lucky Carroll Apartments children. The generosity of this family during the holidays is greatly appreciated, and was certainly a highlight of the evening. Congratulations to our bike winners: Breanna Schaefer, Trinity Perry, Jonathan Schaefer & Bradley Kibodeux.