



# CCHA NEWSLETTER

**CARROLL COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

With the new school year underway and the smell of fall in the air, the Carroll County Housing Authority continues to make improvements at all of its sites. Here is an update of our current and future projects:

### CURRENT PROJECTS:

- At Mest Manor, a new tenant intercom system was recently installed to replace the original intercom system that had been non-functional for the past 16 years. The new intercom system allows each tenant to speak to their guest/visitor and allows the tenant to unlock the main front entrance door all without leaving the comforts of their apartment!
- At Carroll Apartments, the installation of high efficient furnaces and tankless water heaters have begun. Every unit will have a new furnace and water heater installed by the end of the year allowing every tenant to have more room in their utility room. The installation of this equipment will help reduce the amount of natural gas usage in each family apartment. Once this project is complete, all of our 90 units at the housing authority will have high efficient furnaces and water heaters.
- The re-sealing and re-stripping of all parking lots are being planned for this month. All tenants will be informed when their vehicle will need to be moved from the parking lots so the project can be completed. Please watch for notices in the coming weeks. (Article continued below) ↓

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*"By all these lovely tokens  
September days are here,  
with summer's best of  
weather and Autumn's best  
of cheer."*

- Helen Hunt Jackson



### CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Carroll Apartments Unit Inspections:  
Wednesday, September 6th  
\*Beginning at 12:30 p.m.  
(Units #1 - #12)  
Thursday, September 7th  
\*Beginning at 12:30pm  
(Units #13 - #24)
- Game/Card Club  
Saturday, September 9th  
6:30 p.m. (Mest Manor)  
(All Tenants Welcome)
- BINGO (Mest Manor)  
Tuesday, September 12th &  
Monday, September 25th  
1:00p.m. (All Tenants Welcome)
- Pest Control (Carroll Apts.)  
Friday, September 15th  
8:30 a.m.  
\* Outside Pest Spray Only  
(Mest Manor & Maple Lane)
- Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 19th  
2:00 p.m. (Mest Manor)

### OFFICE CLOSURE:

Monday, September 4th  
(Labor Day)



## CARAMEL APPLE CUPCAKES RECIPE



Bring these extra-special cupcakes to your next bake sale and watch how quickly they disappear.....if your family doesn't gobble them up first!

### INGREDIENTS

- \* 1 package spice or carrot cake mix (regular size)
- \* 2 cups chopped peeled tart apples
- \* 20 caramels
- \* 3 tablespoons 2% milk
- \* 1 cup finely chopped pecans, toasted
- \* 12 Popsicle sticks

### DIRECTIONS

- \* Prepare cake batter according to package directions; fold in apples.
- \* Fill 12 greased or paper-lined jumbo muffin cups three-fourths full. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.
- \* In a small saucepan, cook the caramels and milk over low heat until smooth. Spread over cupcakes. Sprinkle with pecans. Insert a wooden stick into the center of each cupcake.

**Yield:** 1 dozen

## CAPITAL PROJECTS CONT'D

### FUTURE PROJECTS:

- At Mest Manor, purchase of new stoves; renovation of dining room; new laundry room entrance; relocation of mailboxes; installation of new carpet in the main floor hallway; and replacement of the stairwell fire exit doors.
  - At Carroll Apartments, reconfiguration of new wider sidewalks.
  - In all units, replacement of current kitchen lights with efficient LED ceiling lights.
- Look for these and other improvements as Carroll County Housing Authority staff and board members strive to make our housing authority one of the best in the area!

## WC HOMECOMING PARADE

The Carroll County Housing Authority will be sponsoring a float in the **WEST CARROLL HOMECOMING PARADE** on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. from the ShopKo parking lot.

If you are interested in participating in the parade (handing out candy and our CCHA flyers) please contact the CCHA office at 815-273-7081.

**GO THUNDER!!**





**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Shenel Handel	1
Therese Daniels	3
Patricia Gay	6
Fred Daniel	7
Denise Abildgaard	9
Bayne Inness	10
Donald Larsen	11
Lucille Acree	12
Carol Kerkove	13
Priscilla Lopez	29



**NEW MEDICARE CARDS ARE ON THE WAY....**

Changes are coming to your Medicare card. Your new card will have a new Medicare number that is unique to you, instead of your Social Security number. Having your Social Security number removed from your Medicare card will help fight medical identity theft and protect your medical and financial information. The new card will not effect your coverage or benefits.

You **DON'T** need to take any action to get your new Medicare card. Medicare will be mailing the new cards between April 2018 and April 2019.

Anytime there is a major change like this, scams will follow. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has great tips for spotting potential scams. In general, just remember that Medicare will never call you to gather personal information and will never ask you to pay for this new card. Any calls that you receive that asks for this information is a scam, and can be reported to the Illinois Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) at 800-699-9048.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL POOL PARTY PICTURES**



On Thursday, August 10, 2017, our CCHA Back-to-School Pool Party was held at the West Carroll High School. To help kick-off another fantastic school year, CCHA distributed tote bags filled with school supplies and goodies to all the children in attendance at the Pool Party.

**NOTE:** The Carroll County Housing Authority would like to extend a sincere **"THANK YOU"** to **JO-CARROLL ENERGY** in Savanna, IL for graciously donating the tote bags for all the children.



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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 courtesies, respect, and caring.

