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NEW MEDICARE CARD, NUMBERS WILL BE ISSUED IN THE NEXT YEAR

To reduce the potential for fraud and identity theft, Medicare began issuing new Medicare cards and numbers in April 2018, and will continue through April 2019. Individuals on Medicare will be assigned a new "Medicare beneficiary identifier" and the card will arrive in the mail. It has been stated that our Illinois Medicare beneficiaries will likely get their cards this summer, however, be on the lookout as one of our CCHA residents received her new card in the mail last week.

You can start using your new Medicare card upon receipt, but there is a provision that will allow healthcare providers to accept either your old or new card until December 31, 2019. Medicare recommends you destroy your old card upon receipt of the new one.

The most important thing to know is that your new card changes nothing about your healthcare plan. You will have all the same doctors, premiums, and benefits you have now. You only need to watch your mail for the new card to arrive.

Scammers: While the new card will reduce the potential for fraud, it opens up an opportunity for scammers to take advantage of the situation. Following are tips to avoid Medicare card scams:

1. Medicare will never call, email or text you to ask for your personal information.
2. There is no cost for the new cards. If you are asked to pay a fee to expedite, it is a scam.

Please spread the word about potential scammers. Use your answering machine to screen callers or just do not answer a number you do not recognize.

EASY ICE CREAM SUNDAE DESSERT RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

- * 2 cups (12 oz.) semisweet chocolate chips
- * 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- * 1/2 teaspoon salt
- * 1 package (12 oz.) vanilla wafers, crushed
- * 1/2 cup butter, melted
- * 2 quarts vanilla ice cream or flavor of your choice, softened

DIRECTIONS

- * In a saucepan, over medium heat, melt chocolate chips with milk and salt; cook until thickened, about 25 minutes.
- Remove from heat; set aside. Combine wafer crumbs and butter; set aside 1 cup.
- Press remaining crumbs into a greased 12-in. x 9-in. pan. Chill for 10-15 minutes.
- Pour chocolate over crumbs. Cover and freeze for 10-15 minutes or until firm.
- Spread the ice cream over chocolate.
- Sprinkle with the reserved crumbs.
- Freeze at least two hours before serving.

Yield: 12-16 servings.

PLANT SALE LOCAL HAPPENINGS.....



BEAUTIFICATION IN MOTION FOURTH ANNUAL PLANT & BAKED GOODS SALE

- DATE: Saturday, May 19th
- TIME: 9:00 a.m. - Noon
- LOCATION: Outdoor Market Place North of Shiver's Ice Cream on Main Street in Savanna, IL
- * Come out for some delicious baked goodies, and to support your community!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

- M**....is for the million things she gave me,
- O**....means only that she's growing old,
- T**....is for the tears she shed to save me,
- H**....is for the heart of purest gold
- E**....is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
- R**...means right, and right she'll always be!



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"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."

- President Harry S. Truman

CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Tenant Meeting
Wednesday, May 2nd
2:30 p.m.
(Maple Lane Comm. Room)
- BINGO (Mest Manor)
Tuesday, May 8th & Monday, May 21st
1:00 p.m. (All Tenants Welcome)
- Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 16th
2:00 p.m.
(Maple Lane Comm. Room)
- Pest Control
Friday, May 18th (8:30 a.m.)
(Carroll Apartment Units)
- Carroll Apts. Unit Inspections
Wednesday, May 30th (Units #1 - #12)
Thursday, May 31st (Units #13 - #24)
* Beginning at 2:00 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSURE:

MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 28th





MAY BIRTHDAYS

Marijan Rihtar	1
Anna Hubble	6
Julie Woodruff	9
La'kyra Lewis	13
Brittany Spencer	13
Edward King	16
Vernon Taylor	16
Samantha Eppenstein	19
Juulyn Rihtar	21
Maison Rihtar	21
Ernst Schaefer	23
Lyla Hoyt	24
Daniel Lopez	27



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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.



IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING



There are few rites of spring more satisfying than the annual clean. For many people, however, the pleasure comes only after the work is finished. Your spring cleaning may never become effortless, but you can make the project more manageable....and even enjoyable.

After reading through the following helpful checklist, tailor the list to your home. Create a realistic schedule, keeping in mind that a single weekend won't suffice, as you will need several days for more involved projects, such as organizing your closets.

- Kitchen:** Organize junk drawers, clean pantry shelves, clean out freezer, toss expired foods, clean refrigerator and microwave vents, vacuum ceiling corners and vents, vacuum tops of cabinets, clean under appliances
- Living Room:** Purge catalogs and magazines, vacuum ceiling corners and vents, wash windows, wash/fluff sofa cushions, shampoo carpet
- Bedroom:** Wash bedding and pillows, vacuum ceiling corners and vents, shampoo carpet
- Closets:** Organize all closets and donate unused items, put away seasonal clothing
- Bathroom:** Clean under sink, discard expired make-up and medicine, vacuum and/or dust light fixture
- Other:** Clean toys, wash all walls, doors and handles, baseboards, wash windows, vacuum drapes, flip mattress

Use the checklist as a springboard to deep clean the areas of your home that really need extra attention. Skip items that have recently been cleaned and focus on the parts of your home that have been neglected all winter long.

THE EVOLUTION OF MOTHERHOOD

Yes, parenthood changes everything. However, parenthood also changes with each baby. Here are some of the ways having a second and third child differs from having your first:

Your Clothes:

- 1st baby: You begin wearing maternity clothes as soon as your pregnancy is confirmed.
- 2nd baby: You wear your regular clothes for as long as possible.
- 3rd baby: Your maternity clothes ARE your regular clothes.

The Baby's Name:

- 1st baby: You pore over baby name books and practice pronouncing your favorites.
- 2nd baby: Someone has to named after your great-aunt Mavis, right? It might as well be you.
- 3rd baby: You open a name book, close your eyes, and see where your finger points.

Preparing for the Birth:

- 1st baby: You practice your breathing religiously.
- 2nd baby: You don't bother practicing because you remember the last time, breathing didn't do a thing.
- 3rd baby: You ask for an epidural in your 8th month.

Worries:

- 1st baby: At the first sign of distress—a whimper, a frown—you pick up the baby.
- 2nd baby: You pick the baby up when her wails threaten to wake your firstborn.
- 3rd baby: You teach your 3-year old how to rewind the mechanical swing.

Activities:

- 1st baby: You take your baby to Baby Gymnastics, Baby Swing, and Baby Story Hour.
- 2nd baby: You take your baby to Baby Gymnastics.
- 3rd baby: You take your infant to the supermarket and the dry cleaner.

Going Out:

- 1st baby: The first time you leave your baby with a sitter you call home 5 times.
- 2nd baby: Just before you leave, you remember to leave a number where you can be reached.
- 3rd baby: You leave instructions for the sitter to call only if she sees blood.

At Home:

- 1st baby: You spend a good bit of every day just gazing at the baby.
- 2nd baby: You spend a bit of every day watching to be sure your older child isn't squeezing, poking, or hitting the baby.
- 3rd baby: You spend a little bit of every day hiding from the children.