



CCHA NEWSLETTER

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TENANT HOLIDAY DINNER

Please join us for our Annual Tenant Holiday Dinner. This years event will be held on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Manny's Pizza (located at 211 Main St., Savanna, IL). All tenants are welcome to come and enjoy a complimentary dinner and to celebrate the 2018 Holiday Season. We hope to see all of you there, as this is the perfect time to put on your party attire, come socialize with all of your fellow tenants, and get into the holiday spirit.

MENU: TACOS, PIZZA & ASSORTED DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED

ENTERTAINMENT: SWANY CONNECTION (6:45 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.)

Following the entertainment, **SANTA** will make a special appearance to greet each of the children that are in attendance at the Holiday Dinner with a **GIFT**. A drawing for **DOOR PRIZES** will be held at the conclusion of the evening.

Please R.S.V.P. to the CCHA office by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018**. Again, we welcome and encourage all tenants to join us for an evening of holiday celebration.

NOTE: Complimentary transportation will be available upon request.

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CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- University of Illinois Extension Presentation: Looking for the Funny Side - Value of Humor Wednesday, December 5th (Mest Manor Dining Room) 1:30p.m. - 3:00p.m.
- Maple Lane Unit Inspection Thursday, December 6th Beginning at 2:00 p.m. (All Units)
- Board Game/Card Club Saturday, December 8th 6:30p.m. (Mest Manor) All Tenants Welcome
- BINGO (Mest Manor) Monday, December 10th & **Wednesday**, December 26th 1:00p.m. (All Tenants Welcome)
- Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, December 19th (Mest Manor Dining Room) 2:00p.m.

OFFICE CLOSURE:

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday, December 24th
Tuesday, December 25th
NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY
Tuesday, January 1st



CHOCOLATE SNOWBALLS RECIPE

This is a favorite Christmas cookie recipe. The cookies will remind you of the snowballs that you would pack as a child.

INGREDIENTS

- * 3/4 cup butter, softened
- * 1/2 cup sugar
- * 1/2 teaspoon salt
- * 1 large egg
- * 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- * 2 cups all-purpose flour
- * 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- * 1 cup (6 ounces) chocolate chips
- * Confectioner's sugar

DIRECTIONS

- * Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, cream butter, sugar and salt until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Gradually beat in flour. Stir in pecans and chocolate chips.
- * Shape dough into 1-in. balls; place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake 15 to 20 minutes until set and bottoms are lightly browned. Cool on pans for 2 minutes. Roll warm cookies in confectioners' sugar. Cool completely on wire racks. If desired, re-roll cookies in confectioners' sugar.



SALT DOUGH ORNAMENT RECIPE

Ready, Set, Bake! If you are looking for a fun project to do with your kiddos for the holidays, THIS IS IT.

INGREDIENTS/EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- * 4 cups all-purpose flour
- * 1 cup salt
- * 1-1/2 cups water (or more as needed)
- * Rolling pin, cookie sheet, drinking straw
- * Holiday shaped cookie cutters
- * Acrylic paints, paintbrush, glitter, ribbon

DIRECTIONS

- * Preheat oven to 300°. In a bowl stir flour and salt. Add water. Mix thoroughly.
- * Sprinkle parchment paper with flour and knead for 10 minutes or until it's soft and pliable. Add more flour if ultra sticky. Using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll out dough to 1/4 in. thickness. Cut out ornaments using cookie cutters. Place cutout on ungreased cookie sheet. Using your straw, cut a hold for the ribbon to hang. Bake ornaments for 30 minutes or until completely dry. Flip once while baking.
- * When ornaments have completely cooled, decorate them with paints and/or glitter as desired. Add ribbon, and hang ornament!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Terry Tipp	3
Diana Gardner	3
Gerald Milton	4
Larissa Lewis	6
Lorena Green	12
Chase Reimolds	14
Kimberly Gouty	15
Charles Medlen	16
Mary Weiler	18
Mary Menke	19
Carissa Reimolds	21
William Nemece	24
Eva Mika	25
Carole Walker	26
Barbara Yenney	28
Mary Jo Holcomb	28



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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.



**LOOKING FOR THE FUNNY SIDE:
THE VALUE OF HUMOR**

The University of Illinois Extension office will be offering a complimentary healthy living program exclusively for our Carroll County Housing Authority residents. Please join University of Illinois Educator, Karla Belzer, for an open discussion about "Looking for the Funny Side: The Value of Humor."

DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

TIME: 1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

LOCATION: MEST MANOR DINING ROOM (525 THIRD STREET)

When was the last time you laughed really hard—a hearty sidesplitting belly laugh? Humor can be good for you. Bringing humor into your life can provide both physical and psychological benefits. Do you look for humor in your everyday life? You don't have to be a comedian to have a sense of humor. This program will help participants look at ways humor can help them deal with stress and change in their lives. Benefits of humor will be identified.



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
EXTENSION

WINTER

I love winter! Winter is cold. It's Christmas with sleds. It's warm, snuggly beds. It's silver snowflakes. It's skating on the lakes. It's snowmen that stand in a snowy, white land. It's blue jays that feed on sunflower seed. It's angels that pose in wintertime clothes. It's a polka-dot sky. It's winter. That's why....I love winter!

- Author Unknown



ELKAY CARES

ANNUAL BRINGING HOLIDAY CHEER



Elkay Manufacturing of Savanna will be visiting our **MEST MANOR & MAPLE LANE** tenants on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2108, BEGINNING AT 12:30PM**. Elkay team members will be graciously delivering homemade goodies to all of the apartments at both locations.

Following the cookie deliveries, the ELKAY team members will be spending the afternoon playing Bingo with our Carroll County Housing Authority tenants at the **MEST MANOR DINING ROOM**. All Maple Lane & Mest Manor residents are welcome to come join in for a fun-filled afternoon.

Elkay Manufacturing believes in serving the community. The ELKAY CARES volunteerism program allows team members to participate in a variety of activities during the work time, in the spirit of serving. We look forward to seeing you!

FESTIVAL OF TREES—JOLLY HOLIDAY EVENT

The Savanna Historical Society is proud to present the 8th Annual Festival of Trees. There will be dozens of lighted Christmas Trees that will be delightfully, and uniquely decorated by local businesses, organizations and individuals. Visitors submit their votes for the Best Tree. Also, a Silent Auction will be featured. In addition, wonderful raffle prizes will be available. Admission to the Festival of Trees is free, however, donations are always accepted.

DATES: Friday, November 23, 2018 - Sunday, December 9, 2018

HOURS: Weekends Noon - 6:00pm, Weekdays 4:00pm - 7:00pm

LOCATION: Savanna Historical Museum (406 Main St., Savanna, IL)

