



# CCHA NEWSLETTER

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## MEST MANOR & CARROLL APARTMENTS CAPITAL PROJECTS



As we enter into the heat of summer, the Carroll County Housing Authority staff has been busy finalizing the details of several Capital Projects for our Mest Manor and Carroll Apartments sites.

We are happy to announce that we have contracted with Floor to Ceiling Company to install new flooring in the following areas at Mest Manor: Dining room, laundry room, elevator, office entry-way, and the lobby of the office area. This project will begin on **Wednesday, July 15th through Friday, July 17th**. The second phase of this project will include new carpet tiles being installed in the 1st floor hallway at Mest Manor. This project is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 22nd through Friday, July 24th**. We ask that you avoid these areas during these dates so that the contractors can complete the projects in the time allotted.

We will also be expanding the laundry room, installing new mailboxes for all the tenants and installing a new 42 inch glass door for the rear entrance at Mest Manor. These additional projects will be completed over the next few months.

As for Carroll Apartments, we are completing the engineering plans to install new downspout drainage, and new backyard patios at apartments 9-12 and 13-16. This will be Phase I of a four phase renovation for both front and rear patios and new sidewalks throughout the entire site.

We continue to strive to improve all facilities at Carroll County Housing Authority, and we hope you will enjoy the final results.

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*"The luxury of all summer's sweet sensation is to be found when one lies at length in the warm, fragrant grass, soaked with sunshine, aware of regions of blossoming clover and of a high heaven filled with the hum of innumerable bees."*

~Harriet E. Prescott

### CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- BINGO (Mest Manor) Tuesday, July 7th & Monday, July 20th 1:00p.m. (All Tenants Welcome)
- Tenant Meeting (Project Update) Wednesday, July 8th 2:30p.m. (Mest Manor)
- Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, July 15th 2:00 p.m. (Mest Manor)
- Carroll Apts. Unit Inspections Thursday, July 16th (Units #1 - #12) \* Beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- Pest Control (All Units) Friday, July 17th 8:30 a.m.
- Carroll Apts. Unit Inspections Monday, July 20th (Units #13 - #24) \* Beginning at 1:00 p.m.

### OFFICE CLOSURE:

INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVANCE  
Friday, July 3rd



### BERRY, LEMON AND DOUGHNUT HOLE TRIFLE

This impressive dessert can be whipped up in just a few minutes.

#### INGREDIENTS

- \* 2 cups cold 2% milk
- \* 1 package (3.4 oz.) instant lemon pudding mix
- \* 1 carton (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed and divided
- \* 16 to 32 plain doughnut holes
- \* 3 cups fresh strawberries, halved
- \* 2 cups fresh blueberries

#### DIRECTIONS

- \* Whisk milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set. Fold in 2-1/2 cups whipped topping; set aside.
- \* Place half the doughnut holes in a 3-qt. trifle bowl; spread half the pudding mixture over the top. → (Recipe continued)

### BERRY, LEMON AND DOUGHNUT HOLE TRIFLE CONT'D

- \* Top pudding with half the strawberries and blueberries. Repeat layers. Top with the remaining whipped topping. Chill until serving. **YIELD:** 10 servings.



### IMPACT

You never really know the true impact you have on those around you. You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them. You never know how much your kindness turned someone's entire life around. You never know how much someone needed that hug or deep talk. So don't wait to be kind. Don't wait for someone else to be kind first. Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change. Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs it.



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Christa Darr</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Charles Letcher</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Teresa Poore</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Heather Law</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Sienna Young</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Gail Ann Themas</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Lyra Siglar</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Christina Reimolds</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Robert Lopez</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Keegan O'Neill</b>	<b>27</b>



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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.



**PATRIOTIC VIRTUAL 4TH OF JULY PARTY IDEAS**



If there ever has been an Independence Day to celebrate America and its citizens, it's this one. After all, 2020 hasn't been an easy year for our country, or just about anyone in it. Sure we can still fire up the grill with the best 4th of July recipes and figure out where to watch fireworks from a distance, but most of us could really use a good shindig with our extended family and friends right about now. Luckily, thanks to some nifty technological advances and serious out-of-the-box thinking following are a few virtual party ideas:

**1. Take a Virtual Tour of American Museums and Historical Sites**

While life under quarantine has become challenging in many ways, one thing that has improved for many of us is our access to museums. Institutions from sea to shining sea have thrown open their doors digitally, offering free online looks at their exhibits. This 4th, you can celebrate the holiday by delving deeper into the history of our country with visits to NASA, the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, George Washington's Mount Vernon, and the Statue of Liberty, among others.

**2. Visit Philly Via Video**

There is arguably no city more crucial to the creation of our country than Philadelphia. After all, it was the first capital of the United States, and it's where our founding fathers drafted the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and Articles of Confederation. Build time into your virtual 4th party to check out the iconic City of Brotherly Love historical sights like Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and the Betsy Rose House online tour which includes video, narration and 360-degree photos.

**3. Have the Kids Read the Declaration of Independence**

It is never a bad idea to ponder the values this country was founded on, especially in demanding times like these. This 4th, ask your older kids to read the Declaration of Independence aloud, and consider Facetimeing what's sure to be a touching event to friends and family. Or, invite a representative from each family to take a turn reading. By the document's end there might not be a dry eye in the house.

**4. Organize a Picnic Basket Swap**

Whether you are spreading a checkered blanket in a sunny park or feasting under a sky full of fireworks, no other holiday says "picnic" quite like Independence Day. Instead of abandoning tradition this year, why not plan a picnic basket swap? The idea is that each participating family, friend, or neighbor drops off a basket filled with classic 4th fare like ribs, potato salad, cupcakes at a participant's house. Pick a time for the virtual picnic to begin, and then set up a Zoom Conference so everyone can enjoy the goodies together.

**5. Don't Forget the Fireworks**

While many fireworks displays this year remain in limbo or outright cancelled, there are some cities, like Boston and Nashville, which have confirmed they are going forward with televised events that will include previously recorded material, as well as live performances. Arrange for the whole gang to tune in, and then set up a conference call so you can all "oooh and ahhhh" together.

**TRI-COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES COUNCIL  
CSBG COVID-19 PROGRAM**



**COVID -19 Relief Housing/Utility Program:**

Provides eligible individuals with rent, and/or utility assistance in order to remain stably housed and sustain proficient utilities for those affected by COVID-19.

- Provides up to two months of rent payment, up to \$1,600.00, for those affected by the pandemic: laid-off, loss of hours, or have been quarantined by a doctor
- Provides up to \$350.00 in utility support towards an electric, or gas payment for those who do not qualify for LIHEAP assistance.

If you are interested in applying for the above housing/utility program, please contact our local Tri-County Outreach Worker at 815-273-2240, or by calling 1-800-323-5434.