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TENANT HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

As we all navigate everyday life in these unprecedented times, it is even more important that we all have a little extra joy to look forward to during the upcoming holidays. Thus, the Carroll County Housing Authority (CCHA) will be once again sponsoring a holiday celebration for our CCHA residents. Although our celebration will look a little different from previous years, our CCHA staff is dedicated to spreading some holiday cheer to each and everyone of our residents. A special holiday treat will be delivered to all residents by our CCHA staff (decked out in holiday attire) as follows:

DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020

TIME: BEGINNING AT 2:00 P.M.

In addition, CCHA would like to provide a **GIFT** to each of our Carroll Apartments children (17 years old and under.) It will be required that the gifts must be picked up by each family at our Mest Manor Community Room on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 21ST (AM), OR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND (ALL DAY.)** We will have scheduled times as to be sure to follow social distance guidelines. Our CCHA staff will take pictures of the children by the Christmas tree as each child is greeted with a **GIFT**. If you are family is interested, please call the CCHA office at (815) 273-7081 to get your child and/or children signed-up. The deadline for the gift sign up is **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020.**

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"New Year? Yes please! Here's to better times ahead for us all! Wishing you a very happy holiday season and a safe and healthy 2021!"



CHRISTMAS MAGIC COOKIE BARS RECIPE

This recipe is truly magical on how it bakes up, and pretty tasty to say the least!

INGREDIENTS

- * 1/2 cup of salted butter, melted
- * 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- * 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- * 2 cups chocolate chips
- * 1/2 cup quick cook oats
- * 1 cup butterscotch chips
- * 1 cup holiday M&M's

DIRECTIONS

- * Preheat oven to 350°
- * Combine melted butter, and graham cracker crumbs in a bowl until crumbly.
- * Press into the bottom of greased 13x9-in. baking dish.
- * Pour sweetened condensed milk over the graham cracker layer.
- * Sprinkle with oats, chocolate chips, butterscotch chips and M&M's.
- * Bake in a pre-heated oven at 350° for 25-30 minutes. Cool, and serve.

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful!" ~ Norman Vincent Peale



SAVANNA'S TRAVELING CHRISTMAS PARADE

Decorate your car, truck, golf cart or vehicle and join us for a traveling parade through Savanna. We all will be having a different kind of Christmas this year so lets bring some joy to our community. Enjoy the parade from the comfort of your own home. Santa will also be in the parade.

DATE: Sunday, December 20, 2020

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

Start planning on how your are decorating your vehicle now. Additional details will be forthcoming soon, as well as, a parade map!

CHRISTMAS JOKES

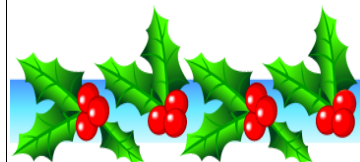
- Q: Where does a snowman keep his money?
- A: In a snowbank!
- Q: What does Santa use to measure?
- A: Santameters!
- Q: What do you call Santa when he stops moving?
- A: Santa Pause
- Q: What happens if you eat Christmas decorations?
- A: You get tinselitus!

CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Mest Manor Market Day Monday, December 7th Approx. 10:30 a.m. (Mest Manor Dining Room) * Available to Mest Manor & Maple Lane Tenants **Only**
- Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, December 16th (Mest Manor Dining Room) 2:00p.m.
- Tenant Holiday Celebration Monday, December 21st & Tuesday, December 22nd Deliveries & Gift Distribution

OFFICE CLOSURE:

- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY** Thursday, December 24th Friday, December 25th
- NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY** Friday, January 1st





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Terry Tipp	3
Emily French	3
Gerald Milton	4
Robert Matas	5
Lorena Green	12
Michelle Lyman	14
Chase Reimolds	14
Kimberly Gouty	15
Charles Medlen	16
Robert Racky	18
Mary Menke	19
Carissa Reimolds	21
William Nemece	24
Eva Mika	25
Carole Walker	26
Tamzie Feary	27
Barbara Yenney	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.



SELF-CARE TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS



The holidays can be a time of mixed emotions and stress, and this year, the coronavirus pandemic has made the holidays extra stressful and challenging. Self care may sound like a silly concept, but it truly is an effective way to reduce stress, improve well-being, and help you find some joy in these challenging situations. Following are a few tips to ensure self-care:

1. **Make time for yourself** as it is easy to get caught up in the whirlwind of extra tasks that the holidays bring. Take a little time for yourself to sit quietly, relax, and recharge.
2. **Know your priorities** as there are a dozen things going on during the holidays. So, take a moment to consider—which are most important to you?
3. **Make room for grief** if you are missing someone who has passed away. If you are feeling sad, remind yourself that it is natural, and you don't have to pretend to be cheerful.
4. **Find reasons to laugh** as humor is a fantastic stress reducer and an effective way of coping with challenging situations. Take the opportunities to laugh as much as possible during the holidays.

SMELLS OF CHRISTMAS



I love the smell of Christmas, along with all the lights. Log fires in the fireplace, on those cold winter nights. The smell of Christmas goodies, that are baked with tender care. The smell is just the greatest, there's nothing to compare.

The evergreens so fragrant, the smell of Christmas season. Like the hanging of mistletoe, that's done for good reason. The red berries of the holly, in that arrangement on the table. Which I'm sure is much better than Christmas in that stable.

Poinsettias all around, to balance off the garland. Music boxes everywhere, bought by my sweet darlin'. Cinnamon and peppermint fills the air that is in our house. And what is stirring in the night, it's not the Christmas mouse.

Those pies that make me drool, just sitting there on that shelf. Is as if they were made special, for that jolly old Christmas elf.

FESTIVAL OF TREES - JOLLY HOLIDAY EVENT



The Savanna Historical Society is presenting its 10th Annual Festival of Trees. There will be approximately 45 creative, and beautifully decorated Christmas trees filling the first floor of the Historical Society to delight children, and add a wonderful warm Christmas spirit to our community. The decorated trees are sponsored by local businesses, organizations, schools, churches, and individuals. Visitors submit their votes for the Best Tree in each of the following categories: Full-Size Tree, Table Top Tree, and "Creative Tree." Also, raffle prizes will be available. Admission to the Festival of Trees is free to the public, although, donations will be accepted.

Please note, face masks must be worn by visitors who are asked to social distance. Care is being taken to provide a safe environment in the museum. Gathering limits will be observed and visitor may be asked to wait outside.

New for this year, guest may attend the Festival live and/or virtually. Many people are concerned about going out during the pandemic so this year they have the option of viewing the Festival online or virtual. Attend the Festival virtually on the newly updated website <http://www.savannamuseum.org>. This new website will be available to view on Friday, November 27th, as the Festival opens. Videos will show each beautifully decorated tree individually along with Christmas music.

DATES: Friday, November 27, 2020 - Sunday, December 13, 2020

HOURS: Thursdays & Fridays 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturdays & Sundays 1:00pm - 7:00pm

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