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TENANT HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Please join us for our Annual Tenant Holiday Dinner. This year's event will be held on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021**, 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 2021 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 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 **MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021**. 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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"Christmas is not so much about opening presents, as opening our hearts!"

- Author Unknown

CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Mest Manor Market Day
Monday, December 6th
Approx. 10:30 a.m.
(Mest Manor Dining Room)
* Available to Mest Manor & Maple Lane Tenants **Only**
- Tenant Meeting
Wednesday, December 8th
2:30 p.m. (Mest Manor)
(All Tenants Welcome)
- Carroll Apts. Unit Inspections
Monday, December 13th
(Units #1 - #12)
Friday, December 17th
(Units #13 - #24)
* Beginning at 1:30 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 15th
(Mest Manor Dining Room)
2:00p.m.

OFFICE CLOSURE:

- **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**
Friday, December 24th
- **NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY**
Friday, December 31st



CHRISTMAS CHEX™ PARTY MIX RECIPE

After you have decorated the Christmas tree and hung the holiday garland, celebrate with this perfect snack!

INGREDIENTS

- * 6 cups Rice Chex™ or Corn Chex™ cereal
- * 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- * 1 cup mini pretzel twists
- * 15 oz. vanilla candy coating (almond bark—about 9 cubes)
- * 3 tablespoons holiday-colored sprinkles
- * 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- * 1 cup holiday M&M's™ candies

DIRECTIONS

- * Line large rimmed cookie sheet with waxed paper. In large bowl, mix cereal, pretzels, and marshmallows.
- * In medium microwavable bowl, microwave candy coating uncovered on High 60 to 90 seconds, stirring after 1 minute, until almost melted. Stir until smooth. Pour onto cereal mixture; mix well.
- * Spread on cookie sheet; sprinkle with the holiday sprinkles, and cool completely, about 15 minutes. Break into bite-size pieces.

(Recipe continued) →

CHRISTMAS CHEX™ PARTY MIX RECIPE CONT'D

- * In 2-gallon re-sealable food-storage plastic bag, add coated cereal pieces and powdered sugar. Seal bag; shake to coat. Remove from bag; discard any remaining powdered sugar.
- * In large serving bowl, mix coated cereal mixture and M&M's™. **YIELD:** 24 servings.



SAVANNA'S TRAVELING CHRISTMAS PARADE

We are so excited for another year of Savanna's Traveling Christmas Parade in Historic Downtown. Decorate your car, truck, golf cart or vehicle and join us for a traveling parade through Savanna. Bundle up and bring the family to watch the lights. Santa will also be in the parade.

DATE: Saturday, December 18, 2021

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

Start planning on how you are decorating your vehicle now. Additional details will be forthcoming soon!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Asher Engaldo	1
Terry Tipp	3
Robert Matas	5
Robyn Engaldo	7
Theresa DeReus	10
Michelle Lyman	14
Chase Reimolds	14
Kimberly Gouty	15
Charles Medlen	16
Robert Racky	18
Mary Menke	19
Carissa Reimolds	21
William Nemeck	24
Eva Mika	25
Carole Walker	26
Tamzie Feary	27
Barbara Yenney	28



CUTE MASON JAR CRAFTS FOR KIDS



These fun little Christmas treat jars make a great Christmas craft project! Cute mason jar crafts for kids that are covered in glitter and can be filled with candy!

Everyone loves things that sparkle—especially glitter. Glitter at Christmas is extra magical. Make these darling Christmas Treat Jars in any size you want and then fill them on up! These mason jar crafts for kids are perfect for an easy Christmas craft.

Supplies Needed: Jars (from craft store or use baby food jars), Glitter—brown, red, and white, Googly eyes, Red pom pom, Brown pipe cleaner, Black ribbon, Silver foam sheet, Black beads, Orange paper, Decoupage, Hot Glue.

Instructions: Start out by covering your jar with a layer of decoupage. Pour glitter all over your jar, fully covering it. Set aside to dry. The directions will then vary a little for each mason jar craft.

Reindeer Mason Jar: Cover your jar in **BROWN** glitter. Once glitter is dry, hot glue two googly eyes in place and add your pom-pom nose. Cut one brown pipe cleaner in half. Snip off another 1-2 inches and wrap them around the other piece to shape it into an antler. Hot glue this to the lid and you are set!

Santa Belt Mason Jar: Cover your jar in **RED** glitter. Once glitter is dry, wrap a piece of black ribbon around the jar and hot glue it in place. Cut a square slightly larger than your ribbon and cut out the center of the square to make a belt buckle. Hot glue that in place and then fill it up with candy!

Snowman Mason Jar: Once your **WHITE** glitter is dry, glue two small googly eyes on and then cut a small carrot nose from your orange paper and glue that in place as well. Grab your small black beads and glue them to create a smile.

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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.



CHRISTMAS LONG AGO

A Christmas Poem by Jo Geis



Frosty days and ice-still nights, Fir trees trimmed with tiny lights,
Sound of sleigh bells in the snow, That was Christmas long ago.

Tykes on sleds and shouts of glee, Icy-window filigree,

Sugarplums and candle glow, Part of Christmas long ago.

Footsteps stealthy on the stair, Sweet-voiced carols in the air,

Stockings hanging in a row, Tell of Christmas long ago.

Starry nights so still and blue, Good friends calling out to you,
Life, so fact, will always slow....For dreams of Christmas long ago!

FESTIVAL OF TREES - JOLLY HOLIDAY EVENT



The Savanna Historical Society is presenting its 11th 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 their Favorite 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.

DATES: Friday, November 26, 2021 - Sunday, December 12, 2021

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

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