



CCHA NEWSLETTER

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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 8, 2022**, 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 2022 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 5, 2022**. 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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"May the magic and wonder of the holiday season stay with you throughout the coming year."

- Author Unknown



PEANUT BUTTER BLOSSOM COOKIE RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

- * 1/2 cup butter, softened
- * 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- * 1/2 cup sugar
- * 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- * 1 large egg, room temperature
- * 1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- * 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- * 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- * 1/4 teaspoon salt
- * 36 milk chocolate kisses

DIRECTIONS

- * Pre-heat oven to 350°. Cream butter, peanut butter and sugars until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Beat in egg. In another bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt; beat into peanut butter mixture.
- * Drop by level tablespoonfuls 2 in. apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake until light brown, 10-12 minutes. Remove from oven; immediately push a chocolate kiss into the top of each cookie. Cool on pans 2 minutes; remove from pans to wire racks to cool completely. **YIELD:** 3 dozen.

NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, which is annually on December 7th, commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii, during World War II. Many American service men and women lost their lives or were injured on December 7, 1941. On the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings. The flag should be flown at half-mast to honor those who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor.



FREE COAT PROGRAM

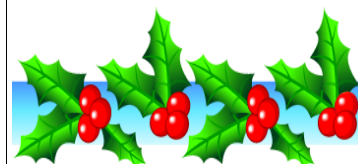
Bridges of Carroll County has started their Free Coat Program. This year there are both adult and children coats available to the public. If you are interested, please contact Betsy Kinder at 815-275-3976, or stop by Bridges (417 Main St., Savanna, IL) to see her. Thank you to all who have generously donated to this program. To date, over 30 coats have been given away.

CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Mest Manor Market Day
Monday, December 5th
Approx. 10:30 a.m.
(Mest Manor Dining Room)
* Available to Mest Manor & Maple Lane Tenants **Only**
- Tenant Meeting
Monday, December 12th
11:00 a.m. (Mest Manor)
3:00 p.m. (Maple Lane)
(All Tenants Welcome)
- Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 21st
(Mest Manor Conf. Room)
2:00p.m.
- Maple Lane Unit Inspections
Thursday, December 29th
* Beginning at 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSURE:

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Friday, December 23rd
Monday, December 26th





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Asher Engaldo	1
Barry Ellithorpe	1
Terry Tipp	3
Robert Matas	5
Robyn Engaldo	7
Michelle Lyman	14
Kimberly Gouty	15
Charles Medlen	16
Robert Racky	18
Mary Menke	19
William Nemecc	24
Eva Mika	25
Carole Walker	26
Ella Miller	26
Tamzie Feary	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.



CHRISTMAS PAJAMA PARTY



It's warm fuzzies all around at this merry and bright Christmas pajama party. Break out your best flannel and fleece for a morning of cozy recipes, holiday ditties and themed charades. Step aside, stuffy holiday dinners and office parties! From now on, this comfy-casual Christmas pajama party will be on your list every year. Hunker down with your squad for a rise-and-shine celebration with nibbles, tunes and tons of fun!

DECK THE TABLE: Keep things casual at this breakfast soiree by setting up your spread on a coffee table. Then break out the disposable goods, such as napkins, straws, and plates. But don't stop there with the paper products. Bright honeycomb trees of all colors and sizes lend fun, festive nostalgia.

BLEND A BEVERAGE: Drink your morning dose of fruit and protein with berry smoothies, or have some holly jolly java. Partygoers will perk up for a pot of joe.

STACK A SNACK: Mimic the classic conifer (tree) with a croquembouche made with doughnut holes. Then round out your menu with breakfast sliders, and fresh fruit.

CUE UP CAROLS: What's a party without some tunes? Whether you have your faves on vinyl or a playlist, your crew will be delighted to hum and sing along to classic songs.

PLAY THE DAY AWAY: In need of some knee-slapping, all-ages entertainment? Play some holiday-themed charades! Write prompts on jumbo craft sticks, wrap 'em with washi tape for Christmas cuteness, then prop in a jar for picking. Some starter ideas: making a snow angel, sledding down a hill, and Santa sliding down a chimney.

SPORT YOUR PJS: Stay put in your cozy clothes! Invite friends and family to arrive in their favorite Christmas pajama set. This is a morning full of lounging, laughter, love, and of course, good food!

SNOWFLAKES ARE FALLING

A Christmas Poem by Holly-Anne Divey



Snowflakes are falling, little noses are cold,
Snow at Christmas bring joy to both young and old.
In wooly hats and long scarves bundled up warm as toast,
You are thinking about stories of Christmas and ghosts.
Mom watches you play, and laughs at the show,
As your cold little hands make snowballs to throw.
You know Santa's coming, and Rudolph too,
With a sleigh full of brimming with presents for you.
Now it's late Christmas Eve, so hurry to bed!
And dream of Candy Canes and Men of Gingerbread.
Now it's Christmas Morning and you wake with a 'Yay!
Mom! Dad! 'Wake up! - It's now Christmas Day!

FESTIVAL OF TREES - JOLLY HOLIDAY EVENT



The Savanna Historical Society is presenting its 2022 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 Creation "Tree."

Also, Silent Auction items will be available. Visitors register bids on silent auction items throughout the Festival and winners are announced at the end.

Admission to the Festival of Trees is free to the public, although, donations will be accepted.

DATES: Friday, November 25, 2022 - Sunday, December 11, 2022

HOURS: Monday - Friday 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturdays & Sundays Noon - 5:00pm

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