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SPRING CLEANING 2023: MINIMALIST LIFESTYLE

Happy Spring! Spring is a time when the world seems to wake up after a long winter slumber. Flowers start to bloom, the temperatures increase, the days are longer, and everyone seems to have a bit more energy. Start fresh this spring by clearing out the clutter that has accumulated over winter.

Spring cleaning 2023 will be unlike any spring clean you have ever done if you take a minimalist approach. Think of spring cleaning like a blank canvas or a fresh start; you can take everything out, do a deep clean, and then **only place the items you need back into it.** By adopting a minimalist mindset, you can make cleaning much easier for yourself in the future.

By paring down what you own, and putting it back when you are done with it, you can create a harmonious living space. Spring cleaning is a great way to make sure each part of your home is nice and tidy. By creating a few of the following habits you can get into a routine of maintaining a clean home: Make your bed every morning, wash as you cook and wash counters down after meals, pair tasks together such as vacuuming and laundry, and dedicate one (1) hour a week for deep cleaning.

Take advantage of the still cool, but much brighter days, to clear away the dust and clutter of winter, and start fresh in this new season.

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"Spring is the time of plans and projects!" - Leo Tolstoy

CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Mest Manor Market Day
Monday, March 6th
Approx. 10:30 a.m.
(Mest Manor Dining Room)
* Available to Mest Manor & Maple Lane Tenants **Only**
- Mest Manor Unit Inspections
Wednesday, March 8th
(3rd & 4th Floors)
Friday, March 10th
(1st & 2nd Floors)
* Beginning at 2:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 15th
(Mest Manor Conf. Room)
2:00 p.m.
- Pest Control (All Units)
Friday, March 17th
8:30a.m.
- Tenant Meeting
Monday, March 27th
1:30 p.m. (Mest Manor)
3:00 p.m. (Maple Lane)
(All Tenants Welcome)

MARCH OBSERVANCES:

- Friday, March 17th
St. Patrick's Day
- Monday, March 20th
Spring Begins



CLOVER RICE CRISPY BARS RECIPE

These sweet snacks are like the pot of gold at the end of your family's feast. With their yummy peppermint and marshmallow flavor, they will make even those without Irish hearts happy. This recipe will have the cook smiling, too, because they are so easy to assemble.

INGREDIENTS

- * 3 tablespoons butter
- * 4 cups large marshmallows (about 40)
- * 1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract
- * 6 cups crisp rice cereal
- * 6 ounces white candy coating, coarsely chopped
- * 4 drops green food coloring, optional
- * Green sprinkles

DIRECTIONS

- * In a large saucepan, melt butter. Add marshmallows; cook and stir over low heat until melted. Remove from the heat; stir in the extract and cereal. With buttered hands, press mixture into a greased foil-lined 13-in. x 9-in. pan. Cool completely on a wire rack.
- * Turn onto a cutting board; remove foil. Cut with a 3-in. shamrock cookie cutter; reshape shamrock stem if needed (save scraps for another use). **(continued) →**

CLOVER RICE CRISPY BARS RECIPE (CONT'D)

- * In a microwave, melt candy coating at 70% power for 1 minute; stir. Microwave an additional 10-20 second intervals, stirring until smooth.
- * If desired, stir in food coloring. Spoon over cutouts; spread evenly. Decorate with sprinkles. Let stand until set.
- YIELD:** 15 servings.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME...

It is that time of year again.... set your clocks **AHEAD ONE HOUR** on **SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH.** Daylight Savings Time is the practice of advancing the clocks during the lighter months so that evenings have more apparent daylight and mornings have less.



IRISH FUN FACTS

1. Ireland's top-three symbols are the Celtic cross, the green shamrock, and the harp.
2. Ireland is free of snakes, moles, weasels and other species.
3. 9% of Ireland's population are redheads.
4. Cats are Ireland's favorite pet over dogs by a margin of 2 to 1.
5. In Dublin, there is a pub for every 100 people.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Rita Troha	7
Laikyn Lawrence	14
Mila O'Neill	17
Crystal Jones	24
Louis Winston	29
Richard Chrest	29



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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.



NATIONAL MOM & POP BUSINESS OWNERS DAY

Every year, March 29th marks National Mom & Pop Business Owners Day. It's an opportunity to celebrate the family-owned businesses that make American communities diverse and vibrant. As small and independently owned businesses, mom-and-pop shops, restaurants, hotels, and other businesses represent the building blocks of their local economies. They create jobs, reinvest in their communities and support local initiatives.



In many ways, the impact of mom-and-pop businesses can't be measured. Mom-and-pop business owners build relationships with their customers and their communities. Those relationships give the community confidence in its businesses and its economy. Not to mention, many mom-and-pop business owners pass their businesses down from generation to generation, inspiring the next generation of American entrepreneurs and innovators.

When hard work leads to such an important impact, the American dream comes into view. National Mom & Pop Business Owners Day honors the people behind many of the country's small businesses. To celebrate their hard work, and dedication it takes to run a small business head to your favorite local small businesses to say thank you, and frequent them often. Also, most small businesses are happy to get a little extra attention. Make sure to follow all your favorites on each of their social media platforms and promote them whenever possible.

WHY WE LOVE NATIONAL MOM & POP BUSINESS OWNERS DAY

- 1. They make shopping personal**
Finding that particular shop where they know you and understand what you need can make any day just a little brighter. Mom-and-pop businesses take a special interest in making sure their customers have a unique and enjoyable experience. They care about their customers in a way few large retail chains can by providing superior and personal customer service.
- 2. They support the community**
Small businesses have a real impact on their community by providing neighborhood jobs and recycling the money they earn back into the local economy. So, by spending your dollars at a mom-and-pop establishment, you can make a real difference.

CCHA RESIDENT DOCUMENT SHREDDING SERVICES

Just a reminder, in an effort to protect your identity, CCHA offers complimentary document shredding services for our residents. Your paper documents can be dropped off at the CCHA office during regular business hours. The documents will then be placed in a locked container on-site until pick-up by the shredding service. The documents are picked up at Mest Manor, every eight weeks, and will be securely shredded on-site by an official SHRED-IT representative. The next scheduled pick-up date is **THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023.**



THOMSON FIRE & AMBULANCE ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY

Come on out to support your local area Thomson Fire Department and Ambulance during their All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry fundraiser event as follows:



- DATE:** FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023
- TIME:** 3:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
- MENU:** COD, CHEESY POTATOES, COLESLAW, CORN OR GREEN BEANS, ROLLS, BEVERAGES & COOKIES
- COST:** \$13.00/ADULT, \$6.00/KIDS 6-12, FREE/KIDS 5 & UNDER
- LOCATION:** THOMSON FIRE STATION (900 WALNUT STREET)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!