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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 7, 2023**, 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 2023 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 4, 2023**. 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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"The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us."

- Author Unknown



CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT BLOSSOMS RECIPE

The rich chocolate flavor comes from melted chocolate mixed with sugar cookie dough in these candy-topped cookies.

INGREDIENTS

- * 1 roll (16.5 oz.) refrigerated Pillsbury Sugar Cookie Dough
- * 4 oz. sweet baking chocolate, melted, cooled 10 minutes
- * 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- * 1/4 cup sugar
- * 36 Hershey's Kisses™ candy cane flavored candies, unwrapped (from 10-oz bag)

DIRECTIONS

- * Pre-heat oven to 350°. Let dough stand at room temperature 10 minutes to soften.
- * In a large bowl, break up cookie dough. Add cooled chocolate and flour; stir with spoon or hands until well blended.
- * Shape dough into 36 (1 1/4-inch) balls. Roll balls in sugar. Place balls 1-inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
- * Bake 7 to 9 minutes or until edges are set. Immediately top each cookie with 1 candy, pressing down firmly so cookie cracks around edges. Cool 2 minutes; remove from cookie sheets to cooling racks. Cool completely, about 30 minutes. **YIELD:** 3 dozen.



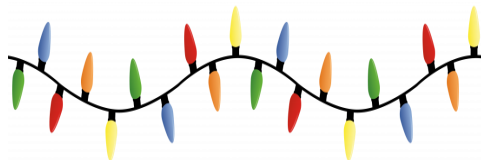
SAVANNA'S LIGHTED CHRISTMAS CRUISE

We are so excited for another year of the Lighted Christmas Cruise in Savanna's Historic Downtown. Decorate your car, truck, or Jeep and join us for a traveling parade through Savanna. Bundle up and bring the family to watch the lights.

DATE: Saturday, December 23, 2023

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

The parade will travel North down Third Street and then traverse one block west on Division before traveling down Main Street then out Chicago Avenue and head to Big Meadows. All are welcome to attend!



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HUMOR

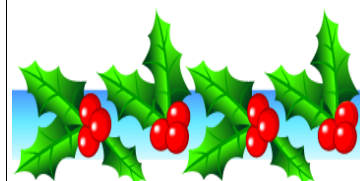
- Q: Which of Santa's friends is the most chill? A: Jack Frost.
- Q: What is Frosty's favorite Mexican food? A: Brrr - itos.
- Q: How does Santa take photos?
- A: With a Pole-roid camera, of course.

CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Mest Manor Market Day
Monday, December 4th
Approx. 10:30 a.m.
(Mest Manor Dining Room)
* Available to Mest Manor & Maple Lane Tenants **Only**
- Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 20th
(Mest Manor Conf. Room)
4:00p.m.
- Tenant Holiday Luncheon
Thursday, December 28th
Mest Manor
Beginning at 12:00 p.m.
* Further details will be forthcoming soon

OFFICE CLOSURE:

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday, December 25th





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Terry Tipp	3
Danae Rubio	5
Sherrill Cancelose	10
Michelle Lyman	14
Kimberly Gouty	15
Charles Medlen	16
Michael Smith	17
Robert Racky	18
Mary Menke	19
Eva Mika	25
Carole Walker	26
Ella Miller	26



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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.



Mitten Tree Day

MITTEN TREE DAY

Mitten Tree Day is a holiday celebrated worldwide on December 6th every year. This holiday encourages people to give and use mittens, which are essential for keeping our hands warm during the cold winter months. The holiday is a fun way to spread warmth and joy by giving mittens and other warm clothing to those in need.

Mitten Tree Day has its roots in the traditional German holiday of St. Nicholas Day, which is celebrated on December 6th. On this day, St. Nicholas would bring gifts to children, including warm mittens, to keep them warm during the cold winter months. The practice of hanging mittens on a tree for St. Nicholas to collect and distribute to those in need became a popular tradition in Germany and other European countries.

In the United States, Mitten Tree Day was first celebrated in the 1940s by a group of women in Michigan who wanted to provide warm clothing for those in need during the winter months. The women collected mittens, gloves, hats and scarves and hung them on a Christmas tree in a public place where people could easily donate and take items as needed.

Over the years, the tradition of the Mitten Tree has spread across the country, with schools, churches, and community organizations setting up their own trees to collect warm clothing for those in need. This creates a sense of unity and encourages people to work together towards a common goal. It also helps to strengthen the bonds between neighbors, friends and families.

To celebrate Mitten Tree Day this year, you may consider donating mittens to our local Thrift Store, Classy Closet, West Carroll School District or any nonprofit organization. This simple act of kindness can make a big difference in the lives of those who are struggling.



THE LOVE OF CHRISTMAS

Author Unknown

The love of Christmas fills the air, A time of joy and cheer beyond compare. Families gather round the tree, sharing gifts and memories, endlessly. The twinkling lights and festive cheer, Bring warmth and love throughout the year. Children's faces light up with glee, As they open presents under the tree. The love of Christmas fills our hearts, As we gather round and play our parts. The spirit of the season never fades, As we come together and join the parades. So let us spread the love of Christmas wide, And let it fill our hearts with pride. For this is the season to be kind, And to leave the world a light brighter behind!

FESTIVAL OF TREES - JOLLY HOLIDAY EVENT



The Savanna Historical Society is presenting its 2023 Annual Festival of Trees. There will be approximately 50 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 24, 2023 - Sunday, December 10, 2023

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

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

