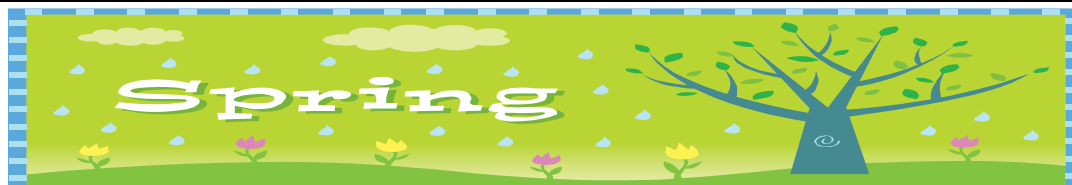




CCHA NEWSLETTER

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HUD NSPIRE UNIT INSPECTIONS

With spring approaching this month, the Carroll County Housing Authority (CCHA) is preparing for the HUD NSPIRE physical unit inspections. While our housing authority has had physical unit inspections in the past, this will be the first time that we will be inspected under the new HUD NSPIRE physical inspection regulations. These inspections will concentrate more on the inside of each tenant's unit and less on the exterior of the buildings, and the grounds. The HUD inspector will look at the tenant's unit for: cleanliness, bugs/insects, working smoke detectors/carbon monoxide detectors, faucets, toilets, electrical outlets, etc. HUD has worked on these new regulations for over three years, and 2024 was the first year that the regulations were implemented.

CCHA is scheduled for the HUD NSPIRE physical inspection anytime after this month. We will be notified by the inspector, and given a date for the inspection. We are not advised of specific units that they will inspect, per each site, until the actual day of the inspection. It is imperative that every tenant at CCHA participates in making sure that their unit is clean, tidy and that all electrical, plumbing and other mechanical items are working properly. If for some reason, you believe that something is not working correctly, please call the CCHA office to initiate a work order for the maintenance staff to come to your unit and repair the issue.

All units will be pre-inspected by our staff in the months of March and April. If it is determined that your unit will not pass the new HUD NSPIRE physical regulations, you will receive a letter detailing the items that need to be corrected so that the unit is in compliance for the HUD inspection. We appreciate your cooperation in this important task.

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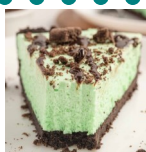
*"March brings breezes loud and shrill, stirs the dancing daffodil."
~ Sara Coleridge*

CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Mest Manor Market Day
Monday, March 3rd
Approx. 10:30 a.m.
(Mest Manor Dining Room)
* Available to Mest Manor & Maple Lane Tenants **Only**
- Pest Control (All Units)
Wednesday, March 19th
8:30a.m.
- Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 19th
(Mest Manor Conf. Room)
4:00 p.m.
- Mest Manor Unit Inspections
Monday, March 24th
(3rd & 4th Floors)
Wednesday, March 26th
(1st & 2nd Floors)
* Beginning at 1:30 p.m.

MARCH OBSERVANCES:

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



GRASSHOPPER PIE RECIPE

Looking for a grasshopper pie recipe to wow your guests?

You can whip up this minty dessert the day before, freeze it and then serve!

INGREDIENTS

- * 6 oz. cream cheese, softened
- * 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
- * 15 drops green food coloring
- * 24 chocolate-covered mint cookies, divided
- * 2 cups whipped topping
- * 1 chocolate crumb crust (9 inches)

DIRECTIONS

* In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in the milk until smooth. Beat in the food coloring. Coarsely crush 16 cookies; stir into the cream cheese mixture. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into the crust. Cover and freeze overnight. Remove from the freezer 15 minutes before serving. Garnish with remaining cookies.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME...

It is that time of year again....

set your clocks **AHEAD ONE**

HOUR on **SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH**. Daylight

Savings Time is the practice of advancing clocks during the lighter months so that the evenings have more apparent daylight and mornings have less.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY HUMOR

Q: Why did the leprechaun go outside?

A: To sit on his paddy-o.

Q: How did the leprechaun win the race?

A: He took a shortcut.

Q: What do get when two leprechauns have a conversation?

A: A lot of small talk.

Q: What did the leprechaun say when the video game ended?

A: Game clover.

Q: Knock, knock. Who's there? Erin. Erin who?

A: Erin as fast as I could, but I couldn't catch the leprechaun!





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Rita Troha	7
Kayla Klein	12
Laikyn Lawrence	14
Mila O'Neill	17
Crystal Jones	24
Hunter Klein	29
Louis Winston	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.



2025 IL NAHRO POSTER CONTEST

“A picture is worth a thousand words,” Fredrick Barnard 1921

It is time to get ready for the Annual Poster Contest: “What Home Means to Me?” sponsored by the Illinois NAHRO (National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials.) The poster contest provides an wonderful opportunity for children residing in affordable housing and community developments to reflect the national theme of “What Home Means to Me.” This is an important way for the children of our communities to have their voices heard with policy makers at all levels.

Youth who submit posters must be in grades K-12. The age selection categories are as follows: **Elementary:** K to 5th grade; **Middle:** 6th to 8th grade; and **High:** 9th to 12 grade.

Winners of the state contest entries will be submitted by IL NAHRO council for the regional competition. The eight regional councils will then select three winners—one from each age category—and will forward those winners to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

National honorees will be selected by a panel of judges assembled by NAHRO staff. National honorees will be announced during Housing America Month in October.

The grand prize cover winner will receive an iPad and a framed copy of their original artwork. The cover winner and one legal guardian will also receive a tour of Capitol Hill and attend NAHRO’s Washington Conference in Washington, D.C. where he or she will be honored. The 12 national winners will each receive a \$100 Visa gift card.

Any of our **CARROLL APARTMENTS CHILDREN** interested in this wonderful opportunity should contact the CCHA office at 815-273-7081, as soon as possible, for the poster contest entry rules, and poster application. The deadline for submission of a poster is **TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025, BY 5:00PM.**

TINY HABITS THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

1. Make your bed: Build momentum & set the tone for the day.
2. Take an “internal shower”: Drink a full glass of water right away. 60% of your body is water. Replenish it.
3. Step outside: A healthy tide of cortisol is released when you step outside at daybreak, allowing you to become more alert. You will reset your circadian rhythm.
4. Review your goals: Remind yourself who you want to be. 14% who have goals are 10% more successful than those without goals.
5. Journal one beautiful life moment: Delicious tacos, presentation you crushed, a moment of inner peace. Write it down. Gratitude programs a mindset of abundance.
6. Lay out clothes for tomorrow: The best morning routine starts the night before!



MT. CARROLL FIRE DEPARTMENT
33RD ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come on out to support one of your local Fire Departments during their “Annual Pancake Breakfast” fundraiser event as follows:

DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

TIME: 7:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

MENU: PANCAKES, WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE, EGGS, HASH BROWNS, JUICE, MILK & COFFEE

LOCATION: MT. CARROLL FIRE STATION (318 S. CLAY ST., MT. CARROLL, IL)

COST: \$7.00 PER PERSON (5 YEARS AND YOUNGER EAT FREE)

NOTE: No advance tickets will be sold. Pay at the door. Proceeds benefit the Mt. Carroll Fire Department.