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CCHA RESIDENT SUMMER PICNIC

*We are having a picnic and would love for you to come.
So put on some sunscreen and let's have some fun!*

All Carroll County Housing Authority residents are cordially invited to join us for our annual **RESIDENT SUMMER PICNIC** at Mest Manor. Let's enjoy the summer season with fellow residents, some delicious food and great conversation. So make your plans now and write down the date, it's time to get together and celebrate!

DATE: Monday, June 23, 2025

TIME: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Mest Manor Dining Room

MENU: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Assorted Salads, Potato Chips, Fruit & Beverage

NOTE: If you plan on attending the Summer Picnic, please sign-up on the list provided in the Mest Manor Lobby, or call the CCHA office at 815-273-7081 to [RSVP by Monday, June 16th](#).



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"Far up in the deep blue sky,
Great white clouds are
floating by; All the world is
dressed in green; Many happy
birds are seen, Roses bright
and sunshine clear, Show
that lovely June is here."

~ F. G. Sanders



CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DELIGHT RECIPE

This irresistible treat is a perfect blend of a chocolate chip cookie, cream cheese filling and creamy pudding!

INGREDIENTS

- * 1 tube (16-1/2 oz.) refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough
- * 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- * 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- * 1 carton (12 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed, divided
- * 3 cups cold 2% milk
- * 1 package (3.9 oz.) instant chocolate pudding mix
- * 1 package (3.4 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix
- * Optional: Chopped nuts and miniature semi-sweet chocolate chips or chocolate curls

DIRECTIONS

- * Let the cookie dough stand at room temperature for 5-10 minutes to soften. Press into an ungreased 13x9-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° until golden brown, 14 - 16 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.
- * In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Fold in 1-3/4 cups whipped topping. Spread over the crust.

(Recipe Continued) →

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DELIGHT RECIPE CONT'D

- * In another large bowl, whisk the milk and pudding mixes for 2 minutes. Spread over cream cheese layer. Top with the remaining whipped topping. Sprinkle with nuts and chocolate if desired.
- * Cover and refrigerate until firm, 8 hours or overnight **YIELD:** 15 servings

CHEESY DAD JOKES

- Q: Why don't eggs tell jokes?
- A: They would crack each other up.
- Q: Where do young trees go to learn?
- A: Elementree school.
- Q: What kind of music scares balloons?
- A: Pop music.
- Q: What sounds like a sneeze and is made of leather?
- A: A shoe.
- Q: Why shouldn't you trust trees?
- A: They seem shady.
- Q: Why do cows have hooves instead of feet?
- A: Because they lactose.
- Q: What do you call a factory that makes okay products?
- A: A satisfactory.
- Q: What do you call a fake noodle?
- A: An impasta.



CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Mest Manor Market Day
Monday, June 2nd
Approx. 10:30 a.m.
(Mest Manor Dining Room)
* Available to Mest Manor & Maple Lane Tenants **Only**
- Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 18th
4:00 p.m.
(Mest Manor Conference Room)
- Resident Summer Picnic
Monday, June 23rd
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
(Mest Manor Dining Room)

OFFICE CLOSURE:

Thursday, June 19th
Juneteenth

JUNE OBSERVANCES:

Saturday, June 14th
Flag Day

Sunday, June 15th
Father's Day

Friday, June 20th
Summer Begins



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Dennis Harris	2
Mary Daniels	5
Jacqueline Ross	8
Juulya Rihtar	11
Bonnie Harlston	11
Kirsten Robinson	17
Autumn Patterson	18
Joan Johnson-Grissinger	22
Jacqueline Smith	23
Bridget O'Neill	23
Emerijk Rihtar	25
Jude Olsen	27
Nathan Bonifay	29
Christopher King	30

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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.

**CCHA RESIDENT SHARPS DISPOSAL SERVICE**

Some medical conditions require the use of hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, and scalpel blades. Thus, in an effort to ensure your safety, the Carroll County Housing Authority offers complimentary sharps containers, as well as, proper disposal of our resident's household sharps. You may pick up a sharps container at the CCHA office during regular business hours. When your sharps container is about three-quarters (3/4) full, please ensure the lid is locked on the container, and return it to the CCHA office for proper disposal. If you have any questions regarding this complimentary disposal service, please contact our office at 815-273-7081.



Just a few reminders when storing used needles for future disposal:

1. Place used sharps in sharps/biohazard container **or** hard plastic container with a lid.
2. Put sharps in the container needle first.
3. Keep this container out of reach of children and pets.

SAVANNA LIONS CLUB FAMILY NIGHT

Don't miss the Savanna Lions Club **"FAMILY NIGHT 2025"**, which will be held this year on **SAURDAY, JUNE 14TH**, from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Old Mill Park in Savanna, IL.

The Lions Club is excited about this year's event! **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: Denny Weise Fish Demo (4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., as well as, 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.), David Casas Magic Show (5:00 p.m., - 5:30 p.m., then 'strolling' magic shows throughout the park 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.), and Youth Talent Show (6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)



Many of your favorites are also returning including: Pickleball Lessons, Water Bottle Rockets, Human Foosball, Bounce Houses, Balloon Twisting & Children's Entertainment by Characters 2 Life, Petting Zoo, Face-painting, Glitter Tattoos, and more.

The event is **FREE** to families in Savanna & from surrounding communities, including our Iowa neighbors! Also, **FREE** popcorn & refreshments will be provided. In addition, Cub Scout Pack #48 will be the food vendor as a fundraiser to their group. Everyone is encouraged to come, and join in on the fun!

THINGS I WISH I KNEW AT 30

~ BY A GRANDPARENT WHO HAS LEARNED



1. Time is your most valuable currency. You will never get it back, and one day you will wish you hadn't spent so much of it chasing things that didn't matter. Invest it in people, in presence, and in peace.
2. Take more pictures—even of the ordinary. One day, the background of that photo will mean more than the moment you were trying to capture.
3. Your kids don't need perfection, they need connection. Be there. Be silly. Be wrong sometimes and say sorry. They will remember the way you made them feel more than anything you ever bought them.
4. You can't out-earn poor health. The grind means nothing if your body can't carry the fruits of your labor. Take care of it. Move more. Sleep more. Eat like you want to be around for your grandchildren.
5. Pride is expensive. It will cost you relationships, apologies, and peace of mind. Learn to drop it before it drops you.
6. Most of what you are worried about won't matter in five years. And the things that do matter—faith, family, friendship—deserve more of your focus today.
7. Say "I love you" more. To your spouse. To your kids. To your parents if they are still around. Love unspoken can feel like love unfelt.
8. The moments you will miss the most are the quiet ones. Reading bedtime stories. Sunday mornings with coffee. Little hands in yours. Don't rush through them. Let them linger.
9. You don't need everyone to understand your journey. Just a few people to walk it with you. Keep them close.
10. One day, you will be someone's memory. Make it a good one. Not by being perfect—but by being present, honest, kind, and real!