



# CCHA NEWSLETTER

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HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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## July



### CCHA RESIDENT SUMMER PICNIC | TAKE TWO

*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 a **RESIDENT SUMMER PICNIC** at **CARROLL APARTMENTS**. Let's continue to 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, July 21, 2025

**TIME:** 12:00 p.m. (Noon) - 2:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Carroll Apartments

**MENU:** Hot Dogs, Assorted Salads, Potato Chips, Fruit, Dessert & Beverage

**NOTE:** If you are planning on attending the Resident Summer Picnic, please call the CCHA office at 815-273-7081 to [RSVP by Monday, July 14th](#).



### STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM CAKE RECIPE

#### INGREDIENTS

- \* 36 Golden Oreo cookies, divided
- \* 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- \* 3 cups vanilla ice cream, softened
- \* 5 cups strawberry ice cream, softened
- \* 1 carton (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- \* 1 package (1 oz.) freeze-dried strawberries, coarsely crushed
- \* Fresh strawberries, optional

#### DIRECTIONS

- \* Line a 9x9-in. baking pan with parchment. Preheat oven to 350°. Finely crush 24 cookies. In a small bowl, mix cookie crumbs, and butter. Press onto bottom of prepared pan. Bake until firm, 15-20 minutes. Cool on wire rack.
- \* Spread vanilla ice cream onto crust; freeze, covered, until firm. Spread with strawberry ice cream and then whipped topping, freeze, covered, until firm.
- \* Coarsely crush the remaining cookies. Combine cookie crumbs and freeze-dried strawberries; sprinkle over whipped topping. Freeze covered, until firm, 8 hours or overnight. Remove cake from freezer. Lifting with parchment, remove from pan. Gently peel off parchment. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting. If desired, garnish with fresh strawberries. **YIELD:** 9 servings.

### SUMMERTIME JOKES

- Held every July 1st, International Joke Day is designed to start the second half of the year with a smile and a chuckle. May your day be brightened by the following jokes:

- Q: What kind of sandals do frogs wear?  
A: Open-toad.
- Q: Where do boats go when they're sick?  
A: To the dock.
- Q: What happens when ice cream gets angry?  
A: It has a meltdown.
- Q: What do you get when you cross an elephant and a fish?  
A: Swimming trunks.

### NATIONAL HOT DOG MONTH



- Hot Diggity Dog! July is National Hot Dog Month, giving you the perfect reason to indulge in the delicious and savory delicacy!
- In 1904, hot dogs and their most popular topping, mustard, were first introduced at the St. Louis World's Fair. Since then, the pair has remained inseparable, satisfying the taste buds of countless ball game, family gathering, and amusement park attendees.
- In fact, over 7 billion hot dogs are consumed throughout the hot dog season, Memorial Day to Labor Day. That's 2.3 billion of them in July alone, and 150 million just on July 4th. After all, it's National Hot Dog Month and America's birthday in July. Celebrate!

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"I love summer. Summer is hot. It's sun and shade. It's water to wade. It's frogs and bugs. It's grass for rugs. It's eating outside. It's a tree-swing ride. It's tomatoes and corn. It's dew in the morn. It's dogs and boys. And lots of noise. It's a hot sunny sky. It's summer. That's why. I love summer!"

~ Author Unknown

"The flag represents all the values and liberties Americans have and enjoy every day"

~ Bill Shuster

### CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Mest Manor Market Day  
Monday, July 7th  
Approx. 10:30 a.m.  
(Mest Manor Dining Room)  
\* Available to Mest Manor & Maple Lane Tenants **Only**
- Pest Control (All Units)  
Wednesday, July 16th  
8:30 a.m.
- Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday, July 16th  
4:00 p.m.  
(Mest Manor Conf. Room)
- Maple Lane Unit Inspections  
Monday, July 28th  
\* Beginning at 2:30 p.m.

**OFFICE CLOSURE:**  
INDEPENDENCE DAY  
Friday, July 4th



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Christa Darr	2
Roberta Hochbaum	2
Heather Law	17
Sienna Young	21
Lyra Siglar	23
Jeramie Patterson	23
Elizabeth Niebuhr	23
Julie Kerkove	26
Keegan O'Neill	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.

**STARS, STRIPES & SAVANNA NIGHTS  
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

The City of Savanna will be holding its Stars, Stripes & Savanna Nights Independence Day Celebration on **SATURDAY, JULY 5TH**. The Event Schedule is as follows:

**HISTORY COMES ALIVE TOUR | 10:00am—Noon**

With community pride, the Savanna Historical Society will be providing a "History Comes Alive Tour" of local historical buildings.

**PARADE DOWNTOWN | 5pm**

Come one, come all, and enjoy this amazing parade y'all! The parade lineup is in the old ShopKo parking lot at 4:30pm. The evening will kick off with a classic Independence Day Parade at 5:00pm, featuring local floats, music, and hometown spirit.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION CONTINUES | 6pm**

Celebrate with friends and family at the Savanna High School following the parade. Activities include: Bounce Houses and Games for All Ages, Face Painting and Balloon Twisting for the Kids, Food Vendors Serving up your Festival Favorites, Dunk Tank.

**EPIC FIREWORK SHOW | AT DUSK**

The day concludes with a spectacular fireworks display lighting up the Mississippi River sky at dusk. Find a cozy spot, and watch the sky light up! ★★

**SUMMER (Author Unknown)**

In the golden rays of summer's light, When days are warm and skies are bright,  
Let's venture out and explore the land, With nature's wonders at our command.  
Beneath the sun, the flowers bloom, Their vibrant colors chase away all gloom.  
Butterflies dance with graceful flight, As we chase them in pure delight. The sandy beaches beckon us near,  
With crashing waves and seagulls' cheer. We build castles tall, with shells in hand,  
Creating dreams upon the sparkling sand. In the park, the swings swing high, As we reach for clouds in the sky,  
Picnics under shade trees, what a treat, Savoring ice cream's cool and sweet. We catch fireflies in jars at night,  
Their twinkling glow is a magical sight. Campfires crackle, stars above us gleam, We share stories and marshmallows steam.

**SUMMERWEEN****500 CRAGMOOR STREET  
(PREVIOUSLY WCHS PARKING LOT)**

You are invited to a Spooktacular Fundraising Event for Savanna's Halloween Festivities. The event will be held as follows:

**DATE:** Saturday, July 19, 2025

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:**

Bounce Houses ■ Dunk Tank ■ Kids Crafts  
Hot Dog Stand ■ Cake Walk ■ Spooky Games  
Unique and Spooky Local Vendors, and much more!



Every dollar raised helps fund Halloween in Savanna - so come play, eat, and support a frightfully fun community tradition!

