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15TH ANNUAL CCHA HALLOWEEN BASH

Ghouls, Goblins, and Witches too... we are having our 15th Annual CCHA Halloween Bash and inviting all of our **CARROLL APARTMENTS SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN (17 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER.)**

Something's a brewing, and it will certainly be ghoulishly fun...a wicked good time will be had by everyone. We will be serving up refreshments (Subway, chips & dip, assorted sides, desserts) and witches brew...wear your costume, there will be prizes too!

**COSTUMES
APPRECIATED!**

DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

TIME: 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: HAUNTED MEST MANOR (DINING ROOM)

COME IF YOU DARE

So fly on over to our Haunted Mest Manor for a creepy evening of food, fun, games (Bingo and Ring Toss), and a little fear....Halloween night is drawing near! Please R.S.V.P. to the office by **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD.**



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Happy Halloween

"There is a child in every one of us who is still a trick-or-treater looking for a brightly-lit front porch!" ~Robert Brault

"You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore!" ~ Christopher Columbus

CCHA MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Mest Manor Market Day
Monday, October 6th
Approx. 10:00 a.m.
(Mest Manor Dining Room)
* Available to Mest Manor & Maple Lane Tenants **Only**
- Mest Manor Unit Inspections
Monday, October 6th
(3rd & 4th Floors)
Wednesday, October 8th
(1st & 2nd Floors)
* Beginning at 1:30 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 15th
4:00 p.m.
(Maple Lane Community Room)

OFFICE CLOSURE:

Monday,
October 13th
(Columbus Day)



CANDY CORN POPCORN BALLS RECIPE

- Salted, roasted peanuts take this treat to the next level!

INGREDIENTS

- * 6 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- * 1/4 cup peanut oil
- * 1/2 cup sugar
- * Cooking spray
- * 1 cup candy corn
- * 1/2 cup salted roasted peanuts
- * 4 cups mini marshmallows (about two-thirds of a 10-ounce bag)
- * 4 Tbsp. salted butter

DIRECTIONS

- * Heat a large pot over medium-high heat; add the popcorn kernels and peanut oil.
- When the oil starts to sizzle, sprinkle the sugar over the kernels. Cover with a tight-fitting lid and shake the pot until the popping slows down, about 8 minutes. Remove from the heat and pour the popcorn onto a parchment-lined baking sheet, separating the kernels with a spatula or spoon. Let the popcorn cool.
- * Coat a large bowl with cooking spray and add the popcorn, candy corn and peanuts.

Popcorn Ball Recipe Cont'd →

CANDY CORN POPCORN BALLS RECIPE CONT'D

- * Combine the marshmallows and butter in a large pot over medium-high heat. Cook, stirring, until melted and smooth, about 5 minutes. Pour the melted marshmallow mixture over the popcorn mixture and gently stir to coat. Coat your hands with cooking spray, then shape the popcorn into 3-inch balls. Let cool. **YIELDS:** 12 servings.

HALLOWEEN HUMOR...

- Q: How does a witch know the best time to go trick or treating?
• A: She checks her witch watch.
- Q: Why don't skeletons like Halloween candy?
• A: They don't have the stomach for it.
- Q: What kind of car does Frankenstein drive on Halloween night?
• A: A monster truck.
- Q: Where do ghosts buy their Halloween candy?
• A: At the ghost-ery store!
- Q: What do you call two witches trick or treating together?
• A: Broommates.



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Glenn Faber	4
Nancy Handel	6
Mark Cygan	7
Richard Price	9
Donna Jones-Morehead	9
Mary Gouty	9
LeRoy Young	10
Joseph Mika	12
Georgina Zink	16
Gary Miller	18
Mary Gilmore	20
Aaron Swanson	23
Barbara Truitt	24

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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.

**SAVANNA'S HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION**

Halloween in Savanna is back, and the celebration will be held on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025**. Get ready for a spooktacular day packed with thrills, treats, and plenty of **HALLOWEEN SPIRIT**! The event schedule for the day is as follows:

PARADE | 3:30pm

Kicks off at 3:30pm (lineup at 3:00pm behind Sippi-Side.) Costumes, floats, and all the festive fun you can imagine.

BOO BASH | Following Parade

Right after the parade, the parking lot next to the fire station transforms into a carnival-style Halloween party with food, music, and spooky surprises.

TRUNK OR TREAT | 4:00pm

NEW this year! From 4:00—5:00pm, deck out your trunks with cobwebs, pumpkins, or even haunted themes for kids to trick-or-treat.

CITYWIDE TRICK-OR-TREATING | 5:00pm

Starting at 5:00pm, the whole town lights up with porch lights and candy buckets for trick-or-treating all across Savanna!

ILLINOIS LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Illinois Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to assist eligible low income households pay for winter energy services. LIHEAP will provide a one-time benefit to eligible households to be used for energy bills.

Effective **OCTOBER 1, 2025**, Tri-County Opportunities Council will be completing LIHEAP applications at their office (located at 425 1st Street, Savanna, IL) for the following individuals: **Elderly (62 or older), Disabled, and Families with children under 5 years of age**. For additional information, please contact Freddie Preston at our local Tri-County Opportunities Council office at (815) 273-0318.

**NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

The theme for this year's National Fire Prevention Week, October 5 – 11, 2005, is focused on Lithium-Ion Battery Safety. Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day are powered by lithium-ion batteries. Following are some important safety tips to follow related to lithium-ion battery use:

1. Purchase batteries that are only listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory and labeled accordingly.
2. Stop charging a battery once it is full.
3. Use charging equipment that is only compatible with your device.
4. Stop using your device if the battery shows signs of damage, such as an unusual odor, excessive heat, popping sounds, swelling, or change in color.
5. Have all repairs performed by a qualified professional.

CARROLL COUNTY TRANSIT ANNUAL FALL DRIVE-UP LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

The Carroll County Transit (CCT) will be hosting their annual fundraising event, featuring a Drive-Up Luncheon. In addition, delivery services are available for all orders; for large orders, please place your order by Friday, October 10th, at 815-244-0011. Please join the CCT for a delicious lunch and support your local public transportation company!

DATE: Thursday, October 16, 2025

TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MENU: Grilled Pork Chop Sandwich, Chips, Fruit Cup, Cookie, and Bottled Water

LOCATION: Carroll County Senior Center (17612 E. Benton St., Mt. Carroll, IL)

COST PER MEAL: Donation

