

# HOME MATTERS

Fall, 2018



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## HVAC Units

In 2018, Georgetown/Georgetown County has experienced substantial rainfall and high humidity. These conditions can make the air very uncomfortable because it is extremely moist. Your A/C unit's only job is to pull moisture from the air, therefore cooling the air in your home. Taking the simple steps that we provide for our residents in the "Welcome Home" handbook and lease will guarantee your A/C will work properly and keep your home cool and comfortable.



- Do not use bleach to clean the cold air return.
- AC should NOT be lower than 72 degrees.
- Heat should not be higher than 75 degrees.
- Never use the 'emergency heat' setting.
- Leave the fan on 'Auto'.



### Contributing factors for a high utility bill:

- Remember: hot air rises and cool air falls.
- Leaving windows and doors open while unit is running.
- Clogged filters.
- Turning unit off and on.

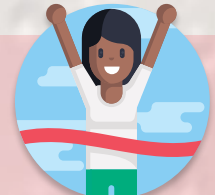
If you do not follow these guidelines, you will run the risk of damaging the property.



**READY,**



**SET,**



**SUCCESS!**

Congratulations to our **READY, SET, SUCCESS** Winners!

June Winner

**Youkisha Woodbury**  
- Scattered Site.

3- pack laundry set  
& Corning bakeware



July Winner

**Felicia Duncan**  
- Westside Apts.

Cutting board set, food storage  
set, & folding picnic chair



# GREATER PEE DEE RE-ENTRY JOB FAIR AND EXPO

Wednesday, September 26, 2018  
10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Horry Georgetown Technical College  
Conference and Business Center  
950 Crabtree Lane  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Professional dress is required.  
Expungement and Pardon Information will be available.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



## Turkey & Pumpkin Seed Chili - Here is a heart warming fall recipe to keep your belly full and your toes warm.

Recipe courtesy of Silvana Nardone / FoodNetwork.com

**Total:** 55 min

**Yield:** 4 to 6 servings

**Prep:** 15 min

**Level:** Easy

**Cook:** 40 min

### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons pumpkin seed oil or olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 small yellow onion, chopped
- 1 to 2 red or yellow bell peppers, chopped
- 1 pound ground turkey or chicken
- 1 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- One 15-ounce can diced tomatoes with their juice
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth or water
- 1/3 cup pumpkin seeds
- 2 tablespoons flaxseed meal
- One 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained

### Directions

In a medium pot, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the garlic, onion and bell pepper; cook, stirring, until softened, about 7 minutes. Increase the heat to medium-high and stir in the chicken, breaking it up with a wooden spoon. Cook until the chicken is cooked through, about 4 minutes.

Add the chili powder, cumin, oregano, cocoa powder and salt; stir to coat. Add the tomatoes and their juices, chicken broth, pumpkin seeds and flaxseed meal and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, until slightly reduced, about 15 minutes. Stir in the beans and cook, uncovered, until the chili thickens slightly, about 10 minutes.





## Halloween Safety Tips

October is fast approaching and with it, sweets, treats, and all that's scary! Here are some helpful tips to make Halloween safer and less scary.

- S** Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- A** Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F** Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E** Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. WALK and don't run from house to house.
- A** Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.
- L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic, to stay safe.
- W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- E** Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- E** Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- N** Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

## Hurricane Season is Upon Us! Are You Ready?

Here are a few tips to help you get prepared:

- Put your hurricane kit together NOW to avoid crowded stores and low supermarket stock.
- Set up a room in your home as a designated "safe room" in the event of high winds.
- KNOW YOUR EVACUATION ZONE!
  - Westside Apartments – Zone B
  - North Street Apartments – Zone B
  - Maryville South Apartments – Zone A
  - For more information, call 843-545-3900.
- Update your first aid box, replace expired medicines, and replenish bandages.
- Keep your cell phone charged- if possible have a battery back-up or solar powered recharger on hand.
- Keep a full tank of gas in your car.
- Keep emergency contacts and phone numbers in your hurricane kit.
- Prepare 1-2 weeks supply of emergency items. These should include flashlights, batteries, bottled water, canned and dry foods, baby food and formula, blankets, cash, credit cards, diapers, change of clothes, toilet paper, soap and shampoo, insurance information, valuable papers, utensils, and paper towels.



8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
**H·i·s·t·o·r·i·c** Bridge2Bridge Run  
**GEORGETOWN** October 27, 2018  
*come run through history...*



### Start Time - Clock Tower on Front St.

**13.1 and 12K:** 7:30am

**5K:** 7:45am

### Adult

**13.1:** \$75 til 10/25 - \$85 onsite

**12K:** \$65 til 10/25 - \$75 onsite

**5K run/walk:** \$30 til 10/25 - \$35 onsite

### Youth (Under 18)

**13.1:** \$60 til 10/25 - \$70 onsite

**12K:** \$50 til 10/25 - \$60 onsite

**5K run/walk:** \$25 til 10/25 - \$30 onsite

### YMCA Kids Fun Run

\$10 per child (6yrs & under & 7-12 yrs old)

Runners that register by October 1st will receive personalized bibs and can select a long sleeve cotton shirt or a short sleeve ladies or men's tech shirt.

All finishers (13.1, 12K, 5K & Kids Fun Run) receive a 2018 B2B Finisher Medal.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

- 1st – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 3rd – Labor Day, GHA office closed
- 6th – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 11th – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm  
(Public Hearing with General Public)
- 15th – MAGISTRATE (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
- 20th – Resident Council meeting 5:00 pm
- 27th – GHA office closed to the public

## OCTOBER

- 1st – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6th – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 9th – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 15th – MAGISTRATE (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
- 18th – Resident Council meeting 5:00 pm
- 26th – GHA office closed to the public

## NOVEMBER

- 1st – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6th – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 8th – Veteran's Day Celebration, GHA office closed
- 12th – Veteran's Day In Observance, GHA office closed
- 13th – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 15th – MAGISTRATE (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
- 15th – Resident Council meeting 5:00 pm  
(Review of Annual Plan)
- 21st & 22nd- Thanksgiving Holiday, GHA office closed
- 26th - GHA office closed to the public

## DECEMBER

- 1st – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6th – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 11th – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 15th – MAGISTRATE (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
- 20th – Resident Council meeting 5:00 pm
- 24th & 25th – Christmas Holiday, GHA office closed
- 26th & 27th – GHA office closed to the public

## GHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Mr. Richard Smith, Board Chair     | Mr. Kalib Moyer  |
| Mr. Tomas Langley, Vice Chair      | Ms. Betty Wilson |
| Mrs. Christina Woodruff, Secretary | Ms. Taneka Deas  |

## GHA MAIN OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 6 p.m.

## PHONE DIRECTORY: (843) 546-9621

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| Christina S. Woodruff, Executive Director        | ext. 227       |
| Johanna Jefferson, Public Housing Manager - AMP1 | ext. 230       |
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| Kiara Logan, HCV Coordinator                     | ext. 223       |
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| Joe Geathers, Maintenance Director               | ext. 228       |
| Lois Parsons, Front Desk                         | ext. 221       |
| B Kisner, Bookkeeper                             | ext. 224       |
| After hours' emergency work orders               | (843) 946-0908 |
| TTY / TDD  | (843) 461-3910 |

## Back 2 School

School is back in session. Our afterschool program began on August 27, 2018, under the direction of Mrs.

Helen Rudolph and Virginia Gibson, serving 1st - 6th grade. We help with homework and social skills. Children will have access to computer labs and enrichment programs to further their progress in school and their community. Hours of operation are 2:30pm to 4:30pm, Mon-Thurs.

**3K & 4K Programs** are full day preschool programs with wrap around services to accommodate parent's work and school schedules. Residents do not have to be working to enroll their children. With the collaboration of First Steps and Small Minds of Tomorrow whose owner and director is Lunda Green (phone number, 843-318-1852), these programs have made a huge impact in our community.

Please contact Ms. Green if you are interested in enrolling your child for the upcoming year. It will be a first come, first serve basis at no cost to our residents in both public housing and Section 8. Transportation will be provided as needed.



## In Your Neighborhood - Help Your Local Veteran

GHA has partnered with Myrtle Beach Housing Authority, Veteran Affairs of Myrtle Beach, ECHO (Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization), and the Low Country Veterans Group to offer VASH vouchers to Georgetown County veterans. If you are a veteran, or know a veteran who is homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, let them know there is help!

Veterans interested in learning about the program should contact Kiara Logan, HCV Coordinator, at 546-9621 x223, or Christina Woodruff at x227.

Let's give back to those men and women who served so courageously for our country!



## Let's Celebrate Our Veterans

Thursday, November 8th, will mark the 6th annual Veterans Day Celebration, held by GHA. Please join us in honoring our local veterans as we salute those who have served in the armed forces. Enjoy free food, games, music, entertainment, and giveaways. All GHA residents are invited.



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