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It has always been Georgetown Housing Authority's practice to provide safe, decent, and sanitary housing. Even though we are in a time of social unrest, it is the policy of GHA to comply with Fair Housing Regulations.

Our tenant's lives matter to us. In accordance with federal law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) policy, GHA is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex or familial status.



We urge you to stay safe amidst the current influx of the coronavirus. When gathering, please practice social distancing.

Please protect yourself if you choose to participate in protesting.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) TESTING

St. James Health and Wellness
(Formerly St. James Santee Family Health Center)

As our communities continue to feel the increased impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19), we are taking extra steps to ensure that you have access to testing. Services are offered to all individuals of our communities. Testing is available at all of our locations.



North Santee-Sampit

2482 Powell Road, Georgetown
(843) 527-7940
Mon - Fri: 8 am - 5 pm

Andrews

675 North Morgan Avenue, Andrews
(843) 264-2680
Mon - Fri: 8 am - 5 pm

Choppee

8189 Choppee Road, Georgetown
(843) 527-7940
Mon - Fri: 8 am - 5 pm

Georgetown Pediatrics

57 Jessamine Avenue, Georgetown
(843) 546-8686
Mon - Fri: 8 am - 5 pm | Sat 8 am - 12 pm

Georgetown

422 Fraser Street, Georgetown
(843) 436-1336
Mon - Fri: 8 am - 5 pm

Andrews COVID Testing site

411 E. Main Street, Andrews
(843) 264-1223
Mon - Fri: 10 am - 2 pm

McClellanville

1189 Tibwin Road, McClellanville
(843) 887-3274
Mon - Fri: 8 am - 5 pm

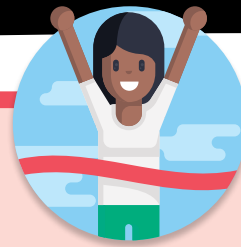
Call any location for more information.



READY,



SET,



SUCCESS!

Due to the Coronavirus, GHA's Ready, Set, Success program had to pause, but we are excited to announce we have started drawing names again. For our new tenants, the READY SET SUCCEED program is an opportunity for every public housing resident to earn tickets for awesome prizes. For the last two years, names have been drawn at the end of each month to reveal a winner. The winner is contacted to pick up their prize within 5 business days of the drawing.

How to Earn Tickets for Success

- Pay rent and charges on time.
- Make repayment agreements when they are due.
- Keep your yard free of trash and unsightly items.
- Pass inspections.
- Be on time for scheduled appointments.
- Attend resident council monthly meeting and other activities.

Congratulations to our May Winner!



Ernest Bradley
Westside Apts.
Ceramic Cookware

Mental Health

Resources / Crisis Services

Disaster Distress Helpline:
1-800-985-5990
text: TalkWithUs to 66746

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
Lifeline Crisis Chat -
suicidpreventionlifeline.org/GetHelpLifelineChat.aspx

National Domestic Violence Hotline:
1-800-799-7233
text: LOVEIS to 22522

National Child Abuse Hotline:
1-800-4AChild (1-800-422-4453)
text: 1-800-422-4453

Stress Reduction

- Exercise** is a great way to relieve stress. Activities such as walking or jogging relieve stress by working large muscle groups in a repetitive motion.
- Listen to soothing music** to unwind. Listening to music can have a very relaxing effect on the body.
- Laughing** relieves tension by relaxing your muscles.
- Deep breathing exercises** can help activate your parasympathetic nervous system, which controls the relaxation response. Take the time during this pandemic and social change to just breath. Take long deep breaths.
- Mindful eating** can help prevent overeating by eating slowly. Put your fork down between bites. Due to COVID-19 pandemic and quarantining, many of us have eaten our way through a few tubs of ice cream, a couple bags of chips, and a liter of soda. Especially when we have been feeling overwhelmed by all the unknown factors that are dictating our future. By eating mindfully you are more likely to seek out health food options, which will in turn boost your immune system.



National Sexual Assault Hotline:
1-800-656-HOPE (4673)
Online Chat - hotline.rainn.org/online

The Eldercare Locator:
1-800-677-1116

Veteran's Crisis Line:
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
Crisis Chat - veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat
text: 8388255

Find a health care provider or treatment for substance use disorder and mental health:

SAMHSA's National Helpline: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

Treatment Services Locator Website
findtreatment.samhsa.gov

Resident Advisory Board

We are in the process of electing resident council members. Elections will be held in October. Ten of our residents have committed to running for resident council. If you are interested in participating with the Resident Advisory Board, contact Helen Rudolph at 843-546-9621, ext. 223.



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.

BASIC DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT



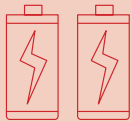
• "South Carolina Hurricane Guide"



• Bottled Water (2 gallons per person per day)



• Non-perishable food (for at least 3 days)



• Portable radio with extra batteries



• Plastic dishes eating utensils



• Pet Supplies (food, leash, carrier, vaccination records)



• First Aid Kit (including prescription medications)



• Bedding and clothing for each family member



• Soap, shampoo, and other personal hygiene items



• NOAA Weather Radio



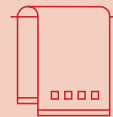
• Rain jackets, pants, boots



• Sunglasses, mosquito repellent, sunscreen



• Flashlight(s) with extra batteries



• Blankets, towels



• Important Documents (driver's license, Social Security card, proof of residence, insurance policies, wills, deeds, birth and marriage certificates, tax records, medical records, family pictures, etc.)



• Cash (enough to fill up a vehicle with gas)



• Baby supplies (food, diapers, medication)



• Mobile device chargers



• Hand sanitizer



• Toothbrush, toothpaste

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 843-546-9621, x223, or Christina Woodruff at x227.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

- 1st – RENT, RETIREMENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6th – GHA office closed to the public
– LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 14th – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 15th – MAGISTRATE (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
- 16th – Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 23rd – GHA office closed to the public

AUGUST

- 1st – RENT, RETIREMENT & 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 5:30 pm
- 20th – GHA office closed to the public

SEPTEMBER

- 1st – RENT, RETIREMENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6th – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 7th – Labor Day, GHA office closed to the public
- 8th – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 15th – MAGISTRATE (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
- 17th – Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 21st - 24th – GHA office closed to the public

OCTOBER

- 1st – RENT, RETIREMENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6th – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 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
- 22nd – GHA office closed to the public



Farmers Market

Market Schedule:

Every Thursday
4:30pm-6:30pm
June 25th 2020- September 24th 2020

Market Manager:

Catherine Condon
843-344-7861
cmcondon13@gmail.com

Vendor Market Fees

City Fees:

\$110 for a 6 month season
\$25 for a three time vendor use

Market fees:

\$10 per 10 by 10 Section
(educational and nonprofit organizations will not be required to pay)

Housing Authority Reminder – HVAC Unit

- Do not use bleach to clean the cold air return.
- Maintain proper temperatures for heat and air (68-75°).
- AC should not be below 72°.
- Heat should not be above 75°.
- Damages can occur from setting the air conditioning too low.
- Leave the fan on 'Auto'.
- Never use the 'emergency heat' setting.

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.



GHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Kalib Moyer, Board Chair	Ms. Betty Wilson
Mr. Tomas Langley, Vice Chair	Ms. Taneka Deas
Mrs. Christina Woodruff, Secretary	Mr. Nate Fata

GHA MAIN OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8 am – 12 pm & 1 – 6 pm

PHONE DIRECTORY: 843-546-9621

Christina S. Woodruff, Executive Director	ext. 227
Johanna Jefferson, Public Housing Manager - AMP1	ext. 230
Alissa Collington, Resident Service Coordinator/HCV Coordinator	ext. 222
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Katissa Kersey, Administrative Assistant	ext. 237
Joe Geathers, Maintenance Director	ext. 228
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