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REMODELING HAS BEGUN!

Good news, Capital Fund Improvement work has begun at Westside Apartments. On Monday December 7, 2020, our contractors from Bent Pine Construction began replacing cabinets, kitchen sinks, and range hoods in each unit. Also, minor work will be done to HVAC units. Some major plumbing repairs will take place within in the next three to six months as well.

You will need to do the following:

- ☐ Make sure your kitchen floor is free of all trash and debris.
- ☐ Remove all items from your kitchen cabinets.
- ☐ Remove any extra shelves or items stored on floors in kitchen.
- ☐ All items should be stored in an area where it will not interrupt the flow of work.
- ☐ Make sure that the HVAC door is not blocked.

It is our hope that this will be a smooth renovation. GHA thanks you for your patience and apologizes for any inconvenience that this might cause. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.





READY,



SET,



SUCCESS!

The Ready, Set, Success program has been a great success! Every public housing resident has been given the opportunity to earn tickets for awesome prizes. Throughout the year, names are drawn at the end of each month to reveal a winner. The winner will be 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 all of our **READY, SET, SUCCESS** winners! →

September



George Dickerson
Westside Apts.
Indoor Grill

October



Barbara Jones
Westside Apts.
SilverStone Bakeware

November



Linda Goins
Maryville Apts.
Hamilton Beach
Coffee Maker

Carolina Human Reinvestment Community Garden

Carolina Human Reinvestment is proud to introduce the newest addition to its educational programs, the #CHRSCCommunityGarden. Created to serve the Pawleys Island and Georgetown county communities, it's "Grow, Feed, Teach" platform has already managed to provide vegetables for area food banks and hunger programs, serving over 800 people in little more than half a year.

Building started on May 4, 2020, and by June, the construction of a 72' x 30' hoop house had been completed with 20 raised garden beds to the side, filled with growing vegetables- all of this organized and built by local volunteers, church groups, and business donations. Today, we have a second group of garden beds, bringing the total to 67. Also in development is an herb and flower garden spearheaded by the Low Country Herb Society.

Community gardens are fast becoming a national movement. We are proud to be a part of this movement. From addressing multiple issues such as health, education, environment, and local ecological sustainability, to providing a cultural and social space for the community, we plan to bridge age and socioeconomic groups. Gardening also offers volunteer opportunities for families with children of all ages. We are anxiously looking forward to our opening party for the community this coming spring.

All of us involved at the #CHRSCCommunityGarden are extremely encouraged by the rapid progress and generosity of the community and the potential of what the garden will become. The CHR Community Garden is located at 772 Petigru Drive in Pawleys Island.

Here's how you can help:

Volunteer Opportunities Contact

Sybil, master gardener, (843) 443-577

Giany, executive director, (843) 461-4305

Friends of the Garden

Our garden boxes are available for the leveled sponsorships detailed below. As a sponsor, we will name you or your business in the garden and in our promotions via website, print, and social media.

Seedling: \$25 feeds a family of four for a week

Sprout: \$100 feeds a family of 4 for a month

Blossom: \$600 feeds a family of 4 for 1/2 a year

Bloom: \$1200 feeds a family of 4 for a year



February is National Black History Month

Georgetown was once a predominantly African American neighborhood, and it is the third oldest city in the U.S. In the early 1800's, Georgetown was an independent tobacco and shipping port. At that time, Georgetown and surrounding areas had a population of 5,120, which included 1,449 black slaves; South Carolina had 140,178 white residents and 108,895 black residents, which were mostly slaves.

In 1860, with over 120 plantations, the population in South Carolina grew to 412,320 black residents, most of which worked the rice crops, and 291,300 white residents. Georgetown District produced one-half of the total rice crop of the United States. With the devastation and no one working the crops, Georgetown County suffered terribly during the Reconstruction Era after the Civil War.

In 1905, Georgetown reached its peak as a lumber port with the great help of the black community. With no work to be

found, the Georgetown people suffered again during the Great Depression, and a strong religious faith would once again get them through these rough times.

In 1944, the Southern Kraft Division of International Paper opened a mill which employed many locals. It was the largest in the world.

Today, Georgetown with a population of approximately 9,163, of which 5,192 are black, heritage tourism has become a booming business. Approximately, 4,625,364 people now live in South Carolina, of which 1,290,684 are black. Each year, the whole month of February, our After-School Program participates in activities such as crafting items made by black/African Americans. They also study notable black/African Americans.



To name a few, some of these famous South Carolinians are as follows:

- **Kimberly Aiken**, Miss American 1994
- **Charles P. Austin, Sr.**, Columbia's first African-American Chief of Police
- **Brendon Barber, Sr.**, the first black Mayor of Georgetown, SC
- **Chadwick Boseman**, film actor, portrayed James Brown, Thurgood Marshall, and the infamous Black Panther
- **James Brown**, singer, Godfather of Soul
- **James E. Clyburn**, SC Congressman
- **Willis Crosby**, black radio legend
- **Viola Davis**, TV and film actress
- **Bobby Engram**, professional football player
- **Ernest Evans (Chubby Checker)**, singer
- **Matilda Evans**, first African American woman physician in SC
- **Joe Frazier**, professional heavyweight boxer
- **Kevin Garnett**, basketball player
- **Jumpy Geathers**, football player with 2 super bowl wins
- **John Birks Gillespie (Dizzy)**, famous trumpeter
- **Alberta Tucker Grimes**, organized first SC Head Start Program
- **Edwin A. Harleston**, artist
- **Charlayne Hunter-Gault**, journalist
- **Willie Jeffries**, football coach
- **Etta Jones**, jazz singer
- **Eartha Kitt**, singer, actress
- **Raphael C. Lee**, surgeon
- **Wes Mackey**, blues musician
- **Cassandra Maxwell**, first African American woman admitted to the SC bar
- **Ron McNair**, astronaut
- **Frieda Mitchell**, Director of United Communities for Child development
- **Reverend Newman**, State Senator
- **William "Refrigerator" Perry**, Chicago Bears defensive lineman, key player in Super bowl XX
- **Bill Pinkney**, singer for the Drifters
- **Joseph Hayne Rainey**, US Congressman
- **Willie Larry Randolph**, baseball player and Manager of New York Mets
- **Sarah Reese**, opera singer
- **Eugene Robinson**, Pulitzer Prize winner
- **Chris Rock**, TV and film actor
- **Darius Rucker**, songwriter, singer
- **Tim Scott**, US Representative
- **Marlean Smalls**, Gospel singer
- **Harold A. Stevens**, Justice of the New York Supreme Court
- **Dr. Charles W. Swan**, Presidential Policy Advisor
- **Irene Trowell-Harris**, first female African American General, National Guard
- **Wilfred Junius Walker**, educator
- **Armstrong Williams**, entrepreneur, Cecil J. Williams, photographer
- **William Hayward Mookie Wilson**, baseball player
- **Justice Wright**, SC Supreme Court Justice

Georgetown is deeply rooted in black history- take this time to explore and reflect on the beautiful and enriching history of this great city. Honor the past as we look towards the future.

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 Alissa Collington, HCV Coordinator, at 843-546-9621, x222.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

1st – **RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE**
 6th – **LATE CHARGES ADDED** (morning)
 12th – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
 15th – **MAGISTRATE** (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
 18th – **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**, GHA office closed
 21st – Resident Council Meeting 4:00 pm
 21st – GHA office closed to the public

FEBRUARY

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 4:00 pm
 18th – GHA office closed to the public

MARCH

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)
 18th – Resident Council Meeting 4:00 pm
 22nd - 25th – GHA office closed to the public

APRIL

1st – **RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE**
 1st – Good Friday (observed), GHA office closed
 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 4:00 pm
 22nd – GHA office closed to the public

Career Corner

The Georgetown Career Opportunity Center is open and helping folks with their training needs, employment applications, and other resources.

To help stay in compliance with coronavirus prevention guidelines, we are asking folks to call ahead when possible before visiting the center. Many issues can be resolved over the telephone and virtually.

The GCOC can be reached at 843-300-7456.



Available Assistance

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused some difficult times. Please be aware that there is help and resources available. The following short list is just a few places you can call and inquire for help.

Helping Hands of Georgetown

Hours of Operation:
 Mon. - Thurs., 9 am-2 pm
 843-527-3424

St. Cyprian Outreach

(Currently assistance is restricted to first time applicants only.)
 843-546-1470

Waccamaw Economic Opportunity Council Inc. (WEOC)

Must call to make an appointment: 843-546-6161



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GHA MAIN OFFICE HOURS

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

PHONE DIRECTORY: 843-546-9621

Johanna Jefferson, Public Housing Manager - AMP1	ext. 230
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HCV Coordinator / Interim Executive Director	ext. 222
Victoria Taber-Santos, Data Entry Specialist	ext. 223
Katisha Kersey, Administrative Assistant	ext. 237
Joe Geathers, Maintenance Director	ext. 228
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B Kisner, Bookkeeper	ext. 224
After hours emergency work orders	(843) 946-0908
TTY / TDD	(843) 461-3910

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