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IT'S Spring TIME

What Is Spring Cleaning?

The definition of spring cleaning is a thorough domestic cleaning of your entire home room by room from top to bottom. A thorough cleaning includes areas you do not clean on a regular basis, such as beneath carpets and furniture. To spring clean means to clean up dirt from your ceiling all the way to your floor, wiping and dusting every surface, decluttering and throwing away what you do not need.

6 Tips for a Successful Spring Cleaning!

1. Clean room by room.
2. Organize and clear clutter.
3. Get the household involved.
4. Tackle seasonal chores.
5. Keep cleaning products to a minimum.
6. Establish new cleaning habits.

Children's Books to Read for Spring:

The Spring Book

- Todd Parr

Flower Garden

- Eve Bunting

Abracadabra, It's Spring!

- Anne Sibley O'Brien

Happy Springtime!

- Kate McMullan

Spring Stinks

- Ryan T. Higgins

The Spring Visitors

- Karel Hayes

Singing in the Rain

- Tim Hopgood

Goodbye Winter,
Hello Spring

- Kenard Pak

Spectacular Spring:
All Kinds of Spring
Facts and Fun

- Bruce Goldstone

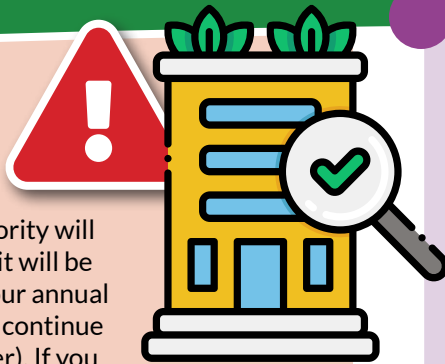
Busy Spring:
Nature Wakes Up

- Sean Taylor And Alex Morss



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL HOUSING RESIDENTS

Effective April 1, 2022, Georgetown Housing Authority will now complete your inspections **ANNUALLY**. Your unit will be inspected during the month that you come in for your annual certification. Quarterly pest control inspection will continue as scheduled (February, May, August, and November). If you fail your annual inspection, your unit will be reinspected and will then be inspected quarterly until you pass your inspection. Please make sure that you are calling in your work orders as they occur. In order for this to be a successful change, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you attend your scheduled appointment and provide all requested documents during your annual certification. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office.



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

Monday - Thursday: 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

SC Stay Plus

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 2 pm
803-336-3420



Fruits In Season for Spring

Increase your fruit intake for a healthier diet. Make up a fun new recipe for each fruit!

Apricots Cherries Grapefruit Kiwi
Lemon Rhubarb Strawberries



June is National Child Safety Awareness Month - Ways to keep your child safe:

- ☐ Secure furniture and TV's.
- ☐ Make sure that your child's car seat is buckled correctly.
- ☐ Keep all medicines out of child's reach.
- ☐ Beware of windows. (Toddlers can easily tumble through window screens).
- ☐ Check around your house for coin-sized button batteries, such as those that come in musical greeting cards, remote controls, and key fobs. (Swallowing these lithium batteries can be dangerous).
- ☐ Maintain a close relationship with your child. (Talk to your child constantly - listen more than you talk).
- ☐ Make sure your child stays hydrated during those hot summer days.
- ☐ Teach your child to cross the street.
- ☐ Give your child the tools to prevent bullying.
- ☐ When your child goes to someone's house on a playdate, be sure to know the family.
- ☐ Make sure that you put your child in someone's care that you totally trust.
- ☐ Never leave your child unattended in a vehicle.
- ☐ Teach your child how to swim.
- ☐ Help your child to develop good judgement.
- ☐ Use sunscreen and insect repellent.
- ☐ Make sure your child is always supervised around water.
- ☐ Make sure your child wears a helmet when recommended.
- ☐ Review what to do if your child gets lost or separated from you.



HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th

Mother's Day is the third highest selling holiday for flowers and plants. It's typically the busiest day of the year in the restaurant industry. Mother's Day became a recognized holiday in 1914 in the United States. The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the mother of the Gods. Approximately 122 million phone calls are made to moms on Mother's Day in the United States. Don't forget to call your mom!



Father's Day is Sunday, June 19th

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the necktie is the most popular of all Father's Day gifts. There are 1.5 billion fathers worldwide. 66.3 million of those fathers are in the United States. Only 50% of all Father's Day cards are purchased for dads. Nearly 15% of Father's Day cards are purchased for husbands. Famously, Mark Twain said the following about his father: "When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years".

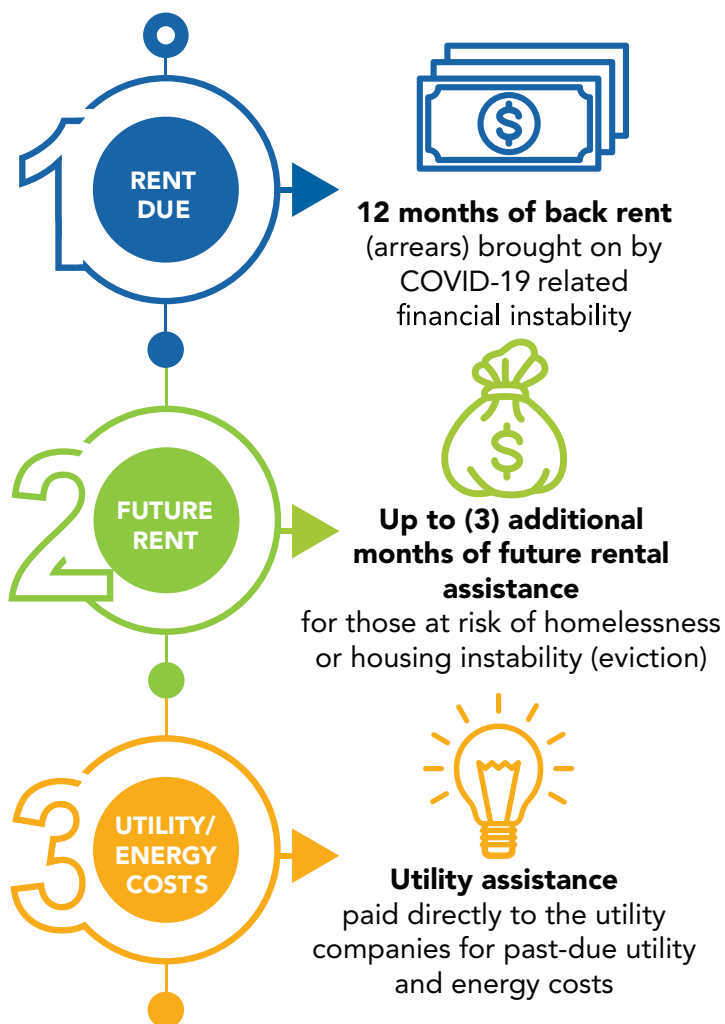
Happy
Father's Day



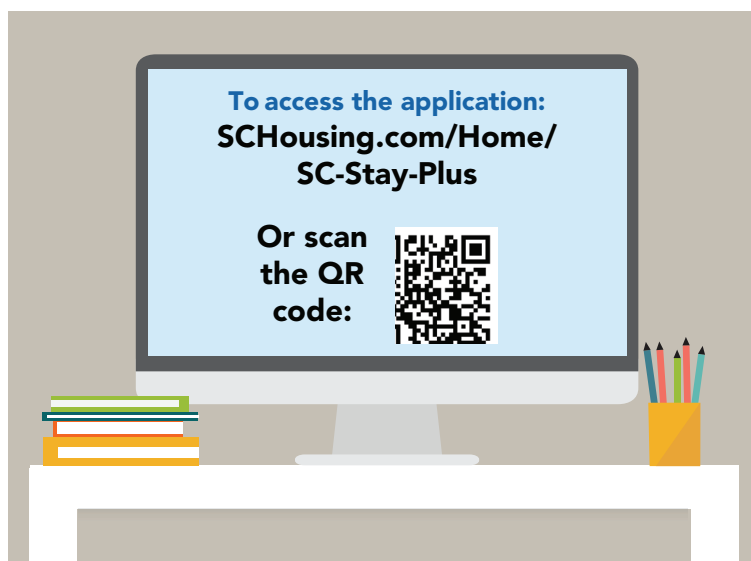


LATE ON RENT AND UTILITIES?

AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE



APPLYING TO SC STAY PLUS IS EASY



View the Application

SC Stay Plus applications are open and can be completed online!

If you have questions, please call the SC Stay Plus call center at **803-336-3420**, toll free at **1-800-476-0412**, or by email **scstayplus@schousing.com**.

Upcoming Local Spring Events

Easter Egg Hunt

at the Kaminski House Museum

On the lawn at the Kaminski House Museum: **April 16, 2022.**

Music In The Park- Spring and Summer Series

Outdoor series in downtown Georgetown

First Friday of every month starting **May 6, 2022.**

Georgetown Farmers Market

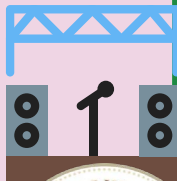
In downtown Georgetown, with local produce, baked goods, and other foods.

Saturdays 8am - 1pm, **May 7- October 29, 2022.**

Georgetown Blue Marlin Tournament

Annual Fishing Tournament out of Georgetown Landing Marina: **May 25-28, 2022.**

For more details visit GoSouthCharleston.com



Celebrate Easter With Your Very Own Sock Bunny

Fill a colorful sock with dry rice and tie off the top with a rubber band. Wrap a ribbon around the "neck." Cut round ears, add a felt face, a pom pom tail, and your sock bunny is complete.



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, Interim Executive Director, at 843-546-9621, x222.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 1st – **RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE**
- 6th – **LATE CHARGES ADDED** (morning)
- 12th – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 14th – Good Friday, GHA office closed
- 15th – **MAGISTRATE** (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
- 21st – GHA Office Closed to public
 - Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm

MAY

- 1st – **RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE**
- 6th – **LATE CHARGES ADDED** (morning)
- 10th – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 15th – **MAGISTRATE** (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
- 19th – Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 26th – GHA Office Closed to public
- 30th – Memorial Day, GHA office closed

JUNE

- 1st – **RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE**
- 6th – **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
- 20th - 23rd – GHA Office Closed to public

JULY

- 1st – **RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE**
- 4th – Independence Day, GHA office closed
- 6th – **LATE CHARGES ADDED** (morning)
- 12th – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 15th – **MAGISTRATE** (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
- 21st – GHA Office Closed to public
 - Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm

GHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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| Mr. Tomas Langley, Vice Chair | Ms. Taneka Deas |
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