



Home Matters

Summer, 2022

Hello Summer

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Tips to Stay Safe During the Summer

- ☐ Stay Cool- Stay in air-conditioned locations as much as possible.
- ☐ Stay Hydrated- Drink plenty of fluids, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- ☐ Stay Protected- Avoid strenuous or high-energy activities.
- ☐ Watch for signs of Heat Stress.

Summer Bucket List Activities

- ☐ Go to an amusement park
- ☐ Go fruit picking
- ☐ leap off a rope swing
- ☐ Attend an outdoor concert
- ☐ Try a new food
- ☐ Ride a ferris wheel
- ☐ Attend a parade
- ☐ Have a picnic
- ☐ Take a road trip
- ☐ Play on a slip n' slide

Fun Children's Books to Read for Summer!

One Hot Summer Day - Nina Crews	How to Code a Sandcastle - John Funk	Summer Color! - Diana Murray
And Then Comes Summer - Tom Brenner	What Can You See in the Summer? - Sian Smith	Mouse's First Summer - Lauren Thompson
One Crazy Summer - Rita Williams-Garcia	A Lullaby of Summer Things - Natalie Ziarnik	The Night Before Summer Vacation - Natasha Wing
Jabari Jumps - Gaia Cornwall		

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Summer Foods

Here are some foods that are absolutely refreshing to consume during the summer heat, and they come with the added benefit of being healthy for your body!

Iced Tea and Coffee

Melons

Mangoes

Salads

Berries

Corn

Fresh Juices



Labor Day Monday, September 5th

Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. It's traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties, street parades, and athletic events.

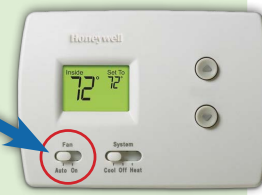


HVAC Units

- Do not use bleach to clean the cold air return.
- AC should NOT be lower than 70 degrees.
- Heat should not be higher than 75 degrees.
- Leave the fan on 'Auto'.
- Never use the 'emergency heat' setting.



Always leave the fan set to AUTO.



Damages can occur from setting the air conditioning too low:

- Can you afford a high utility bill?
- Leaving windows and doors open while unit is running.
- Clogged filters.
- Turning unit off and on.
- Remember: hot air rises and cool air falls.

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

Parent's Day Sunday, July 24th

The one-in-a million bond with our parents is celebrated on Nations Parent's Day, every year on the fourth Sunday of July.



Hurricane Season is Upon Us! Are You Ready?

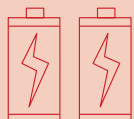
Here are a few tips to help you get prepared:

- ☐ 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 SUPPLY KIT



• "South Carolina Hurricane Guide"



• Portable radio with extra batteries



• First Aid Kit (including prescription medications)



• NOAA Weather Radio



• Flashlight(s) with extra batteries



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



• Mobile device chargers



• Bottled Water (2 gallons per person per day)



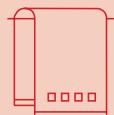
• Plastic dishes eating utensils



• Bedding and clothing for each family member



• Rain jackets, pants, boots



• Blankets, towels



• Baby supplies (food, diapers, medication)



• Hand sanitizer



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



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



• Soap, shampoo, and other personal hygiene items



• Sunglasses, mosquito repellent, sunscreen



• 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.)



• Toothbrush, toothpaste

Friendly Reminders

- No pools allowed.
- No unauthorized vehicles allowed to park on property.
- No unauthorized people allowed to stay in units.
- No unauthorized pets and/or pet sitting.
 - If you so desire to house a pet it must be pre-approved by GHA.
 - \$200 pet deposit per dog and/or cat is required.
 - All pets must have all their required shots and be spayed or neutered.
 - GHA makes reasonable accommodations for certified service animals in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **NO SMOKING WITHIN 25 FEET OF BUILDINGS.**
- **ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING IN UNITS.**

All GHA properties are smoke-free.



Congratulations to all the Graduates of 2022!

It truly took perseverance and determination to make the grade. Hats off to you all and many blessings to your future!



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

JULY

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

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 5 – Labor Day, GHA Office closed
- 6 – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 13 – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 15 – MAGISTRATE (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
 - Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 19 - 22 – GHA office closed to the public

OCTOBER

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

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