

Home Matters

Fall, 2022

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Fall FACTS



Name

Why is the season called "fall"? About 500 years ago, when Middle English was spoken, expressions like "fall of the leaf" and "fall of the year" were quite common, and the season name "fall" comes from them.

Leaves

When leaves change color in the fall, they are actually becoming their true color. In the summer, the chlorophyll takes over and causes them to turn green and hide their color.

Candy

The most popular candy for trick-or-treaters is Snickers candy bar. The least popular are orange Circus Peanuts.

Trick-or-treat

The first known instance of trick-or-treating took place in Blackie, Alberta, Canada in 1927.

Turkeys

More than 45 million turkeys are eaten in the United States at Thanksgiving.

Fun Children's Books to Read for Fall!

The Biggest Pumpkin Ever - Steven Kroll	Fresh Fall Leaves - Betsy Franco	The Scarecrow - Beth Ferry
The Leaf Thief - Alice Hemming & Nicola Slater	Too Many Pumpkins - Linda White	Hello, Harvest Moon - Ralph Fletcher
Hiking Day - Anne Rockwell	Awesome Autumn - Bruce Goldstone	This Little Turkey - Aly Fronis
	How To Catch A Turkey - Adam Wallace & Andy Elkerton	



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Important Information and Reminders

Keeping Your Lease is Up to You!

Listed below are a few key items you can do to take care of your responsibilities at GHA. We recommend you review your lease periodically to ensure that you are following its requirements. Violations to your lease can be cause for termination from public housing assistance.

Always perform the following:

- ☐ Pay your rent on time.
- ☐ Pay any maintenance or yard charges.
- ☐ Renew your lease on time.
- ☐ Notify the GHA office promptly of any maintenance problems.
- ☐ Keep your utilities on at all times.



Remember that false information is grounds for eviction.

Reporting Income Changes

Residents must promptly report to the landlord any of the following changes in household circumstances when they occur between annual rent re-certification:

- ☐ A member has been added to the family through birth, adoption, or court-awarded custody.
- ☐ A household member is leaving or has left the family unit.

Residents paying rent based on a percentage of income may report the following activities that occur between annual rent re-certification:

- ☐ A decrease or increase in household income.
- ☐ Handicapped assistance expenses, which enable a family member to work.
- ☐ Childcare expenses for children under 13 that are necessary to enable the head of the household be employed or go to school.
- ☐ Medical expenses of the elderly, disabled, or handicapped headed households that are not covered by insurance.
- ☐ Other family changes that impact their adjusted income.



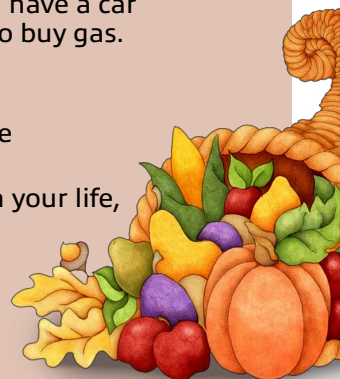
Tips to stay healthy this fall!

- ☐ Wash your hands with soap for 20 seconds.
- ☐ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ☐ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- ☐ Stay home when you are sick.
- ☐ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue.
- ☐ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- ☐ Get your flu shot.
- ☐ Get rest to keep your immune system up.
- ☐ Wear a mask or face covering when entering public areas.
- ☐ Stay 6 feet apart from others in public areas.

November – A Time for Giving Thanks

Perhaps this November we might allow Thanksgiving to permeate our lives for more than just a day – how about the entire month. **Ten things to be thankful for:**

- Be thankful for growing older. Not everyone gets this opportunity.
- Be thankful that you can read these words. It is very sad that many people do not have the ability to read.
- If you have to wait in line at the supermarket for your Thanksgiving dinner, be thankful that you have the means to do so.
- Be thankful for the ability to pay your bills.
- If you have to get up before dawn to get to work, be thankful that you get to see another sunrise and have a job to go to.
- When you are stuck in traffic, be thankful you have a car to get where you need to go and the money to buy gas.
- When your loved ones become grumpy, be thankful for having love in your life.
- When the kids are screaming at each other, be thankful that you have children to love.
- When your parents are telling you how to run your life, be thankful that you still have them around.
- When you sit down for your Thanksgiving dinner, be thankful for everyone and everything that made it possible.



Fall Events in Georgetown

33rd Annual Wooden Boat Show

The Georgetown Wooden Boat Show – always held on the third weekend in October – features one of the Southeast's best wooden boat exhibits with more than 100 classic wooden boats displayed on land and water, boatbuilding, a corrugated boat race, children's model boatbuilding, a youth sailing regatta, knot tying, maritime arts and crafts, and food.

Historic Georgetown (Front Street)

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022 — 10:30am | Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022 — 5:30pm



Kaminski House Museum: Family Fun & Literacy Day

Kaminski House, 1003 Front Street

Sunday, October 30, 2022 — 1 - 4pm



Taste of Georgetown

The Taste of Georgetown is a fundraiser for the Family Justice Center, a non-profit organization providing collaborative services for victims of domestic violence. Come experience a Taste of Georgetown, from shrimp to steak, art to music, mini-parks to museums.

Historic Georgetown (Front Street)

Saturday, November 12, 2022 — 12:30 - 3pm



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 | Prep: 15 min | Cook: 40 min | Yield: 4 to 6 Servings | Level: Easy

Ingredients

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 tablespoons pumpkin seed oil or olive oil | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 teaspoon ground cumin | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 teaspoon dried oregano | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 small yellow onion, chopped | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa powder | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 2 red or yellow bell peppers, chopped | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 teaspoon salt | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pound ground turkey or chicken | <input type="checkbox"/> One 15-ounce can diced tomatoes with their juice | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth or water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 1/2 tablespoons chili powder | | <input type="checkbox"/> 1/3 cup pumpkin seeds |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 tablespoons flaxseed meal |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

'Tis the Season

One of the most important things about the holidays is people connecting with each other.

Make holiday gift giving meaningful for you and your children by exchanging simple gifts and actions that express heart-warming feelings. Take the emphasis off quantity and expense. Instead, place it on creative gifts, messages, and services. Getting back to the true meaning of giving is a gift you can give to your children that will last a lifetime.

Christmas Tree Fire Safety

- ☐ Any string of lights with worn, frayed, or broken cords or loose bulbs should not be used.
- ☐ Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
- ☐ Use a sturdy tree stand designed not to tip over.
- ☐ Do not place tree where it may block exits.
- ☐ When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant.
- ☐ Keep live trees watered.



Clocks will FALL back to standard time on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 2 AM!



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, 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 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

NOVEMBER

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6 – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 8 – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 10 – Veterans Day observed, GHA Office closed
- 15 – MAGISTRATE (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
- 17 – Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 21 - 22 – GHA office closed to the public
- 22 - 23 – Thanksgiving observed, GHA Office closed

DECEMBER

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 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
- 22 – GHA office closed to the public
- 26 - 27 – Christmas Holiday, GHA Office closed

JANUARY

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

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