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Fall 2023

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Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, October 10th at 6 PM to discuss the GHA annual plan. The hearing will take place at the David H. Drayton Community Center located at 1 Lincoln Street, Georgetown.

The annual plan will be posted at the GHA Office for everyone to review. Please stop in during regular business hours: Monday-Thursday 8 AM to noon and 1 - 6 PM, to review the plans, and then join us at the public hearing!

New Software!
Coming 2024

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Meet our New Software! - SACS Coming 2024

Scott Accounting & Computer Service, Inc., located in Alexander City, Alabama, is an industry leader in providing computer software, hardware, and accounting solutions for Public Housing Agencies. They have been serving the public housing industry for over 40 years.

Children's
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Bobby Scott, President, began his career as a public housing accountant in 1967. Shortly afterwards in 1969, he started Scott Accounting providing fee accounting services to public housing agencies.

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In 1986 Danny Lloyd joined SACS and developed a custom software application for Public Housing and Section 8 agencies. Since that time SACS has been installing software and hardware for public housing agencies across the United States.

SACS currently services 362 Authorities in 17 states. They employ thirty-two full time people totally devoted to the support of our customers.

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SACS Housing Software was developed to meet the specific needs of public housing agencies. Our mission is to provide the best public housing software, service and support available.

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After School Volunteer Spotlight

Cyrl Lance

Cyrl Lance is the Assistant Manager at Kensington Elementary School cafeteria. She loves to cook, sing, craft, sew, and work with the kids at the Carolina Human Reinvestment (CHRSC) After-School Program.



Rashea Kinloch

Rashea has been a mentor with the CHRSC After School Program for over a year and says, "It's the positive impression you make on kids that's so important. They're very impressionable and open. Many of them don't have the resources at home to help them with their studies. We help to fill that void".

Rashea was born and raised in Georgetown and lives in Andrews, SC with her four children. A graduate of North Carolina A & T, she has previously worked with veterans assisting them with navigating the healthcare system.



Polly Harrell

Polly Harrell truly enjoyed every day of her 30-year career as a high school teacher in Sumter, SC, and Hampton, Gloucester, and West Point, VA. She taught US History, World Geography, and French, and found organizing field trips to Richmond, Washington, DC, and Philadelphia rewarding.

She loves traveling throughout the US and abroad, enjoys reading, living in Georgetown, and feels honored to be a part of the CHRSC After School Program.



Elizabeth Brachna

Elizabeth Brachna is a retired Special Education Teacher who served students with emotional disabilities in Georgetown County from 2009-2021, as well as taught for two years in Horry County. Elizabeth is a native of West Virginia, where she previously worked as a counselor for children who suffered trauma.

As a volunteer with the CHRSC After School Program and Summer Enrichment program, she has utilized her teaching experience to tutor the students, building enriching relationships with the students and staff.



CHRSC Summer Camp





Upcoming Local Events

Breakfast with Seniors

ALL Seniors (ages 60 & older) please join Elite Home Care for breakfast celebrating your "Senior Power"!

Elite Home Care - 2902 Highmarket St, Georgetown

Date Coming Soon: 10 AM - 12 PM



The Kaminski House Museum presents Family Fun & Literacy Day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th

From 1—3 pm

Storytelling
Autumn Crafts
& Games
Sooky Treats



For more information contact the Kaminski House Museum at 843-546-7706. Rain Date for this event is Saturday, October 28th



Family Fun and Literacy Day

Make plans now to attend the Family Fun & Literacy Day at the Kaminski House Museum on Saturday, October 14th. Join us on the lawn for an afternoon of storytelling, autumn crafts & games and spooky treats. We will also give out free books to all of the kiddos attending this Spooktacular event!

Kaminski House Museum - 1003 Front St., Georgetown

Saturday, October 14: 1 - 3 PM

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, boat building, a corrugated boat race, children’s model boat building, a youth sailing regatta, knot tying, maritime arts and crafts, and food.

Historic Georgetown

Saturday, October 21 & Sunday 22: 11 AM - 5 PM



Singing Christmas Tree

The 32nd Annual Singing Christmas Tree presented by First Baptist Church of Georgetown will take place December 8 - 11, 2023. Visit fbcgeorgetown.org for more information.

First Baptist Church of Georgetown - 219 Cleland St., Georgetown

- Friday, December 8: 7 PM
- Saturday, December 9: 3 PM
- Sunday, December 10: 7 PM
- Monday, December 11: 7 PM



CHRSC Summer Camp ran from June 12 through July 27, 2023. During this year’s camp, kids learned fundamental and foundational, grade-appropriate math skills, literacy skills, foreign languages, vocabulary, and much more!

Activities included math relays, outdoor physical activities, models of the butterfly life cycle, story writing and puppet creation, friendship bracelets, crafts, and learning about food health. Kids also participated in field trips to Brookgreen Gardens, Huntington Beach, a rescue center, a movie theater, and a pool party to celebrate the completion of camp.



October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

About 28 percent of students ages 12-18 reported being bullied at school during the school year. Children with disabilities are two to three times more likely to be bullied than their non-disabled peers. One third of girls and one fourth of boys report weight based teasing from peers. Bullying can happen anywhere – cities, suburbs, or rural towns.

Types of bullying:

Bullying comes in many forms. Children have to deal with bullying in school, outside of school, online and in various forms like name calling, verbal abuse and even physical bullying. With verbal bullying, it may start out simply as name calling, but the bullying comes full-fledged into play when the name calling is persistent, extends into verbal abuse, and takes on the form of slander, libel, and rumors. One of the ways verbal abuse becomes the most common is through cyberbullying. Many teens find that they can be bolder in what they say against their peers online because they can hide behind the front of a screen name.

What should you do if you see a child being bullied:

Report the bullying to the parents. Children frequently do not tell their parents that they are being bullied because they are embarrassed, ashamed, frightened of the children who are bullying them, or afraid of being seen as a tattler. If your child tells you that he or she is being bullied, it has taken a lot of courage to do so.

If you as a parent suspect your child being bullied, try to draw it out of your child by not being judgmental, don't try to solve the problem, and most of all do not go ballistic. Ask your child what happened and how did it make him or her feel. Your child needs to know that he is being heard and that his feelings matter. Once you have got the whole story, depending on what happened, you can take your next step by working with your child to get through this. It is important to immediately notify your child's teacher and let them know how it is impacting your child. If the bullying has gone beyond verbal abuse and there is a physical threat, then you have a crime that needs to be reported to your local police. Be in touch with the school long before there is a threat of violence.

Check to see if your school has anti-bullying programs. Educating students often reduces the amount of bullying.

Clocks will FALL back to standard time on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2 AM!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 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 5:30 pm
- 26 – GHA office closed to the public

NOVEMBER

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6 – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 9 – Veteran's Day, GHA Office closed
- 14 – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 15 – MAGISTRATE (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
- 16 – Resident Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 20 – GHA office closed to the public

DECEMBER

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 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 5:30 pm
- 24 - 26 – Christmas Holiday, GHA office closed
- 28 – GHA office closed to the public

JANUARY

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
New Year Holiday, GHA Office closed
- 6 – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 9 – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 15 – MAGISTRATE (for anyone who hasn't paid their bill)
Martin Luther King Day, GHA Office closed
- 18 – Resident Council Meeting 5:30 pm
- 25 – GHA office closed to the public

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