



# Home Matters

Summer, 2025

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### Farewell to a Valued Friend and Colleague

We are saddened to share that Reggie Brown, one of our dedicated team members who had been with the Georgetown Housing Authority for over 10 years, has passed away. We remember Reggie not only for his years of service, but also for the many good times and lasting memories we shared with him.



### IMPORTANT! Reminder!

No vehicles should be parked on the grass or riding through the grass. If you or you guest are caught, there can be a fine or termination of the lease for damaging the property.



No pools, bounce houses or gas bikes are allowed. If caught with one, a lease violation will be issued.



### Goodbye School Year, Hello Summer Camp!

The Afterschool Program celebrated their end of the school term with an award ceremony for the children and their families. Each student was showered with gifts and a certificate for a successful school year. Now, they are ready for a fun-filled summer camp with lots of activities planned for the children. Applications for the next school term will be available mid July. It is a FREE first come, first serve program.



## Summer Activities

To keep kids entertained and active at home this summer, consider a variety of fun and engaging activities. These include outdoor games like hide-and-seek, hopscotch, or a backyard obstacle course. Creative activities like crafting, building blocks, or writing stories can also spark the imagination. For learning, consider activities like playing Prodigy Math, creating a vision board, or building a math beanbag toss game.



## Hurricane Season

South Carolina residents are advised to prepare ahead of the season, which began June 1, by making emergency plans with loved ones. Residents should also gather the necessary equipment to create an emergency supplies kit.

To prepare an apartment for a hurricane, prioritize safety and minimize potential damage. Focus on securing your apartment, protecting windows and doors, and having essential supplies ready.

### Secure Your Apartment:

- ☐ Close and secure all windows and doors.
- ☐ Bring in outdoor furniture and decorations: Protect them from damage and prevent them from becoming projectiles.

### Prepare an Emergency Kit & Gather Essential Supplies:

- ☐ Non-perishable food, water (at least one gallon per person per day), medications, first-aid kit, flashlights, batteries, a radio, and rain gear.
- ☐ Consider a "go bag" for evacuation.
- ☐ Evacuation planning: Know your evacuation zone.
- ☐ After the storm: Check for damage, assess any damage to your apartment and contact your landlord, if necessary.



# GRILLING FIRE SAFETY

KNOWING A FEW FIRE SAFETY GRILLING TIPS WILL HELP EVERYONE HAVE A SAFE SUMMER.



Only use your grill outside.

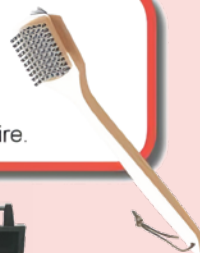
Keep it away from siding and deck rails.



Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill and campfire.

This will keep kids and pets safe.

Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.



Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.



Open your gas grill before lighting.

Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Never leave any of them unattended.



STAY FIRE-SAFE THIS SUMMER!

For more information and resources, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) and [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).







# Ways to Keep Your Kids Safe This SUMMER



## 1

### Water safety

Maintain constant eye contact on kids in or around water, without distraction.



## 2

### Child safety helmet

Make sure your kids wear a properly fitted bike or multi-sport helmet every time they ride.



## 3

### Hydration

Encourage children to stay well-hydrated by drinking plenty of water before, during and after play.



## 4

### Playground safety

Visit parks with impact-absorbing material under equipment, and actively supervise them while they play.



## 5

### Hot cars

Never leave your child alone in a car, not even for a minute.

## Labor Day Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

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.





## Just for Laughs

When do you go at  
red and stop at green?



When you're eating  
a watermelon!!!

How come there  
aren't any knock-  
knock jokes  
about America?

Because freedom  
rings!



Q: What did the beach  
say to the tide when it  
came in?

Long time, no sea.

# Celebrate Summer



PRACTICE SUMMER SAFETY

PROTECT YOURSELF  
FROM THE SUN'S  
HARMFUL RAYS



PRACTICE SAFETY  
AROUND WATER



DRINK LOTS  
OF WATER

DRINK RESPONSIBLY



ALWAYS WEAR  
YOUR HELMET



BEWARE OF  
MOSQUITOS

All GHA  
properties  
are smoke-free.



BE SAFE WHEN  
SHOOTING FIREWORKS



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JULY

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 3 – Independence Day, GHA Office closed
- 6 – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 8 – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 17 – Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 24 – GHA office closed to the public

### AUGUST

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6 – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 12 – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 21 – Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 25 – GHA office closed to the public

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 1 – Labor Day, GHA Office closed
- 6 – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 9 – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 18 – Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 22 - 25 – GHA office closed to the public

### OCTOBER

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6 – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 14 – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 16 – Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 23 – GHA office closed to the public

## GHA Main Office Hours

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