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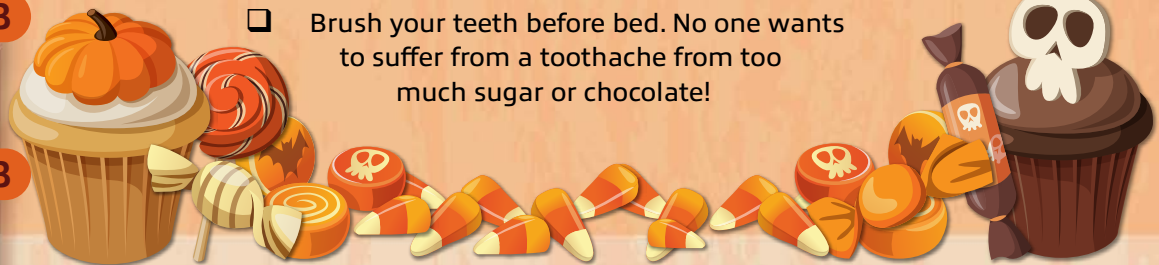
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Fall HAS ARRIVED!

4 Halloween Candy Safety Tips For Kids

- Never let them go inside a home to accept candy and keep all little ones supervised at all times (never let minors go out trick o' treating solo).
- Inspect all candy before eating. Check the contents of their bags and buckets for choking hazards and make sure candy is all properly sealed (throw away anything that's been opened or is not packaged). It's best to wait until you get home to indulge so you have better light to properly inspect each item.
- Have an allergy-safe Halloween. Review each label for any potentially harmful ingredients like peanuts, tree nuts, dairy, or gluten.
- Brush your teeth before bed. No one wants to suffer from a toothache from too much sugar or chocolate!



Notice to those entering the GHA Office Building

This is a **SMOKE FREE** building.

This also means the **SMELL OF SMOKE** is prohibited.

All GHA properties are smoke-free.



This office is open to a variety of people. Our staff, tenants, and potential tenants should not be subjected to smoke inhalation and its lingering smell. If you are a smoker and have recently smoked, respectfully rethink trying to enter the office. This is to ensure that our office remains professional, comfortable, and safe for all who enter.

If any of our staff deems your smell to be overwhelming, you will be asked to leave and return at a later date.

ROCK YOUR VOTE 2024

Don't forget to register to vote. Then go rock your vote on election day!

ELECTION DAY: NOV 5

Registration Deadlines

Online: Sunday, October 6, 2024

Mail: Received by Monday, October 7, 2024

In-Person: Friday, October 4, 2024

Early Voting

Mon, Oct. 21, 2024 - Sat, Nov. 2, 2024

Absentee Ballot Deadlines

By Mail: Received by Mon, Nov. 4, 2024

In-Person: Received by Tue, Nov. 5, 2024

More Info:

rockthevote.org/how-to-vote/south-carolina

10 Thanksgiving Fun Facts:

- The first Thanksgiving took place in 1621.
- Every Thanksgiving, the current U.S. president pardons a turkey.
- Macy's has put on a parade every Thanksgiving since 1924.
- Thanksgiving is the biggest travel day of the year.
- The foods eaten for Thanksgiving dinner haven't changed much since 1621.
- Americans eat over 280 million turkeys every Thanksgiving.
- Cranberries are native to North America.
- There is an official Thanksgiving postage stamp.



Family Reads!

3-5	We're Going on a Leaf Hunt - Steve Metzger
	Fletcher and the Falling Leaves - Julia Rawlinson
6-8	Sophie's Squash - Pat Zietlow Miller
	Fall Mixed Up - Bob Raczka
9-12	The Pumpkin War - Cathleen Young
	The Night Gardener - Jonathan Auxier
13-16	The Similar - Rebecca Hanover
	The October Country - Ray Bradbury
ADULTS	The Thirteenth Tale - Diane Setterfield



Resources in Georgetown County

Palmetto Goodwill



- 📍 1520 Highmarket St.
Georgetown, SC 29440
- 📞 (843) 527-3022
- 🖱️ palmettogoodwill.org/coc
- 🕒 M-F: 10 am to 4 pm

- **Assistance Applying for Unemployment and Other Resources:** Applying for unemployment can be hard, especially without the right resources. Start with Palmetto Goodwill! Use our Career Opportunity Centers to apply for unemployment.
- **Help Finding a Job:** We maintain a list of local employers who are hiring.
- **Online Training and Professional Certifications:** Online self-paced courses to help prepare for career advancement, a total career change, or to upgrade business skills. No cost to qualified clients. Clients who qualify are SNAP Recipients, Veterans, or Veteran spouses.
- **Resume and Interviewing Help:** Need to polish up your resume to land your ideal job? Get assistance from one of our Career Navigators
- **Business Resources**

Family Justice Center of Georgetown & Horry Counties

- 📍 PO Box 366
2705 Highmarket Street
Georgetown, SC 29442
- 📞 (843) 546-3926
- 📠 Fax Number:
(843) 546-3535
- 🖱️ fjcgtoownhorry.org
- ✉️ info@fjcgtoownhorry.org
- 🕒 M-F: 9 am - 5 pm



Family Justice Center of Georgetown and Horry Counties is a unique collaboration of community partners and agencies working together to provide a safe and welcoming environment for victims of domestic violence in both counties.

Helping Hands of Georgetown

- 📍 1813 Highmarket Street
Georgetown, SC 29440
- 📞 Office Number:
(843) 527-3424
- 🖱️ helpinghandsofgeorgetown.org
- 🕒 Mon-Thurs:
9 am - 12 pm



HELPING HANDS
OF GEORGETOWN, INC.

We provide basic needs for those in crisis, as well as programs to help move people out of poverty.

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.



Christmas Treats: Cocoa Krispies Reindeer - 12 Treats

If you love Rice Krispies Treats, here's another fun variation for the holidays. These Christmas treats feature Santa's reindeer, and Cocoa Krispies instead of the regular Rice Krispies

Directions

- Melt the butter and marshmallows over medium heat.
- Once melted, stir in vanilla.
- Remove from heat and add Cocoa Krispies.
- Stir until well coated with marshmallow mixture.
- Pour onto wax paper.
- Shape into 12 triangular-shaped reindeer heads.
- Allow to cool.
- Using white icing, add the eyes, nose, and antlers.

Ingredients

- 4 Tbsp. butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 6 C. Cocoa Krispies
- 1 bag miniature marshmallows
- 24 Pretzel Twists (more to allow for breaking)
- Red and brown M&M candies
- White icing



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 3, 2024, at 2 AM!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

- 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 5:00 pm
- 25 - 26 – GHA office closed to the public

DECEMBER

- 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 5:00 pm
- 24 – GHA office closed to the public

JANUARY

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

GHA Main Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8 am – 12 pm & 1 – 6 pm

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