

# Home Matters

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# Spring IS HERE!

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### Spring Cleaning Tips

- Throw away all trash.
- Sweep and mop floors.
- Donate old clothes you don't wear anymore.
- Organize your closets and drawers (bedroom, kitchen, bathroom).
- Clean all windows. (Windex or Vinegar)
- Wash dirty laundry.
- Wipe down walls and appliances.
- Clean front and backyard.

### Who to Call?

- Fire or Safety Emergency: 911
- Maintenance Issues After Hours: (843) 241-1677

## IMPORTANT! Reminder!

When filling out your money order, please make sure to put your address in the designated area. Also, sign the front, **DO NOT SIGN THE BACK!** If you have a repayment agreement, please put the amount you would like to go to rent and the repayment agreement. If you have any questions about how much you should be paying for rent, or a repayment agreement, please get in contact with your Case Manager.

### Maintenance Appreciation Week

GHA celebrated Maintenance Appreciation Week March 3 - 6.

Your work ethic blows us all away.

Thank you for the late nights, early mornings, and all the hours in between!



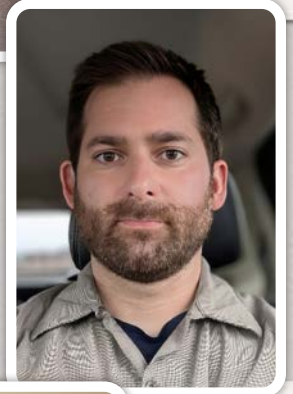


## Meet Our New Faces!

Meet our new Maintenance Director, Brandon Ard, from Johnsonville, SC. He ran his own business working disaster relief and rehab on buildings, and was a building inspector for Clarendon County for many years. He was also a Maintenance Director for the former Grantham Properties of Florence. Brendon is bringing many years of experience to the Georgetown Housing Authority.



Meet Brendan Lynn, one of our new Maintenance Technicians. He grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina where he has been working in commercial construction and carpentry. He has done maintenance work for 7 years. He is excited to be a part of the GHA Family.



Meet Faith, the new Administrative Assistant/ Bookkeeper at Georgetown Housing Authority.

She was previously employed at Georgetown County School District as a Senior Secretary / Bookkeeper at an elementary school. Outside of work, she enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her husband and five sons.

Faith is eager to contribute her skills to support the mission of GHA and looks forward to connecting with her new colleagues and making a positive impact at Georgetown Housing Authority.



## GHA After School Program

The kids in the After School Program have been working very hard this year on keeping up with their grades, and striving to be the best at everything they do.

We will start accepting applications for the Summer Program. If you would like to sign your child up, please see Mrs. Charlette Brown to be placed on the waiting list to receive an application.



## Miss Ruby's Kids

Miss Ruby's Kids is always recruiting families with children between the ages of 2 and 3 to participate in our ParentChild+ program where throughout the course of 2 cycles they will receive 92 home visits and be gifted 46 books and educational toys.

Families are paired with an Early Learning Specialist (ELS) who, whenever possible, resides in their community and shares their language and cultural background. The ELS will visit each family twice-weekly in their home, at a time convenient for them.

**THIS IS A FREE PROGRAM.**

To get more information about the program, or to sign your child up, please call (843) 436-7031 or email [family@missrubyskids.net](mailto:family@missrubyskids.net)

The Georgetown Housing Authority now has our own Miss Ruby's Kids Library located at the front office. Feel free to stop by anytime and grab a book for your children!

## New Little Library Location! in Front of the GHA Office



## April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

This month focuses on preventing child abuse and raising awareness about the Abuse & Neglect Reporting Hotline.

To report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult, call the SCDSS 24/7 Abuse & Neglect Reporting Hotline:

**1-888-CARE4US or 1-888-227-3487**

## May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May is a time to raise awareness of and reduce the stigma surrounding behavioral health issues, as well as highlighting the ways how mental illness and addiction can affect all of us – patients, providers, families, and our society at large.

Hospitals and health systems play an important role in the conversations we have around mental health care, including creating partnerships that address behavioral health issues in non-traditional ways. Many of our members are creating new innovations around how behavioral health disorders are identified and treated—through the integration of physical and behavioral health services, changes in their emergency departments and inpatient and outpatient settings. These strategies improve the overall value of health care and can lead to improvements in patient outcomes, quality of care and total costs.



NATIONAL  
**GUN VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH**  
JUNE



**END  
GUN  
VIOLENCE**

A time to honor gun violence survivors and advocate to put an end to gun violence. On National Gun Violence Awareness Day, June 6th, wear orange to honor survivors of gun violence.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

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

### MAY

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

### JUNE

- 1 – RENT, RETRORENT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENTS DUE
- 6 – LATE CHARGES ADDED (morning)
- 10 – Board of Commissioners meeting 6:00 pm
- 18 – Resident Council Meeting 5:00 pm
- 19 – Juneteenth, GHA Office closed
- 23 - 26 – GHA office closed to the public

### 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

## Just for Laughs

What do you call a rabbit with flees?

**Bugs Bunny!**



How does the Easter Bunny stay healthy?



Eggsercise

FLASH@CULTURE

What type of bow can't be tied or untied?

A rainbow.



## Reminder to those entering the GHA Office Building

This is a **SMOKE FREE** building.

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

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.**

All GHA properties are smoke-free.



## GHA Main Office Hours

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

## Phone Directory: 843-546-9621

» To skip voice prompts, dial 2 then the extension. «

Alissa Collington, Executive Director	ext. 222
Johanna Jefferson, Assistant Director / Compliance Officer	ext. 230
LaToya Ladson, Public Housing Manager - AMP 1 & 2	ext. 227
Brandon Ard, Maintenance Director	ext. 228
Kiara Logan, HCV / Section 8 Coordinator	ext. 223
Housing Specialists	ext. 237
Resident Services Coordinator	ext. 226
Faith Franklin, Admin. Assistant / Bookkeeper	ext. 224
Front Desk / Work Orders	ext. 221
After hours emergency work orders	(843) 241-1677
TTY / TDD	(843) 461-3910

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