

Insights from Yemassee's FY23 Clean Audit Report

The Town of Yemassee hired Brittingham Group, LLP, a professional audit firm, to review its financial operations for fiscal year 23. The results presented by Mr. Hancock, the firm's representative, were positive and promising, demonstrating a robust financial standing for the town. With a clean, unmodified audit opinion, Yemassee showed significant growth in its fiscal health, highlighted by a total revenue increase of \$713,959, or 45.45%. Additionally, there was a noteworthy rise in the fund balance, with an increase of \$61,568 at the fiscal year's end.

A clean, unmodified audit signifies that the town's financial statements are free from material misstatements and are presented fairly in all material respects according to the applicable financial reporting framework. This level of transparency is critical for public confidence and trust in local government. Residents and stakeholders rely on these reports to understand where their taxes and revenues are allocated and how effectively their elected officials manage public resources.

The increase in total revenue and fund balance also demonstrates strong fiscal management and strategic planning. The transparency facilitated by a clean audit enhances the town's credibility with investors, financial institutions, and other stakeholders who might consider doing business with or investing in the locale. It assures them that the town is managed efficiently and can plan and execute its financial operations without discrepancies, which might otherwise deter investment.

Clean audits play a crucial role in ensuring good governance. They are an integral component of accountability, as they help to deter and detect corruption and mismanagement. When a town consistently achieves clean audit results, it establishes a record of reliability and effectiveness in public administration. This can encourage a culture of integrity and ethical governance among officials and employees of the municipality.

Overall, the clean, unmodified audit report for Yemassee is a significant achievement that not only highlights the town's healthy fiscal state but also reinforces the importance of transparency and good governance in building and maintaining public trust and encouraging further development and prosperity in the community. This positive outcome sets a commendable example for other municipalities striving to achieve similar financial health and transparency.

Yemassee Autism Awareness Program

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The Yemassee Autism Awareness Registry is a community initiative led by the Yemassee Police Department in observance of Autism Awareness Month. This program aims to create a supportive environment for individuals with autism and their families within the community of Yemassee.

The registry provides a voluntary platform for citizens to share information about individuals with autism or special needs. By participating in the registry, families can help law enforcement and first responders better understand and support individuals with unique needs in case of emergency situations or interactions.

The Yemassee Autism Awareness Registry promotes inclusivity, understanding, and proactive support for individuals with autism, fostering a safer and more compassionate community for all residents. Through this program, we aim to enhance communication, awareness, and collaboration between law enforcement and the citizens of Yemassee.

2024 Rabies Clinic

APRIL 6, 2024	EHRHARDT ENTERPRISE BANK	8:00-9:00
APRIL 06,2024	VARNVILLE TOWN HALL	9:45-11:00
APRIL 12, 2024	ALLENDALE IGA	5:30-6:30
APRIL 13, 2024	ESTILL TOWN HALL	9:00-9:45
	FURMAN (WAY'S GROCERY)	10:00-10:45
	NIXVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT	11:00-12:00
APRIL 19,2024	FAIRFAX COMMUNITY HUT	5:30-6:30
APRIL 20 2024	YEMASSEE TOWN HALL	8:00-8:45
	EARLY BRANCH (MCTEER'S GROCERY)	9:00-9:45
	CUMMINS SHUMAN'S STORE/BERTHA'S *CREATIONS	10:00 10:45
APRIL 27,2024	HAMPTON ANIMAL HOSPITAL	9:00-11:00
\$10.00 PER RABIES SHOTS (CAT OR DOG)		

STAND UP FOR CHILDREN!

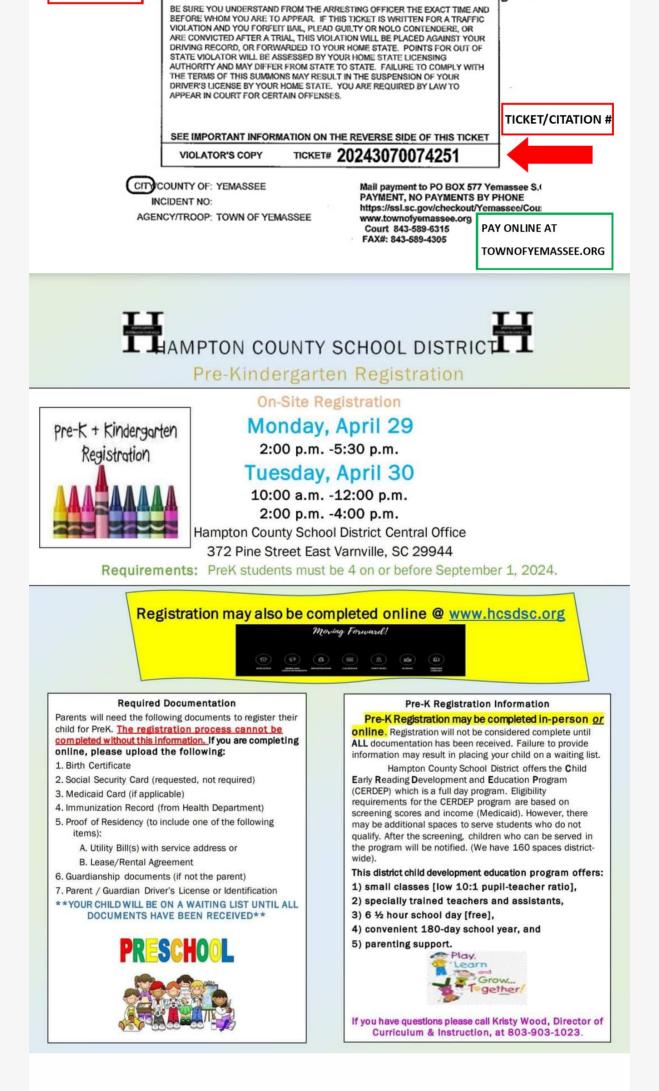
Come help us paint the town **BLUE** in honor of **Child Abuse Prevention Month!**

There will be FREE food and tons of FUN FUN FUN!! (until supplies last)

When: Saturday. April 20, 2024, 11am to 2pm

Where: 1373 Elm Street West, Hampton, SC 29924 (Food Lion parking lot)







Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust Homebuyer Assistance Request For Proposals

The Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust is pleased to announce a round of funding to assist organizations that serve homebuyers in Beaufort and Jasper counties. The attached request for proposals (RFP) is being issued to encourage these organizations to apply for funding in this homebuyer assistance program. Background and instructions are provided within the RFP. The Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust welcomes further circulation of this announcement to interested parties and appreciates your interest in affordable and workforce housing.

Good news! The Beaufort-Jasper Housing Trust is offering \$250,000 to aid approximately 30 households in securing their first home. These funds can be utilized for closing costs, down payments, soft second mortgages, or reducing home prices. This initiative aims to enhance existing programs benefiting first-time homebuyers. Funding is available on a competitive basis to organizations experienced in financing homebuyers. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2024. For more information on the criteria, please visit the link below. Don't miss this opportunity to make homeownership dreams a reality! DYK: The Town of Yemassee, along with our partners Beaufort County Government SC, Jasper County Government, SC along with City Beaufort SC, City of Hardeeville, SC, Town of Port Royal, Town of Bluffton Government, and the Town of Hilton Head Island Government formed the Beaufort Housing Trust to collectively work towards improving accessibility and inventory of affordable housing throughout our region.





Business License Renewal: A Timely Reminder

Yemassee business licenses are valid from May 1 through April 30 of each calendar year. Renewal notices will be dispatched in March to maintain compliance and ensure your business operations continue seamlessly. The deadline for payment is April 30. We urge you to avoid late fees by adhering to this timeline. Accounts unsettled by the due date will incur a 5% monthly penalty, applicable for up to two months.

Location Verification: Ensuring You're Within Town Limits

Yemassee's unique positioning across four counties brings a special reminder: do not rely solely on the ZIP code 29945 to determine if your business or job site falls within the Town Limits. Yemassee encompasses parts of Beaufort and Hampton counties. Confirming your location's eligibility is crucial for compliance and benefiting from town resources. For more information click here

Special Permits for Food and Beverage Sales

Businesses selling prepared foods and beverages are reminded of the necessity to obtain the appropriate food safety permits. Additionally, you must collect and remit a 2% Hospitality Tax on sales of prepared food and beverages, contributing to the town's hospitality and tourism initiatives.

Accommodations Tax for Short-Term Lodging

For those offering transient overnight lodging for 90 days or less, please remember to assess and remit a quarterly 3% Accommodations Tax. This tax is vital for supporting tourism and infrastructure projects within our town.



The Town of Yemassee needs Volunteers to help improve our community and advise the council on our community.

Currently, we have openings on:

Beautification Commission Historic Preservation Commission

Put in your application now!

Be in the know! All committee and council meetings are open to the public.



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