



**Yemassee This Week**  
Matt Gaines  
Town Administrator

**Coffee with a Cop**  
Thursday May 2nd, 9-11am  
Join Chief Alexander and officers from the Yemassee Police Department for a morning of Coffee, Conversation and Donuts.  
**Central Hardware Store**  
23 Salkehatchie Rd  
Yemassee SC 29945

**YOU'RE INVITED TO Muffins For Moms**  
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024  
9AM  
MAY 11TH 9AM  
JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF FELLOWSHIP, FUN, LAUGHTER, AND MUFFINS!  
YEMASSEE TOWN HALL, 101 TOWN CIRCLE, YEMASSEE, SC  
PLEASE RSVP COUNCILWOMAN STACY PINCKNEY AT 843.599.3210 NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024.

**Spring into Community Spirit**

Spring is in full bloom, and so is our community calendar! We're thrilled to present a lineup of events that bring us together to share in the warmth of the season and the camaraderie of our town. Mark your calendars for these not-to-be-missed gatherings in early May!

**Coffee with a Cop**

Date: Thursday, May 2nd  
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: Central Hardware Store, 23 Salkehatchie Rd, Yemassee, SC

Start off your month with a steaming cup of coffee and some hearty conversation at our "Coffee with a Cop" event. Chief Alexander and fellow officers from the Yemassee Police Department will be hosting a morning filled with coffee, conversation, and donuts. This is a perfect opportunity for community members to meet local law enforcement, discuss issues, and build relationships over a shared love for coffee and pastries.

**Muffins for Moms**

Date: Saturday, May 11th  
Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Yemassee Town Hall, 101 Town Circle, Yemassee, SC

What better way to celebrate the special women in our lives than with "Muffins for Moms"? Join us for a delightful morning of fellowship, fun, laughter, and muffins! This event is a wonderful way to honor our mothers and show appreciation for all that they do. Please RSVP to Councilwoman Stacy Pinckney at 843.599.3210 by Sunday, May 5th.

**Shrimp Festival Planning Meeting**

Date: Thursday, May 9th  
Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Yemassee Community Center, 10 Mixon St, Yemassee, SC

Calling all shrimp enthusiasts and event planners! You are cordially invited to the Shrimp Festival Planning Meeting. We'll discuss exciting details for the upcoming festival and ways you can lend a hand. Whether you want to volunteer, sponsor, or have some great ideas, we need your input to make this year's Shrimp Festival the best!

Please join us in these community celebrations and planning. Your participation makes Yemassee a place on the map and a home to us all.



**HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Pre-Kindergarten Registration

**On-Site Registration**  
Monday, April 29  
2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 30  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Hampton County School District Central Office  
372 Pine Street East Varnville, SC 29944  
Requirements: PreK students must be 4 on or before September 1, 2024.

Registration may also be completed online @ [www.hcsdsc.org](http://www.hcsdsc.org)

**Required Documentation**  
Parents will need the following documents to register their child for Pre-K. The registration process cannot be completed without this information. If you are completing online, please upload the following:  
1. Birth Certificate  
2. Social Security Card (requested, not required)  
3. Medicaid Card (if applicable)  
4. Immunization Record (from Health Department)  
5. Proof of Residency (to include one of the following items):  
A. Utility Bills (with service address or  
B. Lease/Rental Agreement)  
6. Guardianship documents (if not the parent)  
7. Parent / Guardian Driver's License or Identification  
\*\*YOUR CHILD WILL BE ON A WAITING LIST UNTIL ALL DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED\*\*

**Pre-K Registration Information**  
Pre-K Registration may be completed in-person or online. Registration will not be considered complete until ALL documentation has been received. Failure to provide information may result in placing your child on a waiting list. Hampton County School District offers the Child Early Reading Development and Education Program (CERDEP) which is a full day program. Eligibility requirements for the CERDEP program are based on screening scores and income (Medicaid). However, there may be additional spaces to serve students who do not qualify. After the screening, children who can be served in the program will be notified. (We have 160 spaces district-wide.)  
This district child development education program offers:  
1) small classes (low 10:1 pupil-teacher ratio),  
2) specially trained teachers and assistants,  
3) a 9 1/2 hour school day (free),  
4) convenient 180-day school year, and  
5) parenting support.

**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. [For more information click this link](#)

**Yemassee Autism Awareness Program**

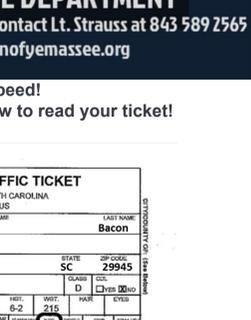
The Yemassee Autism Awareness Registry is a community initiative led by the Yemassee Police Department in observance of Autism Awareness Month. This program aims to create a supportive environment for individuals with autism and their families within the community of Yemassee.

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.



**Hampton County Candidate FORUM**  
MAY 9, 2024 beginning AT 6PM  
Featuring candidates running for:  
Hampton County Council (2), Auditor, Treasurer, Clerk of Court,  
House of Representatives Seat 122, Special County Council Seat, S.C.  
House of Representatives District 6, Senate Seat 45  
HAMPTON REPRESENTATIVE FOR 18th DISTRICT HAMPTON, SC 29945



**Public Notice**  
**Hampton County Council Primary Election**  
The Democratic and Republican Parties will hold a Hampton County Council Primary Election on Tuesday, May 28, 2024  
Deadline to register:  
In person: Friday, April 26  
Online, Fax or Email: Sunday, April 28 @ 11:59 p.m.  
Mail (Postmarked): Monday, April 29  
Early Voting  
County Voter Registration Office  
201 Jackson Ave., W.,  
Hampton, SC  
Monday, May 13th - Friday, May 24th  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Absentees may be requested  
For any questions, contact the county office @ (803) 914-2080



**JOIN OUR TEAM**

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| <p><b>BENEFITS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Health/Dental/Vision Insurance</li> <li>* Police Officers Retirement System.</li> <li>* Competitive Salary</li> <li>* Take Home Vehicle</li> <li>* On the job training</li> </ul> | <p><b>REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Minimum 21 Years Old</li> <li>* Must be able to pass a background check</li> <li>* High School Diploma/Equivalent</li> </ul> |
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**YEMASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
Apply at [townofyemassee.org](http://townofyemassee.org) or contact Lt. Strauss at 843 589 2565  
Email [mstrauss@townofyemassee.org](mailto:mstrauss@townofyemassee.org)

**Don't Speed!**  
But if you do, know how to read your ticket!



**UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET**  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
VERSUS  
OFFENSE: 25 WHY WORRY LANE  
OFFICER: Chris  
CITY: YEMASSEE  
COUNTY: YEMASSEE  
MUNICIPALITY: MARSHA MELLOW  
VIOLATION: 0416/2024  
DATE OF VIOLATION: 03/01/2024  
OFFICER: JOHN DOE

**MAIL MONEY ORDER / CERTIFIED CHECK TO THIS ADDRESS**

**COURT DATE**

**POINTS**

**FINE AMOUNT**

**TICKET/CITATION #**

SEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS TICKET  
VIOLATOR'S COPY TICKET# 20243070074251

**BEAUFORT JASPER HOUSING TRUST**

**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.



**Hampton County Watermelon Festival**  
82ND ANNUAL HAMPTON COUNTY WATERMELON FESTIVAL  
JUNE 15TH-22ND  
WATERMELON FESTIVAL THEME:  
HEART OF HAMPTON COUNTY  
HONORING OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS  
\*\*THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS THAT MAKE THIS FESTIVAL A SUCCESS!

**Beautification Commission Historic Preservation Commission**

**We need you**  
Put your application in today

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.

**Yemassee Events**

**COFFEE WITH A COP**  
THU MAY 2 9:00-11:00 AM  
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23 Salkehatchie Rd, Yemassee, SC 29945

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
TUE MAY 7 3:30 PM  
Yemassee Municipal Complex  
101 Town Cir  
Council Chambers

**SHRIMP FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING**  
THU MAY 9 6:30 PM  
Yemassee Community Center  
10 Mixon St

**MUFFINS FOR MOM**  
SAT MAY 11 9 AM  
Yemassee Municipal Complex  
101 Town Cir  
Council Chambers

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
TUE MAY 14 6:30 PM  
Yemassee Municipal Complex  
101 Town Cir  
Council Chambers

<https://www.townofyemassee.org/calendar/month>

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