

Celebrating Fair Housing Month in Yemassee: A Dedication to Equality and Inclusion

This April, the Town of Yemassee proudly reaffirms its commitment to the principles of fair housing by declaring April as Fair Housing Month. This significant resolution underscores our community's ongoing dedication to upholding and advancing the fair housing regulations established by the State of South Carolina and the United States Government. It's a time to reflect on our progress towards ensuring equal housing opportunities for all, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability, and to recommit ourselves to the journey ahead.

The Importance of Fair Housing

Fair housing is more than just a legal requirement; it's a fundamental right supporting every community member's well-being and prosperity. By promoting diverse, inclusive neighborhoods, we enhance the vibrancy of our town and the quality of life for all residents. The principles of fair housing encourage us to look beyond our differences, fostering a community spirit rooted in mutual respect and understanding.

Yemassee's Dedication to Fair Housing

In alignment with the fair housing regulations of the State of South Carolina and the United States Government, Yemassee takes a proactive stance in eliminating housing discrimination and promoting equal opportunity for all its residents. This dedication is evident in our efforts to educate the community about fair housing rights and responsibilities, address and resolve housing discrimination complaints, and implement policies ensuring equal access to housing.

What Fair Housing Month Means for Yemassee

The declaration of April as Fair Housing Month is more than a ceremonial acknowledgment; it's a call to action for all Yemassee's residents and businesses. It's an invitation to engage in meaningful dialogues, participate in educational events, and contribute to initiatives that support fair housing practices. This month serves as a reminder of the power of community in overcoming barriers to equality and the importance of everyone's role in fostering an inclusive town.

Looking Forward

As we celebrate Fair Housing Month, let us renew our commitment to breaking down barriers to fair housing and building a community where everyone can find a place to call home. The Town of Yemassee looks forward to continuing its work with local partners, organizations, and residents to ensure our housing market is accessible and equitable for all. Together, we can make Yemassee a shining example of how dedication to fair housing principles enriches a community. Let's use this April to reflect on our progress, educate ourselves and our neighbors, and take concrete steps toward a more inclusive future. Here's to a month of celebration, education, and renewed dedication to the principle that fair housing is a right, not a privilege.

Join us in observing Fair Housing Month this April and participate in the ongoing journey towards achieving equal housing opportunities for everyone in our community. Your involvement makes a difference in building a more inclusive, equitable Yemassee.

Shrimp Festival Committee,
Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

The meeting will occur at the Yemassee Community Center, 10 Mixon St, Yemassee. This gathering will be an excellent opportunity for those interested in contributing to the planning and execution one of our town's most anticipated events. Didn't attend the first meeting? We still want you! Come on out to share your insights, ideas, to make our 30th Annual Yemassee Shrimp Festival one to remember!

Hampton County Announcements
SCHOOL UPDATE

UPCOMING SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS

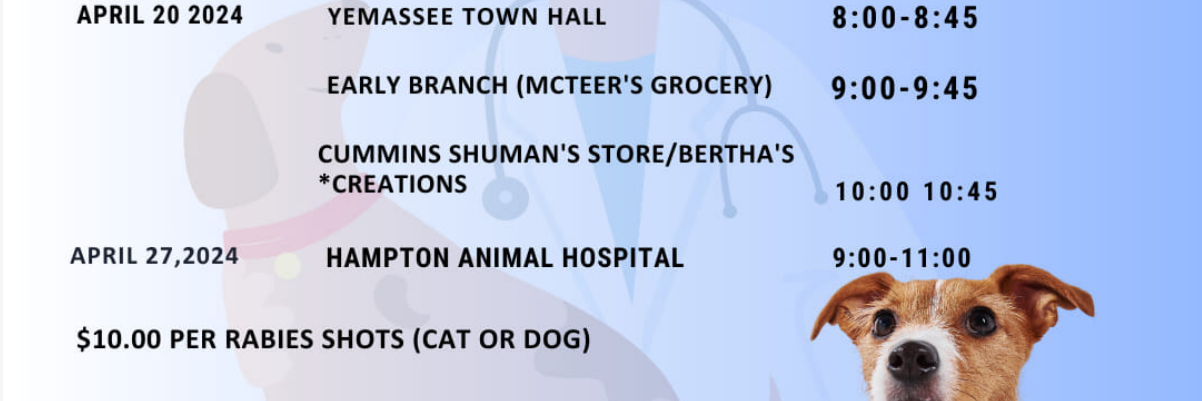
- MARCH 27TH IS A WEATHER MAKE-UP DAY (ALL STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL)
- MARCH 28TH & 29TH ARE INTERSESSION DAYS/SEAT RECOVERY DAYS (ONLY THOSE WHO RECEIVE A LETTER HAVE TO ATTEND)
- MARCH 30TH-APRIL 21ST IS SPRING BREAK (EVERYONE IS OUT OF SCHOOL)
- STUDENTS RETURN APRIL 22ND

STAND UP FOR CHILDREN!
Come help us paint the town BLUE in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month!

There will be FREE food and lots of FUN FUN FUN! (and raffles too!)

Where: Saturday, April 20, 2024, 11am to 2pm
Where: 1373 Elm Street West, Yemassee, SC 29524 (Food 11am parking lot)

TAKE CONTROL- HEALTH MATTERS!



A COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

SERVICES

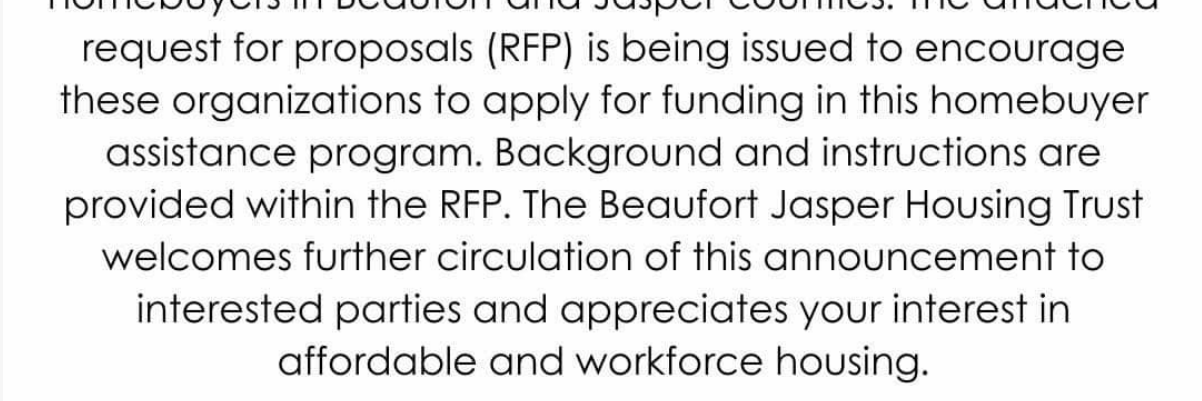
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- HIV Testing
- 30 minute Low Impact Workout
- Activities for Kids
- And Much More!

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
10AM - 1PM
BULL DURHAM CENTER
ESTILL, SC

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)



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

Money Forward!

Required Documentation

Parents will need the following documents to register their child for Pre-K. **The registration process cannot be completed without this documentation. If you are completing online, please upload the following:**

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card (requested, not required)
- Medicaid Card (if applicable)
- Immunization Record (from Health Department)
- Proof of Residency (to include one of the following items):
 - A. Utility Bills with service address or
 - B. Lease/Rental Agreement
- Guardianship documents (if not the parent)
- Parent / Guardian Driver's License or Identification

****YOUR CHILD WILL BE ON A WAITING LIST UNTIL ALL DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED****

PRESCHOOL

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 1500 spaces district-wide).

This district child development education program offers:

- small classes (low 10:1 pupil-teacher ratio),
- specialty trained teachers and assistants,
- 6 1/2 hour school day (free),
- 4 convenient 180-day school year, and
- parenting support.

PROVIDING YOUR CHILD WITH THE BEST START TO PRESCHOOL!

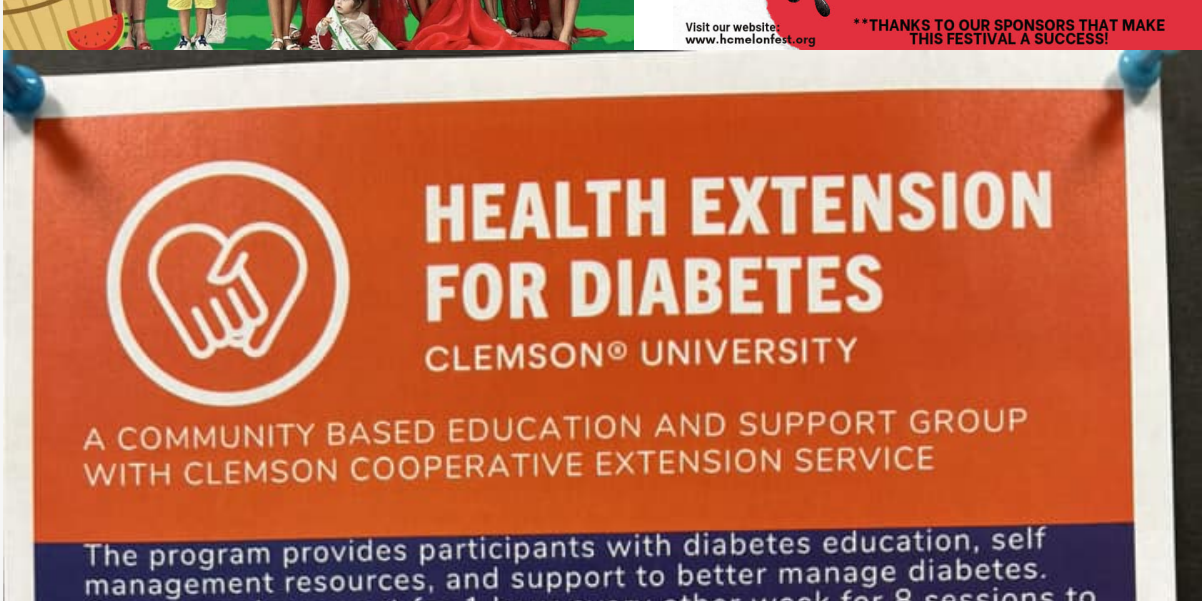
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL KRISTY WOOD, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION, AT 803-903-1023.

BEAUFORT JASPER 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 first-time homebuyers. This initiative aims to enhance existing programs benefiting 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.

For more information [Click this link](#)

2024 MELON BELLES AND MELON BEARS!

We need young men and women who want to "Represent the Watermelon Festival" in our community!

TO APPLY: Meet with the "Watermelon Queen" to complete the Watermelon Festival application form. (Registration applications are due April 5, 2024)

9PM LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

LOCK YOUR CAR
SECURE YOUR VALUABLES
POSSIBLE EXTENDED DOORS
PLASTIC AN OUTSIDE LIGHT ON

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 SUGGEST!**

HEALTH EXTENSION FOR DIABETES
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

A COMMUNITY BASED EDUCATION AND SUPPORT GROUP WITH CLEMSON COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

The program provides participants with diabetes education, self management resources, and support to better manage diabetes. Group members meet for 1 hour every other week for 8 sessions to share successes, challenges, and learn about diabetes. During the program, group members also receive ongoing support and health education through weekly coaching calls.

***Classes meet every other Tuesday from 1-2 pm in the meeting room of AHJ-Hampton Library**

SESSION DATES:

- Feb. 27, 2024
- March 12, 2024
- March 26, 2024
- April 09, 2024
- April 23, 2024
- May 07, 2024
- May 21, 2024
- June 04, 2024

TOPICS:

- Life with Diabetes
- Eating Healthy with Diabetes
- Being Active with Diabetes
- Medications and Monitoring
- Problem-Solving and Resource Navigation
- Healthy Coping with Diabetes
- Reducing Risks with Diabetes
- Graduation

QUESTIONS?:
Contact Jackie Gallagher
Hampton County Rural Health and Nutrition Extension Agent
jgalla2@clemson.edu OR 843-739-1002

Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to people of all ages, regardless of race, color, gender, religion, national ancestry, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital or family status and is an equal opportunity employer.

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 for:

- Beautification Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission

[Put in your application now!](#)

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

Town of Yemassee

Yemassee Events

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUE APRIL 9 6:30 PM
Yemassee Municipal Complex
101 Town Cir
Council Chambers

SHRIMP FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING
THR APRIL 11 6:30 PM
Yemassee Community Center
10 Mixon Street

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
WED APRIL 17 6:30 PM
Yemassee Municipal Complex
101 Town Cir
Council Chambers

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
TUE MAY 7 3:30 PM
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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