

# HOUSING AUTHORITY- CITY OF SUMTER NEWSLETTER

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## In this Edition:

The holiday season is upon us! We'd like to bring to your attention the following:

- Interim Changes
- Announcements
- Resident Advisory Board and Quarterly Resident Meeting
- Important School Dates
- Housing Keeping
- Women's History Month
- CCHRO 2026 Scholarship



## Upcoming Events:

**March 13**- ½ day for Sumter School District

**March 18**- RAB meeting @4pm- SHA office

**March 18**- Resident Quarterly Meeting @ 5pm- SHA Office

**April 3-10**- Spring Break SSD

**April 6**- Sumter Housing Authority CLOSED in observance for Good Friday

**May 21**- Last day of Student Attendance

**May 25**- Memorial day: Sumter Housing Authority CLOSED

## Income Changes

All changes in household income must be reported in writing within 10 days. To report changes, call the office and request an interim packet. Return packet with all necessary documents as soon as possible. Changes include, new employment, loss of job, increase/decrease in child support, disability, etc. Failure to report income will result in owing money to the Housing Authority



## Reminders:

### Utility Checks:

The checks are mailed on the **FIRST BUSINESS DAY** of the month. If you have not received your check after 10 business days, then you may call to let us know and we will look into it. Residents, who receive utility check, have the opportunity to have the checks sent directly to the utility company. Contact the property manager if you are interested.

### Pest Control:

If you are having problems with pests, please call immediately so that we may help you take care of the problem. Not allowing them in your unit is a lease violation.

### Maintenance:

Maintenance is always on your side. Call us for all your repairs. Remember – repairs may result in a fee depending on the cause. Maintenance needs a work order to enter you unit to fix a problem.

**FRONT DESK-803-774-7301**

**EMERGENCY NUMBER: 866-744-3951**

### Trash:

As stated in your lease, it is the resident's responsibility to maintain the area around their unit. This includes picking up all trash, even if you feel it does not belong to you. Any trash, glass, paper, etc., should be picked up regularly. Also, grease should not be discarded outside of your unit. A charge of \$35 will be added to your account for violations.

## RAB Board Meetings

Get involved and represent your property by joining the RAB board. Be the voice for your community! Attending such meeting can also help you fulfill Community Service Hours. Please call Resident Service Katlyn Fahl if interested at (803) 774-7312

## Necessary Paperwork

Please be sure you are signing and returning all requested documents and forms! Paperwork must be returned by the deadline listed to avoid a lease violation. Contact the office with any questions!

## Rent Payments

Rent is due by the 5th business day otherwise there is a \$25 late fee. We don't accept partial payments. Any questions please call (803)-774-7301



# Housekeeping 101



1. **PRIORITIZE** – Start with one room and finish that room before moving on to the next
2. Get the whole family involved – assign tasks and chores
3. If you take it out, put it away (dishes, toys, clothes, etc.)
4. Make your beds each morning – teach your kids to make their beds as well
5. Keep basic cleaning supplies close to where you use them
6. Declutter each room – What is trash? What can be given away?
7. Keep up with laundry – a load a day keeps the laundry at bay
8. Do a 15-minute nightly clean-up before going to bed each night
9. If you have a pet, you need to report it and pay \$100 deposit. they will need to be fixed and vaccinated.

## NOTICE

**Good  
housekeeping  
is essential  
to safety**

### Tips & Tricks

- Do not bleach the floors
- Keep stove top and oven clean and free of debris and grease
- Make bathroom cleanliness a priority!

### NO SMOKING!

\*\*Public Housing must be smoke free per the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Per policy, smoking will not be allowed within 25 feet of Sumter Housing Authority owned structures. This policy is not only for the resident and applies to all individuals on Sumter Housing owned properties. Please be advised, all residents will be responsible for the actions of themselves as well as those of his or her guests.\*\*

Sumter Housing Authority Presents:

# **Resident Quarterly Meeting**

with presentation by Sabrina Tackett  
from Tandem Health- Mobile Unit.

Where: Sumter Housing Authority

15 Caldwell St.

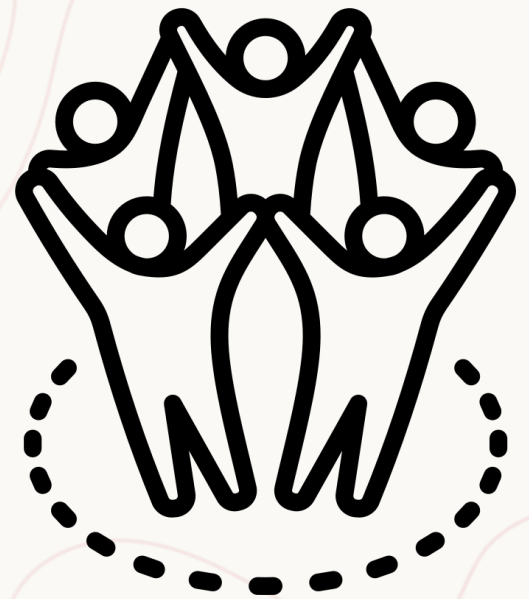
Sumter, SC 29150

When: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at

5:00pm

All Residents Welcomed!

Please join us and voice your  
concerns regarding your  
property and community, as  
well as know your community  
resources!



K. Williams- Deputy Director

R. Byrd- Property Manager

W. Andrews- Assist. Manager

K. Fahl- Resident Services



SUBJECT: 2026 CCHRCO Scholarship Packet

The Sumter Housing Authority and the Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce and forward to everyone the guidelines and application for the 2026 year. This year we will be awarding the following

scholarships:

- Five CCHRCO scholarships for \$1,000 per year for one year.
- One SERC scholarship for \$1,000 per year for one year.
- One SERC scholarship for \$1,500 per year for one year.

-This program is help funded by:

Triangle Community Foundation Endowment Fund

**\*The Scholarship is for Higher Learning after High School\***

Please contact the Resident Services Coordinator  
Katlyn Fahl for more information: 803-774-7312



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# SITE BY SITE

RESULTS ARE IN!



# COMPETITION

NSPIRE Inspections were completed and the competition results are in! Between ALL 6 sites the HIGHEST scoring site(s) and the winners of the cookout are...

## FRIENDSHIP APARTMENTS



Date: Wednesday, April 8th 2026

Time: 12pm-2pm

Location: Friendship Apartments



**AND**

## HARMONY COURT APARTMENTS

Date: Thursday, April 9th 2026

Time: 12pm-2pm

Location: Harmony Court Apartments



# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



March is Women's History Month, a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of women in history and society. But how did this observance begin and why is it important?

It honors the achievements and contributions of women, recognizes those who fought for gender equality, and highlights the progress and continued need to address gender inequities. By celebrating women's history, we can provide recognition and inspiration to current and future generations, and encourage continued progress in areas like leadership and representation

The origins of Women's History Month can be traced back to 1978, when a school district in California organized a week-long event to highlight the role of women in history and society. The idea soon spread to other communities, schools, and organizations across the country.



# A FEW ICONIC WOMEN IN HISTORY...



**HARRIET TUBMAN**

Harriet Tubman was famous for being a conductor on the Underground Railroad, guiding dozens of enslaved people to freedom, earning her the nickname "Moses of her people". She was also a Union spy and nurse during the Civil War, leading the Combahee River raid that freed hundreds, and a lifelong activist for women's suffrage and human rights, known for her incredible bravery, leadership, and deep faith



**CLARA BARTON**

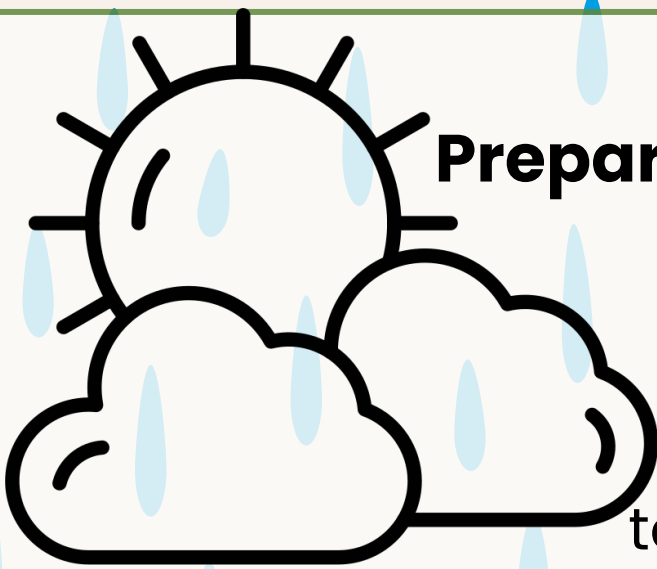
A nurse during the American Civil War (1861-65) and nicknamed 'Angel of the Battlefield' After the war she ran the Office of Missing Soldiers, helping thousands of families locate missing relatives and reburied the dead in marked graves. In 1881, Clara established the American Red Cross, serving as its president until 1904.



**MOTHER TERESA**

Mother Teresa was dedicated to serving the poor and sick, particularly in the slums of Calcutta, India. She is best known for founding the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic order that provides charitable work to those in need, and for winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her humanitarian efforts. Her work earned her global recognition, and she was even dubbed a "Living Saint" during her lifetime.





## Preparing for Spring Weather

Spring weather can be unpredictable. Prepare for storms, floods, and tornadoes as if you know in advanced they are coming, because in the spring, they very likely will. Follow these 3 Steps:

### Step 1: **Build an emergency kit.**

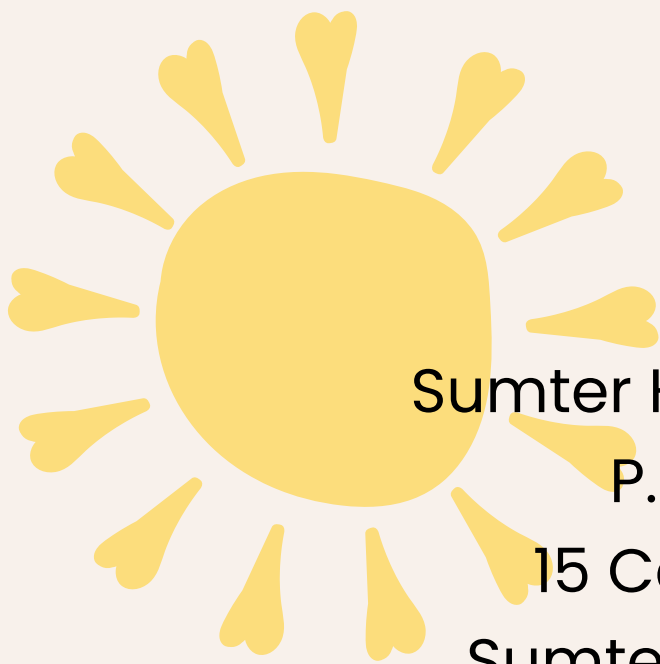
Water, food, flashlights, battery-powered radio, first aid kit, medications, phone charger, copies of important documents, and spare clothes.

### Step 2: **Plan what you'll do.**

Decide where you'll go if you need to evacuate; know how to contact your loved ones; plan to bring any pet with you

### Step 3: **Know how to stay informed.**

Download the FREE Red Cross Emergency app. Follow reputable local accounts.



Sumter Housing Authority

P.O. Box 1030

15 Caldwell Street

Sumter, SC 29151-1030

Phone: (803)775-4357

After Hours Emergency Number

1-866-744-3951

### Your Contacts

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