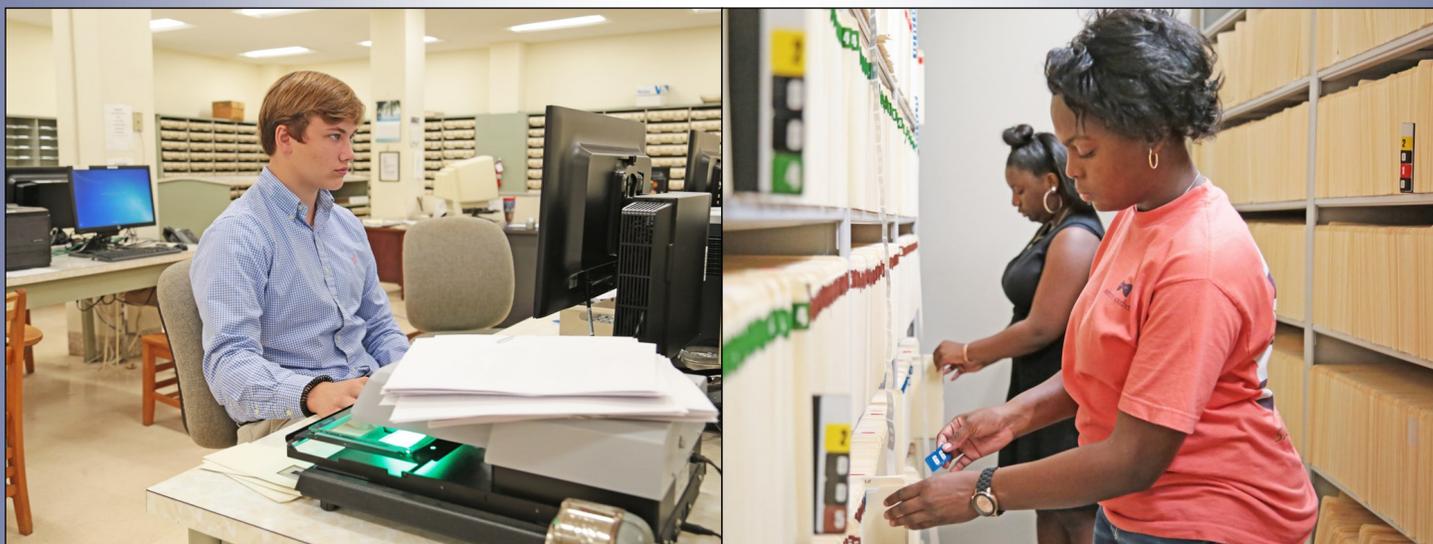


# County's Youth Employment program seeking applicants



Sumter County students ages 14-17 who wish to participate in the Summer Youth Employment and Mentoring Program can pick up applications from 3 to 5 p.m. April 29 to May 17 from the Administration Building at 13 East Canal Street. Applications must be turned in by 5 p.m. on May 17.

**"We are excited to once again offer to students the ability to work for County Government for part of their summer and gain real work experience. They will earn a paycheck, learn about local government and also hear positive messages from professionals in our community." -Lorraine Dennis, Assistant Administrator**



# Lunch Buddies at Rafting Creek



Sumter County EMS Director Kent Hall, middle, spent some time with students on April 17, 2024, as part of Sumter Economic Development's 'Lunch Buddies' program, which has seen dozens of County employees visit with students to talk about their jobs. Participating in the last visit of the school year were: Dexter Blanding, Tim Adams and Johnathan McFadden from the Sumter County Sheriff's Office; Erika Williams from Economic Development; Tonia Yomtob from the Assessor's Office; Ezestra McFadden from Summary Court; Deidre Boone from Information Technology and William Hartley from Stormwater Management.



# County employees Stash the Trash



Nineteen Sumter County Government employees on April 19, 2024, picked up 320 pounds of trash from one mile of Douglass Swamp Road. Sumter County Administrator Gary Mixon said he's proud to see the results of another successful litter pickup.

"We will continue to keep our fight against litter at the forefront and we want Sumter County residents to know that littering is unacceptable," he said.

Sumter County Public Works Director Karen Hyatt said the County's Litter Control Officers stay busy

writing tickets for littering and illegal dumping.

"If our guys catch you littering, you can look forward to a fine and some community service," she said. "We won't tolerate littering and dumping."

County Council Chairman James T. McCain Jr. was on hand to help out and encourage county employees.

"I'm proud of everyone that takes time to clean up some litter and it's important for us to lead by example," he said. "Stash the trash, Sumter County!"



**ZERO Tolerance  
For  
Litter Month  
April 2024**



**Let's Keep Sumter County Litter Free  
How Can You Help?**

- Schedule a litter pick-up. We will supply bags, vests and gloves and will pick up the bags for you.
- Cover your load; Tarp your trucks and trailers when hauling items that may blow off while driving.
- Keep a litter bag in your vehicle.

**To Schedule a Litter Pick-up or to Report a Litter Hotspot**

Call 803-436-2239 or email:  
[mmccoy@sumtercountysc.gov](mailto:mmccoy@sumtercountysc.gov)  
[nmurray@sumtercountysc.gov](mailto:nmurray@sumtercountysc.gov)

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# Woodridge residents Stash the Trash



We appreciate Woodridge residents Michael and Katina Davis (left) and their granddaughters Noelle, 4, and Edyn, 10, middle, and Woodridge Homeowner Association President Eddie Jackson for spending part of their Saturday picking up litter around their neighborhood on April 20, 2024.

Sumter County Litter Control Officer Lt. Mike McCoy was on hand to pick up litter and support their efforts.

“They’re leading by example,” said Karen Hyatt, Director of Public Works. “We want residents to know we’d like to help your church group or civic organization or neighborhood association with a litter pickup. We will bring gloves, bags, safety vests and litter grabbers. And then we will take the trash to the landfill, where it belongs.”

Stash the Trash, Sumter County.



# Tams, Terence Lonon headline Multicultural Festival on 5/24



**MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL**

**FRIDAY | MAY 24**

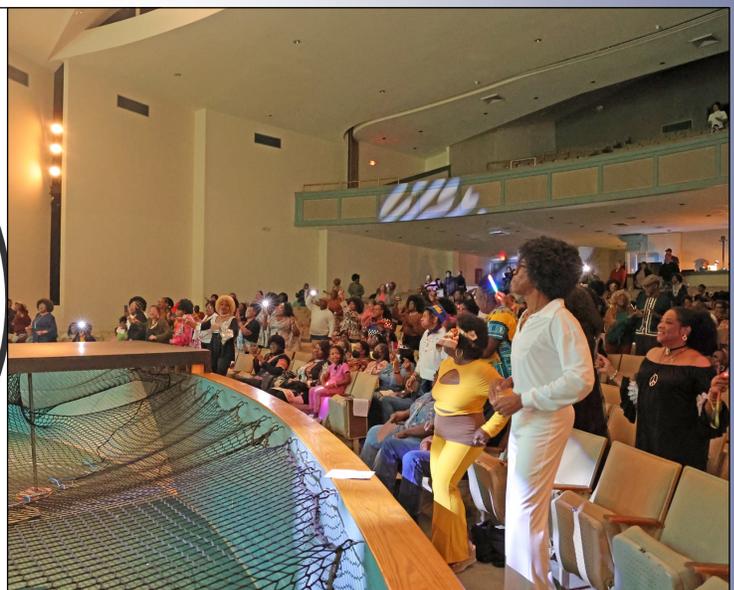
CONCERT AT 6:30PM  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

FEATURING  
**TAMS AND 14-K GOLD BAND** & **TERENCE LONON**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:  
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\$20 ADULTS, \$5 CHILDREN

HAPPENING ON THE GROUNDS OF PATRIOT HALL  
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135 HAYNSWORTH ST. SUMTER, SC 29150 | 803-436-2260

Tickets available at the Box Office, 135 Haynsworth Street, 436-2260, or through [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)





# Santee-Lynches Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program

Accepting Applications Starting  
**APRIL 1ST, 2024**

The Sumter County HOME Consortium offers relief for rent payments for households experiencing a financial crisis impacting their housing. Financial assistance is available to help with rent to provide stability and prevent homelessness during a financial crisis.

To **APPLY** and find more information:  
[www.santeelynchescog.org/TBRA](http://www.santeelynchescog.org/TBRA)



18 years/older



1 year rental lease



Married



At least 1 dependent



Military Veteran

## Eligibility

The Consortium's goal is to assist those who are low-to-moderate income and reside in the four county regions: Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee or Sumter.

**Must meet one of the following criteria:**

- 18 years/older or,
- Married or,
- Military Veteran or,
- At least 1 dependent

\* Must meet household income requirements by HUD.

\* W9s are required from Landlord.

\* Tenants must reside in the 4 counties: Clarendon, Lee, Kershaw or Sumter

\* Unit inspections are required.

\* 1 year lease required. Month to month not accepted.

\* Up to \$500 assistance for 12 months.



Sumter County Regional Home Consortium  
3219 Broad Street, Sumter, SC 29150



call us Shekia Harvin  
803-774-1311

or



email [sharvin@slcog.org](mailto:sharvin@slcog.org)



Online applications only.



# Ag+ Art TOUR

CLEMSON® COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

## COMING SOON TO SUMTER COUNTY

# MAY 11-12, 2024

Saturday & Sunday 9am-4pm

### Sumter County Ag+ Art Tour Sites

**AMERICAN LEGION FARMERS MARKET - 2 ARTILLERY DR**  
Farmers Market full of Artisans and Crafters, & Farmers, there is lots to enjoy. Art, crafts, farm products and so much more! Make sure you make this one of your stop along your tour of our state.

**COSTAS FARM - 1520 HIGHWAY 521 S**

Costas Farms, you'll get to visit with horses, goats, pigs, cows, chickens, guardian dogs, ducks, and turkeys. For sale we will have our fresh chicken and goat milk soaps. Feel free to get your steps in with a guided tour of our local ecology on our manicured trails.

**DORR FARMS - 5225 DORR ACRES RD**

Dorr Farms offers a you pick strawberry patch, playground, barnyard animals to pet & feed. Along with a cute country store to stock up on all your fresh fruits, veggies, honey, eggs, jams & Jellies. We will also have lots of artisans and food trucks on site

**ELEPHANT EAR GALLERY - 672 BULTMAN DR**

Elephant Ear Gallery is a co-op, with over 20 artists & artisans, offering a variety of unique handcrafted items. Such as woodworking, custom framing, knit & crochet, sewing, machine embroidery, jewelry, acrylic and watercolor art, wire wrapping, polymer clay, gourmet food, fresh flowers and much more!

**NEVER DUN FARMS - 635 N ST. PAUL'S CHURCH RD**

We are a full life cycle cattle operation. We also process beef for ourselves & other SC producers. We are an evolving regenerative agricultural entity, using climate-smart practices and animal focused management. We seek to be good stewards of the land & the animals, while also growing a natural product that is healthy & delicious for consumers.

**THE FARM STORE - 584 BULTMAN DR UNIT 2**

We are a brick and mortar business that specialize in certified SC products such as fruits, vegetables, dairy products, and other local SC Grown products.

### Sumter County Ag+ Art Tour Sites

- **AMERICAN LEGION FARMERS MARKET**  
2 Artillery Drive Sumter
- **COSTAS FARMS**  
1520 Highway 521 S Sumter
- **DORR FARMS**  
5225 Dorr Acres Rd Gable
- **ELEPHANT EAR GALLERY**  
672 Bultman Drive Sumter
- **NEVER DUN FARMS**  
635 N St. Paul's Church Rd Sumter
- **THE FARM STORE**  
584 Bultman Dr Unit 2

