

April 2015

# Manning Matters



## Message from the Mayor

April is an exciting month. For us locally, we're preparing for our 36th Annual Striped Bass Festival. Nationally, Earth Day is celebrated. Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on April 22nd, on which day events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

I would like to invite you to join the City of Manning for our 1st Community Spring Cleaning Day as our acknowledgement of Earth Day 2015. I think everyone appreciates a clean community free from litter. We're asking everyone to spruce up their yards, businesses and community by picking up litter on April 11, 2015 from 7am to 11am. If your organization has adopted a highway, it would be great for you to work on your designated highway. We're inviting the entire county to join us in this effort to make our city and county "litter" free. We will have orange trash bags available at City Hall beginning on Monday, April 6, 2015. We're asking anyone that would like to bring your collection of trash and meet us at the Gazebo on Keitt Street at 11am. We would like to take a photo with the fruit of our labor.

By the way, did you know that April is also National Donate Life Month (NDLM), which was instituted by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003. In April each year, NDLM features an entire month of local, regional and national activities to help encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors. I think all of you know that I am most grateful for my second chance of life due to the national donor exchange program. If you would like additional information, please visit the Donate Life America website @ [donatelife.net](http://donatelife.net); [donatelifesc.org](http://donatelifesc.org); [deletebloodcancer.org](http://deletebloodcancer.org); and [livingkidneydonorsnetwork.org](http://livingkidneydonorsnetwork.org).

On a final note, I hope you, your neighbors and organizations, will join us in our 1st Community Spring Cleaning Day. As we prepare to embrace visitors to our area for the Striped Bass Festival, we will shine with gleam being "litter free". This is just another way for us to remain true to our city's motto: "Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality".

The People's Mayor,

*Julia A. Nelson*

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## To the Citizens of Manning

### EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2015 THE MANNING POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL NO LONGER UNLOCK CARS.

In 2013 the Manning Police Department unlocked over 300 cars for people who either locked their keys in their car on accident or on purpose. Unlocking cars takes an officer approximately 20 minutes to accomplish the task and file a police report. The Manning Police Department spent approximately 100 man-hours unlocking cars. This amounts to about \$2,000 in officer's salaries. There are also the high costs of maintaining and replacing equipment that officers need to unlock cars.

Therefore, the Manning Police Department will discontinue the service of unlocking cars beginning April

1, 2015. Officers will unlock a vehicle in extreme emergency situations which include children or pets locked in the vehicle during extreme temperatures.

There are two locksmiths in our area along with tow service trucks who will respond to anyone's needs. Anyone with questions or concerns can contact Chief Blair Shaffer at the Manning Police Department 435-8859.

*Chief Blair Shaffer*



## Striped Bass Festival Activities

Check out the schedule of activities.

**Saturday, April 18** - Miss Striped Bass Pageant • Weldon Auditorium  
5pm and 8 pm

Striped Bass Festival Poker Run • John C Land III Landing

**Friday, April 24** - Friday Night at the Gazebo • Amusement Rides • Food • Fun for the whole family  
Opening Ceremonies, 6:30 pm • Kiss My Striped Bass • Black and Myld Band

**Saturday, April 25** - Super Saturday • 10 am until 4 pm • Parade 10 am • Craft • Vendors • Food • Boat Show • Children's Art Show • Car Show

\*Please note that no pets will be allowed downtown for Striped Bass Festival activities, the only exceptions are service or police dogs. For more information about the Striped Bass Festival please contact the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce at 435-4405.



## Master Gardener Plant Sale

The Clarendon County Master Gardeners will hold their annual plant sale on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the Land, Parker, and Welch Courtyard. The hours are Friday, 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday 9 am to noon. Proceeds go to benefit county beautification projects.



## Main Street Manning Corner

Main Street Manning is accepting applications for the Façade Project. The Façade Project is a program of Main Street Manning that the City of Manning has elected to make available to the businesses located within the nine-block area of downtown. The Façade Project is a competitive grant process. If selected as a recipient of the 2015 Façade Grant you will receive up to two thousand dollars towards the cost of renovating the façade. In addition you may request an architectural rendering from Community Design Solutions. The money will not be awarded until after the work is completed and you have a year from signing the façade funding agreement to complete work. Applications can be picked up from City Hall and the deadline to apply is May 1, 2015. For more information please contact Carrie Trebil at 435-8477 ext. 132.



## Attention: All Utility Customers

Avoid late charges and cut off! Bank draft is available, stop into City Hall to set it up. You can also make payments online at [cityofmanning.org](http://cityofmanning.org), from the comfort of your home!



## Character Word: Positive Attitude

With a positive attitude you see the bright side of life, become optimistic, and expect the best to happen. It is certainly a state of mind that is well worth developing.