

# Manning Matters

August 2015



## Message from the Mayor

On behalf of the City of Manning, I would like to thank all of our sponsors of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Independence Day “Red, White, & Blue Celebration”.

**Light up the Sky** \$1,500 (Event Sponsors) McDonalds, Walmart

**Explosive Class Act** \$1,000 (Band Sponsors) Duke Energy, FTC, Hybrid Engineering

**Forbidden Dynamite** \$500 Bank of Clarendon, Law Offices of William Johnson

**Grenade Attack** \$250 Lane Kelly, NBSC, Samuels Funeral Home, Santee Electric Cooperative

**Short-fuse Firecracker** \$200 Fleming & Delaine Funeral Home, Santee Leasing, Southern Lakes Therapy

**Sparklers** Rep. Robert Ridgeway, King Cadillac

As one of the co-chairs along with Councilman Clayton Pack, we are indeed very appreciative to each of you for your support of this patriotic and family oriented event. We are also appreciative of our citizens and surrounding friends for attending this event along with city councilmen and staff that supported this project.

We are currently beginning the process of re-districting within our city. This is being done with the assistance of the S.C. Revenue & Fiscal Affairs Office, Mapping Division. There are several factors that must be considered and approved before the com-

pletion of this process. This will require final approval by ordinance and the public will have an opportunity for input.

I hope your children have enjoyed our summer activities at the parks. Our police department will have additional activities at our parks as noted in this newsletter.

As always, I would like to thank each of you for your contribution in allowing us to remain true to our city’s motto: “Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality”.

The People’s Mayor

*Julia A. Nelson*

## Character Word of the Month: Respect

Respect is a feeling or understanding that someone or something is important, serious, etc., and should be treated in an appropriate way. We should treat everyone with respect.

### Movies in the Park

We will be showing *Lilo and Stitch* at the August Movies in the Park, Friday, August 7, 2015. The movie will start once the sun sets, come out early and enjoy games and popcorn. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.



## Main Street Manning Corner

The Tax Free Weekend is August 7-9, 2015. Check Manning First when purchasing your back to school items. You don’t have to travel far and you never know what you might find.

## Community Cookouts

The Manning Police Department will be hosting community cookouts during the month of August. These cookouts will allow for positive interaction between the community and your Manning police officers. Activities include give aways, equipment demonstrations and safety information.

The dates are:

August 11 at the Memorial Street Park

August 13 at the Rex Josey Park

August 18 at the Bellwood Park

August 20 at the Gibbons Street Park

Each cookout will be from 5:00pm until 7:00pm.

Hope to see you at the park. ~ Chief Blair Shaffer

## Popsicles in the Parks

Bellwood – August 6 at 6 pm



## School Bus Safety

Our students will be going to back to school in August please review these safety tips. This information is from the SC Department of Public Safety. Twenty-three million students nationwide ride a school bus to and from school each day. Wherever you live, the familiar yellow school bus is one of the most common motor vehicles on the road. It is also the safest. School buses manufactured after January 1, 1977 must meet more federal motor vehicle safety standards than any other type of motor vehicle. In fact, during normal school transportation hours over the past 10 years, school buses are 87 times safer than passenger cars, light trucks, and vans, according to the Fatality Analysis Reporting System at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

### Getting On and Off the Bus Safely

Because getting on and off the bus is the most dangerous part of the school bus ride, the loading and unloading area is called the "Danger Zone." This area-which extends ten feet in front of the bus, ten feet on each side of the bus, and behind the bus-is where children are at greatest risk of not being seen by the bus driver.

Throughout the year, especially at the start of school, children need to be taught how to get on and off the school bus safely. Parents should help their children learn and follow these common-sense practices:

- Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Running to catch the bus is dangerous and can lead

to injuries.

- When the bus approaches, stand at least five giant steps (10 feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street.
- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay before stepping onto the bus.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the road to a point at least five giant steps ahead of the bus before you cross. Be sure that the bus driver can see you and you can see the bus driver when crossing the street. Stop at the edge of the bus and look left-right-left before crossing.
- Use the handrails to avoid falls. When getting off the bus, be careful that clothing with drawstrings and book bags and backpacks with straps don't get caught in the handrails or door.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- Walk at least five giant steps away from the side of the bus.
- If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver. Never try to pick it up, because the driver might not be able to see you.

### Riding Safely

Students also need to behave safely during the school bus ride. Basic safety rules include the following:

- Always sit fully in the seat and face forward
- Never distract the driver
- Never stand on a moving bus
- Obey the driver
- Speak in a low voice, no screaming or shouting
- Never stick anything out the window (arms, legs, head, book bags, etc.)

## Safety Rules for Motorists

Motorists also need to observe traffic safety rules around school buses. First and foremost, they must know and understand the school bus laws in their state. In particular, they must be aware that it is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that has stopped to load or unload students.

Motorists must learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists that they are going to stop to load or unload students:

- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arm indicate that the bus has stopped and that children are getting on or off.
- Motorist on any highway that has only two-travel lanes, one in each direction, must stop for the bus whether approaching from the front or overtaking from the rear and remain stopped until the lights are no longer activated or the bus resumes motion.
- Motorist traveling on multi-lane roadways, which have at least two lanes of travel in each direction, must stop for the bus if overtaking the bus from the rear and remain stopped until the lights are no longer activated or the bus resumes motion, however motorist approaching a bus from the front, on this type multi-lane roadway need not stop but proceed with caution.

