



Manning Matters

January 2014

Message from the Mayor

I would first like to thank you all for your support following my recent health revelation. Your concern, prayers and support have allowed this walk bearable. I've always seen how our community will rally around those in need; I just hadn't imagined the level of outpouring and understanding that I have received as even a mere possibility.

As I also reflect on my fellow council members, I can truly say that we are making decisions that we think are in the best interest of our city presently and as we attempt to forecast the future needs of our city. When any decision is before us, as a public body we entertain the needed discussion and seek input from the appropriate professional to consider the pros and cons of any issue. I am pleased to say that we are able to do so, while still being civil and respectful of our varying views. This is important for any public body to work effectively. It is not only significant how you agree but also how you are able to disagree and still conduct yourself as a functional public body displaying a decorum of respect and integrity.

The City of Manning is financially sound and is operating within our approved budget. We will soon begin construction on Phase I of our Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade. This will not only continue to sustain our current wastewater needs but also allow room for additional economic development opportunities.

As we look to this New Year, I look forward to continuing my work with the great team of Council Members that you have elected to serve with me. We are diligently working in the best interest of our city and will continue to do so with your support and cooperative spirit. Personally, I am even more committed to my goal of being the mayor for everyone and hearing your views and concerns of how to make our city better for today and tomorrow. Please share your thoughts and ideas with me.

As always, thank you for your commitment of making our city: "Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality".

The People's Mayor,

Julia A. Nelson

Calling all Volunteers

Clarendon Health System invites you to become a part of our friendly care team by joining our Volunteer Program.

Why Volunteer?

- Enrich the lives of others
- Feel a sense of accomplishment and personal satisfaction
- Put your talents and experience to work for a good cause
- Become part of a friendly, caring team
- Build lifelong friendships with people you may not meet elsewhere

Men and women ages 18 to 90 plus, contribute positively to life at the hospital. You, too, can choose from a multitude of duties that suit your interest and provide a change of pace from your daily routine. You won't regret it.

Please call 803-435-3265 to request a Volunteer Application Form.



Winter Fire Safety

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of woodburning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and manmade logs. All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are, however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter.

Kerosene Heaters

- Be sure that kerosene heaters are legal in your area.
- Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon buildup. Be sure the heater has an emergency shut off in case the heater is tipped over.
- Never use fuel burning appliances without proper room venting. Burning fuel (coal, kerosene, or propane, for example) can produce deadly fumes.
- Use ONLY the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer. **NEVER introduce a fuel into a unit not designed for that type fuel.**
- Keep kerosene, or other flammable liquids stored in approved metal containers, in well ventilated storage areas,

outside of the house.

- **Never** fill the heater while it is operating or hot. When refueling an oil or kerosene unit, avoid overfilling.
- Refueling should be done outside of the home (or outdoors). Keep young children away from space heaters—especially when they are wearing night gowns or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited.
- When using a fuel burning appliance in the bedroom, be sure there is proper ventilation to prevent a buildup of carbon monoxide.

Wood Stoves And Fireplaces

Wood stoves and fireplaces are becoming a very common heat source in homes. Careful attention to safety can minimize their fire hazard. To use them safely:

- Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly. Wood stoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces and proper floor support and protection.
- Wood stoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design, and should be laboratory tested.
- Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in

front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.

- The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.
- Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.
- Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.
- Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace mantel. A spark from the fireplace could easily ignite these materials.
- Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. NEVER close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.
- If synthetic logs are used, follow the directions on the package. NEVER break a synthetic log apart to quicken the fire or use more than one log at a time. They often burn unevenly, releasing higher levels of carbon monoxide.

Day of Service

Join the City of Manning in honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. with a Day of Service. Give back to your community by helping with a litter pick up.

Date: January 20, 2014

Time: 10 am

Meet in the parking lot of 102 S Mill Street, County Judicial Center at 10 am, bags & gloves will be provided.

