

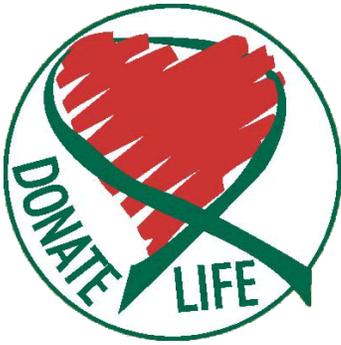
# Manning Matters

January 2015



## Mayor Receives Kidney Transplant

Mayor Julia Nelson recently underwent kidney transplant surgery. Mayor Nelson suffered from polycystic kidney disease, where fluid-filled cysts develop and enlarge in both kidneys, eventually leading to kidney failure. A kidney transplant is one of two options for treatment of the disease. After almost a year of waiting and a public plea for a life-saving transplant, Mayor Nelson got a new kidney in December from a living donor across the country. The donor was found through the Living Organ Exchange, which matches patients and donors across the country. Ms. Arlene McCloud offered to be a donor for the Mayor and everything but the antibodies matched. However, she was a match for a gentleman in Indiana, and his daughter was a match for the Mayor. Four lives were impacted by this organ donation: the father and daughter in Indiana and the Mayor and Ms. McCloud. Please join Manning City Council and Staff in wishing Mayor Nelson a speedy recovery.



## Sewer System

The City of Manning has made a substantial investment in upgrading the water and sewer systems. We need your help in maintaining that investment. Please do not flush fabric or foreign items down toilets, or throw trash into storm drains. Items like flushable wipes are one of the biggest problems the Public Works Department encounters. Please throw those wipes, feminine products and other items into



the trash can instead of the toilet. These items can ruin the sewer system. We appreciate your help in keeping our water and sewer investments sound for years to come.

## Main Street Façade Program

You may have noticed something different about CJ's Creations and Substation II, those businesses were awarded façade grants from Main Street Manning. Don't the new façades look wonderful? The façade program is funded through the Main Street Manning budget and currently available to the businesses within the historic district. For more information, please contact City Hall at 435-8477 extension 132.



## 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 19, 2015

Time: 10 am

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



## Cinderella Project

The Cinderella project involves gathering donations of gently worn formal gowns, shoes and accessories for socially and economically disadvantaged high school students. Students from area high schools are invited to attend a boutique to “shop” for a dress and other items at no cost. We are currently accepting donations for this year’s project and need your help! If you have items to donate, they may be dropped off at Manning City Hall. For additional information on this project or on becoming a member of Clarendon County Civitan Club, please call 803-435-2330.



## Character Word of the Month

The character word of the month for January is gratitude. Gratitude is the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness. Be sure to show gratitude to those around you.

*Gratitude  
is the best  
Attitude*

### Winter Fire Safety

The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter.

#### Kerosene Heaters

- 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.