



Manning Matters

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Message from the Mayor

We're still recovering from our recent winter storm. Team Manning will continue to pick up debris from the storm. It may take us a little longer than normal but we will reach each household or business.

In thinking back to the storm, I would like to commend and thank Team Manning for going the extra mile to ensure our citizens were provided the needed services. There are countless stories of team members, "Going beyond the call of duty".

I would also like to thank our citizens for their conduct and cooperative spirit during those trying days. I'm pleased to report that we did not have one burglary, home or business invasion, or any reports of price gauging; simply put, none of the normal issues that are present during natural disasters. This speaks volumes for any community.

I'm also pleased with our electric utility provider, Duke Energy, for their restoration process. Thanks to the work of Theo Lane, Government and Community

Representative, as well as linemen and tree cutters, we experienced only a limited time without electrical power. Duke Energy was very responsive to our inquiries and provided informative updates on the status of power restoration. In a time of crisis, this type of customer service was invaluable.

As we move forward, I think it would be a good idea for everyone to try and be prepared for the next storm by having alternative cooking and heating sources. I think it is now safe to accept the fact that our weather has changed. These type of storms may not be frequent, but it would be best if we all become better prepared for these occurrences regardless of the frequency.

A special thanks to each of you for the work you're doing to restore our city to its natural state, "Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality".

The People's Mayor

Julia A. Nelson

Debris Pick Up

When putting yard debris at the road for pick up please be sure that no paper or household garbage is in that debris. Household garbage should be put in a separate pile. This helps our Public Works Department when they take the debris to the land fill. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

County Storm Debris Sites

The County has set up sites that will take vegetative debris from the recent storm. If you have any questions please call the County Administration Office at 803-435-0135.

Davis Station Recycling Center
5442 Moses Dingle Road
Davis Station, SC 29401

Panola Recycling Center
4773 Governor Richardson Road
Summerton, SC 29148

Clarendon County Landfill
2475 J.W. Rhames Road
Manning, SC 29102

Smoke Alarm Facts

Fast Facts

- Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms save lives and protect against injury and loss due to fire.
- The fire death rate in homes with working smoke alarms is 51% less than the rate for homes without this protection.
- Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly half.
- From 2000-2004, no smoke alarms were present or none operated in almost half of the reported home fires.
- An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if all homes had working smoke alarms.
- Sixty-five percent of reported home fire deaths in 2004 occurred in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- Sprinklers and smoke alarms together cut your risk of dying in a home fire 82% in relation to having neither.
- Only 26 percent of families have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.

Preparedness Tips

- Place a smoke alarm on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas. If you keep bedroom doors shut, place a smoke alarm in each bedroom.
- Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and batteries replaced yearly, or as soon as you hear a

low-battery warning which usually sounds like a "chirping" noise.

- Teach children what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do when they hear it.
- Keep smoke alarms clean by vacuuming over and around it regularly. Dust and debris can interfere with its operation.
- Install smoke alarms away from windows, doors, or ducts that can interfere with their operation.
- Never remove the battery from or disable a smoke alarm. If your smoke alarm is sounding "nuisance alarms", try locating it further from kitchens or bathrooms.
- Plan regular fire drills to practice your escape plan ensuring everyone in your home knows exactly what to do when the smoke alarm sounds.
- Smoke alarms wear out. Replace your alarms every 10 years. If you can't remember when you last replaced them, buy new alarms that are interconnected if possible. Install them using manufacturer's instructions and hire an electrician for installing alarms that are hard-wired into your home's electrical system.



This information is provided by the Manning Fire Department. For more information contact the Department at 803-435-4144 .

National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month

National MS Education and Awareness Month is an effort by the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation (MSF) and affiliated groups to raise the public's awareness of multiple sclerosis. Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic neurological disorder that affects the central nervous system, (CNS) comprised of the brain and spinal cord. The vital goals of this campaign are to promote an understanding of the scope of this disease, and to assist those with MS in making educated decisions about their healthcare.



Main Street Managers Meeting

Main Street Manning hosted the Main Street South Carolina Managers Training on February 25. Main Street South Carolina directs the Main Street program for communities across South Carolina. Main Street Manning is a program of the National Main Street Center.

If you would like to be a member of the Main Street Manning committees please contact Carrie Trebil at City Hall 803-435-8477.