



Manning Matters

March 2015

Message from the Mayor

Last month, I was invited to Atlanta, Georgia to participate in a roundtable discussion on “Building Sustainable Communities through Effective Federal, State and Local Partnerships”. Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter (Orangeburg, SC) asked me to represent mayors from rural communities in South Carolina. One of the organizers for the meeting was the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Region 4) and several other federal agencies were also represented including: USDA, FEMA, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Most of the discussion centered on challenges of towns and cities with populations less than 10K and their public systems. After hearing the concerns from other municipalities, it confirmed my belief that our city and its past and current leadership were wise to make the investments in water and sewer infrastructure. There are several municipalities now suffering from the “patchwork” mentality,

which have several of their public systems in crisis. I will admit that it is a tough balance to remain conservative in these economic times while preparing for the best future possible. However, our city is on a sustainable path because of the decisions to take advantage of opportunities made available to us from USDA and other public agencies.

I want to thank those of you who refrain from littering and dumping trash in our city. It is so important to economic development to have our city and also our county, as clean as possible. Littering and dumping trash cost us more than the eyes can see. There are companies that will use our cleanliness or lack thereof, when considering to invest in our community. Please continue to be diligent with how trash is handled.

As always, I would like to thank you for your efforts in remaining true to our city’s motto: “Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality”.

The People’s Mayor,

Julia A. Nelson

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



Main Street Manning Corner

Easter Egg Hunt

Main Street Manning is holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, April 2, at 6 pm at Gibbons Street Park. Eggs will contain surprises. There will be two age groups, 5 and under, and 6 to 12. Please bring something to hold the eggs your child finds. For more information contact City Hall, 435-8477. Main Street Manning is a department of the City Of Manning.



Miss Clarendon Luncheon

Please join the Junior Ambassadors of Clarendon County for the second Miss Clarendon Luncheon on Sunday, March 22, 2015, at 1:00 pm at the Manning United Methodist Church fellowship hall. Tickets are fifteen dollars and may be purchased in advance from any Junior Ambassador or at the door. The luncheon will feature speaker Sherry Bradshaw of Back 9 Ministries. Her ministry targets men, women, and children of all ages. You also have the chance to meet the Miss Clarendon Queens: Ariana Ruiz, Miss Clarendon, Addison Hicks, Miss Clarendon Teen, and Eddy Osteen, Miss Clarendon Preteen. For more information about the event, please contact Shelley Jones at 803-433-4966.



BEWARE OF ONLINE ADS

The popularity of selling or buying things through an online business or newspaper ad can potentially come at a great risk. There have been numerous incidents across our nation involving people being hurt or murdered by someone either buying or selling something by these various means. I want to encourage any person buying or selling something through ads to use the Manning Police Department as a meeting location. Any person wanting to use the Manning Police Department as a location to meet potential buyers or sellers can contact us at 435-8859. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Chief Blair Shaffer.

Spring into Shape 5k

The Manning Rotary Club will host a 5k on March 7. The race will begin at Manning Elementary and end at the traffic light on North Brooks St. in front of Coffey, Chandler and McKenzie law firm. A one-mile fun run will also be included in the day's events. All proceeds will go to Manning Rotary Club for its various charitable efforts. Register now at The Manning Times; Land, Parker and Welch law firm; or Coffey, Chandler and McKenzie law firm. For more information, call (803) 435-8422.



Taste of Home Cooking School

The Manning Times will be hosting a Taste of Home Cooking School on March 12 at Weldon Auditorium in Manning. General admission will be \$12, VIP admission will be \$35. VIP admission will start at 4 p.m. that day, with a meet and greet with the Taste of Home celebrity chef, Michelle Roberts from 4:30-5:30 p.m. General admission starts at 5 p.m. The show on the Weldon stage will start at 7 p.m. There will also be food, arts and crafts and boutique vendors throughout the complex. Get your tickets at The Manning Times, 230 E. Boyce St. in Manning; Weldon Auditorium; or the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce.

Environmental Progress, Inc.

Several residents have found bottles from Environmental Progress, Inc. at their homes. This is an independent company that is **NOT** working with the City of Manning on any water quality projects. The City of Manning does not endorse this company.