



Manning Matters

March 2016

Message from the Mayor

Underneath all the brown grass, we will soon witness everything that has appeared dead to bloom with majestic colors. We will usher in spring on March 20, 2016. I'm really looking forward to the warmer and longer days. And yes, we must brace ourselves for Mother Nature's pollen.

I would like to encourage everyone to be a little more cautious while driving in neighborhoods and parking lots. We have children, elderly and those physically challenged individuals who could be harmed. No one wants the burden of knowing they caused physical damage or death to another individual. We all need to slow down and discontinue some of our reckless behavior while driving. It is also important for those walking at night to be sure to wear clothing that can reflect light to avoid a collision with a vehicle.

I also would like to congratulate Major Douglas Ridgeway who recently retired from Manning Police Department after 28 years. When you see Maj. Ridgeway, please thank him for his years of dedicated, loyal and professional public service. His wife and children are to be commended for their sacrifice as a family to support Maj. Ridgeway.

As always, thank you for your contribution in making our city true to its motto: "Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality".

The People's Mayor,

Julia A. Nelson



Manning Police Department Body Cameras

Manning Police officers will soon utilize body-worn cameras that were mandated by South Carolina Code of Law 23-1-240. Every agency in South Carolina has until March 7, 2016 to submit a departmental policy outlining the use of these cameras to the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. Once approved the Manning Police Department will submit an application for funding to purchase a body-worn camera for each officer.



Officers will be required to turn on their camera while answering calls for service or interacting with the public. Officers will be required to download the video from the cameras at the end of each shift and will not be available to the general public under the Freedom of Information Act. The Manning Police Department will maintain the recordings that involve arrests or violations of offenses listed in the South Carolina Preservation of Evidence Act, S.C. Code 17-28-320. If you have any questions about the use of these cameras contact Chief Blair Shaffer at the Manning Police Department at 803-435-8859.

Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all children 11 and under to celebrate the Easter season with an Easter Egg Hunt. Eggs will be hidden in Gibbons Street Park. Be there at 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 24 for instructions and to start hunting! There will be two age groups, 5 and under, and 6 to 11. Eggs will have surprises. For more information contact City Hall, 435-8477.



Water Bills



Tired of trying to remember passwords for paying bills online? You don't need to create a customer account to pay your water bill online, just your account number and a credit card. Visit <http://cityofmanning.org/utilitypayment.html> to view your statement, or make a payment. You can always pay for your water bill by stopping by City Hall, Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 5 pm. There is a night deposit box on the Mill Street side of City Hall.

Main Street Manning

Main Street Manning is seeking volunteers to join Main Street committees. Main Street Manning is dedicated to revitalizing the business district through economic development, design excellence and business promotions. We are looking for people to join our promotions and economic restructuring committee. The promotions committee helps develop a positive image of Manning, through retail promotions and events. The economic restructuring committee helps businesses with various aspects of ownership, and economic development principles. If you are interested in helping with either committee or have a project in mind please contact Carrie Trebil at 803-435-8477. Main Street Manning is a department of the City of Manning, and volunteers are not compensated for their time.



Character Word of the Month

Self-Discipline is being in control of your words and actions. Giving your best effort at all times. Never giving up. Doing what is expected of you everyday.

Men of Distinction

Get your tickets to see Men of Distinction at Weldon Auditorium on March 11, 2016. Call Weldon at 803-433-7469 to reserve yours today. Tickets are \$10 and \$15.

Cypress After Five

Get your tickets to hear The Sandlapper Singers on March 18, 2016 at the Cypress Center, call 803-435-5246 to reserve yours today.

Women's History Month

Growing out of a small-town school event in California, Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society. The United States has observed it annually throughout the month of March since 1987. The 2016 theme, "Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government" honors women who have shaped America's history and its future through their public service and government leadership. Learn more about women pioneers by visiting the National Women's History Project website, www.nwhp.org.

