



# Manning Matters

May 2014

## Message from the Mayor

I'm elated to let you know that we will have our first Independence Day Firework Celebration on Saturday July 5, 2014. The viewing will be held at our "Red Barn" behind the Coffey, Chandler, and McKenzie Law Firm. We will be able to provide this due to the financial contributions from local sponsors. Additional details will be announced later.

I would also like to let you know that the City of Manning will receive an Achievement Award from the Municipal Association of South Carolina for our Gibbons Street Park public partnership with the Clarendon County Junior Chamber at the Municipal Association's Annual Meeting in July. On behalf of Council, I would like to thank all of the community partners to include: former landowners, legal teams, the Clarendon County Junior Chamber, Clarendon County, and numerous others for their contribution to this project. This truly has been a successful collaboration by the public and for the public. The Gibbons Street

Park is located on Gibbons Street and is open to the public. For information on reserving this park or any of our parks for a special celebration, please call city hall at 803.435.8477.

A special thanks to all who participated in Councilman Clayton Pack's "Clean the District Day" held on Saturday, April 26. All of these type events help us to remain true to our motto: "Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality".

The People's Mayor,

*Julia A. Nelson*

## Saturdays with the Mayor

Meet with Mayor Nelson on May 10, 2014 from 9 am to 11 am at City Hall. Please use the Mill Street entrance. Call City Hall at 435-8477 by May 9, at 5pm to schedule your appointment.

## 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.



## Midlands Gives—May 6

Please support JCMC-Haven of Rest on May 6 by donating online at [www.midlandsgives.org](http://www.midlandsgives.org). JCMC-Haven of Rest is a domestic violence crisis center for women in Clarendon County. This is a single day of online fundraising using a credit or debit card. The minimum donation is \$20. So mark your calendars for May 6 and make a donation to help domestic violence victims in Clarendon County.

## Main Street Corner



### Paint the Town Purple

Main Street Manning and the Clarendon County Relay for Life are encouraging businesses to participate in Painting the Town Purple. Decorate your business with anything purple: ribbon, flowers, streamer, bows, dresses, and etc. On Thursday, May 8 we are encouraging everyone to wear purple, and on Friday, May 9 wear a Relay for Life shirt. So put on your thinking caps and let's Paint Manning Purple!

Use the hashtags *#paintmanningpurple* and *#manningpurpleout* to share on social media.

The Clarendon County Relay for Life is May 9 at Ramsey Stadium.



### Preservation Month

Preservation Month is held annually each May and was designed to promote historic places for the purpose of instilling national and community pride, promoting heritage tourism, and showing the social and economic benefits of historic preservation. This year Main Street Manning, a department of the City of Manning, and the Clarendon County Historical Society Museum have partnered together to recognize the biggest preservation project in Manning and Clarendon County, the renovation of the Clarendon County Courthouse. If you have photos of activities at the Clarendon County Courthouse please submit those to Main Street Manning at [mainstreetmanning@gmail.com](mailto:mainstreetmanning@gmail.com).

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### Special Election

The Municipal Election Commission of the City of Manning announces the special election for the City of Manning to be held Tuesday, July 8, 2014. Included in this election is the office of Councilmember for District 5, term expiring April 2018.

People desiring to vote in the upcoming election must be registered by June 7, 2014. To register, one must contact the County Board of Voter Registration.

Citizens desiring to be candidates for the above listed office may file at City Hall at 29 W. Boyce Street. Books will be open for filing at noon on May 12, 2014 and remain open until noon May 23, 2014. The filing fee for the office of Councilmember is \$50.00. This is a nonpartisan election and no party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot. People wishing to qualify by petition must file their petition by noon on May 9, 2014. There is no filing fee for petition. For more information contact City Hall at 435-8477.

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### The Taste

Come enjoy homegrown music, food, and fun at Weldon Auditorium on May 10 beginning at 2 pm. Music will be brought to you by Blue Dogs, Blue Plantation Band and Gracious Day. This is an outdoor event please bring chairs, and no coolers are allowed. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$55 at door and includes food, drinks, and musical performances. The Taste is sponsored by Bank of Clarendon and presented by the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce and Weldon Auditorium. For more information please call Weldon Auditorium at 433-SHOW (7469).