

May 2015

Manning Matters



Message from the Mayor

In the midst of all that is happening with law enforcement, protests, and rioting, I feel compelled to address this issue. I would like to ask parents, pastors, etc. to take time and discuss the ineffectiveness, dangers, and cost of rioting and disorderly conduct. In your discussion, please remind everyone that these acts are criminal and the repercussion of this type of behavior could result in a sentence to jail. This type of behavior will not be tolerated in our city. I feel it's better to have these conversations before a crisis.

I would like for you to know that I have discussed with our Chief of Police, Blair Shaffer, my concerns with the issues we have witnessed on a state and national level. I think it is pertinent to have known protocols within our police department for when it is appropriate to pursue a suspect with a chase and the proper use of deadly force. He too has these concerns and gave a presentation to Council last month about the MPD's value in treating everyone with dignity and respect. He also explained that the development of additional protocols, which are not in place now, would be an on-going process.

I also met with our city administrator, Scott Tanner and Chief Blair Shaffer following the recent events in Baltimore, MD. We need to have an action plan in place to deal with these types of issues to include the protocol for establishing a "State of Emergency"; requesting additional law enforcement; and enacting needed curfews to maintain order.

I hope our city will never be faced with issues of rioting or other such disorderly conduct. However, I feel in the midst of a crisis is not the time to learn when and how to do what is needed to maintain order. More than ever, let us all remain true to our city's motto: "Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality".

The People's Mayor

Julia A. Nelson

Movies in the Park

Mark your calendars for the 2015 Movies in the Park. The movies will be shown in the Church Street Park. Movies will be shown on Friday, June 5, Friday, August 7, and Friday, October 9. Movies will be shown once the sun sets.

Popsicles in the Parks

Memorial Street – May 28 at 6 pm
Gibbons Street – June 4 at 6 pm
Rex Josey – July 9 at 6 pm
Bellwood – August 6 at 6 pm

Ice Cream Socials

Bellwood – May 7 at 6 pm
Rex Josey – June 30 at 6 pm
Gibbons Street – July 23 at 6 pm
Memorial Street – August 27 at 6 pm



Preservation Month

This year the City of Manning and Main Street Manning are partnering with the Clarendon County Historical Society to highlight the historic homes of Manning. Learn more about the historic homes on the "Tour of Homes" on Thursday, May 21, 2015. For more information contact Nancy Cave at the Archives 435-0328.

Midlands Gives—May 5

Two local organizations will be seeking donations on May 5, 2015 through Midlands Gives. JCMC Haven of Rest and the Miss Clarendon Scholarship Organization will be participating in this single day of online fundraising using a credit or debit card at the website www.midlandsgives.org. The minimum donation is \$20. Please consider supporting these organizations.

To the Citizens of Manning

I am grateful for two previous Manning police chiefs. The first is Chief Keith Josey for hiring me back in 1993. He called me on February 1st and offered me a job. I showed up in Manning on February 2nd. They put me in a uniform and gave me a gun. Hiring procedures sure have changed over the years. The second is Chief Joe Floyd. Chief Floyd stressed to his officers that “police officers have the ability to take away someone’s freedom but we don’t have the right to take away someone’s dignity”.

I am proud that we have a group of Manning police officers who strive to do their jobs the right way without taking away a person’s dignity. Unfortunately there are officers across our great nation and right here in our area that doesn’t live by this code. On April 20, 2015 every Manning police officer attended the City of Manning council meeting. During this meeting I asked all the officers to be committed to treating people right and I asked them to stand if they promised not to take away someone’s dignity. Every officer stood.

I also had the honor and privilege to award Cpl. William “B” Secrist with the Medal of Valor. Cpl. Secrist was assisting the Clarendon County Sheriff’s Office in March. A chase was occurring with Cpl. Secrist behind the suspects and Manning Patrolman First Class Shelton Case following. Officers slowed down to turn onto Meagan Lane when a deputy ran into the back of Pfc. Case at a very high rate of speed. Pfc. Case was pushed into the back of Cpl. Secrist. Pfc. Case’s vehicle finally stopped over 500 feet down the road. Both Manning police cars were totaled. Immediately Secrist apprehended one of the persons in the vehicle. The others fled. Without regard to their injuries both Secrist and Case assisted the injured deputy and responded to the surrounding area when officers reported shots fired.

Pfc. Case will be honored at a later date.

Finally, I want to thank our community for the support you show the Manning Police Department.

Sincerely,

Chief Blair Shaffer

Attention: All Utility Customers

Avoid late charges and cut off! Bank draft is available, stop by City Hall to set it up. You can also make payments online at our website, www.cityofmanning.org, from the comfort of your home!

Relay for Life

The Clarendon County Relay for Life event will be held at Ramsey Stadium on Friday, May 8, 2014.

Character Word: Good Sportsmanship

A person who displays good sportsmanship always plays fair and by the rules. They make an effort to treat opponents, coaches, teammates, and referees with respect. Sportsmanship is the golden rule of sports: You should always treat others how you wish to be treated.



Main Street Manning Corner

Main Street Manning is launching a new shop local campaign called “Check Manning First”. We encourage everyone to see if Manning has what you are looking for before immediately setting out for other cities. You just might be surprised at what you find when you “Check Manning First”. Share what unique and fun items you find with the hashtag #CheckManningFirst. Follow us on social media!



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