

# Manning Matters

November 2013



## Message from the Mayor

Our holiday season is right around the corner with Thanksgiving followed by Christmas, which is one of our more beautiful times of the year for our city.

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know of a change with our downtown Christmas celebrations. Due to a neighboring town choosing to have their Christmas Parade on what has been our traditional Saturday for many years, we will be trying something new this year. The Manning Christmas parade is Sunday, Dec. 1 at 4 PM. The Christmas Tree Caroling and Lighting will follow the parade. We are hoping for our usual participation and guests.

Though this is different from years past, it may also be more convenient for our local merchants since downtown will not be closed on a normal business day. I welcome to hear your input following this year's celebration. We will then plan our 2014 Christmas Celebration based on community feedback following this year's events.

Let me be the first to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving! I hope many of our family members that now live away will return home during the holidays. I'm also looking forward to and anticipating all of the beautiful displays of Christmas in our beautiful city.

As always, thank you for all you are doing to make us true to our motto: "Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality".

Julia A. Nelson - Mayor

***\*During the week of Thanksgiving (Nov. 28th), Thursday trash customers will be picked up on Friday, & Friday customers will be picked up on Saturday.***

## Saturdays with the Mayor

Meet with Mayor Nelson on November 9, 2013 from 9 am to 11 am at City Hall. Call City Hall at 435-8477 by November 8, at 5pm to schedule an appointment.

## City Council

Manning City Council will meet November 18, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Use the Mill Street entrance.

## Christmas Open House

The Manning and Summerton Christmas Open House will be on Sunday November 3, from 1 to 5 pm. Various businesses will be participating.

## Christmas Parade

The Manning Christmas Parade will be December 1, at 4 pm. The Christmas Tree Lighting will take place following the Christmas Parade. If you are interested in having a float in the parade please contact the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce at 435-4405.

## Thanksgiving Safety

The Manning Fire Department reminds everyone to be cautious and careful while fixing Thanksgiving dinner. Fried turkeys are delicious, but they come with a slew of safety issues. Thousands of fires as well as many deaths and injuries happen each year due to turkey fryer fires. Before you set up your turkey fryer this Thanksgiving, remember these safety tips.

**Stay Away from The House** – Set up the fryer more than 10 feet away from your home & keep children & pets away. Never leave it unattended.

**Find Flat Ground** – The oil must be even & steady at all times to ensure safety. Place the fryer on a flat, level surface & carefully gauge the amount of oil needed.

**Use a Thawed and Dry Turkey** – Make sure your turkey is completely thawed and dry. Extra water will cause the oil to bubble furiously & spill over. If oil spills onto the burner, it can cause a fire.

**Monitor the Temp** – Use caution when touching the turkey fryer. The lid and handle can become very hot and could cause burns. Be sure to keep track of the oil's temperature as many fryers do not have their own thermostats.

**Be Prepared** – Have a fire extinguisher (multipurpose, dry-powder) ready at all times in the event that the oil ignites.

## Holiday Safety Tips

These holiday safety tips are provided by the City of Manning Police Department.

### Home Safety Tips

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even if you will only be gone for a minute.
- Don't put large displays of holiday gifts in view of your windows or doors.
- When going on trips or out for evenings, use automatic timers to turn indoor lights on and off to make it appear you are home.
- Immediately after the holidays, mark new gifts with your name or the last four digits of your driver's license number.
- Don't advertise what you got for Christmas by putting the boxes out on trash day or posting it on Facebook. Break the boxes down or take them to the dump yourself.

### Shopping Safety

- Never leave your purse, GPS, cell phone, or any other valuable item either visible or in the front of your vehicle.
- Lock packages in the trunk.
- Don't overload yourself with packages.
- If you must shop in the evening, shop with a

friend.

- Park in well-lit areas, as close as possible to store entrances. Be particularly aware of persons in the parking lot, especially near your car.
- Lock your car and make sure the windows are closed.
- Carry only the charge cards you will need. Don't carry or flash large sums of cash.
- Carry your purse next to your body with the purse flap against you. Men should carry their wallets in front or inside pockets.
- Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you. Don't allow your attention to be distracted from your purse or packages.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if you become separated in a store or shopping mall.
- Don't hesitate to notify store security if you see suspicious activity.
- If you have to wait for a ride, wait in a busy, well-lit place.
- If you are a victim of a crime, report it to police immediately.
- Never leave your driver's door open while you are loading packages.
- Never leave your pocketbook in the shopping cart while you are loading packages.



## Home Security Survey

You can have a home security survey completed by the City of Manning Police Department. For more information or to set up your own Safety and Security Survey, contact Detective Eric Rosdail or the Manning Police Department at (803) 435-8859.

## GED News from Adult Ed

Are you planning on taking the GED tests? Have you already started the series? THEN FINISH NOW! WHY? Pass the 5 official tests before December 31, 2013. Any student who does not complete and pass the 2002 test series will be required to start over completely on the NEW GED series to be released January 2, 2014. Pass the Test Now! Start your Future Now! For more information and dates of testing please contact Clarendon County Adult Ed at 803-473-2531.

## Holly Daze Market

The Junior Ambassadors are excited to announce the dates of the 2013 Holly Daze Market, Nov 9-10 at Manning Junior High Gym. Get a start on your holiday shopping with a variety of crafters and vendors under one roof! Admission is \$5 and proceeds benefit the Miss Clarendon Scholarship Fund.

## Cypress Golf Classic

*Nov. 22nd at Wyboo Golf Club*  
*4-Person Captain's Choice Tournament*  
Entry includes: Golf, BBQ Lunch, Roving Refreshment Carts, Awards Reception & Buffet & more. Cost \$80 per player benefiting the Cypress Foundation. Contact the Foundation office at 435-8463 ext. 3941