



# Manning Matters

November 2015

## Message from the Mayor

When we woke on Sunday, October 4, 2015, most of us were in a state of shock due to our weather conditions. Several areas in our city flooded by waters from the residual moisture of Hurricane Joaquin.

This storm caused catastrophic floods in South Carolina claiming 17 lives. In Clarendon County we experienced washed away roads and flooded homes, businesses, churches and streets. We now are trying to recover from the flood.

In regards to city property, our recently constructed lab at the wastewater treatment plant was flooded causing approximately \$175,000 in damages to the building and equipment. Our narcotics lab, also housed in that area, sustained approximately \$75,000 in damages to the building and equipment. Fortunately, we do have flood insurance, which should cover

the majority of these losses.

I would like to give a special thanks to Piggly Wiggly and Wal-Mart for allowing the city to have their perishable items before the items spoiled. Because of their kindness, we were able to offer hot meals for a few days following the initial flooding. I would also like to thank Team Manning and Friends of Manning for volunteering their time and service in feeding the public.

In the days coming up to the storm and the many days following, I was touched by all of the teamwork from the officials and staff of Governor Nikki Haley's Office and State Agencies, Clarendon County Government and the City of Manning. There were no "turf battles" or consideration for lines and boundaries. Everyone was working in the best interest of our state, county and city.

In times like these, the best or

worst of anyone is shown. I'm pleased to say that this recent devastation has shown the best of everyone involved. Though we could have never anticipated what all we would have experienced, for the most part, I think we did pretty well. This is not to say that everything was perfect nor did we get everything right the first time, but overall I'm glad to know that I live and work in a community like ours.

As I always end my message, I really want to thank you for remaining true to our city's motto: "Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality". A local merchant shared with me what a visitor working in our area shared with her. The visitor said, "If I ever leave Tennessee, I'm moving to Manning". What more can I say, but "thank you", this is the lasting impression we want to leave with our visitors.

The People's Mayor,

*Julia A. Nelson*



The City of Manning wishes you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving! City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Please know that Waste Management will pick up Friday's route on Saturday.

## Roll Carts

The City of Manning Utility Department wants to remind you to place only regular household garbage in the roll carts.

The City of Manning is offering roll cart service to those water customers outside of the city limits. Please call or visit City Hall for an application. City Hall is located at 29 W Boyce Street and the phone number is 803-435-8477.

## Main Street Corner

### Check Manning First

This holiday season we hope that you Check Manning First. Manning is home to a variety of boutiques and gift stores that have unique gifts for everyone on your holiday list. Use the hashtag #CheckManningFirst on social media when you make a purchase at a Manning business. You might just be surprised at what you find when you Check Manning First!



### Main Street Volunteers



Are you interested in helping make a difference in your community? Main Street Manning is looking for dedicated volunteers to help promote, design and enhance our business community. Committees include: promotions, design, and economic vitality. Each committee has a different responsibility and role within the Main Street structure. Main Street Manning is a department of the City of Manning, if you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities please contact City Hall at 803-435-8477.

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### The Polar Express



The Youth Council on Main is excited to sponsor the 2015 Christmas Movie, *The Polar Express*. Wear your pajamas and bring a chair, blanket, and pillow to the Cypress Center on Friday, December 11, 2015 beginning at 6 pm. Admission is \$2. Snacks will be available for purchase.

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### Clarendon County Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America

Clarendon County is proud to welcome *Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America*, an exhibit provided by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service to Weldon Auditorium. The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service brings exhibits curated by the Smithsonian Institution to small towns.

#### Hours and Viewing

Weldon Auditorium will be open to the public to view *Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America* on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11 am until 3 pm starting Thursday, November 5, 2015 through Saturday, December 12, 2015. Appointments are also available for other viewings. Please call the Clarendon Archives to schedule a time to visit (803-435-0328) or call Weldon Auditorium for their hours of operation (803-433-7469).



#### Local Exhibit

The Clarendon County History Museum will feature a complimentary exhibit of local sports legends, school sports, support teams, and other sports-related memorabilia. This exhibit will open on Sunday, November 1, 2015, and will be open to the public from 2pm until 5pm that day. The museum exhibit will be open to the public on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11am-3pm. To make an appointment to view the local exhibit during closed hours, please contact the museum ([803-433-0328](tel:803-433-0328)) and leave a message.

For more information about Clarendon County's Hometown Teams project, please visit our website [www.chometownteams.com](http://www.chometownteams.com) or call the Clarendon County Archives at [803-435-0328](tel:803-435-0328).