

Manning Matters

October 2013



Message from the Mayor

We are beginning to feel a few crisp fall mornings and evenings. Actually, I'm enjoying the changes in our foliage, just another reminder of our new season.

It is also great to see our citizens walking and jogging in our neighborhoods. With our evenings becoming darker sooner, I would like to remind everyone to wear colors that can easily be seen. We all need to continue to be watchful for our pedestrians, especially our children. Children can be unpredictable and make sudden actions that can place them in the path of danger.

Sadly, too many people in South Carolina are being injured and killed by speeding, intoxicated or negligent drivers. Accidents like these can be devastating to families. We all can benefit from each of us being more cautious and alert while driving and walking. Also, I would like to let you know that our new administrator, Scott Tanner, has begun his duties as of September 30th. We're looking forward to his hard work and expertise to assist our city in moving forward.

Again, thanks for all of your efforts in making our city true to its motto: *"Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality"*.

Julia A. Nelson
Mayor

City Council

Manning City Council will meet October 21, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Use the Mill Street entrance.

Saturdays with the Mayor

Meet with Mayor Nelson on October 12, 2013 from 9 am to 11 am at City Hall. Call City Hall at 435-8477 by October 11, at 5pm to schedule your appointment.

High School Football

Laurence Manning

Oct 4 @ Augusta Christian 7:30 pm

Oct 11 Orangeburg Prep 7:30 pm

Oct 18 @ Pinewood Prep 7:30 pm

Oct 25 Porter-Gaud 7:30 pm

Manning High

Oct 4 Lakewood 7:30 pm

Oct 11 @ Darlington 7:30 pm

Oct 18 @ Hartsville 7:30 pm

Oct 25 Crestwood 7:30 pm

Fall Activities

October 12—Fall Festival at Emmanuel Baptist Church from 6:00-8:00 pm. Free inflatables, hot dogs, candy, petting zoo, cake walk, games, hay ride for children up to the sixth grade (bring the whole family). 1794 Old Manning Rd, Manning, SC

October 26—CatFest at Laurence Manning Academy

October 27—Fall Fest at Manning United Methodist Church

October 31—Trick or Treat Downtown from 4 to 6 pm

November 2—Fall Festival at Trinity UMC in Alcolu at 3 pm. The fun filled day will include a cotton ride around the country, a cake walk and tons a super fun carnival games!

Tax Preparation Workshop

Main Street Manning is hosting a Small Business Roundtable regarding tax preparation on October 15, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Althea Gibson Community Resource Center.

Speak Out Against Elder Abuse

October is National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month, a time to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices many long-term care (LTC) residents have made to better our community and to call attention to the rights of residents in long-term care facilities. This year's theme—**Speak Out Against Elder Abuse**, was selected to call attention to the fact that elder abuse is an issue that should not be taken lightly. The

abuse of long-term care residents is an occurrence that not many people like to acknowledge or report. However, it is important that the elderly are given a sense that this social issue is not being ignored.

The community is encouraged to visit those they know in a long-term care facility, volunteer in a facility, participate in Residents' Rights Month events or inquire about becoming a Volunteer Long-Term Care Ombudsman. Your assistance and attention help to ensure that the voices of long-term

care residents do not go unheard and demonstrate to residents that they have not been forgotten.

This region's LTC Ombudsman is Janice Reed Coney. The Ombudsman Program is housed within the Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments' Aging and Disability Resource Center/Area Agency on Aging. Ms. Coney can be contacted by telephone at 1-800-948-1042 or 803-775-7381 or by mail at P. O. Box 1837, Sumter, SC 29150. The physical address is 36 W. Liberty Street, Sumter, SC.

Trick or Treat Tips

Halloween is on October 31. This is a great time for children to dress up in their favorite costumes and fill their bags with treats. This can also be a dangerous time for our children. Join the Manning Police Department in ensuring that this Halloween is both fun and safe for all citizens. The times for Trick or Treating will be from 6:00pm until 8:00pm.

I have provided a few tips that adults should share with their children prior to sending them out into

neighborhoods.

Tip #1 Children should always go out trick or treating accompanied by a responsible adult.

Tip #2 Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at all times. Set a time for their return home.

Tip #3 Let your children know not to cut through back alleys and fields if they are out alone. Make sure they know to stay in populated areas. Let them know to stay in well lighted areas with lots of people around.

Tip #4 Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you.

Tip #5 Instruct your child to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car.

Tip #6 Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.

Tip #7 Let them know that they should stay together as a group if going out to Trick or Treating without an adult.

Chief Blair Shaffer

How Fire-Safe Is Your Home?

You won't know until you do a fire safety walkthrough. Conduct a fire safety walkthrough of your home on a regular basis. Use the following tips to help you in your walkthrough:

- Keep clothes, blankets, curtains, towels, and other items that can easily catch on fire at least three feet from space heaters and away from stove burners.
- Place space heaters where they

will not tip over easily.

- Have chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a professional.
- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces and leave glass doors open while burning a fire.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Be sure your stove and small appliances are off before going to bed.
- Check for worn wires and do

not run cords under rugs or furniture.

- Never overload electrical sockets.
- Keep lighters and matches out of the reach of children.
- Never leave cigarettes unattended and never smoke in bed.
- Make sure cigarettes and ashes are out. The cigarette needs to be completely stubbed out in the ashtray or run under water.