



Manning Matters

September 2015

Message from the Mayor

I would like to wish all of our students a safe and productive year. We all need to be cautious as we drive to make our streets safe for our students.

I wanted to provide you with an update on some of the recent work that has begun in our city.

The City of Manning has begun work with our West Manning Water Improvements Project, which is funded by a \$315,000 grant from the Rural Infrastructure Authority. This Project consist of upgraded water lines on First Avenue, Holden Street, parts of Dyson Street, Fulton and Gregory Streets, and a section of Huggins Street. These lines will be

upgraded to 6-inch lines, which offer better water pressure, and allow for additional hydrants which will improve fire protection. This project also includes the renovation and painting of the Keitt Street Water Tank (blue water tank). We're hoping the work on the tank will begin by the end of this year.

The Fleming Community Enrichment Project, which is being funded by a CDBG grant from the S.C. Dept. of Commerce, is a \$230,000 project to demolish approximately 15 dilapidated structures. We're pleased that property owners on West Boyce Street and First Avenue have already demolished several of the structures that were on our list. This will allow us to add additional properties to

our list, further enhancing the community. The city will demolish the remaining structures once asbestos testing is complete, which is scheduled to begin in September. We will begin the bid process this fall. This project will also enhance security in the area by the Installation of several security cameras and the establishment of a neighborhood crime watch.

I'm proud to be a member of Team Manning. The hard work of our team allows this type of progress for our city as we remain true to our motto: "Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality".

The People's Mayor

Julia A. Nelson

Patriot's Day Ceremony

The City of Manning will hold a Patriot's Day Ceremony on Friday, September 11, 2015 at 10 am at the Church Street Park Gazebo. Col. Alexander Conyers (Ret. Army) will bring the message. Everyone is welcome to attend. In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be held at the Manning Fire Station.

Taste of Clarendon

The Taste of Clarendon will be Thursday, September 24, 2015 at Weldon Auditorium from 6 pm to 9 pm. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$60 per couple. Tickets can be purchased at Brunson's Pharmacy, Bank of Clarendon, Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce, Summerton Drug and any Junior Chamber member.

Movie in the Park

Join us for our October "Movie in the Park", on Friday, October 9, 2015. The movie will be shown at the Church Street Park when the sun sets. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be shown at the Manning Fire Department Training Room. Come out and enjoy games and popcorn at 6 pm. Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy *Hotel Transylvania*.



Main Street Corner

Main Street Inspiration Awards

Main Street Manning volunteer, Jennie Lee, received the Main Street South Carolina Inspiration Award for Downtown Service. Ms. Lee is an active volunteer with the Main Street Manning Economic Restructuring Committee, Youth on Main program, Clarendon Youth Leadership, and the Clarendon County Junior Ambassadors. When she isn't volunteering she is running her business, Merle Norman of Manning. Be sure to tell Ms. Lee congratulations when you see her. In addition, Main Street Manning received the Main Street South Carolina Inspiration Award for Outstanding Promotion for Women of Main Street event. The Women of Main Street event was held in September 2014 and highlighted our women in business in Manning. Thank you to the countless volunteers that made the Women of Main Street a huge success.



Main Street Annual Meeting

This year Main Street Manning is partnering with the Clarendon County Hometown Teams committee to bring you a sports themed art exhibit. The Art Exhibit will be displayed in the Weldon Auditorium Art Corridor from September 22 through December 2015. Participation in the exhibit is open to all Clarendon County residents. The art work must display a sports theme, and be ready to hang if it is not a three dimensional piece. For entry rules please contact Carrie Trebil at 435-8477. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. You are invited to join us for the Grand Opening on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 6 pm at Weldon Auditorium. Winners of the Art Exhibit as well as the Best of Main Street Winners will be recognized at 7 pm. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Grand Opening!



Best of Main Street

Your vote is needed for the Best of Main Street Awards. Categories include: Most Hospitable Business, Best Window Display, and Best Building Renovation. You can find links to vote online at our Facebook Page. Paper ballots can be found at City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Post Office.

Volunteers

If you are interested in becoming a Main Street volunteer please contact Carrie Trebil at 435-8477.

Laurence Manning Academy Swampcats

- 8/28/15 Somebody Christian—Away
- 9/4/15 Pinewood Prep—Home
- 9/11/15 Heathwood Hall—Home
- 9/18/15 Florence Christian—Away
- 9/25/15 Cardinal Newman—Home



Manning High School Monarchs

- 8/28/15 - Scott's Branch High School—Home
- 9/4/15 - Marion High School—Away
- 9/11/15 - Lake City High School—Home
- 9/18/15 - Murray High School—Home
- 9/25/ 15 - Beaufort High School—Away

