

Manning Matters

Important Numbers:

CITY OFFICES

City Hall/Administration Office
411 North Brooks Street
PO Box 546
Manning, SC 29102
Main Number: 803-435-8477

Manning Police Department
Municipal Court
803-435-8859

Manning Fire Department
803-435-4144

Manning Public Works Department
803-435-2725

COUNTY OFFICES

Clarendon County Court House
803-435-8424

Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce
803-435-4405

Clarendon County Planning Commission
803-435-2058

Clarendon County Emergency Services
803-435-9310

Clarendon Memorial Hospital
803-435-8463

Clarendon County Behavioral Health Services
803-435-2121

Council on Aging
803-435-8593

Department of Social Services
803-435-4303

DHEC / Health Department
803-435-2592
803-435-8168

Harvin Clarendon County Library
803-435-2670

Magistrate Court
803-435-8925

Tax Assessor
803-435-4423

Tax Collector
803-435-8307

Budgeting for a Successful Hometown

With the fiscal year coming to a close, the City was faced with many tough decisions for the 2007-2008 fiscal budget. The cap spending issue was still on the minds of municipal officials, and many municipalities were increasing fees and taxes to supplement their growth and increase populations. The City of Manning did not raise revenues from business licenses, taxes and permits as well as franchise fees. However, the City did increase fees for services in the Utility Fund to right a dire financial situation brought on by rising costs and a reluctance to raise fees in the past. This was necessary in order to continue to deliver service at the present level and to improve service for future years.



The City will be renovating its newly acquired Judicial Annex facility. The City has formed a local partnership with Clemson Extension; funding has been set aside.

Other partnerships in the making include Clarendon County and the Town of Summerton. The local governments are working together to address water and sewer issues, but it has not hurt that lawmakers passed such a measure in their last session. The governor last week encouraged governments to work with each other on planning and zoning as well as key infrastructure, such as roads and water and sewer lines. This should translate into more efficiency with infrastructure and services.

The City has several projects planned for the fiscal year:

- Downtown Revitalization—Phases V and VI (Mill Street)
- New addition to the Fire Department (42 W.

Boyce Street)

- Refurbishment of City Parks: Rex Josey Park (Bridge), Memorial Street Park (Basketball Courts/Benches), Bellewood Park and Pocatigo Park (Nature Walk Bridge)
- City Hall (Renovation and/or New Construction)
- Annexation (Highway 261 Corridor)
- Town Clock (4-faced)

In light of just completing the master plan project, comprised of a nine-block area, the Downtown Revitalization Committee is ready to move forward with new endeavors. The City Council has announced its plans to make application to the Municipal Association of South Carolina to become a Main Street SC member. The application deadline is October 2007 and the fee is \$7,500.00. The City is on the move for 2007-08.

Mary G. Adger

2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget

	Actual for Year 7/2007-6/2008	% Increase 7/2007-6/2008	Current Fiscal Millage 7/2007-6/2008
Revenues	\$4,981,055	16%	149 Mills
UF Transfers(Admin Expenses)	\$100,000		
Carryover Retained Expenses	\$295,000		
Total Revenues & Carryover	\$5,376,055		
	Actual For Year 7/2007-6/2008	% Decrease 7/2007-6/2008	Estimated Millage 7/2007-6-2008
Total Expenditures	\$5,369,679	-3%	149 MILLS*

Estimated Millage Equals \$8,800 per \$1,000 of Assessed Property Value



Know Your Neighbors

With summer here, the City would like to highlight the value of our parks, to remind the community about our six public parks and to invite you and your family to utilize our facilities for picnics, birthdays, quiet reading time and fun in the sun.

The importance and value of our city parks to the quality of life of residents in our city is immeasurable.

The City recognizes that a positive quality of life and recreational activities are critical to the success of our hometown. Some of the parks will be under renovation at various intervals during the summer months.

Parks/Location

Lola Clark Memorial Garden
411 North Brooks Street

Rex Josey / Will Harvin Tennis Courts
Lee Street

Bellewood Park
Lawson Street

Memorial Street Park
Memorial & Dickson Streets

Church Street Mini Park
Church Street

Pocotaligo Park
(Closed for repairs)
Highway 521 / 301

Near-by County facility:
J.C. Britton Recreation Complex
Raccoon Road

We encourage you to engage in outdoor activities and youth sports in the city and county parks.

Tips on Choosing Safe Fireworks

The Manning Fire Department wants you to know it is extremely important to know the difference between a legal consumer firework and a dangerous explosive device. Items such as M-80's and M-100's and blockbusters are not fireworks, they are federally banned explosives. They can cause serious injury or even death. Stay away from anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the item on it, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use. Here are some tips to help ensure a safe Fourth of July:

- ◆ **Fireworks are not toys.** Fireworks complying with strict regulations enacted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in 1976 function primarily by burning to produce motion and visible or audible effects. They are burning at approximately the same temperature as a household match and can cause burn injuries and ignite clothing if used improperly.
- ◆ **Never give fireworks to children.** Close, adult supervision of all fireworks activities is mandatory. Even sparklers can be unsafe if used improperly.
- ◆ **Select and use only legal devices.** If you choose to celebrate the Fourth of July with fireworks, check with your local police department to determine what fireworks can be legally discharged in your area.
- ◆ **Homemade fireworks are deadly.** Never attempt to make your own devices and do not purchase or use any kits that are advertised for making

fireworks. Mixing and loading chemical powders is very dangerous and can kill or seriously injure you. Leave the making of fireworks to the experts.

Fireworks Safety Test

1. What is the first thing to do before lighting a firework?
2. How do you know if you are buying quality fireworks?
3. Where should you light fireworks?
4. It's always good to have _____ handy when having a fireworks display.
5. How many fireworks should you light at a time?
6. If a firework does not work after lighting it, how long should you wait before trying to light it again?
7. Should small children handle and light fireworks?
8. What should you do if a firework fails to work after lighting it?
9. Where should you store fireworks?
10. How should you dispose of a discharged firework?

Answers on page 4.

Bar-B-Que Safety

- ◆ Always locate a barbecue away from any combustion wall.
- ◆ Set up grill in an open area away from buildings, dry leaves or brush. Be aware of the wind blowing sparks.
- ◆ Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors.
- ◆ Place grill on a level surface away from low hanging trees, deck railings, siding or any combustible materials.
- ◆ It's a good idea to keep a fire extinguisher handy.
- ◆ Do not wear loose clothing and watch for dangling apron strings and shirt tails.
- ◆ NEVER leave children or pets unattended near a hot grill.
- ◆ Use long handled barbecue tools and flame retardant mitts.

Courtesy of
www.walthamfire.com



The City of Manning supports small businesses during National Independent Retailers Week (July 15-21).

Small, independent retailers are important to the success of Main Street. The City of Manning is encouraging all independent retailers to offer specials and invite consumers to buy, invest and enjoy the many businesses that our hometown has to offer.



Cities are in support of cities.

Never in history have we seen an entire city leveled in the manner as Greenburg, Kansas which was devastated by an EF-5 tornado. The League of Kansas Municipalities are receiving donations. For questions about the fund, contact the League at (785) 354-9565.

It will take extra ordinary efforts to help Greenburg.

Employers should have clear leave policies

According to a Columbia attorney, it's not just important for employers to have good leave policies for their workers, state law requires it.

The South Carolina Wage Payment Act requires employers to give notice of where and when wages get paid—and leave time such as holidays, vacation and sick days are considered part of an employee's wages.

Many employers offer sick leave and annual leave. Others have replaced sick and annual leave with paid time off, or PTO, which is a bank of days available to the employee.

Many employers also offer bereavement leave to allow an employee to attend a funeral and civil leave for employees called to jury duty or casting a vote.

It's important for employers to clearly state their leave policies to avoid abuse or accidental misuse. Employers need to specify whether there are any caps on the accrual of leave and whether any leave can be carried over from one year to the next. The policy should also make clear whether advance notice is required to take leave and how the leave can be forfeited.

Employees also need to understand that it's up to their employer to determine whether a request for leave can be granted.

One problematic issue is when an employee requests leave time, is denied, and calls in sick. Leave is at the discretion of the employer, except for military leave to allow military personnel to

serve their country and the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

FMLA allows eligible employees to take up to 12 workweeks of unpaid leave during any 12-month period for the birth of a child or adoption of a child, to care for an immediate family member with a medical condition or when an employee is unable to work due to a serious health condition.

Clear policies on leave benefit both the employee and municipality. A good leave policy makes sure the employee and city are treated fairly. It avoids questions about how leave time is used and when it is paid.

Courtesy of MASC

Hurricane Safety Tips

While forecasting methods and tools are improving year after year, people are still at great risk to tropical storms and hurricanes because they continue to build along the coastline. The following is a list of helpful hints you can use before hurricane season, when a watch or warning is issued, before, during, and after a tropical storm or hurricane strikes your area.

Pre-season preparation.

- ◆ Know all evacuation routes if you live close to the coast.
- ◆ Make sure your home meets building codes for withstanding hurricanes.
- ◆ Have proper tools, supplies, and a first aid kit.
- ◆ Have plenty of batteries and flashlights.
- ◆ Always have plenty of

non-perishable foods on hand.

When a watch or warning is issued.

- ◆ Leave low lying areas.
- ◆ Protect windows with plywood boards or storm shutters.
- ◆ Secure outside objects.
- ◆ Make sure you have plenty of fuel and water.
- ◆ Have several days of food and water for each family member.
- ◆ If called to evacuate, do so immediately.

Before the storm.

- ◆ Pay attention to local weather reports on television or radio.
- ◆ Make sure all your sup-

plies and first aid kit are available for use.

- ◆ Have a secure room available.

During the storm.

- ◆ Stay in secure room.
- ◆ Stay away from windows.
- ◆ Have supplies on hand.
- ◆ Remain indoors when the eye moves over your area.

After the storm.

- ◆ Make sure all is clear outside before going out.
- ◆ Report downed power lines.
- ◆ Use stored water and food.
- ◆ Be patient.

Courtesy of www.hurricaneville.com

Happy Birthday to the City of Manning Employees!

July

Richard Barrett
Micheal Johnson, Jr
Kenneth Justice
Creighton Cheek
Harold Thames
Ervin Davis, Sr.*

August

Gary Shaffer
Paulette Young
Merke Baker
Leevan Hilton
James Kindell
Johnnie Beachman
Johnny Gordon*

September

Carl Floyd, Jr.
Terry Lee
Daun Davis
Sonia Daniels
Joe Pelfrey
George Lemon
Mayor Kevin Johnson*
Gregory Witherspoon*
Sherry A. Welle*

*City Council Members

Farmers Market

(Local Farmers Only)
Located on the corner of Barfield and East Boyce Streets

Open:
Weekdays
All day
Saturdays
10am-2pm

School Districts' Meetings

- ◆ **Clarendon District I**
3rd Mondays / 5:00 PM
Administrative Building
- ◆ **Clarendon District II**
3rd Tuesdays / 6:30 PM
Administrative Building
- ◆ **Clarendon District III**
3rd Thursdays / 7:00 PM
District Office



School is Out;
To our Youth,
Have a Safe
And
Happy Summer!

Character Word for July: Cooperation

Calendar of Events

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| July 9 | Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall 6:30pm |
| July 12-15 | MASC 67th Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC |
| July 16 | City Council Meeting, City Hall 6:30pm |
| July 17 | Revitalization Executive Committee, City Hall 12pm |
| July 18 | Revitalization Meeting (Phases V & VI), City Hall 2pm |
| July 23 | Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, City Hall 6:30pm |
| July 26 | Zoning Continuing Education Classes, Santee Lynches 3PM-6PM |
| August 13 | Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall 6:30pm |
| August 20 | City Council Meeting, City Hall 6:30pm |
| August 27 | Zoning Continuing Education Classes, Santee Lynches 6PM-9PM |
| August 27 | Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, City Hall 6:30pm |
| September 3 | Labor Day - City Hall Closed |
| September 10 | Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall 6:30pm |
| September 17 | City Council Meeting, City Hall 6:30pm |
| September 21-23 | SC Tobacco Festival, Lake City, SC |
| September 24 | Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, City Hall 6:30pm |
| September 27 | Zoning Continuing Education Classes, Santee Lynches 6pm-9pm |
| September 29-30 | Bass Weekend Series |

Note: Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meet as necessary.

Answers to Firework Safety Test

1. Read the warning or caution label carefully and follow instructions.
2. Always buy from a reliable seller.
3. Always light outdoors away from combustible material, buildings and plants.
4. Water.
5. Light only one firework at a time.
6. Never try to relight a firework.
7. No.
8. Wait 15 to 20 minutes and then dump the firework in a bucket of water and let it soak.
9. If at all possible, don't store fireworks. If you have to store them, store them in a cool, dry place and keep them out of the reach of children.
10. Soak them in a bucket of water before disposing them in a trashcan.