

# Manning Matters

JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH

## Message from the Mayor

### Important Numbers

#### **CITY OFFICES**

City Hall/Administration Office  
Phone: 803-435-8477  
Fax: 803-435-4608

Manning Police Department  
803-435-8859

Manning Fire Department  
803-435-4144

Manning Public Works Department  
803-435-2725

Judicial Department  
Municipal Court  
803-433-0050

#### **COUNTY OFFICES**

Clarendon County Court House  
803-435-8424

Clarendon County  
Chamber of Commerce  
803-435-4405

Clarendon County  
Emergency Services  
803-435-9310

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

Magistrate Court  
803-435-8925

Tax Assessor  
803-435-4423

Tax Collector  
803-435-8307

2008 got off to a fast and busy start for the City of Manning. We still find ourselves very involved in the various water and sewer issues that confront us. Although the City of Manning is in great shape in this area, we are working hard to extend our lines to areas outside of the city limits to help others throughout the county with their water and sewer needs. As you may be aware, we are working with the Town of Summerton and their wastewater needs and we are working to extend our lines to the Town of Paxville.

We continue to work to enhance and revitalize our downtown area and, to that end, we are especially proud to be a part of the Main Street South Carolina program that is administered by the Municipal Association of South Carolina. Working with our business community and other community leaders, this program will enable us to take our downtown revitalization program to a higher level, while at the same time stressing the importance of cities and towns and the services that are provided to our citizens.

We are pleased that work has been completed on our new judicial annex and our municipal judge and his staff now occupies this much needed space. Work on the expansion of our public safety building should begin soon and we are also assessing our other building needs (public works and city hall). This is also the time of year that we spend a great deal of time working on our budget for the next fiscal year. Although money is tight for all levels of government, our administrator and department heads always work hard to present a balanced budget that does not overburden our taxpaying citizens. As always, on behalf of our entire city council, I commend all of our employees and volunteers for the fine work that they do on behalf of the City of Manning.

Please feel free to call me at 435-8477, ext. 17 if I can be of assistance to you.

*Mayor Kevin Johnson*





# UPDATES FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

## MEET OUR NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

### WELCOME ABOARD!

Utility Department



Timothy Turbide



David Strickland

NOT PICTURED  
Anthony Rogers  
Police Department

## CITY OF MANNING WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS

The City of Manning's water and sewer system is always looking for opportunities for expansion. The City hopes to continue to keep its water and sewer rates low by expanding its customer base. There are several projects that are underway that will expand the availability of water and sewer to residential and commercial customers.

In the fall of 2007, Clarendon County Council approved a request by the City of Manning to expand its franchise area to include Highway 261 from I-95 to the Town of Paxville. The City also received permission from the Town of Paxville to provide water and sewer service inside the town limits of Paxville. The City's engineers are working on the necessary documents for the

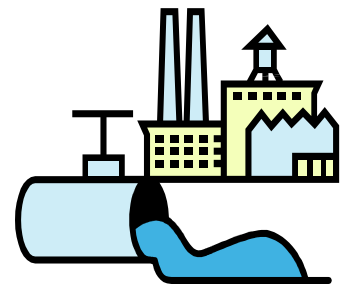
project and are working on an application to the USDA to fund this project. The City hopes to have both completed in April.

The City of Manning is partnering with the new owner of the Shannon Greens Golf Course to provide sewer service to new residential and commercial development around Country Club Estates subdivision. The City will be upsizing the pump station to allow for the possibility of existing property owners to tap into the system when their septic tanks begin to fail. The City is also partnering with property owners on Highway 521, on the way to Alcolu, to provide sewer service to available commercial property.

The City is looking forward to working with

Clarendon County and the Town of Summerton to provide water and sewer services to southern Clarendon County. Economic development, whether it be residential, commercial or industrial, cannot occur without adequate water and sewer infrastructure. The City of Manning is striving to provide those services to as many customers as possible to ensure that economic development will occur.

*Rebecca Rhodes  
City Administrator*



## FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Michael Johnson, 28, was named Firefighter of the Year on February 1, at the department's annual Ladies Night banquet. Johnson, who is a lieutenant with the Clarendon County Fire Department for the past 8 years, joined Manning Fire Department in November 2000 as a part-time volunteer.

Also recognized were Donald Bai-

ley, Bucky Mock, Michael Johnson and Ricky Webster for perfect attendance.

Bucky Brailsford and Joey Thames were recognized for 10 years of service and Manning Fire Chief Mitch McElveen for 15 years.

Promotions were given to David Ardis, Ken Justice and James Pringle promoting them from engineer to lieutenant.





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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## BIRTHDAYS

- Rubin Hardy—1/16
- Pam Stokes—2/17
- Rebecca Rhodes—2/18
- Mitch McElveen—2/23
  
- Chris Snyder—3/04
- James Harrington—3/13
- Anthony Doughty—3/25

## CITY OF MANNING MEETING SCHEDULES

- ◆ *Manning City Council meets every 3rd Monday of the month.*
- ◆ *City of Manning Planning Commission meets the 2nd Monday of each month if a meeting is scheduled.*
- ◆ *City of Manning Board of Appeals meets the 4th Monday of each month if a meeting is scheduled.*

*Note: Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.*

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>MARCH</b>
<i>New Year's Day (City Hall-Closed)</i>		<i>January 1</i>
<i>Martin Luther King Day (City Hall-Closed)</i>		<i>January 21</i>
<i>Main Street Media Day</i>		<i>February 11</i>
<i>Revitalization Committee Meeting</i>		<i>February 21</i>
<i>Jr. Chamber Oyster Roast</i>		<i>February 23</i>
<i>Lake Marion Dam Run</i>		<i>March 8</i>
<i>Day Light Savings Time Begins</i>		<i>March 9</i>
<i>Good Friday (City Hall-Closed)</i>		<i>March 21</i>
<i>Hometown Connection Meeting</i>		<i>March 25</i>
<i>Revitalization Committee Meeting</i>		<i>March 27</i>
<i>National Main Street Conference</i>		<i>March 30-April 2</i>

**City of Manning is New Main Street South Carolina Program**

*Manning, SC* - The City of Manning has been accepted as the newest member of Main Street South Carolina, a nationally recognized program using a locally-driven plan to revitalize older, traditional business districts throughout the United States.

Manning has been actively involved in downtown revitalization for several years but recognized the importance and necessity of becoming part of a larger network to boost its local economic development efforts. The city passed a resolution on September 17, 2007, committing to participating in the nationally recognized program.

"Manning is a growing hometown that provides excellent amenities to its residents," said Kevin Johnson, mayor. "The Main Street program is a welcome addition to our efforts, and we believe that it will only give Manning more opportunities for business and a better quality of life," said Johnson.

Main Street South Carolina, a program of the Municipal Association of SC, follows a national model that gives local citizens the knowledge, skills, tools and organizational structure to revitalize downtowns, neighborhood commercial districts and cities into vibrant centers of commerce and community.

"We find that the most successful local Main Street programs are the ones most engaged with their state coordinating programs, from being members to actively participating in all the services provided by strong coordinating programs such as Main Street South Carolina," said Lauren Adkins, assistant director for field services, National Trust Main Street Center.

Main Street Manning, located in city hall, will be managed by Mary Adger, administrative services coordinator for the City of Manning, and an appointed Clemson Extension service agent. Manning City Council will provide oversight for the program with recommendations from the Manning Revitalization Executive Committee.

Other Main Street cities and towns in South Carolina include Bennettsville, Florence, Conway, Great Falls, Hartsville, Marion, Beaufort, Laurens, Lancaster, Orangeburg and Summerville.



## HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

### **CITY OF MANNING STREETScape PROJECT**

#### **CONSTRUCTION BEGINS FOR PHASES V & VI ON SOUTH MILL STREET**

**WHEN:** *March 2008—July 2008 (Mid July)*

**WHERE:** *Mill Street from W. Boyce Street to W. Huggins Street*

*The City of Manning is proud to announce that construction for Phases V and VI of our downtown revitalization streetscape project will begin in March and should run about 120 days. Swamp Fox Utilities, LLC of St. Stevens, S.C. is the construction company, Kenneth B. Simmons is the project consultant and Billy Clemmons is the project coordinator for our downtown businesses/merchants.*

### ***RELAY FOR LIFE***

*Manning is getting ready for what could be the largest year yet for Relay for Life in Clarendon County. This event raises money for finding the cure to cancer but also aids those that have lost someone to the disease.*

*So far, the County has 40 teams. One hundred forty three thousand dollars was raised last year and Clarendon County hopes to raise one hundred forty thousand this year.*

*Clarendon County Relay has 27 teams returning from last year and 13 new teams. If anyone wants to join the City of Manning's Team (they don't have to be an employee) they can contact our volunteer co-captains Allen Lee or Carroll Harrington, to get the information about registering. Each team member is challenged to raise at least \$100 per member to get an Event T-shirt.*

*The Relay is scheduled for May 9th and 10th at the Manning High School Ramsey Stadium and everyone is welcome to come join the fun and fellowship. The Event will be filled with food, live entertainment, fireworks and games all night long to help pass the time. The challenge is to stay up all night (7 pm Friday thru 7 am Saturday) because "Cancer Never Sleeps" and we can honor those who have suffered by staying up one night as a community to show our support.*

