



MANNING

MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR -

As I begin my tenure as mayor, I must admit this has been a busy and interesting month. City Council and I have begun the process of learning more about one another and are functioning in a cohesive and purposeful manner. We have developed a sense of "oneness" with the continued success of Manning as our top priority. Together with our professional staff, great citizens and business owners, Manning continues to "Survive and Thrive".

I encourage you to share your concerns and ideas for the City of Manning with us. Council members will soon host district meetings for their constituents and I have begun my "Saturday with the Mayor" sessions. Both will be advertised with our local media.

I sincerely look forward to meeting each of you and if I can assist you in any manner, please feel free to contact me at 803.435.8477 ext. 117.

As mayor of my hometown, please allow me to thank you for all you are doing to allow Manning to be true to its motto: "Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality".

~ Julia A. Nelson, Mayor

SATURDAY WITH THE MAYOR – Mayor Julia Nelson will make herself available to citizens and business owners of the City of Manning on Saturday, September 10th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00am at City Hall to provide an opportunity for the public to express their concerns and ideas regarding the City of Manning. Those wishing to schedule an appointment with Mayor Nelson should contact Daun Davis at 803-435-8477, ext. 121 by Friday, September 9th. Citizens with appointments should enter the City Hall at the Mill Street Entrance.

YARD DEBRIS FEE – Some citizens have questioned the need for a "yard debris" fee of \$5.10 a month for residents. The City of Manning currently is mandated by SCDHEC to recycle at a rate of 35% or 3.5 pounds per person. The City currently collects approximately eight (8) tons of curb side yard debris (yard clippings, tree limbs, old appliances, and other miscellaneous items) a day. The disposal of this recycled debris cost the City approximately \$75,000 annually. On June 20, 2011, because of the DHEC mandate and the cost of recycling the City had no option but to invoke this fee to help defray the cost of our recycling program. The debris fee began to be applied to residential water bills on July 1st. Yard debris recycling is a service that the City provides for its citizens much like the public safety programs of the City.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5th in celebration of the Labor Day holiday. Should citizens have need of emergency services, please call 911.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – Citizens wishing to address City Council on various issues must submit a "Citizen Request to Address Council" form to Ms. Daun Davis ten (10) days prior to the council meeting. These forms are available at City Hall and will soon be available on the City's website.

KID'S DAY – Kid's Day of Clarendon County will be held at Manning High School on Saturday, September 24th from 10am – 1pm. Kids Day is a chance for children, who are in kindergarten through the 5th grade, and their parents to have access to a fun-filled day that is not a financial strain on the family. For more information contact Kim Johnson 803-433-4451 or Ericka Sexton at 803-435-4405.

DISTRICT TOWN HALL MEETINGS – In September, members of the City Council will be hosting Town Hall Meetings in their districts. These meetings are an opportunity for the citizens of that community to meet with their Council representative, the Mayor and City Department Heads to discuss the concerns of that community. For specific time, date and location check the City's website and the local newspapers.

DOOR TO DOOR SALESMEN – Citizens are urged to be extremely cautious about doing business with door – to – door salesmen. According to City regulations a door-to-door salesmen must have an identity badge on issued by the City which has their photo, information about their company, and the City seal. If a door-to-door salesman does not have this identity badge on do not allow them in your home and please call the Manning Police Department immediately at 803-435-8859.

CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES! – The Manning Fire Department wants to remind you that it is time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Don't put this task off – it could save your life!

WELDON AUDITORIUM EVENTS – Spencer's Theatre of Illusion - Coming on September 16th at 7:30pm to the Weldon Auditorium. The Theatre of Illusion is a spectacular production filled with never-before-seen-illusions. Magic is no longer merely about baffling the audience by doing something seemingly impossible. Magic these days is about drama, spectacle, interaction, danger and personality. That is exactly what separates the Spencer's from every other magical performer in the field. You won't believe your eyes! For ticket prices call the box office at 803-433-7469.

MAIN STREET MANNING ANNUAL MEETING & STREET FAIR - The Main Street Program will be hosting its *Annual Meeting and Street Fair* on September 20th at The Item's Clarendon office located at 41 North Mill Street. During the program a band will be playing on Mill Street for the street dance. Various merchants will be set up displaying and selling their wares, and this year's MSM Awards will be presented. The public is invited!

INFORMATION GALORE - Information about your utility account is freely available on the City's website (www.cityofmanning.org). Click on the "Utility Department" tab and then click on the "click here for online payments" bar. You will need your account number to view your information. **You do not have to make a payment to view your account information.**

GRANDPARENT'S DAY – On September 11th don't forget to **hug your grandparents!**

SEPTEMBER CITY COUNCIL MEETING – The next meeting of the City Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, September 19, 2011. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER – If your organization is hosting a special event and would like to advertise that event "FREE" on the City's website or in the newsletter, please contact Donna at City Hall 435-8477ext 118.

**For a detailed Calendar of Events and other information,
visit the City's website at www.cityofmanning.org.**