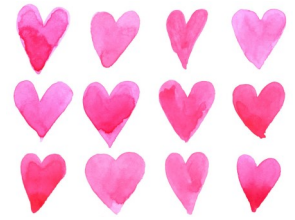


# Manning Matters

February 2020



## Message from the Mayor

It's so exciting to announce the opening of our Pocotaligo Nature Walk. The City received several grants to complete this project, which included \$126,000 from South Carolina Parks and Recreation, \$100,000 from Duke Energy and 25,000 from the Clarendon County Soil and Water District. The City only has about \$3,000 in the construction cost of the project. We are fortunate to have received these grants.

This park is located off of Hwy 521 as you drive toward Sumter and has certainly received a lot of buzz on social media. People from near and far have expressed an interest in visiting the newly renovated park. Several individuals are reminiscing of their time in the park from years past. The City is glad to provide this recreational outlet for our citizens and visitors to Clarendon County. We certainly anticipate that it will boost tourism in our area. Don't forget to visit the park. The winter hours are 8am to 5pm and the hours will be extended during the summer months when there is more daylight. The distance of the walk is about ¼ of a mile.

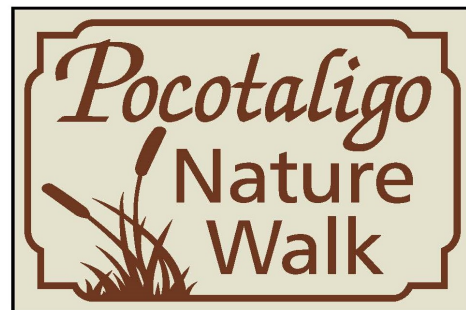
I would also like to invite citizens and business owners, to visit with me. On Saturday, February 15th I will have another "Saturday with the Mayor" from 9am to 11am. If you're interested in sitting down and having a discussion to express your ideas or concerns, please contact Daun Davis, deputy administrator/city clerk, at 803.435.8477 ext. 5121.

As always, let us truly represent our city's motto: "Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality". By remaining true to our city's motto, we will continue to progress with additional opportunities.

The People's Mayor

*Julia A. Nelson*

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## City Election

The City of Manning Municipal Election will be held **Tuesday, April 7, 2020**. Please contact the Clarendon County Voters Registration Office for more information about polling locations, times, etc. The telephone number is 803-435-8215.

## Presidents' Day

Manning City Hall will be closed Monday, February 17, 2020 in observance of Presidents' Day. It will reopen Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.



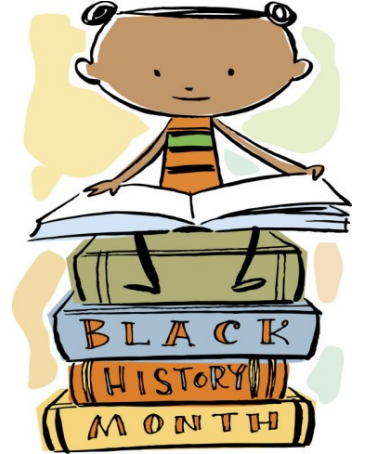
## Character Word of the Month

The character word of the month for February is courage. Courage is doing the right thing in the face of difficulty and following your conscience instead of going with the crowd.



## African American History Month

African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans. February is dedicated as Black History Month, known also as “National African American History Month”. This month acknowledges and honors the triumphs and struggles of African Americans throughout U.S. history, including the civil rights movement and their artistic, cultural and political achievements. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.



## Bright at Night - Safety Tips for Walking at Night

Walking generally brings with it certain hazards, namely traffic. But there are additional risks when taking a walk at night. The following are some basic pedestrian safety tips if you're walking after the sun goes down:

- Walk in well-lit areas. Avoid streets without lighting if at all possible, and do not take shortcuts through poorly lit areas.
- Wear bright clothing and a reflector so motorists can see you.
- Carry a flashlight or other light source to increase your visibility and also so you can see the path more clearly.



- Stay on sidewalks when available.
- Obey traffic signals and devices unless a police officer directs otherwise including pedestrian signals.
- Avoid isolated areas. If possible, walk with another person or in a group to increase your chances of help if an accident occurs and to also protect yourself from crime.
- Assume drivers do not see you. While you should do whatever you can to increase your visibility, do not walk into a crosswalk assuming that the oncoming vehicle can see you. It's best to wait to be sure the vehicle stops than to make a wrong assumption.