

Manning Matters



June 2020

Message from the Mayor

Congratulations to all 2020 graduates, especially Manning High School and Laurence Manning Academy along with our college graduates. This is a significant milestone in your life. One that represents your hard work, diligence and commitment to academic success. Each of you deserves to be celebrated and participate in celebrations for your accomplishments. It is truly unfortunate that these unprecedented and difficult times won't allow you to be celebrated as deserved.

The City of Manning has been approached about having a parade to honor the Class of 2020. While we appreciate and share your desire to be celebrated and recognized, we believe it's important to exercise an abundance of caution due to COVID-19 and follow the recommendations from CDC regarding social distancing and other protective measures. After consultation with our Public Safety Department and other agencies, and in the best interest of the City of Manning and our community, we can't permit a parade at this time.

We recognize this is a disappointment but please be aware, if circumstances were different, we would gladly allow a celebration for your achievements.

On another note, being true to our city's motto: "Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality", has never been so important and appreciated. Though our country is experiencing uncomfortable times with race and law enforcement, we have not succumbed to violent protests. My personal thought is that those who "protect and serve" deserve to go home to their families at the end of the day along with those they "protect and serve". It's always unfortunate and painful when situations and circumstances don't allow this to be the case. For those of us who seek higher guidance and connect through prayer, let us continue to pray for the protection of all and to remain as an example to all.

The People's Mayor,

Julia A. Nelson, MPA



Manning City Hall Operations

Manning City Hall will reopen to the public Monday, June 1, 2020. Hours of operation will be 8:30 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. Customers in the lobby will be limited to three people. You may continue to drop payments in the night drop box during the day, and contact us by phone at 803-435-8477.



City Election

The City of Manning election date is now Tuesday, July 14, 2020. Our election is non-partisan. Anyone voting in this election must be registered by June 13, 2020. You can still vote by absentee ballot. This can be done by mail. Please contact the Clarendon County Voters Registration Office for more information 803-435-8215.

Trash Pick Up Notice

Please make sure your trashcan is accessible for service on your regular scheduled service day. Be sure to place the arm/handle towards the road, as pictured. This helps increase efficiency of trash pick up. Please do not overfill your container, as overflowing carts create an increased safety and health risk to our drivers during this time. **Any waste material outside of the cart will not be collected.** We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We appreciate your understanding, flexibility, and commitment to safety.



How to Prepare for a Hurricane

Hurricanes are massive storm systems that form over ocean water and often move toward land. Threats from hurricanes include high winds, heavy rainfall, storm surge, coastal and inland flooding, rip currents, and tornadoes. The heavy winds of hurricanes can cause damage or destroy homes, buildings, and roads, as well as cause power, water, and gas outages. These effects can injure or kill people, disrupt transportation, and pollute drinking water. Hurricanes cause deaths and injuries primarily from drowning, wind, and wind-borne debris. The impact from hurricanes can extend from the coast to several hundred miles inland. To find your risk, visit FEMA's "[Know Your Risk Map](#)."

Be better prepared for this hurricane season, and learn more at [ready.gov/prepare](https://www.ready.gov/prepare).

Now/Prepare

Sign up for local alerts and warnings. Monitor local news and weather reports.

Prepare to evacuate by testing your emergency communication plan(s), learning evacuation routes, having a place to stay, and packing a "go bag."

Stock emergency supplies.

Protect your property by installing sewer backflow valves, anchoring fuel tanks, reviewing insurance policies, and cataloging belongings.

Collect and safeguard critical financial, medical, educational, and legal documents and records.

During/Survive

Follow guidance from local authorities.

If advised to evacuate, grab your "go bag" and leave immediately.

For protection from high winds, stay away from windows and seek shelter on the lowest level in an interior room.

Move to higher ground if there is flooding or a flood warning.

Turn Around Don't Drown.® Never walk or drive on flooded roads or through water.

Call 9-1-1 if you are in life-threatening danger.

After/Be Safe

Return to the area only after authorities say it is safe to do so. Do not enter damaged buildings until they are inspected by qualified professionals.

Never walk or drive on flooded roads or through floodwaters.

Look out for downed or unstable trees, poles, and power lines.

Do not remove heavy debris by yourself. Wear gloves and sturdy, thick-soled shoes to protect your hands and feet.

Do not drink tap water unless authorities say it is safe.