

Manning Matters

May 2020



Message from the Mayor

It's still hard to believe that we're dealing with COVID-19. A virus that has impacted loved ones, friends and our community. A few have had harsh experiences and even death, but thankfully the majority have recovered.

In times like these, we're given an opportunity to reflect on our lives and experiences. As a young girl, probably around age 6 or 7, I remember my great-grandmother, Julia White Taylor, having to be away from our home due to an illness. My mother and I would drive on 301 North to a facility at least once a week to visit her. I remember we would talk with her from a distance, while she was on the other side of a fence. I later realized that she had been diagnosed with tuberculosis and was being quarantined. The best part of this memory is that she did return home.

Though we're all having to change our lives in ways we never imagined, I have faith that just as my great-grandmother returned home, we will return to a life feeling more secure and safe. We'll all need to remain patient as we yearn for a sense of normalcy and the end of this unprecedented time in our lives.

In the meantime, please take the necessary precautions to protect yourself, family, and friends. There is a phrase often quoted, "This too shall pass". Though this phrase may not be a direct quote from the bible, it conveys the comfort and peace that can be found in several scriptures of the Holy Bible. When I'm feeling uncertain or anxious, I remember these words and repeat them to myself, "This too shall pass".

The People's Mayor,

Julia A. Nelson, MPA



Clarendon Counts

Let's get counted Clarendon County! We are getting ready for "ACCURACY" and it is very important that each and every resident of Clarendon County gets counted. Each person counted in the Census equals a huge amount of dollars for our community. That money directly impacts your neighborhoods, public spaces, healthcare options, roads, and countless other public services and entities throughout Clarendon County. We need your help getting the most accurate count possible!



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Your information will only be shared with Census Representatives!

This data impacts funding for our local community!

For more information contact a member of the Complete Count Committee for Clarendon County or dial 803-485-2043

You can fill out the Census electronically - visit

<https://2020census.gov/>

Waste Management COVID-19 Procedures

Please make sure your trashcan is accessible for service on your regular scheduled service day. 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.



Don't Flush

The City of Manning has made a substantial investment in upgrading the water and sewer systems. We need your help in maintaining that investment. Please do not flush fabric or foreign items down toilets, or throw trash into storm drains. Items like **flushable wipes** are one of the biggest problems the Public Works Department encounters. **PLEASE** throw those wipes, feminine products and other items into the trash can instead of the toilet. These items can ruin the sewer system. We appreciate your help in keeping our water and sewer investments sound for years to come.

The **ONLY** thing
you should
FLUSH



Project Are You Ok

Manning Heart and Soul, a community group guided by what matters most and the Clarendon County Meals on Wheels have partnered together to create "Project Are You Ok". Project Are You Ok is a method for people to notify neighbors as to whether they need help or not, with green and red alerts.

If they are doing well and don't need anything a green sign with a thumbs up will be placed in a highly visible window. If they need someone to check on them a red sign with a thumbs down will be in the window.

We encourage everyone to look out for their neighbors if you see a red sign, and can safely help them, please do so.

Manning Heart and Soul is a community driven effort focusing on what matters to the citizens of the Manning area. By sharing our stories and ideas we will build a common vision for our future. The actions we take today will shape what happens tomorrow.

If you would like alerts for yourself or a family member you can find them on Facebook in the Manning Heart and Soul group. Or you can email manningheartand-soul@gmail.com for a set. These are PDF files and you will need a printer.

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City Election

The City of Manning Municipal Election has been postponed per Governor McMaster's orders. We will inform our citizens when a new date has been set. 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.



Character Word: Good Sportsmanship

A person who displays good sportsmanship always plays fair and by the rules. They make an effort to treat opponents, coaches, team mates, and referees with respect. Sportsmanship is the golden rule of sports: You should always treat others how you wish to be treated.



