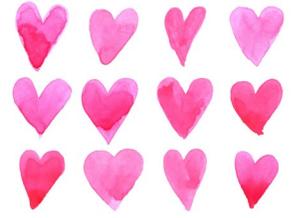


# Manning Matters

February 2021



## Message from the Mayor

Greetings to Everyone,

I wanted to let you know that I approached Chief Keith Grice about developing a “Tip Line” for the Manning Police Department. The tip line has been developed and ready for use. You’re invited to call 803.433.8025 to report any information regarding criminal activity. Anyone making a report will remain anonymous. By all of us working together, we can keep our community safe and deter criminal activity.

As we all continue to deal with the impact of COVID-19, let’s remain diligent by following the recommended protocols from CDC, DHEC and other such agencies. I also solicit your prayers for those who are recovering from COVID-19 and the families of those who have lost loved ones due to this virus.

I’ve heard from several citizens and travelers regarding their admiration for our Christmas lights. I must admit, our city was absolutely beautiful. With

all that we’ve endured in this time of darkness, our lights brought joy to many.

In the meantime, let’s embrace kindness, thoughtfulness, unity and love. Though we have varying views on many issues, if we remain true our city’s motto: “Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality”, we’ll make it through these times better than before. I truly believe that better days are coming.

The People’s Mayor

*Julia A. Nelson*

Julia A. Nelson, MPA



**CRIME TIP LINE**

**803.433.8025**

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## Waste Management Update

Waste Management has converted the Manning residential route to a 1 man operation.

This means that you need to make sure your trash can is **NOT** next to mail boxes, light poles, or the middle of your yard.

It needs to be at the road and clear of objects, with the lid towards the street.

Due to this change, the lid of your trash can **may not** close after it is emptied.

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### Face Coverings Required



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Manning City Council voted that a face covering must be worn by all customers and visitors while inside the enclosed area of any retail business, restaurant, or city-owned property.

This ordinance is in place until March 2021.

## Presidents' Day

Manning City Hall will be closed Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of Presidents' Day. It will reopen Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.



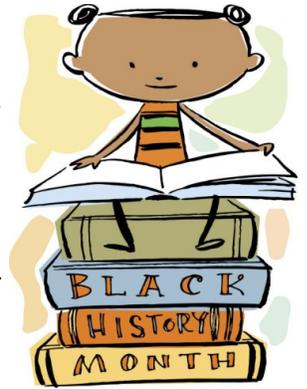
## Character Word of the Month

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.

## City of Manning Blood Drive

The Blood Connection Bloodmobile will be at Manning City Hall, Tuesday, February 16, 2021 from 10 am until 2 pm. In addition to whole blood donations, you can also donate convalescent plasma. If you tested positive for COVID-19 your plasma donation can help others fighting COVID-19. Please contact Carrie Trebil (803-435-8477) for more information and to sign up for a time to donate. Your blood donation will help patients right here in Manning and Clarendon County.

