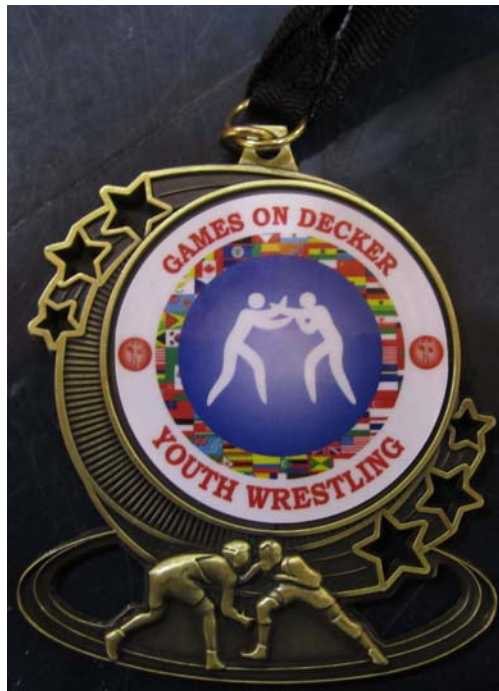
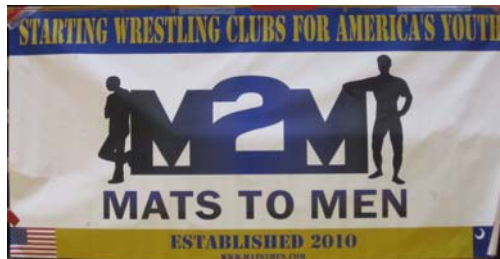


## Councilman Manning Sponsor's Youth Wrestling Event

The Season Finale of the Midlands Kid's Wrestling clubs was held at the new gym at Richland Northeast High School on March 30, 2012. The event was entitled, "Games on Decker" Youth Wrestling and included an evening of international foods and exciting competition. Councilman Jim Manning provided the invocation and the medals for the games. Scott Szalwinski coordinated the event along with his Board of Directors at Mats 2 Men.



## Councilman Manning Talks About Decker Center Future

Councilman Jim Manning, who Chairs the County Council's Decker Center Ad-hoc Committee is interviewed by Lauren Talarico, WLTX 19 Anchor/Reporter on March 27, 2012 regarding the future plans for this newly purchased County Building.

[View the WLTX Video](#)

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## Councilman Manning Speaks at 1K "Hoodie March"

The memory of Trayvon Martin was honored at Finlay Park on March 24, 2012 when more than 2,500 people participated in a 1K "Hoodie March." Speakers included State Representative Todd Rutherford, Richland County Councilman Norman Jackson, Councilman Jim Manning and Chris Sullivan, who helped organize the event. (Jim is pictured with Mr. Sullivan (Lt) and the Honorable Mr. Jackson). Mr. Sullivan reminded the crowd of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's quote; "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." State Representative Mia Butler Garrick also attended the rally.



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## Councilman Manning Paddles the Congaree River

On March 24, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning participated in the Congaree River Blue Trail Paddling Event organized by American Rivers' Senior Director for Regional Conservation Programs' Gerrit Jöbsis (Pictured addressing the group). The event emphasized how the Congaree River and its recreational uses are assets to local communities and how it connects numerous local governments. Shown with Jim are starting from the far left, Cayce Mayor Elise Pardon, Columbia City Councilwoman Belinda Gergel, Richland County Conservation Commission Chair Carol Kososki, and Lexington Councilman Jim Kinard. The event was also connected to the One Book, One Columbia initiative which featured Ron Rash's novel Saints at the River.



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## **Councilman Manning Attends GCWA County Picnic**

Councilman Jim Manning attended the Gills Creek Watershed Association's Country Picnic on March 25, 2012 at the Millaree Hunt Club on Mill Creek in Lower Richland. Jim is shown with GCWA President Emily Jones (Rt) and GCWA Executive Director Jessica Artz. Additionally, he is pictured with constituents Cindy and Dan Tufford. Dr. Tufford serves as the GCWA Treasurer. Activities included a nature walk led by John Cely, author of the newly released book *Cowasee Basin: The Green Heart of South Carolina*, kayak paddling and live music by Groovy Tuesdays!



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## **Councilman Manning Attends Appearance Commission Party**

On March 20, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning attended the Richland County Appearance Commission's Annual "Appearance Counts Award Recognition" Garden Party. Jim is shown pictured with his Commission appointee for District 8, Ms. Lee Pippin.



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## **Councilman Manning Interviewed Regarding County Facade Grant**

Councilman Jim Manning was interviewed on March 9, 2012 by WLTX 19 about the new Richland County Facade Grant being piloted on Decker Blvd., the County's International Corridor. The segment can be seen by clicking on the link below.

[View the WLTX Video](#)

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## Councilman Manning Visits Annual Home Show

On March 8, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning visited the annual Carolina Classic Home & Garden Show kick-off evening held at the SC State Fair Grounds. Jim is pictured with Greater Columbia Home Builders Association (GCHBA) President and Remodeling Services Unlimited CEO Tony Thompson (Rt) and GCHBA Executive Director Earl McLeod (Lt). This show is the largest home and garden exhibition in the Midlands and featured over 250 construction, home improvement and outdoor product displays.



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## Councilman Manning Attends Loading Dock Live!

On March 8, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning attended the Township Auditorium's Loading Dock Live! free concert featuring the Finesse Band. Jim is shown pictured with Township Auditorium Board President Drew Theodore (far right) and Executive Director Aundrai Holloman. This is a new monthly initiative by the Township to offer a great event for family and friends that includes free music as well as the Columbia Food Trucks - 2Fat2Fly, Alfresco Mobilista, Pawleys, and Artisan BBQ.



## **Councilman Manning Attends Pawmetto Lifeline Ribbon Cutting**

Councilman Jim Manning attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Pawmetto Lifeline's state-of-the-art adoption, medical and education center on March 7, 2012. Jim is shown pictured with Richland County Council Vice Chair, L. Gregory Pearce, Jr. (who represented Council for cutting the ribbon and providing remarks) and Pawmetto Lifeline President Mrs. Deloris Mungo. Project Pet – now Pawmetto Lifeline – is a no-kill organization in central South Carolina that rescues dogs and cats, spays or neuters them, and places them in loving homes.



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## **Councilman Manning Attends Local Heart Disease Benefit**

On March 3, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning joined Richland County Sheriff's Department Region Two's Captain Cole Porter at his annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser held at Dentsville Baptist Church to benefit the American Heart Association. Captain Porter, along with various neighborhood leaders who serve on his Regional Advisory Committee, make this a successful annual event as just one more way to give back to our community.



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## Councilman Manning Attends Open House for New Office

The S. C. Hispanic Outreach (ACERCAMIENTO HISPANO de Carolina del Sur) moved to its new location at 827 Wildwood Avenue near the Lutheran Seminary on North Main Street.



Councilman Jim Manning attended the open house celebration on March 2, 2012 and is shown pictured with the Executive Director, Jorge Leone and Elsa Pardo, Health Program Coordinator. Over the last decade, Acercamiento Hispano has strived to preserve the dignity, promote the well-being and improve the quality of life of the Hispanic/Latino community in SC.



The HIV Testing Lab is also shown pictured.



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## Councilman Manning Meets with Indian Ambassador Rao

Councilman Jim Manning met with the Indian Ambassador to the United States, Her Excellency Nirupama Rao when she was in Richland County on February 29, 2012 as the guest of Dr. Raj Aluri, Director of the Columbia International Festival. Ambassador Rao was the keynote speaker at a meeting of the Columbia World Affairs Council and Midlands International Trade Association. Jim is shown pictured with the Ambassador.



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## Councilman Manning Participates in Creek Clean-up Project

Councilman Jim Manning joined a group of volunteers who took time to do a clean-up project along Little Jackson Creek (part of the Gills Creek Watershed) behind the Comedy House on Decker Blvd. The project was called Good-Clean-Fun Saturday and was held on February 18, 2012.



Jim is shown pictured with the project organizer, Keep The Midlands Beautiful's new Executive Director Ms. Jacqueline Buck and constituent Mr. Noel Morphis (Center).





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## Councilman Manning Attends Institute of Government Classes

Councilman Jim Manning attended the South Carolina Association of Counties' Institute of Government for County Officials on February 23, 2012 taking a class on The Property Taxation Process and one entitled The Policy Role of Council.

Jim is completing his requirements for Level II Certification by the Association and is shown with two of the instructors; Ms. Amelia Furr Ruple and Mr. Sandy Houck from the S.C. Department of Revenue.



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## Councilman Manning Participates in District Reading Program

On February 23, 2012, Councilman Manning read to 3rd Graders in Mrs. Thompson's class at Satchelford Elementary School as part of the annual Together We Can Read initiative spearheaded by Columbia City Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine.

Pictured with Jim are: Councilwoman Devine (beside Jim), Leslie Tetreault, Children's Room Manager, Richland County Public Library (Far Rt), and Dr. Dinah Johnson, author of the 2012 Together We Can Read book, All Around Town: The Photos of Richard Samuel Roberts and an English Professor at USC.



The book was read by community leaders in every 3rd Grade class in Richland County School District ONE. Ms.



Park on February 4, 2012. Jim is shown with the Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services' WISE Women and Richland County Coroner Gary Watts. He is also pictured with PALSS Executive Director Carmen Hampton Julious and longtime friend MLK Neighborhood Association Founder and President Durham Carter.



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### **Councilman Manning Joins Elected Officials for Museum Tour**

On January 25, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning was invited to tour the latest exhibition at the Columbia Museum of Art entitled Nature and Grand American Vision: Masterpieces of the Hudson River School Painters. Pictured left to right is Jim, State Superintendent Dr. Mick Zais, Chief Curator Dr. Will South, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin and West Columbia Councilwoman Casey Hallman. This is the first time this incredible exhibit has ever left New York and it will remain in Columbia until April 1, 2011.



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## Councilman Manning met with Consul General of Mexico

Councilman Jim Manning, along with other community leaders, met with Consul General of Mexico, Carlos Flores Vizcarra at the 'Nuestra Senor de las montanas' which hosted the Mobile Consulate Program on January 20, 2012. One of the main goals of the event was to provide Mexican immigrants with a high security Matri'cula Consular ID card. Hundreds of folks from Richland County took advantage of the Consular ID program and other services that were made available at the Mobile Consulate program.

Jim is shown with the Consul General (middle) and Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott (Rt), the Consul General is shown providing an excellent facts, figures and statistics presentation to assembled group.



Sitting next to Jim at the table is Deputy Ortiz, a CAT Officer for the Decker/Woodfield Park area of Richland County in the heart of District 8.



## Councilman Joins Rally for Homeowners

On January 12, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning attended the Rally for Homeowners sponsored by the Homebuilders and Realtors Associations on the Statehouse Grounds (right were Occupy Columbia use to be!)

The Rally focused on the facts that

- 1) housing and homeownership are critical to a strong and prosperous nation
- 2) that new home construction spurs productivity, creates jobs for millions of Americans and generates revenues for all levels of government and
- 3) and that homeownership today is under attack.

Jim is shown pictured with two former Council members, Eddie Weaver 1991-1999 (far right) and John Camp 1979-1982; 1987-1990 (middle).



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## Councilman Manning Attends King Day at the Dome

On January 16, 2012 at an event on the State Capitol steps which honored the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the late civil rights champion who would have turned 83 Sunday, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder decried voting ‘attacks’ which restrict citizen rights. Holder, the nation’s first African-American attorney general gave what the State Newspaper called a professorial explanation of the Justice Department’s recent rejection of South Carolina’s voter ID law. Councilman Jim Manning is shown pictured at the event with friend and Community Social Work colleague Emma McGraw Myers, MSW.





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## Councilman Manning Attends State of the City Address

Councilman Jim Manning attended Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin's State of the City Address on January 11, 2012. Mayor Benjamin is shown center stage during the Presentation of Arms just prior to his bold, progress and forward reaching speech. Jim is shown with Council Distinct #1 Colleague, Bill Malinowski (Lt) and County Attorney Larry Smith in a lighthearted discussion related to the evening's event.

