

Councilman Manning Attends City Council Swearing-In

Two new and one incumbent Columbia City Council Members were sworn into office on June 28, 2012 and Councilman Jim Manning attended the ceremony along with other colleagues a display of cooperation and unity. Jim is shown with District I Incumbent the Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman (red, white and blue striped tie); new Councilman (at-large) Cameron Runyon and current member from District IV the Honorable Leona Plough; and finally, new Councilman for District III Moe Baddourah.



Councilman Manning Visits Recycling Event

At 102 degrees on June 30, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning went out to the State Fairgrounds to thank workers at another Richland County Solid Waste & Recycling / WLTX recycling event. Approximately 1,000 vehicles made their way through the long lines to the recycling area. While the usual items were collected, this event featured one very important additional element - household hazardous waste to include old paint, turpentine, oil, stain, etc. An estimated 80% of the people who came to recycle items had some form of hazardous waste.



Council Manning Attends Community Awards Luncheon

Councilman Jim Manning attended the annual Greater Columbia Community Relations Council Awards Luncheon on June 27, 2012. At the event, where new USC Basketball Coach Frank Martin spoke, Jasper Salmon, was presented with the Senator Hyman Rubin Sr. Distinguished Service Award Recipient. In 1999, he received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters conferred by Benedict College and he served as the President of the SC School Boards Association. He is shown pictured with Jim and Jim's wife Sandra C. Manning, Ph.D. who served with Commissioner Salmond for 12 years on the Richland School District One Board of Trustees.



Councilman Attends Historic IGA

On June 25, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning joined his County Council colleagues, Mayor Benjamin and City Council members, Chief Aubrey Jenkins and staff for the signing of the Columbia-Richland Unified Fire Inter-Government Agreement. It was truly a culmination of efforts resulting in a model for collaborate and cooperative work of two local governments. Clearly the outcome of a fully functional County Council.



Councilman Manning Attends Groundbreaking at Journey Church

On Sunday, June 24, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Journey United Methodist Church on Longreen Road in Northeast Richland County. Jim is shown with Senior Pastor Dr. George A. Ashford, Jr. Also shown is SC United Methodist Conference Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor speaking to the congregation at the event and Jim is shown with hard hat and shovel turning dirt.



Councilman Manning Takes Boat Tour of Cary Lake

Members of the Gills Creek Watershed Association and the Cary Lake HOA met on June 20, 2012 to discuss concerns about the re-siltation since dredging the Decker end of Cary Lake last year. Members of the group are shown leaving on a boat tour of the lake prior to a meeting to look at pictures and maps documenting the issues.

County staff along with Councilman Jim Manning and Arcadia Lakes Town Councilmen Rusty Onley and Mark Robinson participated in the evening activity.



Councilman Manning is Job Center Customer

On June 21, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning met with Richland County Public Library (RCPL) Career Specialist Sylvie Golod (Pictured with Jim) to update his resume. (Jim adamantly stated he is NOT leaving his day job at PALSS) RCPL invites all County residents to call (803) 929-3401 or stop by the Job Center to find out about free classes and personalized service on resume writing, interviewing and job searching with a Career Specialist, online resources on starting a business, looking for a job and employer information. Jim said Ms. Golod was great to work with, provided wonderful resources and praised the Job Center experience.



Councilman Manning Attends RCPL Job Center Birthday Party

Councilman Jim Manning attended the Richland County Public Library (RCPL) Job Center's 2nd Anniversary Celebration on June 15, 2012. The motto of the Job Center is - Empowerig Job Seekers. Transforming Lives. In her remarks, Director Huggins stated; "People ask why a Job Center in the Library; and we ask how could we not have one!" Jim is shown with Job Center Manager Diane Luccy (far left), Norman Jackson, Executive Director Melanie Huggins, Job Readiness Trainer Lori Cook and Career Specialist Sylvie Golod (far right).



Councilman Manning Meets with Moe Baddourah

Councilman Jim Manning met with Columbia City Councilman-Elect Moe Baddourah on June 15, 2012 to begin building a bridge for effective communication as two locally elected officials who share a commitment and dedication as public servants to ensure our community has elected bodies who know each other and talk amicably about the issues. Moe had Jim as his guest at his restaurant, Moe's Italian Grapevine on South Rosewood. Jim is shown with Moe (rt) and mutual friend Dr. Raj Aluri.



Councilman Manning Attends Going Away Function

The Gills Creek Watershed Association (GCWA) held a going away reception for their Director Jessica Artz and Richland County Stormwater Director Srinivas Valavala. Both are leaving their positions and our area. The GCWA wanted to recognize the tremendous work these two professions have done related to the Gills Creek Watershed over the past 4+ years. Councilman Jim Manning is shown pictured at the event with Mrs. Artz and Mr. Valavala.



Councilman Manning Participates in County Block Party

On June 14, 2012, the Richland County Planning Department's Neighborhood Improvement Division sponsored a Block Party to showcase Neighborhood Associations. Councilman Jim Manning is shown with Candlewood President Leroy Tyson in front of his neighborhood's display. Additionally, he is shown with Councilman

Norman Jackson and County Treasurer David Adams who also came out to participate in the event.



Councilman Manning Attends ULI Seminar

On June 14, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning attended the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) presentation of their annual report exploring infrastructure investment and trends around the world. The lecture was presented by Tom Murphy, the former 12 year Mayor of Pittsburgh, PA (Allegheny County) and Senior Resident Fellow ULI/Klingbeil Family Chair for Urban Development. The lecture examined the subject from both national and global perspectives, and provided key insights on the future of infrastructure planning and funding as they relate to the Richland County area and the anticipated 50,000 increase in new households over the next 8 years in our area. Jim is shown pictured with Blythewood Councilman and ULI member Ed Garrison (far left), Speaker Murphy, Richland County Planning Director Tracy Hagler, and Assistant to the County Administrator Roxanne Ancheta.



Councilman Manning Attends Expo

On May 19, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning attended the 15th Annual Columbia Black Expo held at the USC Colonial Life Arena. The arena floor was covered with exhibitors as was the mezzanine. Jim is shown pictured at the Richland County County Ombudsman office's display booth with Customer Service Representatives Jessica Anderson and Chelsea Nalls. He is also shown at the with Midlands Tech booth with fellow Councilman Paul Livingston who is standing between MTC Student Charles Jones and Justin Thompson (far Rt.) Counseling and Career Services employee.



Councilman Manning Attends Town of Arcadia Lakes Picnic

On May 20, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning attended the annual Town of Arcadia Lakes Picnic. There was a great crowd on hand including Captain Cole Porter from Region Two of the County Sheriff's Department and the weather for the evening was perfect. The band was quite enjoyable, the food was wonderful with so many homemade deserts and folks enjoyed fellowshipping with neighbors and friends. Jim is shown with constituents Judge Bill Smith (Ret.) and Attorney Beth Bernstein.



Councilman Manning Attends Festival

Councilman Jim Manning, a resident of the City of Forest Acres in Richland County attended the annual Forest Acres Festival held May 19, 2012 at A. C. Flora High School. Ms. Beth Baldauf from the Forest Acres Neighborhood Association is shown volunteering in the children's games area. Also shown is the Blue Grass band that performed. Finally, Jim is shown with constituent and exhibitor/vender Beth Bernstein.



Councilman Manning Takes Part in Cinco de Mayo Event

The 3rd Annual Cinco de Mayo Parade & Celebration took place on May 12, 2012 on Decker Blvd, Richland County's International Corridor. The event included a DJ, live music, dancing, rides, petting zoo, food & beverage vendors, and exhibitors. Councilman Jim Manning is shown with Tanya Hodges-Rodriguez, the event organizer and two of his cohorts in the fight against HIV, Carlos Sanders (Lt) and Carlos Harris. Also shown is Vender/Exhibitor Row and parade on-lookers.





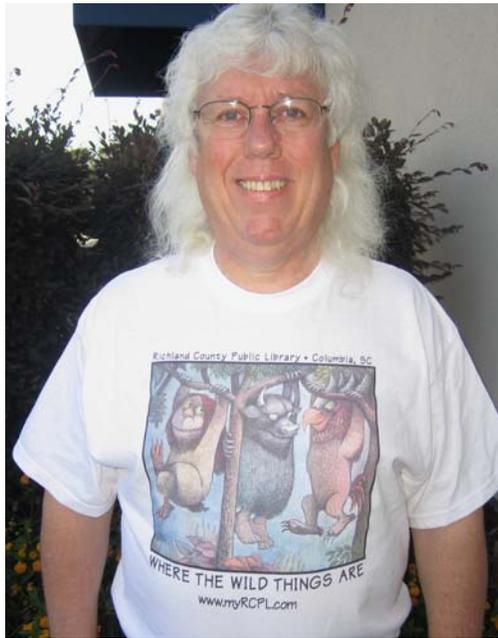
Councilman Manning Assists with Scholarship Fundraiser

Councilman Jim Manning joined Evangelist Loretta Coleman, Midlands' Queen of Gospel during her live program Saturday morning, May 12th on WGCV AM 620 to raise money for the Future Leader Scholarship. The scholarship helps a deserving High School Senior to attend College. Jim had a great time sharing both his testimony and accomplishments as a member of Richland County Council over the air ways.



Councilman Manning Joins Tribute to Maurice Sendak

The world of children's literature and the Richland County Public Library lost a great friend on Tuesday when Maurice Sendak passed away. The Children's Room at the Main Library is home to a 46 foot "wild things" mural and freestanding monsters and Max from Sendak's book "Where the Wild Things Are." RCPL is the only place that Maurice allowed his illustrations to be used as public art. On May 11, 2012, staff, fans, friends and customers were wearing their "wild things" t-shirt in a special tribute to celebrate Maurice.



Councilman Manning Attends Sparkleberry County Fair

The Sparkleberry Country Fair gives all proceeds to Richland County School District TWO schools in the form of scholarships and grants. On April 28, 2012 Councilman Jim Manning participated in the ceremony recognizing Richland County School District TWO Teachers of the Year from each school and the District's Teacher of the Year Wendy Sherman from Blythewood Middle School. Jim is pictured with Ms. Sherman and School Board Commissioner James Manning. Also shown are the awardees from each school and Dent Middle School Principal Dr. Randall R. Gary (Navy Blue Shirt) talking to the cow prior to the milking contest comprised of District Principals.





Councilman Manning Helps with Recycling Event

On April 26, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning visited the WLTX TV 19 and Richland County Solid Waste and Recycling Department's Annual Earth Day Recycling Event and assisted for a short time at the light bulb exchange booth. He also helped with a live on-site interview with Darcy Strickland. The event was a huge success and far exceeded last year's collections and all preliminary expectations.



Councilman Manning Observes Marker Unveiling

The Curtiss-Wright Hanger Historic Roadside Marker Dedication and Unveiling Ceremony was held April 25, 2012 at the Jim Hamilton - L.B. Owens Airport (CUB) on April 25, 2012. Councilman Jim Manning joined Airport Commissioners, Council colleagues and other dignitaries for the occasion. The ceremony took place on the 82nd Anniversary of the opening of what was then called Owens Field Municipal Airport.





Councilman Manning Sponsors The 3rd Annual Big Nosh

The theme for this year's Big Nosh Tree of Life Jewish Cultural and Food Festival held April 22, 2012 was "Everything Jewish." Councilman Jim Manning was a Gold Sponsor for the event and is shown with constituent Fanny Beads vendor Susan Robertson. Also shown is the homemade baked goodies table and Carolina Klezmer Project Band featuring Bill Averbach.



Councilman Manning Partners with Net Impact and GCWA

Earth Day was recognized April 22, 2012 with a clean-up project on Little Jackson Creek by Net Impact, a global network of students and business leaders committed to positively changing the world through business. Representatives from USC's Darla Moore School of Business conducted the sustainability service project in conjunction with the Gills Creek Watershed Association. Group leader Baldwin Hall (White shirt and Hat) is shown providing the game plan to a group of volunteers. The clean up began with the parking lot then to the creek. Councilman Jim Manning provided refreshments for workers.



Councilman Manning Checks in on Lawn Mower Exchange

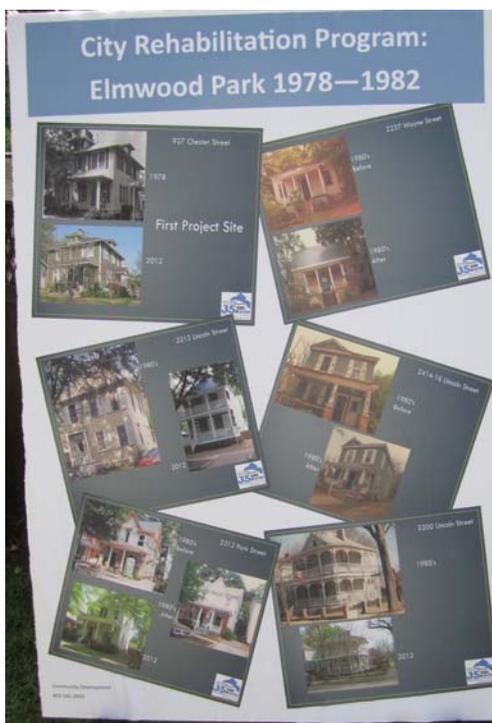
Richland County partnered with the Central Midlands Lawn Mower Exchange for an event that allowed residents to trade their old gasoline-powered lawn mowers in exchange for a \$100 voucher to purchase an environmentally friendly electric mower at a reduced price. The event took place at the SC State Museum on April 21, 2012. Jim is shown with County Staff Research Manager Randy Cherry and Energy Sustainability Coordinator Anna Lange. Also shown are vendors from Black and Decker who told the Councilman it was a profitable day for them.





Councilman Manning Takes Elmwood Tour

The Elmwood neighborhood came alive on April 21, 2012 celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the City of Columbia's Urban Lending Program and 30th Anniversary of the Historic Elmwood Park's Annual Tour of Homes and Gardens. Jim is shown with fellow Councilman Paul Livingston (his home) and friend Heyward Bannister enjoying the event.





Councilman Manning Attends Vintage Aircraft Display

The Richland County's Hamilton-Owens Downtown Airport hosted the HAMILTON-OWENS PALMETTO CUP AND EARL YERRICK MEMORIAL AIRCRAFT DISPLAY on April 21, 2012. The show featured: the Inaugural Cup for an aerial poker run that raised money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life; a static aircraft displaying vintage military, personal aircraft, helicopters; the County Sheriff's Department aviation unit, USC's Gamecock One plane and home-built aircraft. Jim is shown pictured in front of one of the planes. Also shown is the cockpit of a Huey Transport Helicopter and the famous GF 2 Doolittle Raiders' B-25 Training Plane that was ditched and later rescued from Lake Greenwood.



Councilman Manning Attends Celebrate Freedom Festival at Finlay Park

On April 21, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning attended the 14th Annual Celebrate Freedom Festival at Finlay Park which featured the Marshall Tucker Band as the headliners. The Celebrate Freedom Foundation is a non-profit educational and historical 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to educating children, promoting lasting patriotism and honoring the military - past, present and future. The event included Vietnam era encampments.

Jim is shown with longtime friend and former co-worker, Luke Rolland.



Councilman Manning Attends Wall of Fame Ceremony

On April 20, 2012 Columbia Housing Authority (CHA) hosted the 25th Annual Wall of Fame Ceremony and inducted Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins, Colonel (Ret.) Milton Davenport and Richland County Recreation Commission Director Mr. James Brown III, individuals who at one time received housing assistance from CHA.

The program also included an address by Richland County Solicitor Dan Johnson. CHA, the third oldest housing authority in the nation, manages over 2,000 conventional public housing units and administers more than 3,100 rental assistance contracts throughout Richland County. Jim is shown pictured with honorees Mr. Brown (Far Lt) Chief Jenkins and Col. Davenport (Rt).



Councilman Manning Attends SC DOT Hearing

On April 12, 2012 Councilman Jim Manning attended the S-83 (Hard Scrabble Road) Improvements Project Public Hearing conducted by the SC Department of Transportation. SCDOT is proposing to widen Hard Scrabble Road from two lanes to four travel lanes, with an additional center turn lane from S.C. 555 (Farrow Road) to Kelly Mill Road/Rimer Pond Road. A 4 ft. bicycle lane will be included. Mr. Ladd Gibson, PE presided over the hearing. Jim is shown with Senator Joel Lourie (rt), Rep. Mia Butler Garrick (beside Jim) and County Council member Val Hutchinson.



Councilman Manning Issues Green Business Challenge

Councilman Jim Manning joined an all-star group to throw down the "green gauntlet" as part of the 2012 Midlands Green Business Challenge at a press conference held April 16th at the Chamber building. One of the awards for the challenge winner will be a \$100 gift certificate for a restaurant on Richland County's International Corridor, Decker Blvd. Jim is shown with Emily Fernald, LMSW (from Habitat for Humanity ReStore) who threw down the gauntlet) and emcee Cory Lorick from the City of Columbia Climate Protection Action Committee. He is also shown with (Lt. to Rt.) Anna Lange (Richland County) Mary Pat Baldauf (City of Columbia) Synithia Williams and Amanda St. John (Lexington County).



Councilman Manning Attends Joint CMRTA Press Conference

On April 10, 2012, The Central Midlands Regional Transportation Authority (CMRTA) Chair Councilman Brian DeQuincey Newman, City of Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin and Richland County Chair Kelvin Washington held a press conference to announce that the CMRTA funding has stabilized, route decisions have been determined based on rider input and preference and that the Authority has received a clean financial audit. The group gathered at the press conference represented a broad array of collaborative partners including Michael Brennan who spoke on behalf of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce.



Councilman Manning Participates in Groundbreaking Ceremony

On April 10, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning joined in on a groundbreaking ceremony for Arcadia Park which is a 9.5 million dollar investment for Northeast Richland County providing 60 new LEED-Certified homes for working families. Jim is shown breaking ground with SC Representative Leon Howard (Lt.) and Richland County Planning Commissioner Patrick Palmer. Also shown pictured are Carlisle Development Group Manager Melissa Brillhart (Lt.) and Laura Nicholson from the State Housing Authority. Finally, in the large group photo, William McCauley, III President of Creative Builders, Inc. is shown on the far right.



Councilman Manning Celebrates Community Development Week

Councilman Jim Manning participated in a press conference on April 9, 2012 to celebration national Community Development Week (April 9th -13th) which highlighted the Richland County department's accomplishments and successes in the midlands community. Over the past 10 years Richland County has received more than \$21 million dollars in federal Community Development Block grants. These grants are making a tremendous impact in the community to include: \$2.6 million in Community Development Block

Grant funds toward the completion of the Lower Richland Waste Water Treatment Plant; contributing \$300,000 toward the establishment of the new Transitions homeless facility; funding Home buyer education and down payment assistance to hundreds of first time homebuyers; and the Redevelopment of the Ridgewood community with new housing stock for the first time in thirty years. Jim is shown pictured with Council Chairman Kelvin Washington and Community Development Director Valeria Jackson.



Councilman Manning Attends Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On April 9, 2012, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, the Community Action Team (C.A.T.), community members, Councilman Jim Manning and the Village at Sandhill staff Mr. Alan Kahn and Mr. Jeffery Harper joined together for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Village at Sandhill to announce a new home for the Sheriff's Department's Community Action Team. Sheriff Lott stated that the C.A.T. members work day in and day out to build relationships in the community that improves the quality of life in our neighborhoods. This is a great addition for the Richland Northeast area.





Councilman Manning Attends Miss South Carolina 2011 Motivation Speech

On April 3, 2011, Miss South Carolina 2011 Bree Boyce addressed a group of Richland County employees about healthy eating and exercise. Councilman Jim Manning is shown pictured with Miss Bree. She won her State Title at Richland County's Township Theatre this past summer. Miss Bree shared her journey of how she struggled with her weight, losing 110 pounds and then winning the preliminary swimsuit round then the title, Miss South Carolina 2011. The program was part of the Human Resource Department's initiative to help County employees improve their overall health.

