

Councilman Manning Judges Scarecrow Contest

Councilman Jim Manning was a community celebrity judge for a second year at the annual Historic Columbia Foundation's Fall Scarecrow contest. He is shown with contest coordinator Sarah Blackwell and HCF Director Robin Waites (to the scarecrow's right). Also shown are the "runner" scarecrows and Scary Scarlet O'Hara. The winners were announced on September 30, 2012.



Councilman Manning Attends Voter Empowerment and Registration Drive

Councilman Jim Manning participated in the Richland County Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Don't Sleep on the Vote!! rally at Meadowlake Park on September 15, 2012. The event promoted voter registration and an emphasis on getting people out to the polls on November 6th to vote. Jim is shown pictured with Kendra Dove (far left) Richland School District ONE Commissioner Jamie Devine and Columbia City Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine.



Councilman Manning celebrated Viva la Independencia

On September 15, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning celebrated Viva la Independencia! Independence Day for Central America at the Jasmine Store in West Columbia with constituent Ms. Honduras, Mari Gonzales. The event celebrated the 1821 declaration of independence from the Kingdom of Spain. Jim is shown with the title holders representing their counties in Central America.



Councilman Manning Invited to Speak at 9/11 Memorial Service

Councilman Jim Manning provided the Closing Speech at the 2012 Memorial Service for the 9/11 Attack on America held at Midlands Technical College. Candles were lit to honor the victims, survivors and 1st Responders. Participants were also invited to write an expression of their memory and are shown placing them in the basket on the table.



Councilman Manning Attends Summer Celebration of Water

The annual Summer Celebration of Water was held at Riverfront Park on August 25, 2012. Councilman Jim Manning is shown with longtime friend Water Works Specialist Jon Sherer, P.E. of the City of Columbia. Also shown is the drum band performing on stage and attendees enjoying free canoe and kayak experiences. It was a great day for fun and education for all ages.



Councilman Manning Participates in Edgewood Community Event

On August 11, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning brought opening remarks at the Edgewood Community Foundation's "Unity in the Community" extravaganza at 2nd Nazareth Baptist Church. The goal of the event was to promote collaboration between faith based and educational organizations. Jim is shown pictured with Richland One School Board member Vince Ford (far Lt), the picture crasher in the hat, Representative Leon Howard, and Antjuan Seawright (far Rt).



Councilman Manning Sponsors School Supply Drive

Councilman Jim Manning was a proud sponsor of the Loretta Coleman Ministries back to school event held August 11, 2012 in the Edisto Court community. Jim is shown with Evangelist Loretta Coleman and Edisto Court Neighborhood President Bessie Watson (middle). He is also shown holding a box of school supplies that were distributed to students living in the surrounding area.



Councilman Manning Attends Church Dedication

Brookland Baptist Church dedicated their new building on August 12, 2012 at the Northeast Campus location on Summit Parkway just off Hardscrabble Road. Councilman Jim Manning is shown at the dedication with Senior Pastor Reverend Charles B. Jackson, Sr. (Lt) and Brookland Northeast Campus Pastor Reverend Chris Leevy Johnson. The building shown is Phase One of this exciting expansion of the Church's ministry in Northeast Richland County.



Richland and Lexington Counties Receive Award for Regional Cooperation

In recognition of the cooperative working relationship between Richland and Lexington Counties, the prestigious Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Regional Cooperation Award was presented at the 45th Annual South Carolina Association of Counties conference. The Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Regional Cooperation Award (pictured) is given as a way to recognize cooperative efforts undertaken by counties in our state. Lexington Administrator Joseph G. Mergo, III, is shown making the presentation to the 3 judge panel. The cooperative effort resulted in the construction of the Pawmetto Lifeline Meyer – Finlay Pet Adoption Center.



Councilman Manning Participates in National Night Out Activity

The 29th Annual National Night Out was celebrated on August 7, 2012 all across Richland County as a unique crime/drug prevention event. Councilman Jim Manning attended a cookout in the Briarwood community held at Windsor Elementary school which was attended by nearly 200 people. He is shown pictured Richland County's Sergeant Raul Ortiz (far left), Sheriff Leon Lott and Captain Cole Porter (far right) who also attended the event.



Councilman Manning Attends “Naming Rights” Reception

Councilman Jim Manning attended the naming rights ceremony on July 26, 2012 where the Renaissance Cultural Arts Center Museum was renamed the Ernest A. Finney Jr. Civil Rights Museum. The museum is located in the historic Bethel AME Church at the corner of Sumter and Taylor Streets in Richland County’s capital city. Jim is shown pictured with former S.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Finney and his wife of 56 years, Francis Davenport Finney.



Councilman Jim Manning announces groundbreaking collaboration between Richland County EMS and Columbia Fire

Flanked by Columbia City Councilman Moe Baddourah, Richland County EMS Director Michael Byrd, Columbia Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins and Columbia City Manager Steve Gantt, on Tuesday, July 24th Richland County Councilman Jim Manning announced the groundbreaking collaboration between the city and county that will allow trained firefighters to drive county ambulances.

Councilman Jim Manning highlighted that to date nearly 200 Columbia Firefighters have been trained to drive ambulances with another 20 or so becoming certified emergency medical technicians (EMTs). Mr. Manning said though it has taken three years for this groundbreaking agreement to be formalized, he believes that the agreement is further testament to the improved city/county relations and that “The agreement was in the best interest of county citizens when it comes to providing critical medical care during times of emergency .”

Moreover, as a result of the negotiating process the Columbia Richland Unified Fire Service has now become a certified first responder agency as certified by South Carolina DHEC.



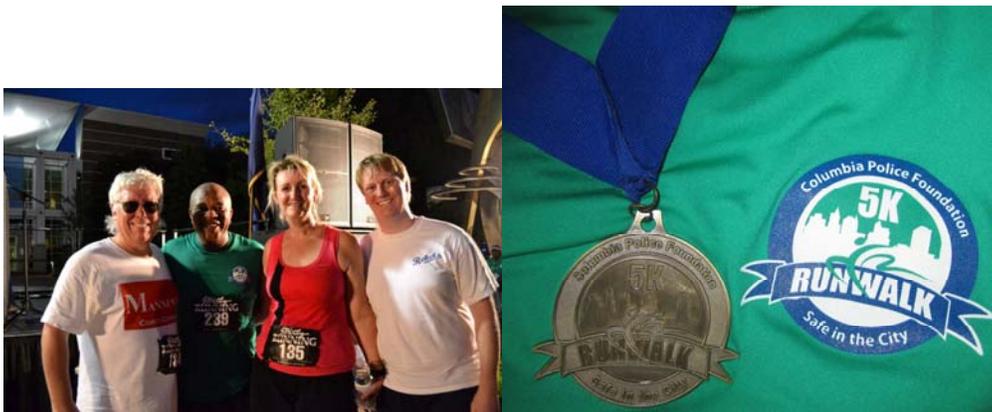
Councilman Manning Attends Community Picnic

On July 21, 2012, Councilman Jim Manning attended the annual Summit Day Cookout at Birch Park in Northeast Richland County. The event is a gathering for the 2,243 Summit Families to enjoy each other, fun, food, music, rides for children and face painting. Jim is shown pictured with Summit Board Member George Reynolds (who partook of the face painting) and Summit resident Jimmy Reed (Rt). He is also shown with the Summit Neighborhood President Paul Hill.



Councilman Manning Participates in CPD 5K

Councilman Jim Manning, along with the 1st Lady of District 8, and their eldest Son Jim participated in the 2nd annual Safe in the City 5K Run / Walk on Friday night, July 20, 2012. The family is shown with Columbia Police Chief Randy Scott and the money raised supports the Columbia Police Foundation. Mrs. Manning and the younger Jim received metals for placing second in their respective age groups. As for the Councilman, he finished without the assistance of the EMT trained Richland County EMS or Columbia Fire Truck Drivers.



Councilman Manning Attends NACo Conference

Councilman Jim Manning attended the 2012 National Association of Counties Convention in Allegheny County (Pittsburgh) Pennsylvania July 12-17, 2012. Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Conner (pictured) was one of the Keynote Speakers. Also shown is one of the workshop presenters, Mary K. Conturo discussing urban renewal and community development.

Jim is shown with the top elected official for Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald (wearing his Pirates Shirt) who ran the Healthy Counties 5K race together with his daughter, Mrs. Manning and Councilman Manning on Saturday morning. Finally, Jim is shown with former 3 term Mayor Tom Murphy who he met at a ULI presentation in Columbia in May. Mayor and Mrs. Murphy gave Jim a 2 hour private driving tour pointing out renaissance efforts from his tenure, 1994 to 2006.

