

Councilman Manning Attends DMV Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



On June 21, 2011 Councilman Jim Manning attended the opening of the SC Department of Motor Vehicles new Columbia field office at 228-A O'Neil Court in Richland County District 8. The new office offers full driver and vehicle services, including automobile road skills tests. Jim is shown pictured at the press conference with General Kevin A. Shwedo, DMV Executive Director, colleague Councilman Kelvin Washington (the other gentleman sporting a bow tie) and Major Leroy Taylor from the Highway Patrol. Finally, Jim is shown entering data into the new DMV system which can now provide emergency contact information associated with your Driver's license to the Highway Patrol and local law enforcement officers.



Councilman Manning Attends Bethel's 90th Birthday

On June 9, 2011, Councilman Jim Manning attended the 90th Birthday Celebration for Historic Bethel Church at the corner of Taylor and Sumter streets. The church was designed by John Anderson Lankford, the first registered architect African-American in the United States. The party was thrown by The Renaissance Foundation which is restoring the building.



Jim is shown pictured with Executive Director Mary Skinner-Jones and Mayor Steve Benjamin.



Also shown speaking to the gathering are Foundation Board member Angela Clyburn Hannibal and City Council member Brian DeQuincey Newman.

Councilman Manning Attends CNU19

Councilman Jim Manning attended the 19th Annual Congress on New Urbanism conference in Madison, Wisconsin May 31 - June 5, 2011. CNU focuses on how to make communities better and more sustainable.



Jim is shown navigating about town using a multimodal vehicle made available for Madison residents and visitors by the Trek Bicycle Corporation.



He is also shown with Yvonne McGill, an exhibitor from the Palm Beach County Convention and Visitors Bureau.



On June 3, 2011, Jim went to the Madison City Hall and attended a public hearing for the "Walkerville" Temporary Campground permit for citizen protesters desiring to express their freedom of speech at the State Capitol Building. He is also shown at the State Capitol Building listening to a lecture by the Dane County Farmers' Market Manager Larry Johnson.



Finally, Jim is shown with Madison Mayor Paul Soglin and Rep. Earl Blumenauer (wearing the bow tie) from Oregon's 3rd US Congressional District.

Councilman Manning Attends Memorial Day Picnic



On May 28, 2011, Councilman Jim Manning and his family attended Councilman Norman Jackson's 2nd Annual Community Celebration picnic over Memorial Day weekend. It was a wonderful day of food, family, friends and fun. Jerk Chicken was the cuisine de jour. Jim is shown pictured with the Host, Councilman Jackson and with two of the most talented, hard working and friendliest servers, Mrs. Norman Jackson (Sandra in the middle) and the Councilman's Sister-in-Law Dottie Wesley.



Councilman Manning Attends "Get Alarmed, S.C." Press Conference



Councilman Jim Manning, along with Council Chairman Paul Livingston, attended Columbia-Richland Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins' Press Conference to announce their partnership with the SCLLR Fire and Life Safety Division and First Nazareth Baptist Church's DERM Team to help reduce fire-related deaths and injuries. The program is called "Get Alarmed, S.C." and will provide 1,000 smoke alarms for installation in homes at no cost to our citizens.



Jim is shown pictured with Chief Jenkins and Chairman Livingston. Also pictured in addition to the Chief at the

podium (in uniform) is Representative Leon Howard addressing the group.

Councilman Manning Tours Mast General



On May 24, 2011, Councilman Jim Manning attended the Opening Preview of The Mast General Store at 1601 Main Street in the heart of downtown Columbia. Jim is shown pictured with the corporate Owner and President, John Cooper and Marketing Director Angela Warren.

Councilman Manning Visits Parade of Homes



On May 14, 2011, Councilman Jim Manning visited the 2011 Parade of Homes held at The Peninsula at Lake Carolina in Richland County. Due to a heightened interest in new homes in the greater Columbia area in recent months, the Home Builders Association of Greater Columbia (HBAGC) brought back the popular event. The Parade of Homes is a single-site showing of new homes that are fully decorated and landscaped. Attendees are able to walk through each home and see the latest in building techniques and technology and enjoy beautiful home décor. Jim is shown pictured with HBAGC Executive Director Earl E. McLeod, Jr.

Councilman Jim Manning Helps Put Some of the "Taco and Bell" at the Sight of Decker's New Taco Bell



Richland County Councilman Jim Manning today helped assist Tommy, a local contractor with putting up the Taco Bell sign at the site of the new Taco Bell at the corner of Decker Boulevard and North Trenholm Road.

The new restaurant represents a \$1.5 million investment in Richland County's official International Corridor by owner Fred Kotoske.

This new Taco Bell is the first new commercial construction in the Corridor in more than five years and signals the continued revitalization of the area. The restaurant is slated to open this Spring.

Councilman Manning Holds District 8 Community Input Session

Councilman Jim Manning hosted a Community Meeting in his District on May 2, 2011 for residents and business owners in and around the Decker Boulevard Corridor to review and provide input into the design of new entrance signs welcoming residents and visitors to the County's International Corridor.



The meeting was conducted in the Dent Middle School Multi-Purpose Room and also included an update on the area's Renaissance Neighborhood Master Plan. Monique McDaniels, Neighborhood Planner presented a power point and then members of the crowd viewed the potential signs.



Jim is shown with Ms. McDaniels, Decker Blvd. Business Coalition President and Richland Two School Board Member James Manning (Lt) and sign designer Charles W. Howell from The Landplan Group South.

Councilman Manning Attends Sparkleberry Country Fair

On April 30, 2011, Councilman Jim Manning attended the 16th Annual Sparkleberry Country Fair held at Clemson's Sandhill Research and Education Center. Proceeds from the event fund grants and scholarships to the local schools which Councilman Manning strongly supports full funding.



Jim is shown with the Circle of Native Americans' Color Guard as they prepare for the opening ceremonies. The Circle of Native Americans is an inter-tribal non-profit Indian Tribe that is dedicated to teaching the Native American heritage and culture. He is also shown with Blythewood Mayor Keith K. Bailey (Lt) and Richland Two School Board Member James Manning.

Councilman Manning Participates in Richland One's Principal For A Day Initiative

On April 21, 2011, Councilman Jim Manning served as Principal Manning at Richland School District One's A.C. Flora High School, the Alma Mater of his sons, Jim and Luke. The day brought back many fond memories. Jim is shown with the real principal, Mr. Richard K. McClure on the set of the A.C. Flora morning news show, WACF.



Councilman Manning is also shown in the Library Media Center talking with a group of students working on a video project for Honors Economics. The initiative Principal For A Day is sponsored by the District under the leadership of Superintendent Percy A. Mack, Ph.D.



Councilman Manning Takes Part in Another Decker Boulevard Parade



On April 16, 2011, Councilman Jim Manning took part in the parade themed, A CRY TO SAVE OUR COMMUNITIES. Jim was joined by Councilwoman Gwendolyn Kennedy shown together in the Jeep Wrangler Sahara. He is also shown on the stage at the post parade ceremony with Councilwoman Kennedy and Richland Two School Board Member and Decker Blvd. Business Coalition President James Manning.



The event was organized by Elder Margaret E. Harper, Pastor of Shekinah Glory Family Care ministries located on Decker Blvd. Led by the RNE High School's JROTC Color Guard and supported by the Richland County Sheriff's Department and the Columbia City Police, the parade was a Drive-by "Shout" out to reclaim our community.

**Decker Community Partners with Richland County Sheriff's
Department
to Host Parade Against Violence
Saturday, April 16th at Noon
Decker Boulevard**

On Saturday, April 16th The Richland County Sheriff's Department, local businesses, local schools, local Ministries, and the community will join forces with the Shekinah Glory Family Care Ministries for a Parade to bring awareness about violence in our communities. The Parade will begin at 12noon with the staging area being on the side street of Dino's Restaurant, 1801 Decker Boulevard at 11:00am

This event is being coordinated by Elder Margaret E. Harper, Pastor of the Shekinah Glory Family Care Ministries located at 2500 Decker Boulevard in Columbia, South Carolina.

For more information you may contact Elder Harper at 754-2132 or by email at pig3@bellsouth.net.

Huge Day on Decker Boulevard for Councilman Manning



Councilman Jim Manning participated in the groundbreaking ceremony on April 6, 2011 for the new Taco Bell being built at the corner of Decker Boulevard and North Trenholm Road. Jim is shown with Council Chairman Paul Livingston making remarks at the press conference.



Councilman Jim Manning is also shown with Sheriff Leon Lott, Monique Mack (Richland County Neighborhood Planner), James Manning (President of the Decker Boulevard Business Coalition and Richland School District TWO Board Trustee) and Chairman Livingston while Fred Kotoski from Taco Bell addresses the crowd and press.



Finally, Jim is shown wearing his ceremonial construction hard hat with Richland County Planning Commissioner and developer who formerly owned the property, Patrick Palmer, Fred, James and Paul. This is the first new business to be built on Decker in the past five years and only the second in over a decade. This project represents a \$1.5M investment in the continuing revitalization of Richland County's International Corridor

Councilman Manning Participates in Columbia International Festival



On April 3, 2011, Councilman Jim Manning and Council Chairman Paul Livingston provided welcoming remarks at the 16th Annual Columbia International Festival. The Councilmen are shown pictured with Festival Director, Raj Aluri Ed.D. (middle) in front of many flags of Countries represented at the Festival.



Jim is also shown with Ms. Tanya Lin who was staffing the Richland County Public Library (RCPL) booth at the event. Councilman Manning serves as a liaison between the County Council and the RCPL.

Councilman Manning Gets Involved with One Book - One Columbia Initiative



Councilman Manning joined the Richland County Public Library's Cooper Branch Monthly Book Club's meeting on April 4, 2011 as they discussed *Having Our Say, The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years* by Sarah and Elizabeth Delany; with Amy Hill Hearth. The book was selected for the first reading of the One Book - One Columbia initiative which encourages everyone in Columbia and all of Richland County to read and then communicate about the book and its themes. Jim is shown with the Cooper Branch Manager Ellan Jenkinson (left) and employee Michele Maitland who served as the discussion moderator.



He is also shown explaining to the group that he was only 1/2 way through the book and that he cheated by attending the showing of the made for TV movie the day before at the RCPL Main Branch on Assembly Street. At the end of the meeting, members voted on a scale of 1-5 how they felt about the book. Councilman Manning was ruled "out of order" when he tried to vote because he had not actually finished the book!

Councilman Manning Attends City of Columbia's 225th Birthday Party



On March 22, 2011, Councilman Jim Manning joined Mayor Steve Benjamin and the City of Columbia in the 225th Birthday Celebration honoring the City of Columbia: Celebrating History. Making History. The celebration was presented by the City of Columbia and One Columbia Arts & Historic Preservation on Main Street in the heart of Columbia, the County Seat of Richland County.



Jim is pictured with Mayor Benjamin and Penny Friends advisor, James E. Cooper.



Also included is a picture of the incredible Birthday cake provided by Piggly Wiggly and the gigantic birthday card signed by attendees.

Councilman Manning Participates in Reading Day



Councilman Jim Manning participated in the 3rd Annual Together We Can Read Reading Day partnership with the City of Columbia and Richland School District One on March 17, 2011.



Jim read to Ms. Richardson's third grade at Satchelford Elementary School. This year's book choice was "Tori Explores South Carolina" written by Ashlye Rumph-Geddis, a former local elementary schoolteacher. It was a most pleasant journey down memory lane as Jim and Sandy's boys attended Satchelford. Jim said the children were most attentive, bright eyed and very engaging.

Councilman Manning Tours Richland County Health Department



Recently Councilman Jim Manning was appointed by Chairman Paul Livingston as the Council's liaison to the Richland County Health Department. On March 11, 2011, Jim was provided an extensive tour and comprehensive history and service delivery overview of the Health Department. He is pictured with Richland County Health Department Supervisor Ms. Suzanne H. Sanders, MPH and Region 3 Public Health Director Ernie Bell, Ph.D.

Councilman Manning participates in American Heart Association Fundraiser



Councilman Jim Manning is pictured with Captain Cole Porter of Richland County Sheriff's Department, Region Two, Ms. Jeannie Wright and Mrs. Traudel Marthers.

Each year Captain Porter, along with members of his Regional Advisory Team hold a Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for the American Heart Association. Pastor Scott and the Dentsville Baptist Church always serve as the gracious hosts to allow the group to use their kitchen and fellowship hall as a base of operations. This is just one more way the Sheriff's Department and Community Leaders give of their time to provide for our County.

Councilman Manning Recycles Old TV



On March 5, 2011 Councilman Jim Manning completed a task on the “Honey Do” list taking the old pre-HD Flatscreen television to the Richland County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling’s Event held in the parking lot of KNC Trading on Decker Boulevard.



Councilman Manning was willing to help get the TV out of the truck but the workers had the good sense to tell him to just stay out of the way so no one gets hurt!



It was a great day for the County, Decker Boulevard and Recycling that even included live entertainment.

Councilman Manning Assists with Cary Lake Clean-up



On February 19, 2011, the Gills Creek Watershed Association (GCWA) conducted a Cary Lake Clean-up project.



Volunteers armed with trash bags took advantage of the lake being lowered to gather debris from the lake bottom.



Seventeen bags of trash along with some other larger junk were removed.



Councilman Manning is pictured with the GCWA Executive Director Jessica Artz and in the group photo taken in front of the trailer filled with the garbage.

Councilman Manning Celebrates at the Richland County Appearance Commission's Garden Party



On Tuesday, February 1, 2011, Councilman Jim Manning joined his Arcadia Lakes' Rain Garden Crew Chief Carolyn Hudson from the Tree of Life and construction co-labors at the Garden Party thrown by the Richland County Appearance Commission.



The "Team" received an award from the Appearance Commission recognizing the creation of the Arcadia Lakes Rain Garden on the site of the Tree of Life Synagogue on N. Trenholm Road.



Jim is shown with Appearance Commission Chairwoman Kim Murphy, who is also a Trustee for the Richland Lexington School District Board. He is also shown pictured with Carolyn receiving the award at the County Council meeting from Vice Chairman Damon Jeter.

SCE&G Works with Councilman Manning on Decorative Fencing



Councilman Jim Manning met with SCE&G officials last fall and asked if they could improve the appearance of the chain-link with barbed wire fence at the power sub-station across Trenholm Road from Dent Middle School. Jim is shown on February 5, 2011 in front the construction resulting from that meeting.

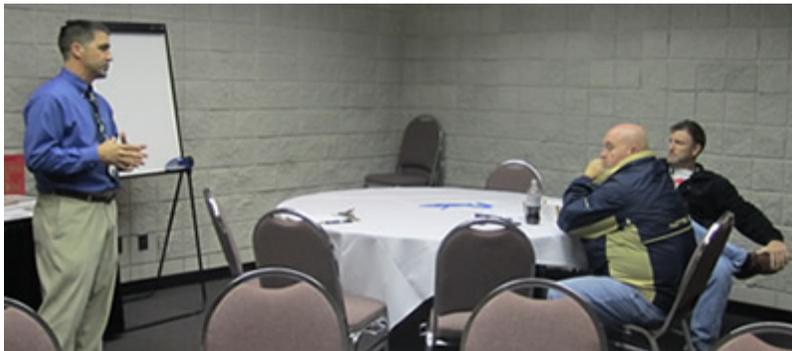


Thank you SCE&G in playing a role in revitalizing Decker Boulevard, Richland County's International Corridor.

Councilman Manning Investigates Amateur Wrestling for Decker Boulevard



Councilman Jim Manning traveled to Dalton Georgia January 28-29, 2011 for the NCWA National Collegiate Wrestling Duals and to participate in a workshop/networking session conducted by Coach Scott Szalwinski from Mats to Men.



The event was held at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. Jim is interested in pursuing opportunities for continuing a youth program held this past summer for the Woodfield Park/Decker Blvd Master plan area and/or pursue an AAU tournament at one of the local schools. Amateur Wrestling leagues and Mats to Men promote life values and lessons in conjunction with the sport itself.



Councilman Manning attends Green Sabbath and Tu B'shvat observance



Councilman Jim Manning attended the Tree of Life Congregation's Green Sabbath and Tu B'shvat Observance on Friday, January 21, 2011 in Arcadia Lakes. The service was followed by an Oneg Shabbat where the Tree of

Life Congregation's Green Team was presented a Certificate by Ms. Mary Baldauf of the City of Columbia recognizing them for being named the 1st Green Congregation in Richland County. Under the leadership of Ms. Carolyn Hudson, the Congregation's Green Team was created to help follow the duty of Tikkun Olam, which is to repair the world and protect God's creation. The Councilman is shown pictured with Ms. Hudson holding the Certificate and Ms. Baldauf.

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Councilman Jim Manning Sponsors Snow Man Road Race



Councilman Jim Manning, along with Council Colleague Kelvin Washington sponsored the 30th Annual 8K Snowman Road Race and Youth Fun Run held on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at Caughman Road Park in Lower

Richland. Jim is shown with the RCRC's Race Organizer Ms. Lisa Smarr as she prepares to announce the winners who all received authentic original painted trophies by local artist, Ernest Lee, The Chicken Man. Shown just before the race began are participants Sandra Manning (wife) and Jim C. Manning (son) who were unabashedly the Councilman's favorite runners in the race. Finally, one of the group entrants pictured is the A.C. Flora JROTC under the leadership of Sergeant Major James A. Sanderson (standing in red shirt).



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