

## **Councilman Jim Manning Tours Cary Lake Restoration Project**



Councilman Jim Manning toured the dredging project which is the County's initiative to restore Cary Lake in the Town of Arcadia Lakes portion of District 8. Jim was there on December 27, 2010 thus the snow seen in the pictures. Cary Lake is just south of Decker Blvd. and the backside of Dent Middle School can be seen in the photo behind the yellow dredging machine. This is a major conservation project for the Gills Creek Watershed.



## **Councilman Jim Manning Present for Decker Demolition**



On Wednesday, December 22, 2010, Councilman Jim Manning watched as Richland County began tearing down the old Granby's Restaurant at the intersection of Decker Blvd. and N. Trenholm Road across from Dent Middle School. The building had been vacant and boarded up for well over a decade. This corner will soon be the home of a brand new Taco Bell Restaurant. This is yet another significant step in the revitalization of Decker Boulevard, Richland County's International Corridor.



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## **Councilman Jim Manning attends landmark Decker Blvd. Business Coalition Meeting**



Councilman Jim Manning attended the Decker Blvd. Business Coalition (DBBC) Meeting held on December 21, 2010 and is pictured presenting Sylvia T. Hanna a County Council Resolution documenting her four years of leadership coming to an end. Also, Ms. Hanna is shown with Treasurer Patrick Palmer accepting an application form and check from Jim's Constituent and Director of Recycling Ms. Joanne Williams. With receipt of these documents on Tuesday night, Ms. Williams was recognized by the group for becoming its very first member. Finally, a re-write of the By-laws was proposed and elections were held. Councilman Manning wished the new officers best wishes and pledged to continue his unprecedented support.

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## **Councilman Jim Manning attended the 3rd Annual Historical Columbia Foundation's Chior**



Councilman Jim Manning attended the 3rd Annual Historical Columbia Foundation's Chior Showcase at the Historic House Museums. Chiors participated from Brockman Elementary School , Condor Elementary School, North Springs Elementary School and Ballentine Elementary School (which was introduced by Councilman Bill Malinowski). The event serves as a reminder of the importance of music during the Christmas season when the houses were thriving homes in the 19th century.

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### **Councilman Manning attends 2nd Annual Sustainable Holiday Celebration**



Councilman Jim Manning attended the 2nd Annual Sustainable Holiday Celebration held at 701 Whaley on November 29, 2010. The event included an announcement by Sustainable Midlands' Executive Director Ryan Nevius (Pictured) that Richland School District ONE was partnering with Sustainable Midlands to initiate a landmark program in all Middle Schools to teach students about sustainable concepts. Jim is shown pictured with the Richland County Sustainability Director Anna Lange at the Light Bulb Exchange booth at the event. Finally, the Councilman had USC's 1st Lady Patricia Moore-Pastides sign her book *Greek Revival: Cooking for Life* which he bought for Mrs. Manning for Christmas. However, no picture was taken of this as it is a surprise gift so do not tell Mrs. Manning!

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### **Richland's International FLAVORS on Decker**



On November 13, 2010, the Columbia International Festival Association and Richland County sponsored an incredible international parade and festival on Decker Blvd., Richland County's International Corridor. Councilman Manning was represented by The 1st Lady of District 8, Dr. Sandra C. Manning. She is shown with the event coordinator Dr. Raj Aluri and in the Parade riding with our Richland County Coroner, Gary Watts in the Classic



Beetle Bug provided and Driven by Meghan Cole, Message Therapist at Matzner Family Chiropractic. Ms. Erica Hink, the County's Community Planner is shown pictured with the event banner.



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## **Councilman Manning Attends A. C. Flora Re-Dedication**



On November 7, 2010, Councilman Jim Manning attended the Ribbon Cutting and Re-dedication ceremony at Richland School District One's A. C. Flora High School.



Jim is shown with Principal Rick McClure (Rt) and Program Speaker, Author and member of Flora's first graduating class, Charles Farrell.



He is also shown with two wonderful school tour guides JROTC Cadet Abney (Lt) and Cadet Eyo.

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## Councilman Jim Manning Runs and Prays at the Annual Tanner Run



Councilman Jim Manning provided the Invocation for the Ray and Karen Tanner Foundation's "The Home Run" Road Race on October 16, 2010 which has the USC Baseball Stadium's home plate as the finish line. Jim is shown with the Tanners and the incredible Race Director Ken Lowden (far left), Cocky and the award winning A. C. Flora JROTC Color Guard. This year's race under the leadership of Ken Lowden involved over 1,300 people making it one of the State's top Road Race events. The Flora JROTC is led by Col. Dwyane H. Gatson and Cadet Major Alexis Blair, the Battalion Commander and West Point bound, both pictured with Councilman Manning in front of the school's Color Guard prior to the National Anthem. After the Pre-race activities, Jim ran the race with his wife Sandra C. Manning.



## **Councilman Manning Speaks at Neighborhood Association Meeting**



On October 16, 2010, Councilman Jim Manning was the Guest Speaker at the Drexel Lake Hills Neighborhood Association. Jim answered general questions as well as those related to the Transportation Penny Ballot Referendum. Jim is shown pictured with the Association's President, Rey Torres.

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## **Councilman Manning Attends Stump Meeting**



Councilman Jim Manning is shown with Mia Butler, candidate for SC House District 79. Ms. Butler spoke to a political group on October 9, 2010 in the new North East about her run to fill the Seat held by Rep. Anton Gunn.

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## **Councilman Jim Manning Attends Planning Conference**



On October 9, 2010, Councilman Jim Manning walked with nearly 1,000 people in the 2010 Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence. Jim is surrounded by "Law & Order" with Interim Police Chief Randy Scott to his Left and Solicitor-Elect Dan Johnson on his right. Walkers in Pink Shirts were "TEAM TISHA" members walking in memory of Tisha Cason, a recent local victim of horrific domestic violence. Jim is also shown with a group representing Celebrate Karamu and with Barbara Rackes who was sent to represent the Sheheen for Governor Campaign. (Editorial Note: The Councilman would have also been pictured with a representative from the Haley Campaign but they did not accept the invitation to support this cause.)



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## **Councilman Manning Presents Proclamation to South Carolina School Psychology Association (SCASP)**



Councilman Jim Manning presented a Richland County Proclamation to the South Carolina School Psychology Association (SCASP) at their annual Fall Conference on October 8, 2010. Jim generally tries to surround himself with brains and beauty, which is evidenced by visiting any Tuesday night Council meeting, and again here with SCASP Executive Director Sandra C. Manning Ph.D to his left and SCASP President Ashley Brewer, Ph.D. to his right. Both Dr. Brewer and Dr. Manning are residents of Richland County District 8. The document proclaims



November 8-12, 2010 as School Psychology Week and asks all citizens to recognize the outstanding contributions made by School Psychologists which enhance the quality of life in Richland County

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## **Councilman Jim Manning Attends Planning Conference**



On Saturday October 2, 2010, Councilman Jim Manning attended the Richland County Neighborhood Planning Conference. Jim is shown pictured with fellow Councilman Norman Jackson (Far Left), Sheriff Leon Lott (Center Left), Council Chair Paul Livingston (Center Right) and Councilman Jim Manning. He is also shown with Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin. The Council Chair, Sheriff and Mayor were Keynote Panelists addressing the topic of Moving Richland County and the Midlands Toward Greater Regional Cooperation. Finally, Jim is pictured at the Ombudsman Office's Vendor Display with staff Ashiya Myers and Ashlay Goodwine.



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## **Councilman Jim Manning Attends Festival at Senior Center**



Councilman Jim Manning attended the Annual Fall Festival at the Capital Senior Center on October 2, 2010. Jim is shown with Constituent and CSC member Ms. Aleeta Dolge in the exhibit hall where they had the opportunity to visit with Radcliff Aiken and Matthew Punch from Pennsylvania Life Insurance Company and many other senior health services vendors. WVOC was also there doing a live radio remote show.

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## **Councilman Jim Manning Participates in Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration**



Hispanic Heritage Month was celebrated at Fort Jackson on October 2, 2010 and Councilman Jim Manning is shown in front of the stage with TRANSLATE's Mrs. Tanya Rodriguez-Hodges, the Official Ceremony Guest Speaker. Additionally, Jim is shown pictured with Richland School District Two's Charter High School Planning Committee Chairman James Manning who is also a Candidate for the School Board of Commissioners. Finally, Jim is pictured with Raysa Sanchez, Agency Owner of the Allstate Insurance Company located on Decker Boulevard, Richland County's International Corridor located in District 8.



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## **Councilman Jim Manning Checks Out Neighborhood Clean Sweep**



The Briarwood Neighborhood held its annual Clean Sweep on October 2, 2010. Clean Sweeps are County supported days when citizens in designated areas can put all their old treasures and yard debris at the curb and the County hauls it away. Councilman Jim Manning is shown with Briarwood Neighborhood Association President Col. Jim O'Brien and Treasurer Marilyn Summers who coordinated the clean up day in the neighborhood. Pizza, sodas and cinnamon rolls were served to the Richland County Special Services workers who helped to make the day a grand success.



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## **Councilman Jim Manning Participates in Forest Acres Green Festival**



On September 25, 2010, Councilman Jim Manning attended the Festival which encouraged sustainable living and building practices. The project was coordinated by Beth Shalom Synagogue, Bethel United Methodist, Forest Lake Presbyterian, North Trenholm Baptist, St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal, and Tree of Life Congregation, along with the City of Forest Acres, Keep the Midlands Beautiful and Central SC Habitat for Humanity. All six congregations are located in Jim's Council District 8. He is shown pictured with Ryan Nevius, at the Sustainable Midlands' exhibit booth and with Ms. Theresa Gonzalez from the Richland County Solid Waste Department and with Ms. Shirley Mims (Blue top), RCSW Recycling Coordinator at their Festival display booth who was there recycling everything imaginable.



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## **Councilman Jim Manning Helps Forest Acres Celebrate 75th Birthday**



On September 23, 2010, Councilman Jim Manning attended the Rooftop Rhythms hosted by Forest Acres Restaurant and Merchants Association (FARMA) as The City of Forest Acres celebrated its 75th birthday. Jim is shown on stage at the Richland Mall Rooftop as Mayor Frank Brunson recognizes the City Council and other elected officials who attended. The Councilman is also shown with FARMA member Dr. Dan Matzner and staff members of Matzner Family Chiropractic on Forest Drive, Stephanie Stewart and Jessica DuPuis.





## **Councilman Jim Manning attends book signing at County Library**



On Sunday, September 12, 2010, attended a special book signing at the Richland County Public Library. His colleague, Richland County Councilwoman Joyce Dickerson, author of *A Tribute to 101 Incredible Women of Distinction Who Influenced My Life From My House to the White House* was being spot lighted. Councilman Manning is pictured with Councilwoman Dickerson and his wife, Dr. Sandra C. Manning.

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## **Councilman Jim Manning recognized by Institute Government**



This summer Councilman Jim Manning completed the required courses offered by the Institute of Government for County Officials to be Certified at Level One. The certification was in recognition of completing formal county government instruction for enhanced knowledge and understanding of county government and the role of the county official

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## **Councilman Jim Manning participates in Statewide HIV AIDS Task Force**



On September 1, 2010 Councilman Jim Manning attended the 2010 South Carolina HIV AIDS Care Crisis Task Force Strategic Planning Meeting in Charleston. Richland County and Columbia City Councils met this Summer with the County Legislative Delegation regarding the State's defunding medication and prevention programs and the potential impact on local governments. Jim is shown with State House Rep. Joe Neal (HD79) and Kathy Kavanaugh, Director for State Government Affairs for GlaxoSmithKline pharmaceutical. He is also pictured with the Task Force Chair Dr. Bambi Gaddis. Finally, Mr. Ben Ellington, a National AIDS Fund Consultant is shown facilitating the process.



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## **First Annual Summer Celebration of Water Festival a Huge Success**

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## **Councilman Jim Manning participates in the Jubilee Festival Of Heritage**



The Jubilee Festival of Heritage is a unique annual festival hosted by the Historic Columbia Foundation centered on the life and legacy of Celia Mann, one of SC's most celebrated free black women. Councilman Manning attended this year's event on August 28, 2010 and is shown with the Foundation's Executive Director, Ms. Robin Waites as well as one of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Co. I African-American Civil War Re-enactors. Jim is also shown with Irmo City Councilman, Mac's on Main Owner, and lead singer of the Fat Back and Groove Band, Mr. Barry Walker who rocked the crowd as one of the day's featured performers. Of course, Jim ended the day with some of Barry's famous Peach Cobbler; and no one was hurt by the gun they let him hold!



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## **Councilman Jim Manning Attends Main Street Latin Festival**



On August 28, 2010, more than 10,000 people, including Councilman Manning, flocked to downtown's Main Street to celebrate and share Latin culture through its food, art, dance, and music in a fun, family-oriented environment. Supported by South Carolina Hispanic Outreach, the Festival showcased the culture and vitality of Columbia's Latin

community. Jim is shown with Richland County Sheriff's finest; Deputies Katia Medina, Maria Yturra and Raul Ortiz and Nationwide Supporters and Exhibitors Debbie Gaskins (Rt) and Agent Connie Bullard. Finally, Councilman Manning is shown with Celebrity Guest Jessie Camacho, Host of Telemundo's "descontrol" and former Survivor contestant. Jessie told the Councilman it was a beautiful County to which he responded, "more so since your arrival."



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### **Councilman Jim Manning Expresses Best Wishes to Anton Gunn**



Jim and Representative Anton Gunn shared some fond sentiments at a Bon Voyage Celebration on August 26, 2010.

The event was to thank the Representative and provide well wishes as he goes to Atlanta to serve as the Regional Director of the United States Department of Health & Human Services in the South (Region IV). While this is a loss for our General Assembly, it is a gain for all those served by HHS in Region IV. Jim took the opportunity to share with Anton that this is another opportunity for a Masters in Social Work (both have an MSW) to shine and Jim has every confidence that Anton Gunn will do just that.

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## **Councilman Jim Manning Meets with New Superintendent**



Councilman Jim Manning met with Dr. Katie Brochu, the new Superintendent of Richland County School District TWO on August 25, 2010. Jim serves as a Council Liaison to the School District. Richland County Neighborhood Improvement Planner Erica Hink also participated in the meeting to discuss the Renaissance Master Plan for Decker Boulevard and Woodfield Park. Dr. Brochu is shown in the center of the picture. The plan was well received by Dr. Brochu who indicated she was intimately involved in such a plan in Rock Hill when she served in that District as Superintendent.

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## **Councilman Jim Manning Attends Grand Opening at The Therapy Place**



On April 14, 2010, Jim attended the Grand Opening Celebration of the organization's new Center at 3620 Covenant Road in Forest Acres. The festivities included the Graduation of the 1st Conductive Education class. Jim is shown beside the Sponsors sign with Ms. Dawn Darby, MPA - Co-Founder and Director of Fund Development and pictured with Dawn and Courtney Kastner. Ms. Kastner headed up a cadre of Junior League of Columbia, Inc. volunteers who assisted as part of the League's "Done in a Day" Committee.



## Councilman Jim Manning attends Ground Breaking Ceremony



Pawmetto Lifeline, formerly Project Pet, broke ground on August 12, 2010 for the Meyer-Finley Pet Adoption Center of Lexington and Richland Counties. Jim is shown overdressed for the 100+ degree day doing his part. Councilman Norman Jackson is shown presenting the Richland County Council Resolution to Austin and Lane Meyer who are major financial supporters for whom the Center is named. Also shown at the podium speaking is Mrs. Deloris Mungo, President of the Pawmetto Lifeline Board of Trustees. In the group picture of dignitaries, Councilman Jackson is in the peach shirt and Councilman Bill Malinowski is in the red shirt representing all members of the Richland County Council.



## **Councilman Jim Manning Signs National Fight Against Literacy Scroll**



Councilman Jim Manning and members of Richland County Council saluted and congratulated the 2010 National Champion University of South Carolina Baseball Team during a Main Street parade held in their honor on Friday, July 2, 2010. Jim is shown with The 1st Lady of Gamecock Baseball, Mrs. Karen Tanner. He is also shown with Coach Tanner (Collegiate Baseball's National Coach of the Year), the Championship Trophy and Council Colleagues Greg Pearce, Bill Malinowski and Norman Jackson. The parade ended at the State House with a special ceremony recognizing the 2010 NCAA Baseball National Champions.



## **Councilman Jim Manning participates in the 27th Annual National Night Out (NNO)**



The 27th Annual National Night Out (NNO) was celebrated across Richland County on August 3, 2010. Since 1984, "National Night Out—America's Night Out Against Crime" has grown to involve over 34 million people from more than 10,000 communities. Councilman Manning is shown with Briarwood Neighborhood Association President Col.

Jim O'Brien and Windsor Elementary School Principal Mr. Eric Jeffcoat (event host), presenting a Council Resolution to Greater Woodfield Park Neighborhood Association President Wallace Wright (to Jim's right) and Woodfield Park Home Owner Association Raymond House (at Woodfield Baptist Church), at a display table with Richland County Sheriff's Department's Region Two's Captain Cole Porter (center) and Deputy Raul Ortiz, and with Richland County Recreation Director James Brown at the Forest Acres Neighborhood Association's NNO activity held at Trenholm Park. Finally, pictured is the presentation by President O'Brien on behalf of the Briarwood Neighborhood Association of a protective vest for one of the K-9 unit's public servants.





## **Councilman Jim Manning seeks solutions for Richland County**



Jim Manning helped represent Richland County's interests at the National Association of Counties' (NACo) 75th Annual Conference and Exposition, July 18-20 and became a better Council member. Jim saw first hand that Richland County is not alone struggling with declining revenues and maintaining the level of services residents have come to expect from the county and he heard many good ideas about how other counties are addressing common challenges. It was an informative and productive conference. Jim found just as beneficial as the sessions he attended, the speakers he heard and the exhibitor booths he visited were the many conversations he had with fellow county officials from around the country struggling to address the same challenges we are facing here at home.

Jim is shown with incoming NACo President Glen Whitley, Judge, Tarrant County, Texas (Black Suit), Keynote Motivational Speaker and 9/11 survivor Joe Dittmar, South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) President Diane B. Anderson of Laurens County and Councilwoman Joyce Dickerson standing with Robert S. Croom, SCAC Deputy General Counsel/Dir. of Legal and Legislative Affairs.

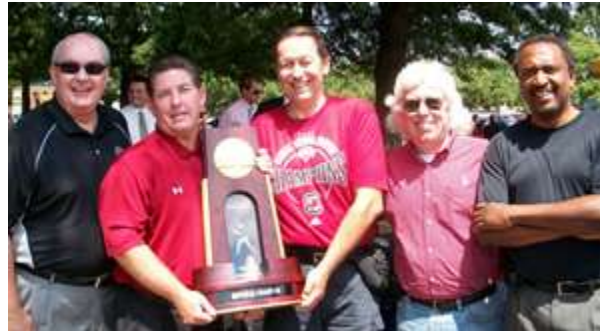


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Coach Tanner (Collegiate Baseball's National Coach of the Year), the Championship Trophy and Council Colleagues Greg Pearce, Bill Malinowski and Norman Jackson. The parade ended at the State House with a special ceremony recognizing the 2010 NCAA Baseball National Champions.



## **Family Education & Teen Center at the Decker Mall**

Councilman Manning visited the Family Education & Teen Center on June 21, 2010. The center has recently located to the Decker Mall and has the mission of:

**Strengthening Families \* Empowering Youth \* Uplifting Communities**



The Center provides programs to include: Suspension Referral, Afterschool Life Coaching, a Summer Academy (see group picture above), The Future Starts Now, and Parent Education Programs.



Jim is shown with Tony Brown (Middle) the Family Education & Teen Center's Founder and Programs Director and Scott Szalwinwinski, who has partnered with Tony Brown providing a program entitled Mats 2 Men. This program develops maturity, teamwork and leadership skills utilizing wrestling and an educational curriculum.

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## **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Columbia Campus of Virginia College**



Councilman Jim Manning attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Columbia Campus of Virginia College on June 17, 2010.



Jim is shown with Tom Moore, President and CEO of Education Corporation of America, the parent company of Virginia College and located in Alabama.





Constituent and CEO of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce Ike McLeese was on hand to help cut the ribbon.

Virginia College in Columbia offers students fast-track career training in such exciting areas as: Business and Office, Health and Medical, Medical Billing and Medical Office. Virginia College has 14 locations in the Southeast including one in Greenville and Charleston.

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## **Township Auditorium Cornerstone Dedication Ceremony**



Photo Credit: Jonathan Sharpe

On Wednesday, June 9, 2010, Richland County Council and the Township Auditorium Foundation Board along with Administrative staff dedicated the newly renovated Township Auditorium.

The ceremony featured the new cornerstone, which serves as the official marker. Officials also buried a time capsule, to help preserve the 80 year history of the community landmark.

The Township Auditorium officially opens tonight, June 10th with the legendary Tony Bennett at the helm. Festivities continue throughout the weekend with the Township Auditorium Foundation Gala on Friday, June 11, Superstars of Comedy on Saturday, June 12 and a Community Open House Day on Sunday, June 13, featuring local performers, artists and **FREE** food.

**\*\*Renovations to the Township Auditorium were made possible from a \$12 million dollar bond approved by County Council. Upgrades include a new backstage area for performers, exterior roof and a new three level lobby complete with restrooms, concessions and merchandise stands.\*\***

For more information, visit [www.thetownship.org](http://www.thetownship.org).



Photo Credit: Jonathan Sharpe

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## **Gills Creek Watershed Association's(GCWA), Planning retreat held June 6, 2010 at the Congaree Swamp National Park**



Councilman Jim Manning, Richland County Council's liaison to the Gills Creek Watershed Association (GCWA), participated in the Association's Planning retreat on June 6, 2010 at the Congaree Swamp National Park. The session was led by Diana Toledo of the River Network (pictured in front of the Flip Chart). Also pictured is the GCWA "brain trust," President Elliot Powell, VP Carol Kososki (also Jim's appointee to the Richland County Conservation Commission) and CEO Jessica Artz.



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## **Richland County Recreation Commission's 50th Anniversary Celebration at Meadowlake Park**



On Saturday June 5, 2010, Councilman Manning participated in the Richland County Recreation Commission's 50th Anniversary Celebration at Meadowlake Park. He is shown in the Gym with RCRC Board Secretary, Rev. Charles Epps, who has also served as pastor of the Haskell Heights Progressive Baptist Church, as well as exhibitors CASA's (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Missy Bowman and James R. Clark Memorial Sickle Cell Foundation's Jacqueline Sims, Community Liaison & Educator and Cornear Hunter, Volunteer. Jim is also pictured

with several RCRC staff who were hard at work making the event a grand success. Finally, he is shown with Mr. Kenya Bryant, Interim Assistant Executive Director and Councilwoman Gwen Kennedy.



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## **Councilman Jim Manning Attends National Planning Conference**

Councilman Manning attended the 18th Annual Congress for New Urbanism Conference in Atlanta, Georgia from May 19-22, 2010.

The “Prescription for Health Places” conference focused on managing growth, retrofitting suburbia and building sustainable communities.







Mr. Manning attended several sessions, led by stellar national leaders and authors, including: June Williamson and Dr. Ellen Dunham-Jones, University professors and authors of *Retrofitting Suburbia: Urban Design Solutions for Redesigning Suburbs*; Andres Duany, University of Miami School of Architecture Dean, Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, and Jeff Speck who wrote *Suburban Nation: The Rise of Sprawl and the Decline of the American Dream* and *The Smart Growth Manual*.



The 2011 conference will be held in Madison, Wisconsin where Mayor Dave Cieslewicz took liberty to personally invite Councilman Manning to attend this pivotal conference where he can further his knowledge on ideas for improving the Decker Blvd. Corridor and all of Richland County.

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## **Councilman Jim Manning Attended Celebration in Honor of Mayor Bob Coble**



Councilman Jim Manning (middle) is shown with Columbia's Mayor Bob Coble and 1st Lady Beth Coble on May 12, 2010 at a celebration hosted by the NEXSEN - PRUET law firm as Bob returns to full-time private practice. The event recognized Mayor Bob's 20 years of service, his dedication and love for our City; for his time, his talents and his tenacity; for which we are all thankful.

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## **Councilman Jim Manning to Host Community Meeting to Discuss Catawba Indian Bingo**

Richland County Councilman Jim Manning is inviting residents to attend a community meeting on Monday, May 3rd from 6pm -8pm to discuss a proposed resolution allowing the Catawba Indians to operate a proposed bingo parlor on Decker Boulevard.

The meeting will be **Monday, May 3rd 6pm-8pm** in the board room of the **Parklane Adult Activity Center, 7494 Parklane Road**.

For more information call 576-2060.

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## **Councilman Jim Manning attended the first annual Big Nosh**

Councilman Jim Manning attended the first annual Big Nosh held on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at the Tree of Life Congregation on North Trenholm Road just off Decker Boulevard. The Big Nosh, also called the Tree of Life Jewish Cultural Festival, was an event to celebrate "everything Jewish" including food, entertainment and education. Jim is shown with Mr. G. Todd Weiss who is actively involved in the temple and serves on both the Richland County Recreation Commission and Richland School District Two Education Foundation Board.



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## **Councilman Jim Manning dubbed "County Council's International Amabasador"**



Councilman Jim Manning participated in the Opening Ceremony of the Columbia International Festival along with Chairman Paul Livingston and Councilman Kelvin Washington. Chairman Livingston (Center) presents Dr. Michael D. Amiridis (Left) with International Professional of the Year award while the Festival Organizer, Dr. Raj Aluri looks on. Also shown, is the Color Guard and Presentation of Arms which lead off the impressive Parade of Nations' Flags. Jim is pictured with Dr. Aluri and also with Bela Gedeon, the Cultural Attache from the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary. Hungary was this year's featured Country.



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## **Councilman Jim Manning participated in Touch a Truck**

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, Councilman Jim Manning took part in Touch a Truck, the newest Junior League of Columbia, Inc. fundraiser and family event held in the parking lot of Extra Space Storage on Decker Boulevard. The area was transformed into a world of big rigs and heavy machinery for young and old alike to see up close. Kids, and the Councilman, were given the opportunity to climb on and into big trucks, such as fire trucks, EMS ambulances, cement trucks, bull dozers, 18 Wheelers, etc, and to meet the fine people who build, protect and serve Richland County. Jim is shown with one of the Junior League's organizers wearing the yellow safety vest, Ms. Clara Smith. Additionally, he is pictured with Extra Space Storage Store Manager and Decker Blvd. Business Coalition member, Ms. Loretta Hodge.



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## **Councilman Jim Manning participated in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes**



On April 14, 2010, Councilman Jim Manning participated in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes sponsored by the Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes provides a great opportunity for men to get involved in the fight against sexual violence and in educating the community. Jim is shown with Ms. Melanie Griffin, the event



coordinator, Richland County Coroner Gary Watts (on the phone calling for help) and Richland County Sheriff's Department Deputy Chief Randy Scott. To learn more about Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands, click on the following link: <http://www.stsm.org/>



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### **Councilman Jim Manning took part in the rally Education rally: 'Enough is enough'**



Councilman Jim Manning took part in the rally Education rally: 'Enough is enough' on April 14, 2010 at the grounds of the South Carolina Statehouse. The rally was organized by several groups that care deeply about the future of education in South Carolina. State Legislators continue to cut funds which negatively impact the education of Richland County students and ultimately negatively effects economic development. Several speakers eloquently address the concerns of the huge crowd that gathered for the rally. Jim is shown with Ms. Alice Dean, the President of the Richland County Education Association. Jim and Ms. Dean are friends and attend Church together.



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**Councilman Jim Manning participated in the 2010 Richland School District One's Principal for a Day program.**



Councilman Jim Manning participated in the 2010 Richland School District One's Principal for a Day program. He was assigned to Satchel Ford Elementary School where Dr. Connie D. Derrick serves as the REAL Principal. Jim is shown with Dr. Derrick and in another picture with Dr. Derrick and two volunteers who were making Cotton Candy as part of a Science Day project at the School. Of course, the work involved being a Principal, even for just one day, about killed him. Councilman Manning could not say enough about all the wonderful employees, students and learning environment he observed at Satchel Ford.



## **Councilman Jim Manning laced up his running shoes to run in the Palmetto Half Marathon**



Councilman Jim Manning is seen here with fellow marathon runners Rick Gibbons, President of the Columbia Running Club and Boston Marathoner Teo Gamishev.

Councilman Manning laced up his running shoes to run in the Palmetto Half Marathon on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Village of Sandhills. The event was co-sponsored by Richland County Government and drew in 1,200 runners from 21 states. In addition to promoting fitness and health, the run served as a fundraiser for four local charities.

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## **Teenage Racing Phenom Jordan Anderson**



Councilman Jim Manning is pictured on Easter Weekend with constituent and teenage racing phenom Jordan Anderson. Jordan was home from Belmont Abbey College where he is a freshman studying for a business degree with a concentration in motorsports management. Jordan was featured in the State Newspaper for his accomplishments on Sunday, March 28, 2010. [Click here](#) to see the wonderful article.

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## University of South Carolina's 2010 Leadership and Service Awards Ceremony



Councilman Manning attended the University of South Carolina's 2010 Leadership and Service Awards Ceremony on April, 8, 2010. Jim is pictured on Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus, a District 8 constituent who received the distinguished Ambassador of Service Award. Dr. Doerpinghaus is Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies at USC.

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## Councilman Jim Manning attended the Unveiling Ceremony of the Historical Marker for the Monteith School (1880 - 1947)





Councilman Jim Manning attended the Unveiling Ceremony of the Historical Marker for the Monteith School (1880 - 1947) on March 24, 2010. The keynote speaker was speaker was Dr. Henrie Monteith Treadwell, the granddaughter of Rachael Hull Monteith, for whom the school was named. Also, in 1963, Dr. Treadwell became the first of three African American students to attend the University of South Carolina since Reconstruction. Additionally, Jim is pictured in front of the Marker with friend Mr. Henry Hopkins (Left), the Executive Director of the Eau Claire Community Council and Rev. R. L. Mosby, the oldest living graduate of the Monteith School. For more information about the Ceremony, follow this link: [www.wltx.com/news/story.aspx?storyid=85457&catid=35](http://www.wltx.com/news/story.aspx?storyid=85457&catid=35)

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## **NEW COUNTY GREEN SPACE : Tree of Life / Arcadia Lakes Stormwater Raingarden**



Tree of Life Rabbi Sherman is pictured with Carolyn Hudson and Councilman Jim Manning is shown working with Arcadia Lakes Town Councilman Bob Bishop on the new stormwater raingarden funded by the Richland County Conservation Commission. Ms. Hudson and Councilman Bishop took the lead role on behalf of Arcadia Lakes in orchestrating the creation of the model stormwater raingarden and the Tree of Life Synagogue was a generous partner in providing the land. Ms. Jessica Artz and the Gills Creek Watershed Association also partnered on the project. Over several months, many volunteers from the TOL Green Team and the community gave generously of their time to make this project a grand success..



**Councilman Jim Manning met with College students from Northwestern University in Illinois that help cleanup the Gills Creek Watershed**



Councilman Jim Manning is shown in front of a pile of tires that were removed from the Gills Creek Watershed in District 8 on March 22, 2010 by a marvelous group of College students from Northwestern University in Illinois. To Jim's immediate left is Ms. Heidi Johnson, the Director of Keep the Midlands Beautiful(KMB)which partnered with the student volunteers who gave up their Spring Break to do Service Learning. Other pictures show the students hard at work and the results of their hard work. To learn more about the project, follow this link [www.wltx.com/news/story.aspx?storyid=85371&catid=35](http://www.wltx.com/news/story.aspx?storyid=85371&catid=35).



## **Councilman Manning attends the Stephen W. Hefner Retirement Gala**



Councilman Jim Manning is shown with his wife Mrs. Sandy Manning and Dr. Steve Hefner at the Stephen W. Hefner Retirement Gala held Friday, March 12, 2010 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. The event was entitled, "A Tribute To A World Class Leader" and celebrated Dr. Hefner's 36 years of academic achievement. Dr. Hefner is the Superintendent of Richland County School District Two where Dr. Sandra C. Manning works as a School Psychologist. Jim is one of Council Chairman Paul Livingston's appointed liaison to the School District. Through this retirement gala, the Richland Two Education Foundation will begin an endowment in Dr. Hefner's honor.

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## **Councilman Jim Manning met with representatives from the Benedict-Allen Community Development Corporation and County Administration**







Councilman Jim Manning met with representatives from the Benedict-Allen Community Development Corporation and County Administration to discuss the Decker Blvd./Woodfield Park Master Plan on March 11, 2010. Representing the Benedict-Allen Community Development Corporation was Larry K. Salley, Executive Director and Benedict College Senior Vice President Dr. Stacey Franklin Jones. Representing the County Administration was Mr. Pope, Mr. Hammett, Ms. Hink (NIP) and Ms. Jackson (CDC). It was determined that a partnership would be established to further implementation of the strategies put forth in the Master Plan.

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### **Councilman Jim Manning runs in the 7th Annual March for Meals 5K fundraiser**



Councilman Jim Manning ran in the 7th Annual March for Meals 5K fundraiser for Senior Resources. Jim is shown with Senior Resources' Executive Director Deborah L. Bower and the agency mascot, "Dotty." The 3.1 mile course is breath taking as it goes through Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens. Senior Resources is partially funded by Richland County Council and has a mission to provide coordinated services, resources and personal choices to promote healthy, independent living through the support of staff and volunteers.

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## **National Association of Social Workers Awards Ceremony**



Councilman Jim Manning is pictured with Deputy Chief Randy Scott from the Richland County Sheriff's Department and Mr. Marvin M Bryant at the awards ceremony for the South Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Jim has been a member of the National Association of Social Workers since his Junior year of College in 1976. Deputy Chief Scott (shown holding the Award) was representing Sheriff Leon Lott who was named the Association's Public Citizen of the Year. Sheriff Lott was in Texas and unable to attend. Mr. Bryant chaired the Association's Spring Symposium.

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**Councilman Jim Manning appears on local news broadcast talking about firefighters driving ambulances in Richland County. This is another effort in bringing citizens and government together. [Click here to see the footage.](#)**

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**Councilman Manning attends "Laying down the Law with Lott"**



On January 23, 2010, Sheriff Leon Lott held a community symposium entitled "Laying down the Law with Lott."

Sheriff Lott offered his vision for 2010 on crime trends, preventing crime and improving the quality of life in Richland County with community leaders and the media. Councilman Jim Manning is shown pictured with Sheriff Lott and District Two Commander, Captain Cole Porter. Sheriff Lott expressed his commitment to the community by asking citizens to openly discuss how they felt about their safety and their quality of life in Richland County.

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**Councilman Jim Manning attended the unveiling of the Historical Marker to note the Honorary Designation of Harden Street as the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard on Monday, January 18, 2010.**



Jim is shown with Durham E. Carter, Co-Chair of the Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation Committee.



The Marker recognizes the achievements of a man who inspired the world to embrace equality and non-violence to which he dedicated his life. Pictured in front of the Historical Marker are members and alumni of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Psi Lambda Chapter, Columbia SC. Alpha Phi Alpha was the lead sponsor of the Marker. Music was presented by the Alpha Phi Alpha Ensemble shown posing for photographers following the ceremony.

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**Councilman Manning attended the annual business meeting of the Polo Ridge Homeowners Association on January 10, 2010.**



Jim is shown pictured with Councilwoman Val Hutchinson and out going President Dudley Dodgen.



The officers of the Polo Ridge HOA are shown seated and Ms. Anna Almeida, Deputy Director of the Richland County Planning Department is shown standing making a presentation regarding area development.

## **Traditional Latino Celebration Held on Richland County's International Corridor**

Latino Communications in partnership with the Cultural Council of Richland & Lexington Counties and Richland County Government hosted the 1st annual Three Kings Day Parade and Celebration on Saturday, January 9, 2010 along Decker Blvd.

Councilman Jim Manning is shown on a parade float with Councilman Norman Jackson and Tanya Rodriguez Hodges of Latino Communications.



Jim is also pictured with Tanya and Sheriff Leon Lott.





The event celebrated and shared Latin culture through its foods, arts, dance, music and history. The Three Kings Day tradition is celebrated throughout Latin America and Puerto Rico. Universally recognized on January 6th, the day celebrates the Christian holiday of the Epiphany; the holiday that highlights the Three Kings who followed the bright star to bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to baby Jesus. The scene is shown in the picture of the live nativity which was part of the event,





### **Councilman Jim Manning has Breakfast with Santa at Robert Mills House**

**About 100 families with young children turned out for food and festivities to include horse drawn carriage rides.**

The Victorian Santa is usually only seen by school groups and other visitors to the Robert Mills House, said Sarah Blackwell, the foundation's director of programming. "This year, we decided to share him with more people," she said. It worked. Pre-registration for the event sold out.

One of five national historic landmarks in Columbia, the home was built by architect Robert Mills in 1823 in the Classical Revival style. Since 1967, the home has been a historic house museum open to the public.

Jim Manning, a member of Richland County Council who attended the event with his wife Sandy and their great-niece, Taylor Manning, said the event showcased one of the area's historic jewels.

"It's just another way to bring people to the Historic Columbia Foundation and realize what we have to offer here in the county," he said.

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**Councilman Jim Manning was pleased to be with District 8 award recipients at the Richland County Appearance Counts Contest Garden Party**



Councilman Jim Manning was pleased to be with District 8 award recipients at the Richland County Appearance Counts Contest Garden Party on December 1, 2009.

Jim is shown Ms. Judy Timmons and Ms. Karen Webster from Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, Ms. Ryan Nevius, Appearance Commission Chair and Ms. Lee Phippen, Commission Member for District 8. The Church was recognized for its Sustainable Community Garden.

Jim and Lee are also shown with Ms. Cathy Connelly who was recognized for her Front Yard Beautification.

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**Councilman Manning participated in the 50th Anniversary celebration and Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Town of Arcadia Lakes' new Town Hall**



Councilman Manning participated in the 50th Anniversary celebration and Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Town of Arcadia Lakes' new Town Hall on Sunday, November 1, 2009. Jim is shown with long time friend Mayor Rick Thomas. Mayor Thomas is shown giving remarks and also pictured is Town Administrator Christine Murphy (far left in the blue top) holding a wall banner commemorating her many years of service. The Town of Arcadia Lakes is in the heart of Richland County District 8, just south of Decker Blvd

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### **Councilman Jim Manning attends a public meeting hosted by the Richland County Storm Water Management Division**





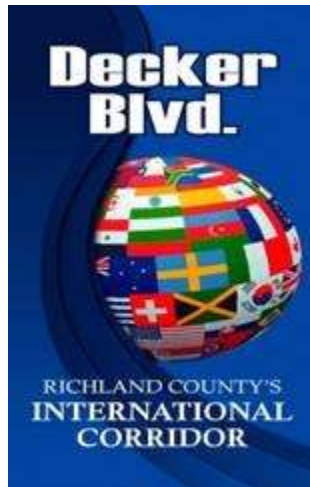
On October 19, 2009, Councilman Jim Manning had the honor to address and participate in a public meeting hosted by the Richland County Storm Water Management Division for the folks who live on Cary Lake in Arcadia Lakes just off Decker Blvd. The discussion focused on the plan to dredge the lake in an effort to improve the Gills Creek Watershed. Jim is pictured at the table along with Mr. James L. Pruitt, III, PE (Far left) and Mr. James Hazzard, EIT, both of whom work for the Dennis Corporation who will do the work Mr. Srinivas Valavala, the Director of the Storm Water division (Standing) addresses the audience and answering questions.

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**Richland County Councilman Jim Manning and S.C. Representative Joan Brady, along with leaders from the Decker Community unveiling banner for the Decker Boulevard International Corridor**



Richland County has officially labeled Decker Boulevard as its “International Corridor”. In October, Richland County Councilman Jim Manning and S.C. Representative Joan Brady, along with leaders from the Decker Community hosted a banner unveiling ceremony at the Bi- Lo Shopping Center at 2230 Decker Boulevard.

Those in attendance were serenaded by the Korean Association Choir; displaying the international melting pot Decker Boulevard has become. The 16 new banners will line Decker Boulevard and serve as a guide for residents as they travel through the County’s International Corridor promoting the rich and diverse cultures of this vital community.

Decker Boulevard is home to more than 50 international businesses and hundreds of Richland County residents.



## **Councilman Jim Manning attended the Richland School District Two's Education Foundation's Inaugural Fall Literature and Arts Festival**

Councilman Jim Manning attended the Richland School District Two's Education Foundation's Inaugural Fall Literature and Arts Festival in partnership with the City of Forest Acres and Books-A-Million held Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Dent Middle School. The event was held on Decker Blvd, Richland County's International Corridor in the heart of District 8.



Jim is shown with his wife and RCSD Two School Psychologist, Sandy (middle), event coordinator, nephew and constituent, James Manning (the taller, more handsome guy to his right) and Council colleague Val Hutchinson (far right).



Additionally, he is shown with Elvis Presley's cousin and author of "The Genuine Elvis" Edie Hand (middle) and RC Recreation Commission exhibitor Elizabeth Atkinson who is also a member of the Decker Corridor Alliance.





Finally, Jim is shown with his friend and Social Work colleague (the taller, more handsome guy to his left) who was also a featured author, Representative Anton J. Gunn. Gunn's recently released book is entitled, *The Audacity of Leadership: 10 Essentials to Becoming A Transformative Leader in the 21st Century*.

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### **Councilman Jim Manning was invited to be the guest speaker at the Windsor Lake Park Neighborhood meeting**



On Thursday evening, October 15, 2009, Councilman Jim Manning was invited to be the guest speaker at the Windsor Lake Park Neighborhood meeting. Jim is pictured fielding questions from the group regarding issues related to traffic calming, zoning, traffic lights and road drainage. It was a very interactive session with interested constituents.

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## **"An Evening at the Airport"**

Members of Richland County Council and the Administrative team attended "An Evening at the Airport" event hosted at the Jim Hamilton-L.B. Owens Airport this week [...Read More](#)

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## **Councilman Jim Manning attends an educational tour of the Gills Creek Watershed**



On October 11, 2009, Councilman Manning joined many others for an educational tour of the Gills Creek Watershed. The adventure, called Wheels around the Watershed, was a fundraiser sponsored by the Gills Creek Watershed Association and was led by Yancy McLeod. Pictured above, the group is entering the natural, undisturbed floodplain just about 100 yards behind Trenholm Plaza on Forest Dr. Mr. McLeod is shown "lecturing" the group in the area of the recently funded Forest Acres nature trail site along Gills Creek. Councilman Manning and tour leader Yancy McLeod are pictured at the conclusion of the tour. To learn more about the watershed or to become a member go to [www.gillscreekwatershed.com](http://www.gillscreekwatershed.com).

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**Richland County Communities Unite to Protect Water Quality**

In an effort to protect area watersheds and water quality, communities across Richland County joined with Clemson University's Carolina Clear to sign a joint proclamation at Forest Acres City Hall on Tuesday, October 06, 2009.  
[...Read More](#)

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## **Councilman Jim Manning reads the Council Resolution recognizing Councilman and friend, L. Gregory Pearce**



Councilman Manning was given the honor by his Council colleagues to read the Council Resolution recognizing Councilman and friend, L. Gregory Pearce for his years of services to the South Carolina Association of Counties which culminated in his being elected and serving as the Association's President. Also pictured with Jim is Council Chairman Paul Livingston and Greg's lovely wife, Johnnie..

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## **Free Country Music Concert**

Councilman Manning announces emerging Country Music star, Whitney Duncan will perform a **FREE** concert at the Red Roof Inn located in Richland County District 8.

Click [here](#) for additional details or visit [www.gactv.com](http://www.gactv.com) to watch her music videos.

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## **South Carolina Bar Association's New Conference Center**

Councilman Manning attended the groundbreaking ceremony September 2, 2009 for the South Carolina Bar Association's new Conference Center to be located at the corner of Park and Hampton Streets. This new site will provide meeting space and enable the Bar to deliver quality continuing legal education programming to our members.



Above is a rendering of the beautiful new facility.

Below, Jim is pictured with SC Supreme Court Justice and constituent, Costa M. Pleicones. Chief Justice Jean Toal was also present and provided remarks.



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## **Professor Van Kornegay**



Councilman Jim Manning attended a presentation by longtime family friend Professor Van Kornegay on Saturday, August 8, 2009. Dr. Kornegay is a Journalism Professor at USC with a particular interest in Billboards. Also in the picture is Constituent Marilyn Summers who is one of the leaders of the Northeast Democrats group which hosted the event.

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## **FANA**



Forest Acres Neighborhood Association (FANA) in conjunction with Trenholm Park hosted a wonderfully successful National Night Out event on August 3, 2009. Councilman Manning is pictured with RCRC staff. (Standing is Trenholm Park Manager Jamie Cathey. Seated are: Asst. Park Manager Theron Chandler (Left) Robert L. Hansen (Middle) and Coach Brian Sanders (Right). Jim is also shown with Constituent and Forest Acres citizen Bruce Cole who serves on the Richland County Airport Commission.

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## Midlands Regional Grassroots Difference Meeting



Councilman Manning is shown with Ike McLees (Middle) and Otis Rawl (Left) at the Midlands Regional Grassroots Difference Meeting. The meeting was sponsored by The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with ten local Chambers including the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Rawl is the President and CEO of the SC Chamber and Mr. McLees is the President of the GC Chamber and a constituent. The purpose of the meeting was for the Chamber to gather input towards carving out its 2010 Legislative agenda.

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## Council member Jim Manning participated in the 2nd "Meet and Greet" sponsored by the Decker Blvd. Business Coalition (DCCB) on July 16, 2009





Council member Jim Manning participated in the 2nd "Meet and Greet" sponsored by the Decker Blvd. Business Coalition (DCCB) on Thursday evening, July 16, 2009. The Chic-fil-A on Decker hosted the event. Jim is shown unveiling one of the sixteen the telephone pole banners to be placed along the Corridor in the next 4-6 weeks. Also, the DBBC President, Ms. Sylvia Hanna of the Hanna State Farm Insurance Agency, is shown updating the group about the Coalition's purpose and activities.

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### **Councilman Manning attended the Richland County Public Library's "A Lowcountry Escape" on July 10, 2009**



Councilman Manning attended the Richland County Public Library's "A Lowcountry Escape" on July 10, 2009. He is shown pictured with the featured Author, Dorothea Benton Frank (far right) and his wife Sandra. Ms. Frank is the Author of Sullivan's Island and was at RCPL with her most recent book, Return to Sullivan's Island. It was a wonderful event sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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## **Councilman Manning participated in the unveiling ceremony of the Renaissance Foundation's Marker for the historic Bethel A.M.E. Church**



Councilman Manning had the opportunity to participate in the unveiling ceremony of the Renaissance Foundation's Marker for the historic Bethel A.M.E. Church at the corner of Sumter and Taylor streets on June 19, 2009 . Jim, 4th in from the right, is pictured beside the Foundation's Executive Director, Mary Skinner-Jones at the base of the plaque along with other members of the Bethel A.M.E Church and other local community dignitaries who are interested in, and actively promoting the preservation project. To find out more about the Renaissance Foundation and the restoration project, go to <http://www.renaissancefoundationsc.org/home.html>

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## **County Council member Jim Manning celebrates with the newest Richland 101 graduates.**





Councilman Manning is shown with the Graduating Class at the Richland 101 Graduation Ceremony held on June 16, 2009. Richland 101 is an outstanding series of classes conducted by staff and elected officials to help citizens better understand how the County operates to meeting the peoples needs for critical and quality of life services. Jim assisted Councilman Norman Jackson (shown with Graduate Ms. Beverly Riley) in honoring the class participants with Certificates commending their commitment and accomplishment to learn more about the our award winning County. He is also pictured shaking hands with graduate Minister D.A. De'AndreA .

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### **Decker Businesses and Residents Unite During "Meet and Greet"**

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**Councilman Jim Manning participated in the Gills Creek Watershed Association public forum on April 30, 2009**



Councilman Jim Manning participated in the Gills Creek Watershed Association public forum on April 30, 2009 held at the Forest Acres City Hall. He is pictured with Jessica Artz, GCWA Program Coordinator, as she shows a constituent a displayed poster depicting the Watershed. The Gills Creek Watershed runs north to south through the heart of Richland County District 8. Additionally, Councilman Manning is shown with some of the many displays set up to compliment the presentations made by various individuals affiliated with the GCWA. To learn more about the Gills Creek Watershed, you can go to: <http://www.gillscreekwatershed.com>.

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### **Midlands Makeover Event held on April 18, 2009**



Councilman Jim Manning participated in the Computer and Television Recycling 2009 Midlands Makeover event on Saturday, April 18, 2009. The event was sponsored by the Richland County Department of Solid Waste and Keep the Midlands Beautiful. Jim is shown below dropping off two old TVs and some outdated computer equipment with the fine assistance of Officer James Bostic. Jim is also shown with Ms. Heidi Johnson, the Executive Director of Keep the Midlands Beautiful in front of the information both they had with information on how we can all work together to improve Richland County.

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## **Financial Empowerment & Green Living Conference held on March 21, 2009**



Richland County hosted the Financial Empowerment & Green Living Conference at the Richland School District Auditorium located on the campus of Richland Northeast High School on Saturday, March 21, 2009. It was a dynamic one day home buying, green living, and financial empowerment conference designed to give Midlands residents the tools to live more financially stable and environmentally conscious lives. The keynote speaker for the event was noted author and Washington Post columnist, Michelle Singletary, who is a weekly contributor to National Public Radio and MSNBC. She provided a stellar speech on the ABC's of money management. Councilman Jim Manning is pictured with Ms. Singletary and County Administrator, Milton Pope. Jim is also pictured in front of one of the exhibitors' both with Mr. Dwayne A. Thompson of the Gary Realty Company Inc. The conference was free for participants due to many wonderful sponsors. Just to name a few: Mungo Homes, SCB&T, SCE&G, SC Community Bank, Lowe's Home Improvement and WACH FOX 57.

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Keep the Midlands Beautiful, the local Chapter of Keep America Beautiful, conducted their annual Quality of Life Index on Saturday, February 28, 2009. Councilman Manning joined Chapter President Lyssa Harvey and Rhett Anders, a realtor with Elite Properties and community activist from the Eau Claire Community to complete the survey for the North Columbia and Decker Boulevard area. The Richland County Sheriff's Department partnered with Keep the Midlands Beautiful on this project and Deputy Salmond served as our most capable escort

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## **Greater Woodfield Community Association Newsletter - March 2009**

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### **Councilman Jim Manning participated in the Institute of Government for County Officials on February 26, 2009**



Councilman Jim Manning participated in the Institute of Government for County Officials on February 26, 2009. Jim is pictured here with table learning partners Cotton Cole, Council member for District 3 in Lancaster County (Left) and Sparty Hammet, Assistant County Administrator for Richland County (Right). The Institute was sponsored by the South Carolina Association of Counties. Participants were provided training and education information to better serve their constituents and citizens of their respective Counties.

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## **Councilman Manning Views Gills Creek Watershed From The Air**



Joined by Dr. Daniel L. Tufford, Research Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at USC, Airport Administrator Jim Hamilton took Jim Manning for an airplane view of Jackson Creek and the Gills Creek Watershed. Both of these water ways make their way prominently through Richland County District 8, including the Decker Boulevard area. Jim was eager to make this trip with a renowned watershed ecology and water resources management expert in preparation for the Public Hearing and Council vote on the Storm water / Buffer ordinance.

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## **Jim Manning Attends Community Meeting Breakfast**



On Saturday morning, February 14, 2009, Councilman Manning attended the Northeast Richland County Democrats breakfast meeting featuring gubernatorial candidate Senator Vincent Sheheen. Jim is shown pictured with Senator Sheheen and Richland County Senator Joel Lourie, District 22.

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## **28th Annual Snowman Run 8K Road Race at Richland County's Caughman Road Park**



On Saturday, January 18, 2009, Jim Manning participated in the 28th Annual Snowman Run 8K Road Race which is one of the Midlands area's longest ongoing races. Jim is pictured here with Race Director and long time Caughman Road Park Director Lisa Smarr following the 8K (5 mile) run. The race followed a wonderful course, was well organized with great course monitoring by the A.C. Flora JROTC cadets and was support by numerous collaborative partners. The event made Richland County and the Richland County Recreation Commission shine.

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## **Councilman Jim Manning participated in the annual Columbia Fire Department's Award Ceremony on February 28, 2009**



The annual Columbia Fire Department's Award Ceremony was held Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the South Carolina Fire Academy. Councilman Jim Manning had the privilege to participate in the ceremony and provide remarks recognizing outstanding Fire Fighters, Companies and Battalions. Jim is pictured with Fire Chief Bradley Anderson and also in the reception line with Deputy Chief Aubrey Jenkins and Assistant Chief Richard Dunn. It was a wonderful ceremony to honor those women and men who daily put themselves in harms way to protect the citizens of Columbia and Richland County.

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## **Attended Orientation Sponsored By South Carolina Association of Counties**



Jim attended the day long Orientation for Newly-Elected County Council Members sponsored by the South Carolina Association of Counties. The training was held in Columbia on December 9, 2008 and was attended by 43 people from all across the State. Topics included: Roles and Responsibilities of Council, Characteristics of an Effective Council, Ethics in Government, County Government Services and Finances, The Freedom of Information Act and County Risk Management. This training was invaluable to Jim as he prepared to begin representing the Citizens of District 8.

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## **Recognized By MTC For A Successful Run For Richland County Council**



Jim was recognized at the December 2008 meeting of the Midlands Technical College's Human Services Department's Advisory Committee for his successful run for Richland County Council. Ms. Mary M. Rawls, the HUS Department Chair is joined by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Mr. Edgar Spencer in making the presentation. The Advisory Committee is made up of representatives from the Midlands who work in organizations which employ Human Services' graduates. The Committee is a vital link between the community and the college.

in an effort to best prepare a curriculum that meets the needs of employers. Jim has been serving on this committee as a Professional Social Worker for several years.