

# The City of Marion, South Carolina

## SWAMP FOX SCENE

A FREE monthly news magazine for  
the citizens and visitors of the Swamp Fox City



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### MARION'S MAYOR BOBBY L. DAVIS ELECTED TO MASC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



During the Municipal Association of South Carolina Annual meeting which was held July 16-19, 2015, at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, Marion's Mayor Bobby L. Davis was unanimously elected to serve on the Board of Directors for a one year

term. Mayor Davis will be representing the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments Area. The Municipal Association which serves 270 South Carolina's Cities and Towns has a rich eighty five year (85) history in assisting Municipalities with local government programs such as; the training of Mayors, Council Members, Administrators, Clerks, Treasurers, Legal Advice, Insurance, Lobbying the General Assembly on behalf of Municipalities on Legislative matters such as local government funding and other pending bills, to ensure that cities and towns are recognized and are being represented on all local government issues. Mayor Davis was the first municipal official in Marion County to graduated the Municipal Institute of Government Class and is the first from the City of Marion to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. He is enrolled in the Advanced Course of the Institute of Government and is scheduled to be the first Advanced Graduate in Marion County. Mayor Davis has served on the City of Marion Council for twenty five years (25) prior to being elected Mayor in April 2013. He is married to Mrs. Geneva Foxworth Davis and they have two sons.



To All Residents  
of the City of Marion

PLEASE JOIN US  
Tuesday, August 25, 2015  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

#### MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Marion Police Chief Dewayne Tennie and members  
of our Marion Police Department will be on hand  
for a meet & greet with our residents

Light refreshments

### Marion Chamber of Commerce 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

The Marion Chamber of Commerce will host the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber Golf Tournament on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at Dusty Hills Country Club. The format will be Captain's Choice, with a shotgun start at 1:00pm.

We cordially invite you to participate in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament. This is one of the Chamber's most important fund raisers for the year. Money earned from the Golf Tournament goes to help provide programs and activities of the Chamber. Tournament Corporate sponsors, Hole sponsors, Cart sponsors are all welcomed for this year's tournament. To register or sign up for sponsorships for the tournament, contact the Marion Chamber of Commerce, 209 E. Bobby Gerald Parkway or call the office at 423-3561.

The 2015 Marion Chamber of Commerce Golf Committee is T. Carroll Atkinson, III, Chairman; Lucas Atkinson; Elaine Barkley; Freddie Barkley; Ashley Brady; Craig Martin.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS & COME PLAY WITH US!

We will celebrate on Saturday, September 19, 2015 in Withlacoochee Park with fun events such as a Punt, Pass & Kick competition, Volleyball and more. Event is schedule to begin at 9:30 a.m. You don't want to miss the fun and excitement. So mark your calendar, call a friend and come out and play with us!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR**

# BBQ AND BULLETS

**Friday, August 7**

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**INFO & AGENDA**

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**Who** ANY AND ALL SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WELCOME

**What** THE PURPOSE OF THIS EVENT is to educate small business owners of legal pitfalls to avoid as well as financing options available.

**When**

- 11:30 AM Arrive
- 12:00 PM Get your BBQ! (A For Real Pig Pickin')
- 12:30 PM Presentations Begin
- Approximately 15 Minutes Each, 4 Total
- 1:30 PM Skeet Shoot Begins

Presented by Back Woods Quail Club  
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# CITY NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Ms. Agnes Dixon of 509 West Mullins Street has been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for July 2015. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. Ms. Dixon will receive a Marion Chamber of Commerce Chamber Check in recognition of this honor.

## NEED HELP?

Call City Hall, 843-423-5961, unless otherwise noted, and one of the following will be able to help you.

- Mayor Bobby L. Davis, (843) 423-5961, Ext. 21
- Alan Ammons, City Administrator & Building Official, Ext. 19
- Pam Jones, City Clerk, Ext. 10
- Patricia Brown, City Treasurer, Ext. 18
- Ainsley Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 11
- Elizabeth Fிக, Personnel / Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614
- Vickie J. Nichols, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22
- Ann Jackson, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410
- Dewayne Tennie, Police Chief, (843) 423-8616
- Cindy Barr, Captain (843) 423-8616
- Trey Cooper, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602
- Chris McKenzie, Assistant Fire Chief (843) 423-8602
- Heather Evans, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616
- Almeta Mullins, Secretary, (843) 423-8616

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The Marion Chamber and HMRA help pay printing costs.

A PDF version is available by e-mail or online. For more information about the newspaper, call Mayor Bobby L. Davis or City Administrator Alan Ammons at (843) 423-5961.

### CITY OF MARION PUBLIC NOTICE

#### 2015-2016 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE

Section 1 of the Business and Professional License Ordinance for the City of Marion, South Carolina requires every person engaged in any calling, business, occupation or profession within the limits of the City of Marion to renew the annual Business License fee and obtain a license.

The City of Marion Business License Renewal Applications are being mailed on May 22, 2015. Current Business Licenses expire on June 30, 2015. To obtain a 2015-2016 Business License, a completed renewal application and/or remittance must be received in the City of Marion Business License Department by July 31, 2015 to avoid a penalty. Penalties for late payment will be assessed on August 1, 2015, and will increase each month thereafter.

**FAILURE TO RECEIVE A RENEWAL NOTICE DOES NOT RELIEVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LICENSEE FROM OBTAINING A BUSINESS LICENSE.** If you have any questions please contact Pam Jones in the Business License Department at 843-423-5961.

The Arts Council of Marion County  
Presents  
*Art, Etc. Auction*

Tuesday, August 18th - 6:00 PM  
Historic Marion Opera House  
100 W. Court St.  
Marion, SC

Bidding, Refreshments,  
Food & Fun!

Featuring fine art from Local  
& Regional Artists

- Save the Date:**
- Rise and Shine: September 2nd**, 8:30 a.m.. hosted by Marion County School District, 719 North Main Street, Marion. Come support your school system as they kick off a new school year for our future leaders of America.
  - Economic Outlook Luncheon: September 9th**, 12:00 noon Woodhaven Restaurant.
  - HMRA's 3rd Annual Olde Towne Marion Cornhole Tournament: September 26th**, in Downtown Marion! Cash prizes, entertainment and more.

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- Financial Advice
- Life Coaching
- Counseling
- Legal Council

**Preaching Titles**

- Aug15 "Loosed" the Stage Play
- Aug16 "Search and Rescue"
- Aug18 "#MissionPossible"
- Aug19 "Sex in the Sanctuary"
- Aug21 "Water In The Gas Tank"
- Aug22 "Two Chains"
- Aug23 "When God Stood Still"
- Aug25 "God, Ghosts, & Gates"
- Aug26 "The Ultimate Cookout"
- Aug28 "So Fresh, So Clean"

**Kids Korner**  
Nightly  
Ages 6-12

**Pastor Joshua Nelson**  
Evangelist

For More Information Call: (843) 423-7871  
[www.mtoliveworship.com](http://www.mtoliveworship.com)

The Arts Council of Marion County is happy to report we are adding a **NEW** feature to our Facebook & Webpage - a **Calendar of ART related events** which will help enhance and promote the arts in the county & surrounding areas with the idea of stimulating tourism in Marion County. Should you have an "Art Related" event (Music/Concerts/Choral Groups/Visual Arts/Performing Arts/Cultural/Ethnic/Religious) kindly email me the details and we will post it to the calendar in a timely manner.

Should you know of others that you feel should be included in this email, please feel free to pass along their email address and I will make the connection.

Historic Marion is a great place to visit, shop, dine and live. Visit the City of Marion online at [www.marionsc.gov](http://www.marionsc.gov) and on Facebook under City of Marion, South Carolina.





**Jimmy Collins city's employee of the Month**

The City of Marion recognized firefighter Jimmy Collins as the June 2015 Employee of the Month. Jimmy has been a full-time employee with the Marion Fire Department since September 2004. He is also a member of the Marion Rescue Squad and is a past recipient of the Marion

Rescue Squad Captain's Award.

Jimmy serves as a volunteer fireman with the Mullins Fire Department (Deputy Chief), Nichols Fire Department (Assistant Chief) and Horry County. He works hard for the community and is very active in the Marion Fire Department's public education and fire prevention programs.

The Mayor and Council recognized Jimmy Collins for his dedication and contributions to the City of Marion at the July 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**MARION NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH "WE ARE OUR NEIGHBORS KEEPERS"**

In 1984, the first National Night Out was held on the first Tuesday of August. Over the next 32 years, it has grown to include over 37 million people in over 10,000 communities in North America. This year, for the first time, Marion will participate on August 4<sup>th</sup>. "A TEAM" of the Marion Neighborhood Watch, with the support of the Marion Police Department, will host a neighborhood party on the corner of S Withlacoochee Ave and W Bond St from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Residents living in the area from W Liberty St to Bobby Gerald Pkwy & S Main St to Catfish Creek are invited for a time of fellowship and fun. All citizens of the Swamp Fox city are urged to participate by burning their porch lights during the night of August 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Dolly @ 843-433-0941. Remember there is no better way to fight crime than with community spirit. Please join us for our regular monthly meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. We meet in the meeting room of the Fire Department on E Bond St at 6:30 P.M. And look for us right here in the Swamp Fox Scene each month.



**A visit to Marion City Hall**

The students of the Summer Camp of Marion County Christian Academy, a Subsidiary of Marion County School of Music, visited City Hall on Thursday July 2, 2015.

In the week preceding their visit they reviewed the many stories about the

birth of our country, the history of the American Revolution, and ultimately Slavery and its impact on the people of South Carolina.

In order to understand the political and social impact of our history, the entire week culminated in a visit to see Mayor Bobby L. Davis and tour the City Hall and its Chambers.

Mayor Davis spent much time explaining the City Laws and their enforcement, and answered many questions by the Summer Campers.

Mayor Davis was pleased to welcome the special guest visiting Marion, SC from Ecuador, Carli Paredes, who will be in Marion for 3 more weeks.

The students were allowed to visit the Chambers, where City Council meets, and asked many questions, which Mayor Davis answered with great care and patience.

**Fall Signups**

The Marion Recreation Department is currently taking Football, Soccer and Cheerleading signups for the fall season. Football and Cheerleading are open to ages 4-12, Soccer ages 5-15. Please make sure you have a copy of the child's birth certificate at the time of registration; NO birth certificates are kept on file. City residents with proof of residency \$21; Outside city limits \$35. Signups are accepted Monday thru Friday 8am - 5pm. Deadline to register is August 21. Please remember the Marion Recreation offices are now located at the Shannon Wilkerson Gym (behind the Marion School District).

**Debbie Sledge postponed**

Debbie Sledge "Jazz like Me" has been postponed until October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. For information on the upcoming event, please contact Robert Honablue, Assistant Promoter, CEO Entertainment (413) 204-3493 or [rdblue2@aol.com](mailto:rdblue2@aol.com).

**The Southern Historical Museum and Learning Academy**

The Southern Historical Museum and Learning Academy, will be located in Marion, South Carolina. The museum will display the vast array of artifacts, photos, letters, memorabilia and video presentations that depicts the rich history of the Southern struggles and the positive aftermaths of these struggles that have led to so many new laws, highlighting the contributions of both men and women of the South in these struggles.

For more information on the museum you can contact Mrs. Joann Foster-Pugh, 511 East Bobby Gerald Parkway, Marion, SC 29571 or Mr. Allen Dotson at (347) 490-7607.

**Coming In August!!!!**

Community Farmers Market located at 109 Bobby Gerald Parkway (The Old Thomas & Howard Building) open every Saturday for the summer months from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. until October. We also have a farmer that can accept the Senior Citizen Vouchers and WIC Vouchers. We are also having a fundraiser at the Market this Saturday. Retired Marines will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for local causes. We welcome anyone interested in setting up a booth for handcrafted items or locally grown produce to contact Nicole Brown at 843-610-6246.

Each month there is a Marion Foodie meeting and a Marion Film Club meeting, sponsored by the Arts Council of Marion County. Call Janine Jordan at (843) 289-5054 or email [artcounciljj@att.net](mailto:artcounciljj@att.net) for information.

**August 5th - Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. Rise and Shine hosted by HMRA, 103 E. Dozier St. Come receive updates on the Market Plaza Project and other activities proposed for downtown development.

**August 7th - 9th - Friday - Sunday**

Annual Sales Tax Holiday Weekend.

**August 11th - Tuesday**

6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

**August 15th-29th - Saturday**

**Life Enrichment Bible Conference "Loose Chains"** - Marion Opera House. Sponsor by Pastor Joshua Nelson. For details call (209) 605-1326 or email [pjnelson25@gmail.com](mailto:pjnelson25@gmail.com)

**August 18th - Tuesday**

5:00-6:00 p.m. **Marion Police Department Open House**. To All Residents of the City of Marion, please join us.

**August 18th - Tuesday**

6:00 p.m. **The Arts Council of Marion County** presents Art, Etc. Auction. Marion Opera House, 100 W. Court St, Marion SC.

**August 21st-Friday**

6:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. **HMRA Music on the Square with Jukebox Elly**. Bring a lawn chair and end your week relaxing to live music. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit HMRA's Facade Improvement Grant Program for Downtown Marion.



# Dixie Softball State Tournaments hosted in City of Marion

The Dixie Softball State Tournament Opening Ceremonies in Marion got on the way July 3rd through July 15th. Guest speaker was NBA Raymond Felton Jr.

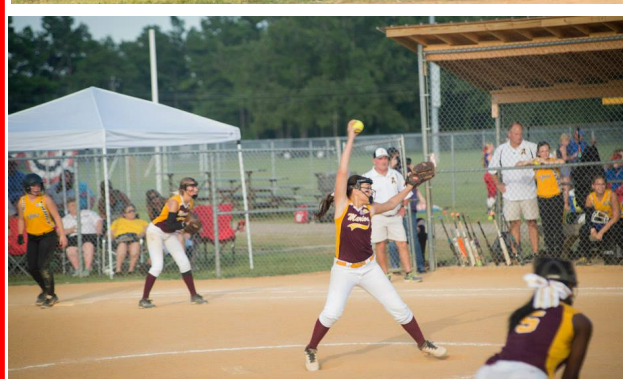
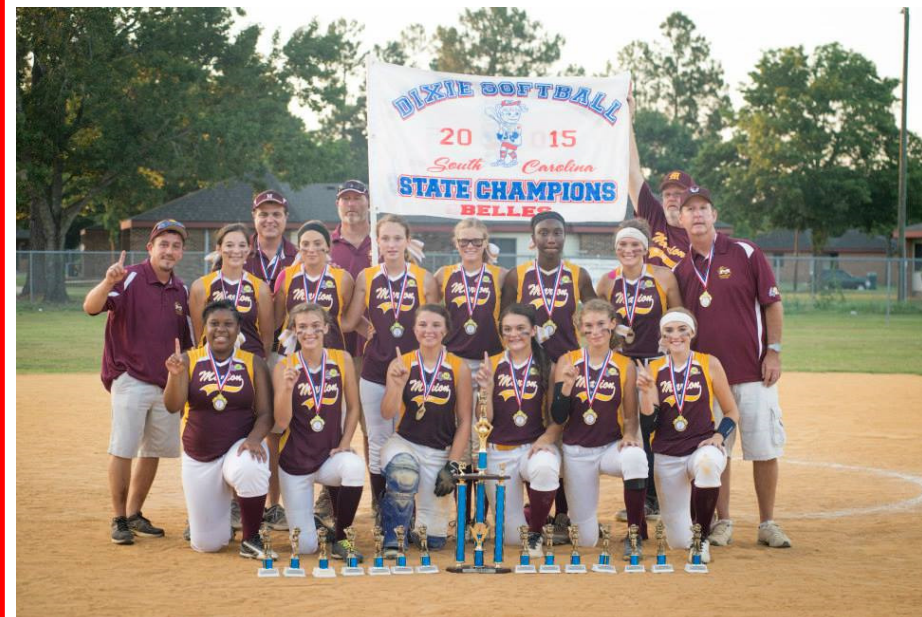


The Marion Sweeties were awarded the sportsmanship trophy for the 2015 State Tournament. It is Dixie most honored trophy a team can win. Congratulations to our Marion 6U All Star players, coaches, parents and fans!

Also not pictured, we like to congratulate our 12U All Stars on the Sportsmanship Award for the 2015 Ponytails State Tournament!! Awesome Job!!

## Marion Belles off to Louisiana

The Marion Belles won the 2015 State Championship. They are now headed to Monroe, Louisiana to represent South Carolina in the Dixie Youth World Series. Let's Go Team South Carolina!!!!



Congratulations from Mayor Bobby L. Davis, Marion City Council Members, Alan Ammons, City Administrator and all the Citizens of Marion for a job well done.

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