

The City of Marion, South Carolina

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Look what's happening at Marion Police Department!!!

Police Lieutenant Tony Flowers has been in law enforcement since 2002. He started working for the Florence Police Department and then came to the Marion Police Department in 2007. While at the Marion Police Department he worked as a patrolman, Training Officer, and Investigator. In 2014 Lieutenant Tony Flowers went to work

for the Darlington Police Department as an Investigator. He is married to Pam Lambert Flowers. They have three daughters and one son. Lieutenant Flowers is currently pursuing a BS in Criminal Justice Administration and will achieve this in the spring of 2016. Lieutenant Tony Flowers was voted "Police Officer of the Year" in 2008 for the City of Marion. Flowers stated that he is excited to be back in Marion and looks forward to serving the citizens. His hobbies include all sports as well as hunting and fishing.

Police Lieutenant Christopher Smith has been promoted to Captain effective September 23rd. Captain Smith is a lifelong resident of Marion County and has one daughter, McKayla. He enjoys hunting, fishing and trapping, and playing his guitar. Captain Smith has been employed with the City of Marion Police Department since July 2000 and began his career in law enforcement as a patrol officer, answering calls and working traffic. These duties enabled him to learn the Marion community and our citizens. His knowledge and years of experience continue to assist the department in his current position as an Investigator. When assigned a case, Smith will work it until he gets results for the victim. "He's always eager to help the younger officers as well as the supervisors, which is evident when they call at 3:00 in the morning," stated by his peers.



A Special Thank You

The City of Marion's quarterly employee fellowship luncheon was held on September 18th at Rosewood Manor. Mayor Bobby L. Davis, Administrator Alan Ammons, City Council Members and our City employees would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Gary McKeel and Mr. John Cunningham, and their local friends, for hosting this event, welcoming us all to Rosewood Manor and going the extra mile to make the luncheon special. From the white linen table clothes and the nice sterling silverware to the guided tours of the interior of the Bed and Breakfast Inn and its many elegant bedrooms, library, music room and cozy parlors...everything was perfect! And the homemade hamburgers with sausage, hot dogs, slaw, baked beans, and oven roasted potatoes fries...the food was delicious! And a special thanks to Ms. Stedman for the homemade cupcakes.

Thank you all again for what you did for the City employees, and for the way you did it. We can't thank you all enough for this kind, generous gesture.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Each month the Mayor recognizes someone in the community for going above and beyond in helping keep Marion beautiful. You can help us recognize those deserving residents by giving us their contact information and how they are contributing. Please call Pam Jones at City Hall 843-423-5961 with your recommendations. An individual or group is chosen each month for

The Mayor's Monthly Beautification Award

And recognized at the City Council Meeting.

Thank you!

SHANNON WILKERSON GYMNASIUM DEDICATION CEREMONY

The Dedication Ceremony for the Shannon Wilkerson Gymnasium in Marion will be held Sunday, October 25th at 3:00 p.m. at the site of the gymnasium located immediately behind the Marion County School District Administrative Office, 719 North Main Street.

The ceremony will highlight the athletic achievements of the Marion High School girls' basketball teams during the years Shannon Wilkerson was coach and when she also served as teacher.

The public is welcome to attend.

Employee Fellowship Luncheon



Please visit the city's Facebook for more pictures. Again thanks, Dr. McKeel and Mr. Cunningham for hosting our luncheon.

CITY NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - Arts Council of Marion County

The annual membership drive for the Arts Council of Marion County (ACMC) is in full swing.

The ACMC is a non-profit that relies on annual, tax-deductible memberships and donations to fund its activities and programs. Join this visionary group of Art friends whose generous support entitles them to exclusive benefits and access. Proceeds of your membership will be used to benefit and enrich the arts in Marion County.

To learn more about becoming a member visit us online at artscouncil-marioncounty.org, or by contacting Janine Jordan at artcounciljj@att.net or 843.289.5054.

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
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- Ann Jackson**, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410
- Dewayne Tennie**, Police Chief, (843) 423-8616
- Chris Smith**, 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

Marion Chamber of Commerce 25th Annual Golf Tournament

Dusty Hills Country Club hosted the 25th Annual Marion Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament and Dinner on Wednesday, August 26, 2015. Tournament sponsors for this year were American Waste Systems, Anderson Brothers Bank, AVM, First Charter Co., Inc., First Citizens Bank, Jordan Scrap Metal, Palmetto Chevrolet, Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, Pee Dee Federal Savings Bank, Pee Dee Food Service, Pee Dee Office Solutions, Sheriff Mark Richardson, and Williamson Printing. Greens sponsors were Group Beneteau, Bridgers Drug Store, Industrial Solutions & Supply, Inc., Robert E. Lee, Attorney at Law, Craig Martin, CPA,PA., and Marion County Healthcare Foundation. A Captain's Choice format was played with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. After golf, awards were presented by Golf Tournament Chairman, Carroll Atkinson and Chamber Executive Director Cindy Rogers. T'Roy's Restaurant catered a chicken bog dinner. 60 players participated.

Committee members were T. Carroll Atkinson, III, Chairman, Lucas Atkinson, Elaine Barkley, Ashley Brady, and Craig Martin. Special thanks are extended to Chamber member volunteers and sponsors for making this year's tournament and dinner a success.

Tournament Results:

- 1st Place (52) Greg Rogers, Kenny Rogers, Cecil Hewitt
 - 2nd Place (57) Mark Richardson, Chuck Page, Mark Lewis, Glenn Turner
 - 3rd Place (59) Byron Beck, Gordon McLellan, Larry McIntyre, Jerry Coleman
 - 4th Place (60) Wayne George, Tommy George, Roy White, Johnny Atkinson
- Closest to Pins: # 2 Trey McCaskill, # 18 Robbie Hayes, # 7 Kyle Price, # 11 Harold Snipes

Special Prizes: T- Roy's Restaurant sponsored the 4th place prizes. Palmetto Chevrolet sponsored a car for a Hole in One on #18 and Hulon Jewelers sponsored a diamond ring for a Hole in One on #11. This year there were no takers.

Frank Page city's employee of the Month



The City of Marion is pleased to announce Frank Page as its August 2015 Employee of the Month.

Frank Page has been employed with the City of Marion Recreation Department since December 1999. He currently serves as the Athletic Director and

oversees the City's youth sports programs. His many responsibilities include supervising registrations, recruiting officials and volunteer coaches, managing season schedules and assisting with field and facility maintenance. "Frank has an even temperament in dealing with parents and, most importantly, a genuine care for the kids," Marion Recreation Director Ann Jackson said.

"Frank Page is a great employee and asset to the City of Marion Recreation Department," said City Administrator Alan Ammons, adding that the longtime athletic director "works countless hours, often in the evenings and on weekends, to help us provide the best and most enjoyable recreation experience for our young people and their families."

The Mayor and Council recognized Frank Page for his dedication to the Marion Recreation Department and the children of our community at the September 8th Council Meeting.

Marion Neighborhood Watch-A Team WE ARE OUR NEIGHBORS KEEPERS Contributed by: Dolly Boyer

A Team has been busy this month. We held our regular meeting on September 1st. We had a presentation on being prepared for evacuation in case of a weather emergency. We also covered care of our four legged family members during an evacuation. This was timely information since we are in the peak of hurricane season. Arthur Johnson of A Team fired up his grill on Labor Day and treated our on duty police officers to lunch. Our group is also hard at work on sprucing up the front yard and porch of one of our members, who is battling a serious health condition. Both of these projects are a demonstration of our belief that community spirit and pride are our best weapons against crime. Quite a few of our members turned out for the Police Department open house on August 25th. Mayor Davis will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on Sept 21st @ 6PM at the Opera House. I encourage all of Marion's citizens to turn out and voice their concerns and show support for The Swamp Fox City. A Team's next meeting will be on October 5th at 6:30 PM in the meeting room of the firehouse on E Bond St. We look forward to seeing you all and remember "We are our neighbors keepers."

Relay For Life of Marion County, SC.

Whether you're a survivor, caregiver, friend or family member - we have all been touched by cancer. Make a difference today by signing up for the 2016 Relay For Life of Marion County and getting started on your fundraising. The website is live and accepting registrations! www.relayforlife.org/marionsc. Everyone who registers AND raises at least \$50 (online or offline dollars) by October 5, 2015 will get a "Hope Lives Here" t-shirt. You must be registered and have all of your donations turned in by the 5th to receive your shirt. Once registered, shout it out to the world on social media! Copy the "I Registered For Relay 2016" picture and make it your Facebook profile. Then LIKE our FB page - Relay For Life of Marion County, SC. Our monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, October 20th, 2015 beginning at 6pm at Carolinas Hospital in Marion Classroom area. Our theme is PINK OUT in recognition of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Sport your pink, bring a friend and let's get ready to Relay!



Community Farmers Market located at 109 Bobby Gerald Parkway (The Old Thomas & Howard Building) is open every Saturday starting the first Saturday in October from 10:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m.. We have a farmer that can accept the Senior Citizen Vouchers and WIC Vouchers. 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 artscouncil@att.net for information.

Friday, October 2nd.....

4:30 pm, **Marion High School Homecoming Parade** on Main Street, 7:30 pm, Home game, Loris at Fox Field.

Saturday, October 3rd....

10:00 am - 2:00 pm. **Marion County 2015 Firefighter Expo** at the Marion - Dillon County Fairgrounds, Open to the public. Firetruck Displays, Firefighter Competition, Games, Food and Fun. Come support your local fire department.

Saturday, October 3rd....

3:00 pm. **My Sister Keeper**, Sellers Library, for ages 5-25. For more information, contact Mayor Barbara Hopkins (843) 765-3212.

Sunday - Saturday, October 4th - 10th....

Fire Prevention Week, Theme “ Hear the Beep where you Sleep” .

Wednesday, October 7th....

8:30 a.m. Rise and Shine hosted by **Simply Southern Custom Art and Boutique LLC**, 610 North Main Street.

Wednesday, October 7th....

11:00 am– 1:00 pm, Brunch and Book Signing “ **Life With Mickey**” Author Jane Spillane, Marion County Museum.

Tuesday, October 13th.....

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

Thursday, October 15th.....

11:00 am-1:00 pm. Brunch and Book Signing, “**Hush Now, Baby**” Author Angela W. Williams, Marion County Museum.

Saturday, October 24th.....

Magnify Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Ride, Registration 8:00 am, walk begins 9:00 am. For more information contact Novella Davis (843) 423-0807 or (843) 617-9850.

Saturday, October 24th....

10:00 am. **Stop the Bullying / Stop the Violence March**, CD Joyner Auditorium, 161 Elizabeth Street Marion. For more information email mrvnhemingway@yahoo.com or call (843) 430-8131 (cell) or (office) (843) 765-3354 or (843) 765-3362.

Saturday, October 24th....

11:00 am - 5:00 pm. **Marion County Youth Day**, CD Joyner Auditorium, 161 Elizabeth Street Marion. For more information email mrvnhemingway@yahoo.com or call (843) 430-8131 (cell) or (office) (843) 765-3354 or (843) 765-3362.

Sunday, October 25th....

3:00 pm. The Dedication Ceremony for the, **Shannon Wilkerson Gymnasium**, at the former gymnasium located immediately behind the Marion County School District Administrative Office, 719 North Main Street.

Saturday, October 24th....

9:00 am. Town of Sellers, **Raccoon Festival**. For more information, contact Mayor Barbara Hopkins (843) 765-3212.

Tuesday, October 27th....

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. The Arts Council of Marion County invites you to **Art with Heart**. Historic Marion Opera House, 100 Court Street Marion. For more visit artscouncilmarioncounty.org or email: artscouncil@att.net.

The Swamp Fox Scene is the City of Marion’s Free monthly newspaper for citizens and visitor’s of the Swamp Fox City, Marion, South Carolina. Printed by Herald Multifarms in Dillon, city employees produce and distribute the newspaper.

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.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE



September 16, 2015 Woodmen of the World Chapter 122 in Marion SC in cooperation with the Marion County Sheriff Department, along with Chief Trey Cooper with the City of Marion Fire Department, City of Marion Police Department participated in an In Honor and Remembrance ceremony at the Marion County Law Enforcement Center.

“Woodmen of the World members and associates of nationwide organize In Honor and Remembrance ceremonies each year,” said President Sandra Tindall. These ceremonies give members, family and friends a chance to grieve over the lives lost that tragic day and pay respect to the heroes who responded. It gives us a chance to thank local firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and members of the military.

The ceremony began at 10:00 a.m. at the Marion County Law Enforcement Center. Maj. Brian Wallace (Sheriff’s Department) received the flag and also a plaque was presented to him from Ms. Betty Tindall. Maj. Brian Wallace had four officers to raise the flag full and half-mast. Maj. Brian Wallace said that the American Flag will proudly be flown at the Marion County Law Enforcement Center along with placing the plaque at the base of the flag pole.

Woodmen of the World along with the City of Marion Fire Department would like to thank each of you for attending In Honor and Remembrance ceremony. Woodmen of the World is proud to salute America’s heroes, on the anniversary of an event that forever changed our nation.

The ceremony honors the heroes and victims of September 11, 2001, and fulfills our promise to never forget that tragic day, we also pay tribute to members of the military, both current and past who selflessly protect America’s freedom and liberty. And on a local level, this ceremony also extends our unending gratitude to those who safeguard our community - the firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and other first responders who put their lives on the line for our safety.



Daylight Savings Ends November 1st. Set your Clock Back...

.....RECREATIONAL CORNER

Senior Aerobics at Watsonia Center

Senior Aerobics has resumed and there are still some spots for newcomers. Classes are on Monday and Thursday, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The instructor is Mrs. Anna Boatwright. All classes are FREE, but donations are appreciated to help defer cost of the class. If you haven't participated before, please come out and register at the Marion Recreation Department.

Looking for the right place to hold your next event?

Need a place to have your class reunion, family reunion, church social, or to have a party? We have the perfect location for you, whether an outdoor or indoor event from our picnic shelter or our recreation and fine arts center. Anyone interested in these locations for their events should call 423-5410 for availability.



Senior Bingo

CDJ Aerobics

Aerobics classes are offered Monday thru Friday evening, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at CD Joyner. Taught by Ms. Lillie Ann Sanders, the classes are \$30 per month. For information or details, call Recreation Department at 423-5410.



Senior Aerobics

Senior Bingo

We offer Senior Bingo the on first & third Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. –9:30 a.m. at Watsonia Recreation. Bingo is FREE of charge and we welcome newcomers to come join in on the fun. We offer prizes for the winners and refreshments for you to enjoy while playing. We do have a 2 card playing limit. Come check us out and bring some friends to join in.

Ping Pong Club

Don't forget that Marion Recreation holds a Ping Pong Club every Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. You can come by on one of these days and freshen up on your ping pong skills, watch some games or learn how to play. For details, call 423-5410.

