

# SWAMP FOX SCENE



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

**Residential Guide to Zero-Sort Recycling**

**City of Marion Recycling Center**

The City of Marion Recycling Center is located on Railroad Avenue near the City Maintenance Shop.

**NO TIRES OR TELEVISIONS ON CURBSIDE**

The City takes pride in keeping Historical Marion looking beautiful. With spring comes warmer weather and the grass-cutting season is quickly approaching. There are City Ordinances for overgrown and vacant lots. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact City Hall at (843) 423-5961. In case you didn't know, **tires** or **televisions** placed curbside in the City of Marion are considered litter by City Ordinance. For health and safety reasons and in accordance with DHEC regulations, city employees no longer pick up **tires** or **televisions** at curbside. The fine for littering is **\$1,092.50**. Homeowners are to dispose of unwanted tires and televisions at the **Palmetto Hardwood Recycle Center** located at **2631 Senator Gasque Rd, Marion SC**. Call the **Palmetto Hardwood Recycle Center** at **(843) 423-8284** for hours of operation. If you have any questions about this reminder, please call the City Administrator at Marion City Hall, (843) 423-5961. Property owners in the Historic District, please be aware of the zoning ordinances and guidelines that are in place before any changes are made to historic properties. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (843) 423-5961.

**NO**

- Glass
- Scrap metal
- Plastic bags
- Plastic lids & caps
- Plastic 6-pack holders
- Needles or syringes
- Plastic microwave trays
- Frozen food, ice cream or frozen juice containers
- Window panes, mirrors, ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- Plastics other than those listed
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleansers
- Stickers or address label sheet waste
- Waxed paper or waxed cardboard
- Styrofoam or paper-to-go containers
- Organic material and food waste
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)

**NO NEED TO REMOVE:** Paper clips, stamps, address labels, staples, metal fasteners, cellophane address windows, rubber bands, spiral bindings, plastic tabs

Please flatten all cardboard boxes. Empty and rinse all containers.

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QUESTIONS?

Thanks for your cooperation with this matter!!

## Learn Lifesaving Skills from the Experts.

Marion Fire Department will be teaching a CPR class on August 16, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Marion Fire Department located on 109 E. Bond Street, Marion.

For more information and to register, please contact Chief Trey Cooper at (843) 423-8602 or email [tcooper@marionsc.gov](mailto:tcooper@marionsc.gov).

Mark your calendars!!



## Business License Renewals

All City of Marion Business Licenses expired on June 30th. To avoid paying a penalty, renewals were due by 5:00 p.m. on July 31st. **FAILURE TO RECEIVE A RENEWAL NOTICE DOES NOT RELIEVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LICENSEE FROM OBTAINING A BUSINESS LICENSE.** For help or if you have questions about your business license renewal or if you or no longer doing business, please contact, Gwen Davis or Ainsley Sanders at (843) 423-5961.

## SAVE THE DATE

Marion Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament  
Wednesday, September 12, 2018  
Dusty Hills County Club  
Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

## Membership Campaign

It is Membership time at HMRA! What does that mean? It is time to renew your status as a member either online or in the office.

Historic Marion Revitalization Association wants your support! Join HMRA as a member and enjoy benefits such as discounted admission to our events, monthly Rise and Shine meetings with breakfast provided, free set up at craft fairs, and more! Businesses who join have access to HMRA billboard and Facade Improvement Grant programs, as well as Business Spotlight highlights, free admission to events, and additional benefits in the works. Your membership helps HMRA to streamline efforts to improve our Main Street and market our town to bring in visitors and tourists to our area.

When you invest in where you live, everyone benefits! Call Stephanie to sign up today at (843) 423-9918.

## THE CITY'S NEWS.....

### Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Richard and Patricia Leonard of 420 McEachern Heights has been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for July 2018. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard will receive a Marion Chamber of Commerce Chamber Check in recognition of this honor.

### Who should I call for city information?

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

- Mayor Ashley Brady, (843) 992-3773
- Alan Ammons, City Administrator & Building Official, Ext. 19
- Gwendolyn Davis, City Clerk, Ext. 10
- Patricia Brown, City Treasurer, Ext. 18
- Ainsley Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 11
- Elizabeth Gray, Personnel & Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614
- Vickie J. Nichols, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22
- Kim Elliott, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410
- Randy Brown, Maintenance Superintendent (843) 423-5961
- Winky Fore, Public Works Superintendent (843) 423-8648
- Tony Flowers, Police Chief (843) 423-8616
- Chris Smith, Captain (843) 423-8616
- Marilyn Rogers, Investigator (843) 423-8616
- Trey Cooper, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602
- Jackie Yates, Assistant Fire Chief (843) 423-8602
- Heather Evans, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616
- Almeta Mullins, Secretary, (843) 423-8616

### Poette Lewis is City's Employee of the Month.



The City of Marion is pleased to announce Poette "Boo" Lewis as its June 2018 Employee of the Month.

Boo Lewis has been employed with the City of Marion Recreation Department since September 2001. He is responsible for building and grounds maintenance at the City's many recreation centers, gyms and parks.

"Boo is a great employee and asset to the City of Marion Recreation Department," said Director Kim Elliott, adding that he "works hard to help us provide the best and most enjoyable recreation facilities for our children and their families."

Boo and his wife Kim are long time residents of Marion. They have three children and one granddaughter.

Mayor Ashley Brady and the City Council recognized Boo Lewis for his dedication to the Marion Recreation Department at the July 10th Council Meeting.

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 Multiforms 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 Ashley Brady or City Administrator Alan Ammons at (843) 423-5961.

### Grass, weeds and overgrown vegetation Ordinances

According to the City's CODE OF ORDINANCES : **Section 6-1009.1 through Section 6-1009.6**, grass, weeds, or other overgrown vegetation higher than one foot on average is declared to be a nuisance. The ordinance also states that any property owner or occupant of the property that allows the property to serve as a breeding place for trash and litter or as a fire hazard is to be declared a nuisance. Any individual who fails to resolve the issue within 10 days of notice of non-compliance will be guilty of a misdemeanor. The City may remove weeds, overgrown vegetation either by the use of a city crew or designated contractor and the cost will become a lien upon the property and collected in the same manner as municipal taxes. The cost of such action by the city is as follows: \$100 per lot, 1/2 acre or less; \$175 per lot, 1/2 acre to 2 acres; \$250 per lot, 2 acres to 5 acres; \$250 per lot, 5 acres and over, plus \$100 per hour; or any contractor costs incurred by the city to correct the nuisance lot in addition to the cost of mailings. If an owner or occupant of a property believes they are unable to pay to have the grass, weeds, or overgrown vegetation removed, he or she may ask the City of Marion for assistance.

A voucher program, administered by a seven-member committee, is available for reviewing requests for assistance by low-income persons.

For information about the voucher program, contact City Administrator Alan Ammons at 843-423-5961.

### Tree City USA Award



The Tree City USA award was presented to the Mayor and City Council on Tuesday, July 10th by Lois Edwards of the South Carolina Forestry Commission.

This is the City of Marion 26th year as **Tree City USA**.

Cities and towns across the state of South Carolina assign various departments for the design, planning, planting, and management of street trees, landscapes, greenspaces, and beautification projects within their municipality. Regardless of which department is responsible, the primary goal is to efficiently manage the landscape to provide a better quality of life for citizens and visitors. Their efforts seek to maximize the environmental and psychological benefits of the urban forest, while enhancing both landscape and property values.

## ***BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: The Grove: The Inn on Harlee***

Written by Promotions Team of Historic Marion Revitalization Association



The house in “the grove” of oak trees was home to four generations of the Montgomery family, and was completed in September, 1895. The property was known as “The Grove” before the house was built. In 1992, Rick and Coreen Roberts purchased the property and opened a bed and breakfast. In 2005, Denley and Ann Caughman acquired The Grove and continued operating a bed and breakfast.

Most local residents look outside the area for a place to retreat, not realizing that some of the best “get-a ways” are right under their noses. Most of the patrons of The Grove are from other states or countries. Often, locals ask us, “Why would anybody want to come to Marion?” The standard answer is, “To come to The Grove!!! For this reason alone people come to Marion, but there are many other attractions here!”

The Grove offers upscale accommodations in an undisturbed historical setting. It is much more than a bed and breakfast; it has become the only house museum in Marion, Florence and Horry counties. Descendants of Mr. W.J. Montgomery have placed over



1,000 items such as furniture, accessories, and memorabilia that are original to the property. This is not unique to historical properties, but it is rare. There are no ropes that restrict walkways because The Grove is a living history inn in which the guests or visitors are invited to participate in learning about the Montgomery family and exploring living history projects such as making soap, cooking with wood, learning to recognize genuine antiques, making period furniture, and the list continues deeper into the past.

You can enjoy a tour, schedule a learning session, or spend the night in the museum. We are open Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Grove: The Inn on Harlee 408

Harlee Place, Marion, SC. For more information, please call, 843-423-5220 or visit them at, [grovebandb.com](http://grovebandb.com)



### **Coming In August!!!!**

Each month there is a Marion Foodie meeting and a Marion Film Club meeting, sponsored by the Arts Council of Marion County. Call Randy Floyd (843) 992-1627 or email [floydrandy@hotmail.com](mailto:floydrandy@hotmail.com) for information.

#### **Mark Your Calendar; Annual Sales Tax Holiday**

State Sales tax holiday weekend is set for August 3rd – 5th. During the annual Sales Tax Holiday, shoppers will benefit from an exemption of the 6% state sales tax and any applicable local taxes on the purchase clothing, shoes, school supplies, computers, printers, bedding, sheet, washcloths, and towels are tax-free. The tax holiday, does not apply to jewelry, cosmetics, eyewear, wallets, watches, furniture, and items for use in a business. For more information, visit [www.sctax.org](http://www.sctax.org).

**August 1st- Wednesday.** 8:30 a.m. Rise and Shine. TBD.

**August 3rd - Friday.** 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Moonlight and a Movie Night. Main Street Commons.

**August 4th– Saturday.** 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Relay for Life of Marion County. For information contact Debbie Erwin, (843) 260-4483 or [debbieerwin20@gmail.com](mailto:debbieerwin20@gmail.com).

**August 7th - Tuesday,** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. National Night Out-35th Anniversary. Highway 908 at W.R. Saffold Community Center Resource Center. For more information, or to volunteer, call Tammy Erwin, MCSO VA 843-289-0241.

**August 14th - Tuesday.** 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

**August 16th - Thursday.** 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. **CPR classes.** Marion Fire Department located on 107 E. Bond Street, Marion.

### **A-TEAM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

“We Are Our Neighbors’ Keepers”

By: Dolly Boyer

I have been researching and reflecting on what makes a great neighborhood. I have been inspired by the innovative ideas citizens have used to take their neighborhoods back from criminals.

First, we should have a vision of what we want our neighborhood to be and take the time to enjoy the good we find there now. Sometimes it is easy to lose hope, but dare to hope. Any neighborhood, no matter how far down on its luck can be lifted up by positive action. One neighborhood, became so fed up with speeding that they placed furniture, old tires, etc in the street to slow traffic down. This was dubbed traffic calming. Of course, when law enforcement arrived, the citizens had to ask for forgiveness. This exercise did lead to some improvements such as slightly elevated cross walks which acted as speed bumps. A community renaissance is easier than we might think. One neighborhood I read about was turned around by a neighbor putting a bench out on his property and encouraging neighbors to treat it as a community bench. It got people to take a break and sit awhile. The most inspiring neighborhood story I found was taken back from drug dealers by a group of older ladies. The ladies banded together and started taking their lawn chairs and needle work to the corners after supper.

Eventually the drug dealing moved to a less determined part of town. I am not advocating any of these ideas. What I am advocating is citizens getting out of the house and choosing to be part of the solution instead of being part of the problem.

A-Team will not meet in August. Instead we will host National Night Out on August 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. For more information call Dolly @ 843-433-0941.

### City's Playgrounds

The following City of Marion playgrounds provide free fun and are open to the public:

#### **Withlacochee Park**

Withlacochee Ave - This park has a walking track and playground equipment. This site holds Marion's Tennis Courts.

#### **Grice's Recreation Center**

603 Gurley Street - The playground has been updated with new playground equipment. This site also has a basketball court behind the center and is near the walking track.

#### **Tilghman Park**

409 Montgomery Street - This site has slides, hobby horses, swings and a merry-go-round.

### Aerobics at CD Joyner

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.

### 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.

### 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.

See you there!

### Check us out online!

The City of Marion Recreation Department is on Facebook and online. For information and updates on games scheduling, cancellation and pictures. Visit the [www.marionsc.gov](http://www.marionsc.gov) web site. Find us under "Residents" and then click on "Recreation". To Find us on Facebook, visit **Marion Recreation Department!**

### 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.

### City Rentals Available

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 Pansy Brown, 423-5410 for availability.

### Fall Sign Ups

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 4-17. Please make sure you have a copy of the child's birth certificate at the time of registration. Cost for sign-ups is \$21.00 per kid. Signups are accepted Monday thru Friday 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Deadline to register is August 3. Please remember the Marion Recreation offices are now located at the Shannon Wilkerson Gym (behind the Marion School District).

### Mosquito Population Prevention

- Tipping and tossing water-filled containers left around homes and businesses once a week can significantly reduce mosquito populations.
- Tip and toss water from garbage cans, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any containers where sprinklers or rain water has collected.
- Discard: old tires, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used. Empty & Clean: birdbaths and pet's water bowls at least twice a week.
- Protect: If you are going to be outside when mosquitoes are active cover up! Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing.

### Marion County Museum

As a friend of the Museum, you are helping to keep the doors open and maintain this lovely, historic building. Your interest and support are greatly appreciated. It is once again time to renew your membership. Thank you again for your continued support for the Museum and its activities. For more information, please contact Rosanne Black at [mari-countymuseum@att.net](mailto:mari-countymuseum@att.net) or (843) 423-8299.

### Relay For Life of Marion County

An Eleven Hour Cancer Walk to Help Us Beat our Biggest Rival: **Cancer...** JOIN US!! **Saturday, August 4, 2018 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Withlacochee Park, Marion SC.**

Opening ceremonies will start at 11:00 a.m. and team lap introductions. Mr. Reeves Funnel Cakes and Freckles and Giggles ice cream will be there.

Teams will have lots of food and snacks for sell. There will be corn hole games going on all day along with local entertainment.

Survivor/Caregiver lap will begin at 6:30 p.m. Cancer survivors are asked to come by through out the day and register and get their t-shirt. There will also be a Survivor tent for them to relax and enjoy the festivities. The Luminaria ceremony will begin around 8:00 p.m.

For more information contact: Debbie Erwin, Event Lead at [debbieerwin20@gmail.com](mailto:debbieerwin20@gmail.com) or (843) 260-4483.

DONATE OR SIGN UP TODAY AT [www.relayforlife.org/marionsc](http://www.relayforlife.org/marionsc).

### Marion County Youth Day

The Marion County Youth Day JRT Program 1st Annual Gala and the City of Marion presented the JRT Program with a Proclamation which states the entire month of July yearly will be "Marion County Youth Day JRT Program Job Readiness Month."

