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The City of Marion partner with the Marion County Library

The City of Marion has partnered with the Marion County Library for this year's summer program. Check out what's going on during the month of June. Let's keep our children reading and learning this summer. Sign up at the Marion County Library.



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This year's summer reading program at the Marion County Library System is themed "A Universe of Stories." With one to three programs a day at each of our branches this summer, adults and children will have a lot of exciting space and Marion County themed activities to choose from. Let them explore their love of reading and the universe of stories that begin in their very own county.

For more information about this program, please call Ms. Holly Evans, Director at the Marion County Library or Ms. Ashley Hall at (843) 423-8300.

Graduates Of 2019

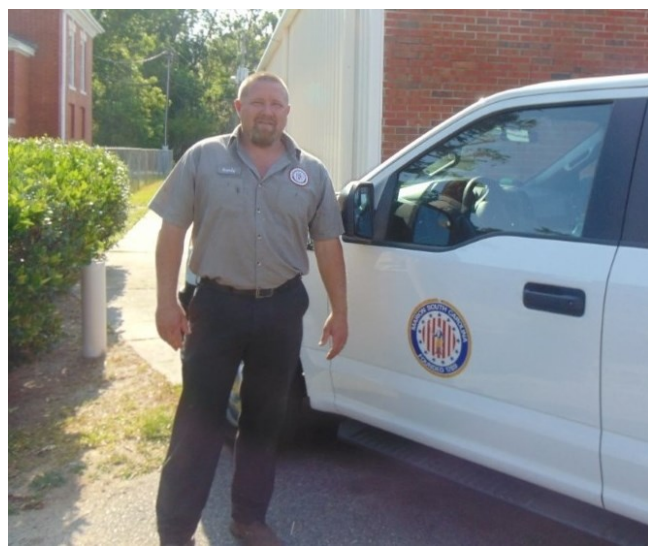


You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise

from, how you can still come out of it. "Maya Angelou"

Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning. Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can. Your life is your story, and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfill your own purpose and potential. Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead. Congratulations 2019 Graduates! We hope that this is just the beginning of many new titles you will acquire throughout your life.

Mayor Ashley Brady, Marion City Council and City Administrator Alan Ammons.



Randy Brown is City's Employee of the Month

It is with great pleasure that the City of Marion announces Maintenance Supervisor Randy Brown as its April 2019 Employee of the Month.

Randy began working for the City of Marion in April 2016 and is responsible for overseeing the maintenance of the City's many buildings and facilities, vehicles and equipment.

He also assists Public Works Director Winkie Fore with organizing and supervising crews that collect yard debris, prepare the City for special events, mow the grass, edge the sidewalks and fence lines across town, and clean and repair our storm drains.

"The quality of Randy's work is exceptional. He has a strong work ethic and is always looking for ways to save the City money on our repairs", said City Administrator Alan Ammons.

Randy is a lifelong resident of Marion County. He and his wife, Jeanne lives in Rains. They have five children and three grandchildren.

The Mayor and Council recognized Randy Brown for his positive impact and significant contributions to the City of Marion at the May 14th Council Meeting.

HMRA's Annual Meeting

On May 4, HMRA celebrated Marion's rich history with a casino themed Annual Meeting! Guests were treated to food and drinks throughout the night, while enjoying music and playing Blackjack, Roulette, and Craps at Rosewood Manor House. The evening ended up being an amazing success. We extend our deepest gratitude to all of our sponsors, vendors, and guests who made this evening into what it was. We hope to be able to bring this event back to the town of Marion again in the future! Were you unable to join us for Casino Night, but want to stay up to date on what is going on with HMRA and our revitalization efforts?

Would you like to join in on our fun? Become a member! You can sign up online at www.theswampfox.org. Application are also available at HMRA Office, 103 E. Dozier St. Questions? Call Stephanie at 843.423.9918 or email at hmra@theswampfox.org.



Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Jeanette Davis of 909 Cooper Street have been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for May 2019. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. Mrs. Davis will receive a Marion Chamber of Commerce Chamber Check in recognition of this honor.

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

A-TEAM MARION SC NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

"WE ARE OUR NEIGHBORS' KEEPERS"
BY: Dolly Boyer

I usually try to use this forum to give safety tips and crime information. This month I am going to write more from my heart than my head. We find ourselves living in a time of such anger and hatred. Our country seems so divided. This provides an environment where crime can flourish. When we start looking at our fellow citizens as different or less than us, we open the door to crime. The first step in living in a safe neighborhood, is to care for each other. If you care for one another, you pay attention to strangers walking around your neighbor's property. You notice when someone is not seen for several days, their papers pile up, and the lights aren't coming on. You are concerned! One of my pet peeves has been the condition of some of our Neighborhoods. When you care about your neighbors you shouldn't subject them to an unkept environment. We have all heard lots of saying about how to treat our neighbors or people in general. It really is simple and it costs nothing to be kind. Please invest in your neighbors and your neighborhood. We need each other. Come out and join us for our next meeting, June 3rd. We meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Firehouse on East Bond Street. Surely we all can spare an hour once a month to improve our lives and those of our neighbors!

Helping Hands Free Medical Clinic will having their **3rd Annual Community Appreciation Day** on June 7, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 1328 N. Main Street Marion. (Across from Food Lion) Free HealthCare Screenings. Also there will be Resourceful Vendors of Marion County. For more information please call (843) 423-5212 or (843) 464-8750.

Caregiver support group meeting

TLC Your Way Home Care Services is host a caregiver support group meeting for all family members and friends that care for people with dementia related diseases. The meeting will be hosted by TLC Your Way Home Care Services, Ms. Natalia Feely. The group will meet at 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. every second Saturday of the month at MUSC Health Marion Medical Center, classroom A. Please RSVP by the Wednesday before the meeting. For information call (843) 423-1888.

Hot Meal at Marion Baptist

To all of Marion Community, you are always welcome to get a hot meal every Monday from 11-12 at the **Marion Baptist** Soup Kitchen. There is no cost to come to this.

New Business Downtown Marion




On May 4, our Historic District saw the opening of a new business at 202 North Main Street. Owner Sara Blue opened a new clothing boutique. Carrying tops, bottoms, dresses, shoes, accessories and more, every woman is sure to find something they love in this new shop! Liza Lyn Clothing Co. has added a much anticipated retail option for the community. You no longer have to travel to our neighboring towns to get the look you want. From everyday looks to something special to wear out at night, the options are limitless. Stop in and shop Liza Lyn Clothing Co. Monday - Saturday. Opening time is Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday time is 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Don't forget to check them out on Facebook or Instagram to see what they have to offer!

Business License Renewals

All City of Marion Business Licenses expire on June 30th. To avoid paying a penalty, renewals are due by 5:00 p.m. July 31st. For help or if you have questions about your business license renewal or no longer doing business, please contact the City Clerk, Ms. Ainsley Sanders at (843) 423-5961.

"What's up, Marion County?"

 In an effort to keep everyone informed and in the loop between the City of Marion, Marion County, and our community, Marion County Progress, Inc. has developed an online Shared Calendar. All Marion County events can be found on ONE calendar! Check it out, download the app, and find out "what's up" in Marion County! <https://teamup.com/ksrasvo1p1d3dkyrix>. Keep on top what's happening in Marion County. For any questions, please contact Hillary Johnson, Administrative Assistant for Marion County Economic Development at (843) 423-8235 or email hjohnson@marionsc.org

Yard Sale Permits

With all the great weather, yard sales will be popping up all over town. Remember to purchase your permit (**\$5 per day at City Hall Monday thru 12:00 noon Thursday**). **YARD SALE PERMITS WILL NOT BE ISSUED AFTER 12:00 ON THURSDAY. "ABSOLUTELY" no Yard sale permits are issued on Fridays.**

Marion student awarded for his heroic actions

MARION, S.C. (WPDE) – Marion police awarded 9-year-old Jermaine Johnson, Jr. with a certificate and a \$50 gift card for his heroic actions that proved to save the life of his elderly cousin. Marion Police Chief Tony Flowers said they presented the awards to Johnson Tuesday morning at Marion Intermediate School where he's in the third grade. Flowers said a couple of weeks ago Johnson was in the car with his cousin on their way to church. He said the woman passed out due to her complication with diabetes. Flowers added Johnson knew the signs and ran for help. He said the 9-year-old was able to call 911. The boy ran back to the car and stayed with his cousin until EMS arrived on the scene according to Flowers. He said paramedics told officer the woman would have died if Johnson hadn't been there to help her and call 911.



Article by Tonya Brown

MUSC Health Florence and Marion Medical Centers Welcome New Physician



FLORENCE – The Medical University of South Carolina Florence Medical Center welcomes Obstetrician and Gynecologist Dr. L. Sutton Boyd. She has joined MUSC Health – OB/GYN at the Florence Women's Pavilion on the campus of Florence Medical Center.

Dr. Boyd received her medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine. She completed her residency and a fellowship in Pathology at Augusta University.

Dr. Boyd provides broad prenatal to postpartum care for expectant mothers. She also provides annual exams, contraception care, infertility evaluation, adolescent care, management of menopausal symptoms,

treatment of abnormal bleeding, and minimally invasive gynecologic surgeries. Dr. L. Sutton Boyd is accepting new patients at her practice, MUSC Health – OB/GYN, at the Florence Women's Pavilion, 1590 Freedom Boulevard, Suite B, in Florence, SC. For more information call (843) 665-9581.

NEED HELP?

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
- Ainsley Sanders, City Clerk, Ext. 10
- Patricia Brown, City Treasurer, Ext. 18
- Elizabeth Gray, Personnel & Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614
- Vickie J. Nichols, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22
- Cliff Wilbanks, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410
- Randy Brown, Maintenance Superintendent (843) 423-5961
- Winkie Fore, Public Works Superintendent (843) 423-8648
- Tony Flowers, Police Chief (843) 423-8616
- Chris Smith, Captain (843) 423-8616
- Lt. Marilyn Rogers, Investigator (843) 423-8616
- Sgt. Derrick Smith, 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, Victim Advocate / Administrative Assistant, (843) 423-8616

Life Guards Needed

The City of Marion Recreation Department is looking for certified lifeguards for the 2019 season. Anyone interested, please contact The Athletic Director Frank Page at (843) 289-1270.

The City of Marion is a drug-free work environment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, religion, national origin, race, disability of political affiliation.

NO Bullying

There will be a No Bullying Program held at C D Joyner Auditorium, 221 Elizabeth Street, Marion SC on **June 1, 2019** from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Theme: Stop The Violence". Guest Speaker will be Councilwoman Tassie Lewis. Sponsored by Kenosha Hyman and Friends. There will be free lunch, door prizes and etc. Come one come all!

FREE CONCERT

FRIDAY, June 21st at the Main Street Commons from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. **Elvis look a like contest.** Food Vendors, Drink Cart and more. Come and enjoy an evening of Elvis tribute music. Sponsored by HMRA and the Marion Chamber.

VBS

Marion Baptist Church will be have vacation bible school the week on **June 23rd - 27th**. Theme "Into the Wild" This is for ages 4 years old to 6th grade.

POOL

The Pool will open on June 7th. Come and enjoy the pool. Certified Lifeguards on duty at all times. Pools hour are Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Price is \$2.00.

The Pool is also available for rent. Please contact the Marion Recreation Department for pricing, (843) 423-5410.

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 web site. Find us under "Department" and then click on "Recreation". To Find us on Facebook, visit **Marion Recreation Department!**

Looking for a Job?

Thursday, June 13th from 10:00 am. - 3:00 p.m. The SC Career Coach is a mobile extension of the SC Works centers, offering help with resumes, job searches, skills assessments, program, service direction, and additional employment assistance. With 10 workstations, WiFi, printer capabilities and wheelchair accessibility, the Career Coach is coming to help you find a job. This will be at WR Saffold Center, 6874 Highway 908 Gresham, SC. See you there! Questions? Call (843) 433-7012. **LOOK FOR THE GREEN BUS!**

Sponsored by South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce and in partnership with South Carolina Works.

Save the Date: Thursday, June 13th from 10:00 am. - 3:00 p.m.

The Fox 84 Initiative 5K Fun Run/Walk

The Third Annual Fox84 Initiative 5K Fun Run/Walk quickly becoming a main event in Marion, South Carolina.

On Saturday, May 4, 2019 the Fox84 Initiative for Boys hosted its 3rd Annual Fox84 Initiative 5K Fun Run/Walk, at Marion High School. This annual 5K fun run event is sponsored by the City of Marion and is designed to raise money for the organization’s annual exploration trip. This year the mentors and mentees will embark on a trip to New Your City.

The Fox84 Initiative 5K has quickly become a staple place in the Marion community. It was the Fox84 Initiative for Boys third year hosting this event. In this short period, the Fox84 Initiative 5K fun run has grown from 40 runners in its first year to over 153 registered participants 27 vendors, and attendance by community leaders. Following the 5K event, an awards ceremony took place which included renowned gospel singer Kathy Grice, gospel recording artist Tammie Lecque and spoking word poet Tabu Hazel. Other notable attendees included Representative Lucas Atkinson, Dr. Kandace Bethea, Marion County Superintendent, Jessica Herrington of JessFit who conducted the pre-race warm-up and Bishop Michael Blue, Door of Hope Christian Church, who conducted the pre-race prayer. This annual festive event also included Music, food, and fun. All runners and walkers received finisher medals and swag bags filled with goodies and gift cards from McDonalds of Marion, Bojangles of Marion, and Zaxby’s of Marion. Water was provided by the Marion Walmart. There was awards to honor the top male and female overall finishers in addition to the three fastest competitors in each age category. The 5K event was professionally timed and scored by RMS Sports of Florence, SC. For the 3rd year in a row Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. won the award for the largest group participation with 49 participants.

On behalf of the founding members, mentors and advisors for the Fox 84 Initiative for Boys, we would like to thank everyone for their support of the 3rd Annual Fox84 Initiative 5K Fun Run/Walk. Special thanks for their extensive contributions to the 5K fun run/walk are also extended to Councilwoman Tassie Lewis, City Administrator Alan Ammons, Public Works Superintendent Winkie Fore, Chief Flowers of Marion Police Department, and all of the Marion City Employees that sacrificed their Saturday morning to set up. Vivian W. Rogers and the Marion Alumni Association, Jamie Craig, the Historic Marion Revitalization Association, The Marion Shriners-Bejilah Temple 163, Garry L. Davis-photographer, and Danny White-RMS Sports. We would like to also extend our thanks to Dr. Gore and her staff at Marion High School for setting up the stage and equipment and the use of campus grounds. We received many positive comments and you should be extremely proud to have a professional staff who takes pride in their work. It would you be remiss of us not to thank all who volunteered, vendors, water station attendees, and the over 100 plus spectators and supporters. We had individuals come from as far as Colorado and Virginia to participate. Congratulations to everyone and thanks for coming out. We look forward to seeing you next year.



The Fox 84 Initiative for Boys serves at-risk youths in the Marion, South Carolina and area with mentoring services designed to help young men succeed. For more information on this mentorship program for The Fox84 Initiative for Boys Mentorship Program, please visit our Website: <http://www.thefox84initiative.com>. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thefox84initiative>; Twitter: <https://twitter.com/fox84initiative>. You can also contact Christopher Shelvin, President and Chair at cshelvin@thefox84initiative.com.

City Council Meeting - June 11th

Council meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 107 South Main Street, unless otherwise noted. All meetings are open to the public.



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CITY OF MARION PUBLIC NOTICE

2019-2020 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 have been mailed out the week of May 15, 2019. Current Business Licenses expire on June 30, 2019. To obtain a 2019-2020 Business License, a completed renewal application and/or remittance must be received in the City of Marion Business License Department by July 31, 2019 to avoid a penalty. Penalties for late payment will be assessed on August 1, 2019, 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 City Clerk, Ainsley Sanders at 843-423-5961.