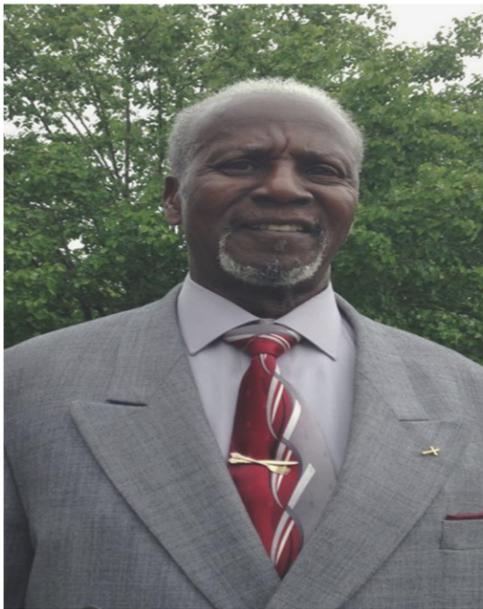


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Joseph Frazier elected to Marion City Council



Joseph Frazier Newly Elected City Councilman District 4. Frazier is a Marion native. He retired from the State of Connecticut Department of Corrections and Marion School District 1 Transportation Department. He believes his experience makes him familiar with their operations and well suited for the position. Frazier said he will support the newly elected mayor as well as the concerns of all residents in District 4. His motto is "I am a man who gets the job done".

Results

Joseph Frazier -155 **Jackie Yates - 95**
Robert Woodbury - 6 **6 write in votes**

Photo courtesy of Marion Star and Enterprise

Mayor Bobby L. Davis 1st Senior Council Meeting



Marion Mayor Bobby L. Davis opened up Marion City Hall to the senior citizens of Marion last week as he led the group in the first ever senior council meeting. The very informal meeting last week was a way for those who attended to quickly learn how they could get involved in the city. Davis addressed the citizens on the importance and reason for the councils. Overall the meeting was very informative to those who attended. "I believe we are off to a great start," Davis said. "I thought it was a great group of people there."

Denley Caughman and William Campbell were named as co-chairs and the senior group will begin meeting at the Marion fire Department. Future meetings will be announced and all seniors are encouraged to take part.

Photo provided by Marion Star/ Mullins Enterprise.

Mark your calendars & come play with us September 21, 2013.

Kaboom.org has recognized the City of Marion for its increased emphasis on outdoor play. We will celebrated on Saturday, September 21, 2013 in Withlacoochee Park with fun events such as a Punt, Pass & Kick competition, Karate skills, Tennis, Table Tennis, Volleyball matches, Football Exhibition and more.

Event schedule is
9:30 a.m. until
12:00 p.m.



CITY OF MARION EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



The City of Marion is pleased to announce Billy Thompson and Chris McKenzie as its May and June 2013 Employees of the Month.

Billy Thompson has been employed with the City of Marion Recreation Department since August 1990. He began in the maintenance department and worked his way up to his current

position as the Athletic Director. Billy oversees the City's many youth sports programs. His many responsibilities include supervising registrations, recruiting officials and volunteer coaches, managing season schedules and assisting with field and facility maintenance.

"Billy Thompson is a great employee and asset to the City of Marion Recreation Department," said Director Russ Smith, 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."

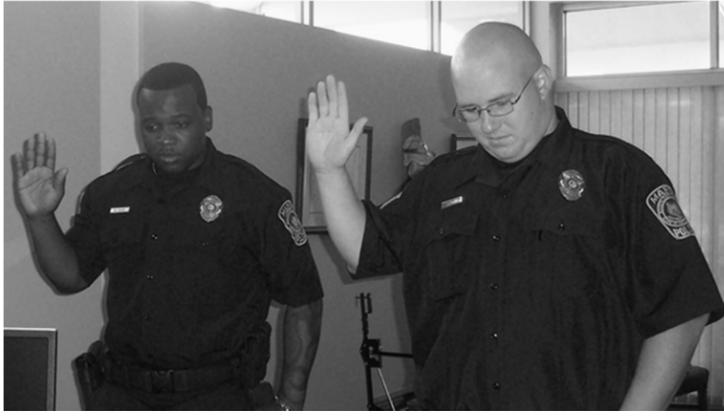
Billy has been previously recognized by city officials as the January 2012 Employee of the Month and the 2007 Employee of the Year. The Mayor and Council recognized Billy Thompson for his dedication to the Marion Recreation Department and the children of our community at the June 11th Council Meeting.

Chris McKenzie has been a full-time employee with the City of Marion Fire Department since January 2012 and a dedicated volunteer firefighter and member of the Marion Rescue Squad for many years. As the Assistant Fire Chief, he brings a lot of knowledge and experience with him to profession. McKenzie has over 20 years experience in emergency services and is a certified law enforcement officer, firefighter and paramedic.

"Chris McKenzie has a strong work ethic and excellent leadership skills," said Chief Trey Cooper, adding that the Assistant Chief has a lot of experience and vast knowledge to share with other members of the Marion Fire Department. "Chris is highly respected by his peers and appreciated by the community. He is committed to improving the safety of our residents and visitors of the City of Marion."

The Mayor and Council recognized Chris McKenzie for his dedication and contributions to the City of Marion at the July 9th Council Meeting.

Marion Police Department announces new hires



The Marion Police Department gained two new officers in June, Patrolmen Bobby J. Davis and J. Chaise Strickland. Davis and Strickland were hired by the department in March and then attended the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. They graduated on June 21. Davis and Strickland are both residents of Marion County.

Police Chief Jim Gray said he is looking forward to working with the new officers. "Their employment helps us put more patrolmen on the street so we can better serve our citizens," he added.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Open each Saturday.....

Olde Towne Marion's Farmers Market & Market Place
On Main Street, as well as the Community Farmer's Market.

Olde Towne Marion's Farmers Market is open from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., and welcoming new farmers Louie Perkins and new crafters Claudine Prosser and Heather Smith.

Claudine bakes breads, muffins and cookies and sells them every Saturday.

Along with Olde Towne Marion's own produce, the Farmers Market offers a wide variety of produce and vegetables for everyone. Brent and Bob have new plants as well.

Tuesday, August 12th.... 6:30 P.M., City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

Friday, August 16th.... Magnolia's on Main will have a Friday night "International Night" starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$14.50. Seats are limited to 75.

Wednesday, September 4th.... Rise and Shine at Bridgers Drug Store in their new building (the old bank building, formerly HMRA building). 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 21st.... Marion Police Fish Fry Fundraiser. 1st Corn Hole Tournament. Mural Unveiling. All this happens at the downtown Historic District lots on Main Street starting at 9:00 a.m. with the Farmers Markets. Call Chuck 423.9918 for more information.

Wednesday, October 2nd.... Rise and Shine TBA

Saturday, October 5th.... 7:00 a.m. Olde Towne Marion Community wide yard sale in the parking lot on Harllee Street. \$5 per space, call Chuck 423-9918 for more information.

Tuesday, October 24th.... Mayor Bobby State of the City Address, at the Opera House, 12:00. Cost is \$5.00, includes lunch.

October 1st thru Oct. 31st.... Scarecrow contest on downtown Main Street. Merchant and groups put up their scarecrow on downtown lampposts. Winners receive \$50.00 gift certificates.

Donate Your Stuff

Marion County Habitat for Humanity needs help to Build Homes. Change lives for others.

Habitat for Humanity is accepting appliances, cabinets, furniture, building materials, lighting and more!

All donations are Tax Deductible. Offer Free and Easy Pick-Up!

100 percent of the profits from our Resale Outlet support Marion County Habitat for Humanity.

Call 464-3747 to donate or schedule a pick up of items.

Ricky Hardee
Executive Director
Marion County Habitat for Humanity



Marion Chamber ribbon-cutting Ceremony



The Marion Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Swamp Fox Transportation on Thursday June 27. Located at 816 East Godbold Street, the business is owned by Kenya Mishoe. Marion Chamber President, Dianne Herrington and City of Marion, Mayor Bobby L. Davis, City Administrator Alan Ammons, along with other Chamber Board members welcomed this new business to our community. For more information on their services call their office at 843-765-3097.

Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Askins, Jr., 604 Euclid Street, have been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for July 2013. 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. Askins will be receiving a gift certificate from Tru Green Nursery in recognition of this honor.

August 14

Customer Service and Sales

The Marion and Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Center for Entrepreneurship at Francis Marion University, will continue their summer brown bag lunch seminar. Take your lunch hour and come learn valuable skills to help your business. Lunch is being sponsored by SCWORKS.

There is no fee for the classes but registration is required. The Chamber office is taking reservations for the classes at 423-3561 or email marionsc@bellsouth.net. Call to reserve your spot. This session will teach how to identify and reach customers.

Each class is from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Swamp Fox Education Center on Elizabeth Street. Call Bring Zhang at 843-661-1112 or Judy Johnson at 843-423-3561 for more information.

Visit the City of Marion online at www.marionsc.gov and on Facebook under City of Marion, South Carolina.

"Find Your Roots"

at the Marion Community Garden
Located at 403 N. Withlacoochee Ave.

Rent a raised bed or attend gardening workshops!

For more information or to become a member

Call: (914) 879-8622

Or Email: SarahTGerald@gmail.com

August 14th, Customer Service and Sales

The Marion and Mullins Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Center for Entrepreneurship at Francis Marion University, will continue their summer brown bag lunch seminars. Take your lunch hour and come to learn valuable skills to help your small business. Lunch is being sponsored by SCWORKS. This sessions will teach good customer service and sales can lead to a strong customer relationship. In fact, good customer service and sales can really lead to longevity for a small business. This session will provide techniques to improve customer service and sales.

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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
Elizabeth Sanders, Administrative Assistant & Planning Zoning, Ext. 11
Elizabeth Ficik, Personnel & Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614
Vickie J Nichols, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22
Russ Smith, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410
Jim Gray, Police Chief, (843) 423-8616
Trey Cooper, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602
Heather Evans, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616

Questions or to share information for the Swamp Fox Scene, please email vnichols@marionsc.gov.

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The Marion Chamber and HMRA help pay printing costs.

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Yoga Classes Set

Yoga classes are offered each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the fire department sub-station on Senator Gasque Road. Taught by Judy Johnson and Frances Bethea, the classes are \$5 each or \$30 per month. For information or details, call the Recreation Department at 423-5410 or Judy Johnson at 423-3561

Grand Opening

Marion Tobacco

1200-B East Godbold Street, Marion SC Owner Ibrahim Mohammed invites everyone to come and visit his new location; for details you can contact him at (843) 423-1616.

Come by and Visit us!!!

Marion Recreation Fall Sports Round-UP

The City of Marion Recreation Department will start accepting youth sign-ups for **CHEERLEADING, (ages 8-12) FOOTBALL, (ages 8-12) & SOCCER, (ages 5-15) beginning July 29, 2013 through August 15, 2013.** You may register at the Watsonia Recreation Department Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m-5:00 p.m. The registration fee for those residing inside the city limit is \$16 (must have proof of residency in your name); fees for those outside of city limit is \$30. **All children must bring copy of their birth certificate at the time of registration. NO BIRTH CERTIFICATE, NO SIGN-UP!!** Cut off date for all sports is **September 1, 2013.**

Youth Coaches and Officials

Anyone interested in coaching or officiating in the Marion Youth Leagues should contact Marion Recreation at 423-5410. All coaches must be **CERTIFIED** to coach at the recreation department.

Senior Flexibility

The Senior Flexibility program will take a summer break and will return back on August 5th. Class is FREE of charge and runs from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. every Monday and Thursday. We will keep you posted with Facebook updates and in the paper on their return.

All Stars

Marion Recreation Department is sending the following players to participate in the All Star Season. Congratulations to the following kids:

Dixie Majors (11-12)

Gabriel Watson
 Peyton Britt
 Jy'Heim Davis
 Evan Graham
 Teric Reaves
 Antonio Vaught Jr

Dixie Minors (9-10)

Austin Williams
 James Singletary
 Jamon Paige
 Collin Hufford
 Qua'like Crawford
 Donquavious Britt

Belles (13-15)

Lataisha Ford
 Vyctoria Roland
 Jeana Spivey
 Sara King
 Kelsea Butler
 Kearra Crouner

Angels (9-10)

Brianna Wiggins
 Armani Sanders
 Gabriella Johnson
 Kaylen Hood
 Hadley Ellis
 Laney Cox

Ponytails (11-12)

Sydney Lewis
 Macey Waugh
 Anna Johnson
 Kenlsey Moore

Justin Bass
 Joshua Cebreiros
 Garrett Fravor
 Austin Hayes
 Rueben Butler
 Seth Carter

Thomas Skipper
 Jakobe Sims
 Austin Larrimore
 Robert Herlong
 John Gamble III
 Caleb Boatwright

Lyndsi Roland
 Jordan Bryant
 Madison Todd
 Jenna James
 Lonesha Bethea
 Anna Grice

Tamia White
 Macey Shelley
 Logan Harrelson
 Kaylee Herlong
 Meagan Elliott
 Carson Cribb

Ryleigh Evans
 Cameron McLellan
 Lacy Johnson
 Katelyn Larrimore

Martecia Godbolt
 Niya White
 K'vonna Griffin
 Chelsie Davis



MARION COUNTY RECREATION SOFTBALL TEAM

The Marion County Recreational Softball team has been competing this summer across the state. Team highlights include: Angels Softball (10 and under) Our Angels traveled to Andrews for the District Tournament on June 14th. They played well, but came up short in the 4th round of the playoffs.

The team roster:

Brianna Wiggins, Armani Sanders, Gabriella Johnson, Kaylen Hood, Hadley Ellis, Laney Cox, Tamia White, Macey Shelley, Logon Harrelson, Kaylee Herlong, Meagan Elliot and Carson Cribb. Coaches are Johnny Harrelson, Lacey Johnson, and Timmy Wiggins.



Our Ponytails (12 and under)

Our Ponytails started their District playoffs in Latta on June 22 and should continue through June 27th.

The team roster:

Sydney Lewis, Macey Waugh, Anna Johnson, Kenley Moore, Martecia Godbolt, Niya White, Ryleigh Evans, Cameron McLellan, Lacy Johnson, Katelyn Larrimore, K'Vonna Griffin, and Chelsie Davis. Coaches are Rick Johnson, Ebony Johnson, and Carey Evans



Our Belles (15 and under)

Our Ponytails will start their District tournament in Mullins on June 24th and should go through June 27th.

The team roster:

Lataisha Ford, Vycctoria Roland, Jeana Spivey, Sara King, Kelsea Butler, Kearra Crowner, Lyndsi Roland, Jordan Bryant, Madison Todd, Jenna James, Lonesha Bethea, Anna Grice.

Coaches are Rodney Spivey, Kelly Morehouse and Larry Todd.



Congratulation from the City of Marion

