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Marion Chamber of Commerce 26th Annual Golf Tournament

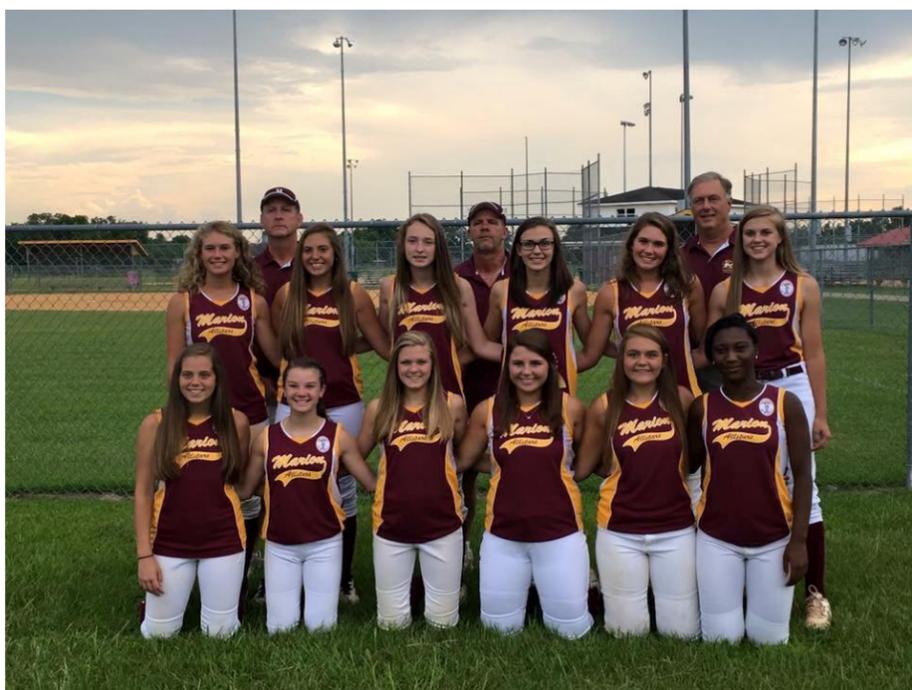
The Marion Chamber of Commerce will host the 26th Annual Chamber Golf Tournament on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at Dusty Hills Country Club. The format will be Captain's Choice, with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm.

We cordially invite you to participate in the 26th 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 2016 Marion Chamber of Commerce Golf Committee is T. Carroll Atkinson, III, chairman; Lucas Atkinson; Elaine Barkley; Freddie Barkley; Ashley Brady; Craig Martin.

2016 State Runner-Ups Marion Belles !!

Our defending 2015 Champs played lights out. We defeated Edisto to move on with a showdown with Latta. Marion won 4-3 in an extra inning. Marion then went on to defeat Florence to advance to the Championship game with Latta. Latta had to defeat Marion twice to win the Championship. Latta beat Marion 6-4 in the 1st game to go to game 2. Game 2 was a barn burner. Having to go 9 innings Latta defeated Marion 4-3. We are so proud of our girls, coaches and fans for the support and good sportsmanship. Marion might not have won the Championship but they are all Champions!



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

In an effort to improve on response time for emergency calls to 911, Police and Fire Department along with EMS is asking all residents of the City of Marion, SC to please post the correct house number outside of your residence. This is very important for you and your family members as well as the officers responding to the calls.

Marion Sweeties 2016 State Runner-Ups!!



Marion's Dixie Softball Sweeties (6U) competed in the State Championship Series held at Freedom Florence in July. The girls lost their opening game against Spartanburg and fought their way back up through the loser's bracket with convincing wins over both Aynor and Latta. Marion earned a spot in the Championship game, a rematch against Spartanburg. Marion needed to beat the undefeated Rebels twice in order to win it all. Marion defeated Spartanburg Rebels 17-6 in the first game, forcing a final game to decide which team would represent South Carolina in the World Series. The Marion Sweeties played hard in the extreme heat and never stopped smiling. They were defeated by the Rebels and finished as the State Runner-Up. We are so proud of our 6u All Star players and their coaches for giving their all on the field. They played with true sportsmanship and represented our community and recreation department well. Marion's future looks very bright!! Congratulations to the Marion Sweeties, 2016 State Runner-Ups!!

Marion 10u Boys All Stars 2016



Congratulations to the 10U Boys All Stars, Great Job!!!

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

Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Nellie Spry of 305 West Pickens has been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for July 2016. 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. Spry will receive a Marion Chamber of Commerce Chamber Check in recognition of her 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 Ficik, 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, Training Officer (843) 423-8616
- Chris Smith, Captain (843) 423-8616
- Tony Flowers, Investigator (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



Mayor's Monthly Beautification Award

Mayor Davis presented the June Beautification Award to Ms. Syrenthia Owens because of her hard work and dedication to the City of Marion at the council meeting on July 12th, in appreciation for helping maintain the beauty of the City of Marion. Ms. Owens is a volunteer at the City of Marion Summer Camp.

Ms. Geneva Davis stated, that Ms. Owens, is always picking up trash all around Grice's inside and outside to ensure it stay clean.

Mark your calendars & come play with us!

We will celebrate on Saturday, September 17, 2016 in Withlacoochee Park with fun events such as a Punt, Pass & Kick competition 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! For more information contact Marion Recreation Department at 843-423-5410.

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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's Playgrounds

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

Withlacoochee Park

Withlacoochee 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 - It also has slides, hobby horses, swings and a merry-go-round.

Marion Foodie Meetings

Films are show at different locations. Come out and see what the Arts Council has to offer. Hope to See you there!!!



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 for information.

Mark Your Calendar; Annual Sales Tax Holiday

State Sales tax holiday weekend is set for August 5th – 7th. 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. Not all items are included in the sales tax-free weekend. The tax holiday, however, does not apply to jewelry, cosmetics, eyewear, wallets, watches, furniture, and items for use in a business. Or items placed on layaway or similar deferred payment and delivery plans. For more information, visit www.sctax.org.

August 9th - Tuesday
6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

August 13th - Saturday
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. : Free School Supplies give away at Pop Dorsey Park. For more details call Ms. Ellen Baldwin at (843) 731-3702.

August 15th – Monday
6:00 p.m. Quarterly Town Hall Meeting. Marion Opera House.

August 15th – Monday
School begins

August 24th - Wednesday
1:00 p.m. Marion Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament. Contact Cindy Rogers for details (843) 423-3561

A TEAM MARION SC NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Contributed by: Dolly Boyer

Over the past months we have witnessed the struggle between citizens and police across our country. This is not happening in our city. That is not by accident or luck. The Mayor, Council and our police department, headed by Chief Tennie, have worked together to create an atmosphere where the citizens and law enforcement are not adversaries. I believe that neighborhood watch is a valuable partner in fostering a positive relationship between citizens and police. Our common adversary is crime. Our responsibilities as citizens do not end when we pay our taxes and step away from the voting booth. We need to find ways to be a part of the solution to the challenges our city faces. We must exercise our right to be heard. We have the perfect forum to voice our concerns and ask our questions. Mayor Davis will host his quarterly Town Hall Meeting on August 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Opera House. Additionally we can join the efforts to have a safer city, by attending our next Neighborhood Watch meeting. We meet the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Firehouse on East Bond St. Hope to see you all at The Town Hall Meeting and at A Team's meeting on August 1st. Remember "We are our Neighbors Keepers." For more info about crime watch call Dolly at 843-433-0941.

CITY OF MARION PUBLIC NOTICE

2016-2017 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 were mailed on May 23, 2016. Current Business Licenses expire on June 30, 2016. To obtain a 2016-2017 Business License, a completed renewal application and/or remittance must be received in the City of Marion Business License Department by July 31, 2016 to avoid a penalty. Penalties for late payment will be assessed on August 31, 2016, 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.

Good Morning...REMCARE PLAZA!

Submitted by Kathy Stedman for HMRA

REMCARE PLAZA, located at 500-504 N. Main Street in historic downtown Marion, opened in 1995, affording customers the luxury of multi-purpose shopping in one very convenient location. Owners Rachel and Edward Mason have taken to heart the concept of making shopping fun, affordable, and easily accessible. Within REMCARE PLAZA, you will find the following specialty shops: uniforms, men's wear, millinery and shoes, Bee's Gift Shop, The Hair Room, children's wear, men's and women's formal wear, bridal gowns, accessories, a barber shop, women's fashions, and The Professional Business Support Center.



Edward Mason and his sister-in-law, Betty Crawford, manage the retail side of REMCARE. This also includes an on-site banquet hall which can accommodate up to 200 people for weddings, parties, and other special events. Catering for these events can be arranged. Of interest too, though not on our "everyday" list of items to shop for, is the fact that REMCARE also carries an inventory of preacher and choir robes for non-secular purposes.



There is another aspect of REMCARE which is not so readily noticeable and, yet, is so vital to our community. Rachel Mason is an SLP, CCC- speech pathologist. Having worked closely with the Department of Health and Human Services, The PEE DEE Speech and Hearing Center, and as Director of Special Services for the Marion School District, she chose to channel her many years of expertise in another direction- private practice. Referrals from physicians, daycare centers, and the school district keep Rachel in demand, and as she so charmingly stated, "I am endlessly busy, and I love it". Seventy-five percent of her referrals are youth oriented, with twenty-five percent being adults. Her therapy targets articulation, stuttering, language and/or reading development, stroke, and traumatic brain injuries. Her therapy sessions take place in the school or home environment, or in her office at REMCARE by appointment. Rachel also mentors speech path students completing their clinical internships by allowing them to rotate through her practice.

Rachel and Edward are fully invested in the Marion community, as evidenced by their dedication to be of service in so many capacities. They may be reached at 843 423-9998. Their business hours are M-F 9:00-5:00 and Saturday 9-12:00. You will be amazed at what they have to offer and they will be delighted to have you visit.

Quarterly Town Hall Meeting

The City of Marion's Quarterly Town Hall Meeting will be held Monday, August 15th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Marion Opera House.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this question and answer session and various leaders will be on hand to address residents' concerns, issues and/or questions regarding the City of Marion.

Mayor Davis is asking that all committees, groups and organizations appoint a spokesperson to ask questions on their behalf.

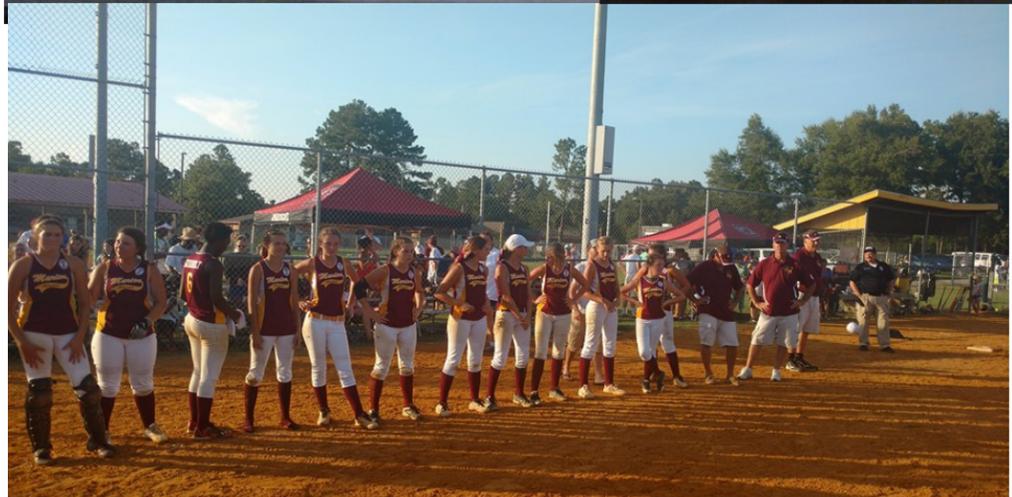
Please join us as we move Marion forward, Through Unity We Succeed! The Swamp Fox City Needs Your Support!

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.

Going on at Marion Recreation Department

The Dixie Softball State Tournament Opening Ceremonies in Marion got on the way July 15th through July 20th. Guest speaker was offensive line-man Mr. Donnell Stanley from the University of South Carolina.



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 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. Registration fee is \$21 for inside and outside residents. Signups are accepted Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Deadline to register is August 19. Please remember the Marion Recreation offices are now located at the Shannon Wilkerson Gym (behind the Marion School District).

ANNUAL BASKETBALL CAMP

Marion Recreation hosted its 2nd annual basketball camp on June 27-30. DJ Rowell was the camp director. The camp averaged approximately 100 kids per day from all over the Pee Dee. The campers had a video message from the country group "Locash" they are known for their hit "I love this life" and recent "I know somebody". Looking forward to next year! Thank you DJ and his staff for giving back to the kids.

Check the Marion Recreation Department for photos. Visit the www.marionsc.gov web site. Find us under "Residents" and then click on "Recreation". To Find us on Facebook, visit **Marion Recreation Department!**

Volleyball Camp

Marion Recreation hosted its first Volleyball Camp in July. The camp was put on by Hannah Merritt. Kids enjoy themselves and learn a lot. We look forward to having Hannah put on many more camps.



Marion 12u Boys All Stars 2016



From Mayor Bobby L. Davis, Marion City Council Members, Alan Ammons, City Administrator and all the Citizens of Marion, congratulations to all our Marion teams for a job well done.