



Town of McClellanville
Jan / Feb 2022

VILLAGE NEWS

Upcoming Meetings: 405 Pinckney Street

**these dates are subject to change*

Town Council Regular Meeting –

Mon, Feb 7 at 7 PM Deadline to for agenda Feb 3 is at 11:00 AM

Mon, March 7 at 7 PM Deadline for agenda is March 2 at 11:00 AM

ARB/DRB Regular Meeting –

Tues, Jan 18 at 7 PM Deadline for agenda is Jan 3 at 11:00 AM

Tues, Feb 15 at 7 PM Deadline for agenda is Feb 1 at 11:00 AM

Planning Commission –

Mon, Jan. 24 at 6 PM

Mon, March 21 at 6 PM

Magistrates Court—10009 Hwy 17 N (843) 887-3334

Office Hours: M, W, Th 9 AM -4 PM

Wednesday, Jan 12 at 10:00 AM

Wednesday, Feb 16 at 10:00 AM

McClellanville Town Office Hours: (843) 887-3712

Mon, Tues, Thur. and Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Wed. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Town Office Closed: January 17 and February 21

2022 Boat Launch Renewal: Don't get a ticket for not having your 2022 launch permit. You can purchase them at Town Hall, or online by using the QR code below. If purchasing online Town Staff will mail your launch permit. Residents can buy an annual pass for \$50. Please provide a copy of a current bill showing property within Town limits. Non resident annual launch passes are \$100. If you get a new vehicle, please remove old launch pass and bring to Town Hall to receive a replacement pass. **To purchase Use QR code:**



January 3, 2022 Judge Frances Cain-Lofton swore in Mayor Rutledge B. Leland III and Town Council members: Aaron Baldwin, Jim Scott, Bob Gannon and Chris Bates.

Listed below are the current legators in the McClellanville precinct.

US Senators: Tim Scott and Lindsey Graham

US State House Congressional District 01: US Rep. Nancy Mace

SC State Governor: Henry McMaster

SC Senate District 34: State Senator Stephen Goldfinch

SC State House District 108: Rep. Lee Hewitt

County Council District 02: Dickie Schweers

Oyster Shell Recycling Location at Town Hall near Fire Tower: **Recycling Do's and Don'ts**

- **DO separate shell from trash.** Shell mixed with trash is not suitable for recycling. Provide separate containers for shell and trash.
- **DO dump shells from bags or containers and leave only shells in the bins.**
- **DO bring your shell to the nearest shell recycling center.** 405 Pinckney Street—Drop-off site is on the right near the fire tower.
- **DON'T put live oysters in South Carolina waters. If the oysters you purchased were harvested outside South Carolina, it is illegal to place them in SC waters. Placing imported oysters in our waters can create environmental problems and may harm local oysters or other animals.**

To avoid contamination, shell should be recycled to DNR and properly quarantined for 6 months. When shells are recycled, they can be used as estuarine filters and habitats for sea animals and help with erosion control. A single oyster alone can filter up to 2.1 gallons of water per hour. For further information about oyster shell recycling, contact:

Oyster Shell Recycling Program Coordinator:

Stephen Czwartacki (843) 729-6329

Restaurant Recycling Coordinator:

Ann Clark Little (843) 666-4415

Program Assistant: Barry Sturmer (843) 214-0392

McClellanville Convenience Center New Schedule:

Charleston Co. staffed Convenience Centers will be closed on Sun. Sites open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Charleston Co. residents must be prepared to provide proof of residency whenever utilizing Convenience Centers. Attendants will accept a photo ID, driver's license or passport. Residents can also show a utility or tax bill with a Charleston Co. address in addition to a photo ID. A reminder that commercial businesses and contractors are prohibited from using the Convenience Centers. For more information about Convenience Centers' hours of operation, locations and items accepted, head to <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/environmental-management/recycle-locations.php>.

McClellanville Arts Council Happenings: 843-887-3157

- YOGA Thursdays at 6 PM & Saturday mornings at 9 AM
- Kids CLUB Resumes on Tuesdays Jan. 25 from 3-5 PM
- Candle Workshop Saturday, Jan 15 from 10-12pm. \$75/member & \$85/non-member.
- Macramé Workshop Saturday 2/19 from 10-12pm. \$75/member & \$85/non-member.

*Sign up online or by stopping in the shop during business hours.

In the Gallery: Opening Feb. 5 "Low Country Grass" by Emily Bengal

Please check our website www.mcclellanvilleartscouncil.com for more details on all of our events! Shop/Gallery hours: Wed-Sat. 11-3pm

McClellanville Tree Committee:

As a designated Tree City for 20 years the tree committee planted the largest amount of trees this year in a 24 hour period.

Fourteen (14) Trees were planted in the Village on December 3rd and 4th and all were planted by volunteers in the community.



Local Residential Hero's:

A huge thank you to Andrew Redden for noticing the lighting on the dock was out. He took his day off work to replace and restore the lighting. We are so blessed to have caring members of our community .



McClellanville Civic Club

Food Baskets:

The Civic Club collected food and delivered them to 20 families in need on Saturday, Dec. 11. Charleston Co. Sheriff Office also donated turkeys to add to the baskets.

Village Christmas Lights

Judges from the McClellanville Civic Club selected the winners of the Christmas decorations contest.



The winners for 2021 are:

Best Decorated House: 546 Pinckney St., Nancy and Bob Dunn

Best Decorated House-Honorable Mention: 528 Pinckney St., Sharon and Jim Scott

Best Decorated House-Emeritus: 606 Dupre Rd, Joyce and Joe Thoma

Best Decorated House-Emeritus: 208 Oak St., Judith Fortner

Best Lighting Arrangement: 755 Kitt Hall Rd, Diane and Sylvan Racine

Best Lighting Arrangement-Honorable Mention: 29 Morrison St., Eric Hansen

Best Lighting Arrangement-Emeritus: 125 Oak St., Martha Zierdan and Eddie Stroman

Best Door Decoration: 546 Pinckney St., Mary Scott and Margaret Crouch

Most Christmas Spirit: 10084 North Carolina Rd, Cody Allen

Best Decorated Boat: 103 Scotia St., Kim and Randy Hogge

Best Decorated Business: 824 Pinckney St., O+C

Judges were faced with challenges selecting one from many. This year's decorations surpassed last year's displays. It was a pleasure to drive around our Town and observe so many wonderful well-decorated, and festive houses. The judges would like to recognize displays that were impressive, but due to limited awards could not be selected: Pia Griffin at 906 Kitt Hall Rd. Congratulations to all involved in making our Town so festive.

McClellanville Christmas Bird Count

The Christmas Bird Count was founded in 1900, as an alternative to the Christmas "side hunt" tradition where people went out at Christmas and shot as many birds and animals as possible. It has developed into a vast and important bird censusing effort:

<https://www.audubon.org/conservation/history-christmas-bird-count>

Each Christmas Bird Count circle is a 7.5-mile radius circle on a map - participants cover the circle area and census all birds possible during a calendar day / 24 hour period.

The McClellanville Christmas Bird Count was founded in 1975 by Jay Shuler. The circle's southern end encloses Tibwin and Doe Hall Plantation and the northern end encloses Murphy Island and the Santee Delta WMA. The inland edge of the circle borders Wambaw Creek and the eastern edge includes Cape Island, Light-house Island and Raccoon Key as well as some ocean waters. McClellanville is consistently the top CBC in the Carolinas (in number of bird species recorded) and for the past 10-15 years it has ranked as the top CBC east of the Mississippi. This is largely due to the magnificent + well-maintained habitat in the count circle - private lands, US Forest Service lands, US Fish and Wildlife Service lands and SC DNR lands. The village itself also produces some key urban species such as pigeons and House Sparrows, as well as wintering hummingbirds and other town-attracted species.

The 2020 McClellanville Christmas Bird Count recorded 178 species and ranked 19th in North America. Only counts in Texas and California bested McClellanville - here are last year's rankings:

<https://www.audubon.org/conservation/history-christmas-bird-count>

In addition, a very special bird was recorded last year on Murphy Island. It was a Little Stint, a shorebird that breeds in far northern Europe and Siberia. This was the first Little Stint ever recorded in South Carolina. In addition, the bird had been banded by researchers with a metal ring around its leg. I was able to obtain photos of the bird and they were good enough to discern the band numbers. Eventually it was determined that the bird had been banded in Sweden in September and ended up here in mid-December!

A Post and Courier article about the bird is here:

https://www.postandcourier.com/news/little-stint-bird-from-sweden-lands-in-charleston-county-after-migrating-across-atlantic/article_6bb9e07e-4eae-11eb-a425-c32ba38abdb9.html

Here is a blog post from the Swedish Bird Observatory where the bird was banded:

<https://forskningsbloggen.ottenby.se/a-unique-record-of-a-swedish-stint-in-charleston-south-carolina-usa/>

This is an amazing story and a testament to the good habitat in the McClellanville Christmas Bird Count circle.

Information provided by Nathan Dias - compiler, McClellanville Christmas Bird Count.



South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management

- **Permit Applications Public Notice**
The Department has received an application for a permit for the utilization/alteration of a critical area. The application was submitted pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act and the Coastal Division Regulations. The application in brief, is described as follows:
Location: On and adjacent to Jeremy Creek at 114 Liberty Street, McClellanville, Charleston County, South Carolina
TMS: 7641000017— HPD-V2HC-10450
Work: Proposed dock consists of: 156' x 4' walkway with handrails, flood side of walk a 3' x 20' ramp leads to a 10' x 12' floating dock, 20' flood side of float is a mooring pile, ebb side of walk is a cantilevered bench & sink and 29' x 4' catwalk leads to a 10' x 12' 4 pile lift. The work described is for private recreational use.
This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons and agencies to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the Department can be based. Please visit <https://epermweb.dhec.sc.gov/publicnotice> to view plans depicting the proposed work and submit comments setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. Enter either HPD-V2HC-10450 into the appropriate search field to access details associated with this notice. Comments regarding this application must be received by the Department on or before January 13, 2022. For more information, please contact Meredith Wrye at 843-953-2009 or via email at wryemb@dhec.sc.gov
- **Permit Application Public Notice**
Location: On and adjacent to Jeremy Creek at 496 Romain Road, McClellanville, Charleston County, South Carolina
TMS: 7440000205— HPD-YYWQ-JZW9Y
Work: Existing dock consists of: 4' x 344' walkway with handrails, 12' x 20' covered pier head, flood side is a 3' x 14' catwalk 12' x 12' 4 pile lift, ebb side a 4' x 20' ramp leads to a 12' x 30' floating dock. Proposed changes: reduce floating dock to 12' x 22', flood side of walkway a 53' x 3' catwalk leads to a 16' x 15' 4 pile lift
This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons and agencies to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the Dept can be based. Please visit <https://epermweb.dhec.sc.gov/publicnotice> to view plans depicting the proposed work and submit comments setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. Enter HPD-YYWQ-JZW9Y into the appropriate search field to access details associated with this notice. Comments regarding this application must be received by the Department on or before January 18, 2022. For more information, contact Meredith Wrye at 843-953-2009 or via email at wryemb@dhec.sc.gov.

McClellanville Community Information:

Charleston Co. McClellanville Staffed Convenience Center:

1775 River Rd, McClellanville, SC 29458

Open

Mon - Sat. 7:30 a.m.—6 p.m.
Sunday Closed

McClellanville Arts Council: 843-887-3157

<https://mcclellanvilleartscouncil.com/>

733 Pinckney St, McClellanville, SC 29458

Open

Wed- Sat. 11:00 a.m.—3 p.m.

McClellanville Charleston Co. Library: 843-887-3699

222 Baker Street

At time of printing newsletter only open for curbside service

McClellanville Village Museum: 843-887-3030

<https://www.villagemuseum.com/>

401 Pinckney Street

Open

Thurs., Fri., and Sat. 10:00 a.m.—5 p.m.

McClellanville Post Office:

959 Pinckney Street

Open

Mon-Fri. 9:00 a.m.—1 p.m.,
Mon-Fri. 2:00 p.m.—4 p.m.,
Sat. 9:00 a.m.—10 a.m.,
Sunday Closed

Utilities:

TDS: 888-225-5837 <https://www.tdstelecom.com>

Dominion Energy: 800-251-7234 <https://www.sceg.com/>

Charleston County Sheriff Office:

(sign up today for Smart911) @ Smart911.com

Report all suspicious Activity by calling 911
or 843-743-7200

Your community matters! Help us, Help you.

Do you know who did the crime? Call or text CrimeStoppers
Phone:(843)554-1111 or www.5541111.com

Town website www.mcclellanvillesc.org

Town Council

Aaron L. Baldwin Christopher B. Bates

Robert J. Gannon James E. Scott, IV

Mayor

Rutledge B. Leland, III

Town Hall Staff

Town Clerk / Town Administrator, Michelle A. McClellan is in the office during normal business hours.

mcclellanville@tds.net

Executive Assistant, Natalie Lewis is in the office during normal business hours. mcclellanville2@tds.net

Zoning Administrator, Kathryn S. Basha

KathrynB@bcdecog.com

Town Planner, Eddie Bernard is in the office Tuesday afternoons. mcclellanvilleplanner@tds.net

Charleston Co Sheriff's Office

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(sign up today for Smart911) @ Smart911.com

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Newsletter dates for 2022:

Jan/Feb mailed by 1/8

Mar/Apr mailed by 3/12

May/June mailed by 5/7

July/Aug mailed by 7/9

Sept/Oct mailed by 9/10

Nov/Dec mailed by 11/12

The **deadline for the Mar/Apr newsletter is March 4**. We will attempt to have the newsletter mailed by the Friday following the Council meeting which should have the newsletter in local mail boxes by **Saturday, Mar 12**. Material to be included in the newsletter, should be sent to mcclellanville2@tds.net

All material submitted is subject to editorial review by the Town staff.

Some material may not be accepted for publication.

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