



**Town of McClellanville**  
Nov / Dec 2021

# VILLAGE NEWS

## Upcoming Meetings: 405 Pinckney Street

\*these dates are subject to change

### Town Council Regular Meeting –

Mon, Dec 6 at 7 PM Deadline for agenda is Dec 1 at 11:00 AM  
Mon, Jan 3 at 7 PM Deadline for agenda is Dec 20 at 11:00 AM  
Mon, Feb 7 at 7 PM Deadline for agenda Feb 3 is at 11:00 AM

### ARB/DRB Regular Meeting –

Tues, Dec 7 at 7 PM Deadline for agenda is Nov 12 at 11:00 AM  
Tues, Jan 18 at 7 PM Deadline for agenda is Jan 3 at 11:00 AM

### Planning Commission –

Mon, Nov 15 at 1 PM—4 PM  
Tues, Dec 7 at 6 PM

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

Office Hours: M, W, Th 9 AM -4 PM  
Wednesday, Dec 15 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: Nov. 11, 25-26 and Dec 23-28, 31**

**Fireworks Ordinance:** As the holidays approach, please be mindful of the Town’s Firework’s Ordinance. It is unlawful for any person or persons to light, fire, ignite or discharge fireworks with the corporate limits of the Town of McClellanville **except** between the hours of 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM on the 4th of July and between the hours of 6:00 PM on December 31st and 1:00 AM on January 1st, **unless** drought conditions exist, and a red flag warning has been issued for the Town. All fireworks discharged in the Town shall be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult.

The Town would also like to remind residents that veterans, children and pets can be startled and upset by the noise of fireworks. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

### Municipal Election results from November 2, 2021:

Mayor: Rutledge B Leland III

Town Council:

Aaron Baldwin  
Chris Bates  
Robert Gannon  
Jim Scott

## Updates from the Town Zoning Administrator:

**Kathryn Basha: DID YOU KNOW.....**

Ordinances are dynamic documents and may be amended by Town Council to adapt to changing conditions. Town Council has recently adopted a variety of amendments to the Zoning and Land Development Ordinances. The most significant of these amendments is an update of the Tree Conservation provisions. The amendment, adopted in July, now requires that a Tree Removal and Land Disturbance permit be obtained for removal of **all** trees regardless of size or species or land disturbance activities. While a permit is now required as documentation of any tree removal activities on a property, the Tree Conservation provisions however now includes an expanded list of trees that are exempt from protection requirements if they are significant (>8” diameter) or grand (>24” diameter) trees depending on the species of tree.



Due to the lowering of base flood elevations throughout Town, the ordinance has been amended to increase the permitted height of structures in the Residential, Village Commercial and Marine Commercial zoning districts from 35 to 38 feet as measured from the minimum elevation required by the adopted Flood Management

Ordinance or existing grade, whichever is higher. The minimum elevation required by the adopted Flood Management Ordinance is base flood elevation (BFE) plus a two (2) foot freeboard.

Another amendment relates to accessory structures. Property owners may now legally construct a single, non-habitable, accessory structure (e.g. storage shed) that is **less than 150 square feet** in floor area on a lot prior to establishing the principal use. Requirements for a zoning permit and historic district provisions still apply. As a reminder, non-habitable accessory structures must be located at least five feet from rear and side property lines and may not be located within a front yard. Owners should consult with Charleston County Building Services to confirm whether building or flood requirements are applicable.

The last amendment adopted corrected an inconsistency between rear and side yard requirements in the Historic District for properties with an underlying village commercial zoning that occurred when the Town first adopted the zoning ordinance in 1993.

Each of these amendments was discussed by the Planning Commission, which held public hearings before recommending ordinance language to Town Council. If you have any questions regarding these changes, contact the Town's Zoning Administrator, Kathryn Basha, via Town Hall or directly at [kathryn@bcdcog.com](mailto:kathryn@bcdcog.com).

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### **McClellanville Community Rating System (CRS) improved:**

The objective of the Community Rating System (CRS) is to recognize communities that are doing more than meeting the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements to help their citizens prevent or reduce flood losses. The CRS also provides an incentive for communities to initiate new flood risk reduction activities. The CRS Coordinator's Manual is the guidebook for the CRS and sets the criteria for CRS credit and classification. It explains how the program operates, what is credited, and how credits are calculated. Although it is primarily a reference for CRS activities and credits, it can also help guide communities that want to design or improve their floodplain management programs. McClellanville received a verification report which concludes the Town improved their CRS Class from a 7 to a 6. The new class 6 will take effect on October 1, 2022.

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**ARBOR DAY December 3, 2021:** Arbor Day was officially proclaimed in 1874 by Nebraska's Governor, Robert W. Furnas, and the day was observed April 10 that year. Many other states also passed legislation to observe Arbor Day each year. By 1920, more than 45 states and territories were celebrating Arbor Day. And the tree planting tradition became prominent in schools across the nation in 1882, with schoolchildren learning about the importance of trees. Today Arbor Day is celebrated in all 50 states. The most common date for the state observance is the last Friday in April — National Arbor Day — but a number of state Arbor Days are at other times to coincide with the best tree planting weather. South Carolina is the only state in the nation to hold Arbor Day in December, fall is best tree planting time in SC. McClellanville has been designated as a Tree City USA for **20 years**. McClellanville will observe Arbor Day starting at CRECS school at 10 AM, Friday, December 3. The Tree Committee will also be planting 10 oak memorial and honorary trees in Town.



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### **McClellanville Civic Club**

#### **Lighting the Town Christmas Tree-Sunday, November 28 at 5 PM:**

The McClellanville Civic Club will decorate and light the Town's Christmas tree. Then come see Santa and Mrs. Claus next door at the New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church, don't forget your mask. (He is watching). All are welcome.

#### **Food Baskets:**

Collecting food for those who are in need in our community. If you would like to help we recommend nonperishable items such as cans, goods, bags of beans, rice, grits, and other sealed or bagged items. Please drop off at Town Hall before Saturday, Dec. 11.

#### **Village Christmas Lights:**

The Civic Club will be judging the Village Christmas lights on the evening of Dec. 10 and 11. If you wish for your lighting design to be judged please leave them on these two evenings from 3-10 p.m.

Civic Club categories are: (*Honorable Mention abbreviation HM*)

Best Decorated House	Best Decorated, HM
Best Decorated, Emeritus	Best Lighting Arrangement
Best Lighting, HM	Best Door Decoration
Most Christmas Spirit	Best Decorated Business
Best Decorated Boat	

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### **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

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### **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>.





### **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Josh Thomas Memorial:**

The tournament was held on Sat., October 23, with 75 boats fishing! CREECS would like to thank all of the anglers, sponsors and volunteers that helped make this tournament possible.

#### **Creekslam Winners:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Rick Holt, Jeremy Holt , and Ashton Holt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Jason Watkins, Wahoo Watkins and Paul Reichlmayr
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Brice O'Brien and Jack O'Brien
- Youth Angler:** Tristan Wrann

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#### **Land and Sea Farmers Market:**

**Harvest Market Nov. 20th 9 - 1pm** Kids activities, live music, full vendor market and raffle for prizes. Also, pie contest, free day of entry by 11am, judging at noon.

**Holiday Market Dec. 4** Kids activities, Santa meet and greet, live music, big prize raffle, full vendor market and food trucks.

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#### **McClellanville Arts Council Happenings: 843-887-3157**

- **YOGA** Thursdays at 6 PM (moderate level) Saturday mornings at 9 AM (easy flow/beginners)
- **Kids "ART CLUB"** Tuesdays from 3-5 PM. Drop in after school, first graders and up welcome, with a designated area for middle school age kids. Open studio concept where kids can dabble in the medium of their choice. Mask required for indoors. \$5/per child
- **Natural Wreath Making Workshop:** Sat., November 20, 10-11:30AM, using materials from nature. \$30/per person. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Call the shop or stop by to reserve a spot.
- **Night of Holiday Shopping** on Fri., Dec 3. Details to come! November is our annual membership drive! Thank you to our new and renewing members for your support. Shop/Gallery hours are Wed-Sat from 11AM-3PM

**IG: @mclartscouncil FB: @mcclellanvilleartscouncil**

**Web: <http://www.mcclellanvilleartscouncil.com>**



#### **Stargazing at Hampton Plantation :**

Nov. 6 & Dec. 4, 2021 at 10:30 PM Admission: Free  
Join the Lowcountry Stargazers at Hampton Plantation as they help you explore the night sky. Prepare to be dazzled by the endless beauty of Hampton Plantation's night sky. From planets to the Milky Way, these stargazers will help you see the cosmos in a whole new light! Bring a lawn chair, bring your own telescope, and enjoy the program.

## *Merry Christmas*



#### **Local Church Happenings:**

##### **December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church  
635 Pinckney Street - 6 PM

Saint James-Santee Episcopal Church  
144 Oak Street—to be determined

Seacoast McClellanville  
1064 S. Pinckney Street - 3 PM and 5 PM

United Methodist Church  
414 Pinckney Street— to be determined

##### **Other special events:**

Nov. 7 at 10 AM - All Saints' Sunday, St James-Santee Episcopal Church-144 Oak Street

Nov. 21, 11 AM, Brick Church Thanksgiving and Fall Harvest Service at Wambaw on Old Georgetown Rd. Picnic with family and friends after service.

November 28 at 5 PM—Lighting the Town Christmas Tree At War Memorial Park, 605 Pinckney and see Santa and Mrs. Claus next door at the New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church

Dec. 12, 5 PM— Community Service of Lessons and Music. Hammer Dulcimer and lots of music. St James-Santee Episcopal Church-144 Oak St. All Welcome

Dec. 20, 6:30 PM, Blue Christmas Service. For those having difficulty at this Season. St James Episcopal Church –144 Oak St.

Dec. 25, 11:00 AM, Christmas Day Communion. St James-Santee Episcopal Church-144 Oak St.

Jan. 9, 2022, Epiphany Festive Eucharist and Banquet. St James-Santee Episcopal Church-144 Oak St.

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**Shop Local, Eat Local, Spend Local, Enjoy Local:** Consider shopping local this holiday season! Local restaurants and businesses are in need of our support this holiday season. There are many ways to shop local and support our community this holiday season. Gift cards to local restaurants and businesses make great stocking stuffers. Also, support our local nonprofits like the Village Museum and McClellanville Arts Council by shopping in their gift shops. They offer a variety of unique items and local books that would make perfect holiday gifts. CREECS is selling wreaths and garland through November 11, contact [CREECS](#) to order. The Land & Sea Market is having a Harvest Market and a Holiday Market. Shop local and support your friends and neighbors this holiday season!

**2022 McClellanville Meeting Schedule**

**Town Council:**

All regular Town Council meetings are at 7:00 pm.

January 3	July 5
February 7	August 1
March 7	September 6
April 4	October 3
May 2	November 7
June 6	December 5

**Planning Commission:** All meetings are at 6:00 pm

March 21	September 26
June 27	November 14

**Architectural Review/Design Review Board:**

All meetings are at 7:00 pm

January 18	July 19
February 15	August 16
March 15	September 20
April 19	October 18
May 17	December 6
June 21	

**Tree Committee:** All meetings are at 6:00 pm

January 18	July 19
April 19	October 18

**Board of Zoning Appeals:**

Meets at the call of the chairman. Meeting dates will be published.

All meetings will take place at the Rutledge B. Leland III Municipal Services Building, 405 Pinckney St. Meetings will be open to the public and will be publicized on the website (mcclellanvillesc.org) and displayed in Town Hall 24 hours in advance.

**2022 Boat Launch Renewal:** will be available for sale Dec. 1.

A great Christmas stocking stuffer, 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 a 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 Boat Launch permit**

**Use QR code:**



Town website [www.mcclellanvillesc.org](http://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](mailto:mcclellanville@tds.net)

**Executive Assistant, Natalie Lewis** is in the office during normal business hours. [mcclellanville2@tds.net](mailto:mcclellanville2@tds.net)

**Zoning Administrator, Kathryn S. Basha**

[KathrynB@bedcog.com](mailto:KathrynB@bedcog.com)

**Town Planner, Eddie Bernard** is in the office Tuesday afternoons. [mcclellanvilleplanner@tds.net](mailto:mcclellanvilleplanner@tds.net)

**Charleston Co Sheriff's Office**

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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 Jan/Feb newsletter is Dec 22.** 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, Jan 8.** Material to be included in the newsletter, should be sent to [mcclellanville2@tds.net](mailto:mcclellanville2@tds.net)

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

Some material may not be accepted for publication.

**Masthead photo courtesy of Simon Hare**

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