



**Town of McClellanville**  
**Jan / Feb 2021**

# VILLAGE NEWS

## Upcoming Meetings: 405 Pinckney Street

\*these dates are subject to change

### Town Council Regular Meeting –

Mon, Feb. 1 at 7 PM Deadline to for agenda is Jan 27 at 11:00 AM

Mon, March 1 at 7 PM Deadline for agenda is Feb 24 at 11:00 AM

Mon, April 5 AT 7 PM Deadline for agenda is March 31 at 11:00 AM

### Tree Committee –

Tues, Jan. 19 at 6 PM

### ARB/DRB Regular Meeting –

Tue, Jan 19 at 7 PM Deadline for agenda is Jan 5 at 11:00 AM

Tue, Feb 23 at 7 PM Deadline for agenda is Feb 9 at 11:00 AM

### Planning Commission –

Mon, Jan 25 at 6 PM

Mon, March. 22 at 6 PM

### Municipal Court—

Thursday, Jan. 28 at 10:00 AM

Thursday, Feb. 25 at 10:00 AM

### Boat Launch Renewal:

Don't get caught without your 2021 boat launch permit. You may purchase them online at:

<https://www.mcclellanvillesc.org/>

Or use the QR code below . Staff will mail your launch permit.



## Planning Commission Meeting January 25 at 6:00 PM to Continue Comprehensive Plan Discussion:

The Planning Commission is resuming its discussions of challenges and opportunities facing the community as part of the Town's Comprehensive plan update.

The meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> will focus on existing land uses, desired land uses, and potential changes to the adopted Future Land Use Plan.

Future meetings to begin pulling all discussions to date will be posted on the Town website as they are scheduled.

Residents are encouraged to participate in discussions and help set goals for the next ten to twenty years.

You can join these meeting virtually from home by logging in at the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting on Jan. 25, 2021 at 6 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83493398880>

Meeting ID: 834 9339 8880

Passcode: 381814

Call in without video: 13017158592

## Update on the Bike/Pedestrian Bridge:

Residents can look forward to crossing Jeremy Creek from Pinckney Street to the existing sidewalk on Kit Hall Road on the long-anticipated proposed bike/pedestrian bridge.

Also referred to as "the Boardwalk Project", additional funding was secured from Charleston County through both of its transportation project funding programs, as well as the SC Parks and Recreational Trails program to ensure the project has adequate resources support construction.

Following ALL the requirements tied to funding of the project by a federal grant through SCDOT, AOS Specialty Contractors Inc. of Lexington has been selected as the prime contractor and anticipates construction over the next eight months.

The Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments, along with Charleston County Public Works and SCDOT District staff will oversee administration of the project.

Stay tuned to the Town's website for information on a groundbreaking towards early February!

## **A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION HONORING PAT GROSS**



On Dec. 31, 2020 Pat Gross retired from the McClellanville Branch of the Charleston County Library. She has served this community with distinction as the librarian for the past 31 years. We all congratulate her as she enjoys her new retirement adventures.



**Captain Eddie Richards:** A huge thank you to Eddie Richards for his service to our Village. For 23 years he has served for the Town of McClellanville on the Board of Zoning Appeals. If you see him please thank him for his outstanding service (1998-2020).

## **McClellanville Town Zoning**

Town Council adopted a Zoning and Land Development Ordinance in 2004. The Zoning Ordinance separates the town into zoning districts such as: Historic District, Residential, Village Commercial, Highway Commercial District, Marine Commercial, and Planned Development Districts and helps to ensure protection of the town's development while also promoting public health, safety and general welfare of our residents. The town requires residents to apply for a Zoning Permit prior to construction work on, or any other occupancy of, land or structures. This means it is unlawful to construct, reconstruct, alter, demolish, change the use of or occupy any land, building or other structure without first obtaining the appropriate permit approval. The Town also requires Architectural Review Board approval for properties located in the Historic or Highway Districts.

This purpose of requiring zoning permits is to help maintain the prevailing character of McClellanville. Please keep this in mind the next time you plan to make improvements or build on your land and property. The approval process allows the Town to make sure that your improvements keep in line with the Comprehensive Plan which protects the future of our community.

Also, please consider serving on one of the Town's boards or commissions in the future. We need your input and the more you are involved in your community, the more you know! You may access the Town's Zoning Ordinance on our website: <https://www.mcclellanvillesc.org/zoning/> Zoning and Land Disturbance Applications are also available on the town's website:

<https://www.mcclellanvillesc.org/town-forms/>

## **Vacancy on ARB/DRB for Town:**

A vacancy currently exists on our Architectural Review Board/Design Review Board. The Town is seeking a qualified, interested individual to serve on this board. The Architectural Review Board reviews applications for new construction, additions or alterations to existing structures, and signs in the Historic District. They also act as the Design Review Board for proposed new construction, additions/alterations and signage in the Highway Commercial District. The Board consists of five members, and meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. State law requires that new Board members participate in a six hour planning orientation session. After the initial training, Board members must complete three hours of continuing education annually.

Those interested in applying for the vacancy on the Board should inform the Town Office in writing, stating his/her interest and qualifications for serving. Applications please mail to: Town of McClellanville, 405 Pinckney St, McClellanville, SC 29458 or email to [townadmin@mcclellanvillesc.org](mailto:townadmin@mcclellanvillesc.org). Applications will be submitted to Town Council for consideration of appointment.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

Call **811** before you or someone you hire starts digging — for a landscape project, building project or any other.

South Carolina law requires that you

call at least three full working days (not including the day of the call) prior to beginning excavation.

After you have called **811**, Dominion Energy South Carolina will send representative to mark the location of utility lines so you or your contractor can avoid them. Line marking is free, and once completed, good for 15 working days.

Failure to notify **811** prior to beginning excavation can endanger life, limb and property, and can result in fines of up to \$1,000. Please keep in mind that you are responsible for violations resulting from the work of contractors you hire.

All damages, regardless of size, must be reported to us so representatives can inspect for safety and future reliability. If damage endangers life, health or property, immediately notify Dominion Energy and the police or fire department. Take appropriate actions to minimize hazards until Dominion Energy and the police or fire departments arrive.

## **Dominion Energy Outage 12/26-12/27-Response from Dominion**

Saturday, 12/26/20, approximately 50 customers experienced blinking lights and an outage that lasted approximately 6 hours. The distribution system was switched abnormally due to third-party contractor damage to an underground cable. Cold temperatures caused load to increase and approach the setpoint of one of our protection devices. We removed this device from service and performed switching to balance load. On Sunday, 12/27/20, customers experienced two separate events. Approximately 262 customers experienced an outage that lasted approximately 2 hours. This outage was caused by a defective splice on an overhead conductor. Later approximately 127 customers experienced blinking lights and an outage that lasted approximately 4 hours. Cold temperatures caused load to increase and approach the setpoint of the other two protection devices. We removed these devices from service and performed additional switching



to further balance load. On Monday, 12/28/20, we made an emergency, temporary repair on the underground cable on Pinckney Street and switched the distribution system back normal. Due to the nature of damage to the cable, we are continuing to evaluate options for a permanent repair. These protection devices are extremely dependable and are maintained regularly to ensure reliability. By interrupting the current flow due to load reaching maximum limits for the particular device, they performed as designed. As always, we are constantly looking for ways to improve upon reliability. A system-wide evaluation of some newer technology has recently been completed and our plans are to accelerate the schedule to employ that technology at our McClellanville locations. We are also currently reviewing the entire McClellanville 4kV system with our distribution Planning group to evaluate all aspects of the system and determine what other enhancements may be necessary.



Stop by and check out the new sign at the Robert E. Ashley Boat Landing. Thanks to the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism for a grant to make much needed improvements to our boat landing.

#### **Ordinance No 2020-11**

On Monday, January 4 Town Council had the final reading to secure funding to demolish the old government dock at the municipal boat landing. It will be rebuilt with the addition of a floating dock, as well as, an area on dock to launch kayaks. This project will be started in 2021 and it will help with concerns of over-flow boat docking .

#### **Keep our Village roads safe:**

Drivers are reminded to turn on vehicle headlights at dusk and be vigilant in looking out for cyclists and pedestrians. Additionally,

- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.
- Slow down and obey the posted speed limit.
- Yield to pedestrians and cyclists when turning.
- Look before opening your door.
- Be careful when passing stopped vehicles.
- Allow three feet when passing bicyclists.

#### **Report Aggressive Driving**

**(Charleston Co. Sheriff office 911 or 843-743-7200)**

Aggressive driving is a combination of unsafe and unlawful actions that demonstrate a conscious and willful disregard for safety. The following offenses are included: running stop signs; following too closely, or tailgating; changing lanes unsafely; failing to yield the right of way; improper passing; and speeding. And aggressive driving is against the law.

You should report aggressive driving if you see it.

Police will need to know the following information:

- Description of Vehicle (color, make, model, license plate state, and license plate number).
- Description of driver (sex, race, age, hair color, height, weight).
- Location of incident.
- Date and time of incident.
- Description of what happened.

#### **McClellanville Civic Club:**

**Village Christmas Lights** The Civic Club judged the Village Christmas lights on the evening of Dec. 11 and 12.

Judges from the McClellanville Civic Club selected the winners of the Christmas decorations contest. The winners for 2020 were as follows:

**Best Decorated House:** 431 Pinckney Street  
Mary Scott and Margaret Crouch

**Best Decorated House- Honorable Mention:** 141 Legare Street  
Leslie Cross

**Best Decorated House-Emeritus:** 606 Dupre Rd  
Joyce and Joe Thomas

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

**Best Lighting Arrangement:** 906 Kitt Hall Rd  
Pia Griffin and Colin Carter

**Best Lighting Arrangement-Honorable Mention:** 755 Kitt Hall  
Diane and Sylvan Racine

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

**Best Door Decoration:** 408 Pinckney St.  
Leslie and John Scott

**Most Christmas Spirit:** 10084 North Carolina Rd  
Cody Allen

**Best Decorated Boat:** 119 Oak St.  
Barbara and James Aton

**Best Decorated Business:** 814 Pinckney St.  
Grey Seal Puppets

As mentioned last year, judges were faced with challenges selecting one from many. This year's decorations surpassed last year's displays. It actually 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: CREEC school's boat display and Erica Hansen at 29 Morrison Ave. Congratulations to all involved in making our Town so festive.

#### **McClellanville Civic Club, Food Baskets:**

The Civic Club collected food and delivered them to 18 families in need on Saturday, Dec. 12. A big thank you to the Charleston Co. Sheriff Office that also donated 6 turkeys to add to the baskets.

**2021 Meeting Schedule for the Town of McClellanville**

**Town Council:** Regular Town Council meetings are at 7 pm

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

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

- January 25
- March 22
- June 28
- September 27
- November 15

**Architectural Review/Design Review Board:**

All meetings are at 7 pm

- January 19
- February 23
- March 16
- April 20
- May 18
- June 15
- July 20
- August 17
- September 21
- October 19
- December 7

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

- January 19
- April 20
- July 20
- October 19

**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. All 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. For further information, contact the Town Office at (843) 887-3712.

Town website [www.mcclellanvillesc.org](http://www.mcclellanvillesc.org)

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**Town Hall Staff**

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**Planner, Austin Rutherford** call to schedule an appointment.

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**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 Newsletter is produced every other month**

Newsletter dates for 2021:

- Jan/Feb mailed by 1/9
- Mar/Apr mailed by 3/6
- May/June mailed by 5/8
- July/Aug mailed by 7/10
- Sept/Oct mailed by 9/11
- Nov/Dec mailed by 11/6

The deadline for the March/April newsletter is Feb 25. 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, March 6. Material to be included in the newsletter, should be sent to

[assistant@mcclellanvillesc.org](mailto:assistant@mcclellanvillesc.org)

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

Some material may not be accepted for publication.

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