

2026 Meeting Schedule for the Town of McClellanville

Town Council – All regular meetings are held at 7:00 pm

January 5	July 6
February 2	August 3
March 2	September 8
April 6	October 5
May 4	November 2
June 1	December 7

Planning Commission – All regular meetings are held at 6:00 pm

January 13	September 28
March 23	December 14
June 22	

Architectural/Design Review Board – All regular meetings are held at 7:00 pm

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

Tree Committee – All regular meetings are held at 5:00 pm

January 13	July 14
April 14	October 13

Zoning Appeals – All regular meetings are held at 6:00 pm

January 26

2026 Annual Launch Permits
Resident—\$75 Non-resident—\$150

Don’t get caught without your 2026 boat launch permit!

Permits can be purchased in person at Town Hall, or use this QR code to purchase online and Town staff will mail it to you.



Town Council
Aaron L. Baldwin Christopher B. Bates
Robert J. Gannon James E Scott, IV

Mayor
Rutledge B. Leland, III

Town Clerk / Town Administraor, Michelle A. McClellan
mcclellanville@outlook.com

Executive Assistant, Jessie Thomas
mcclellanville2@outlook.com

Zoning Administrator, Kathryn S. Basha
kathrynb@bcdcog.com

Town Planner, Eddie Bernard
MCVLZoning@outlook.com

Code Enforcement, Erin Browne
mcclellanvilleCE@outlook.com

Town Website: www.mcclellanvillesc.org

Charleston Co. Sheriff’s Office

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

The Town Newsletter is produced every other month—
Newsletter dates for 2026:

Feb/March – mailed 2/6; content deadline 2/2
Apr/May – mailed 4/3; content deadline 3/30
Jun/July – mailed 6/05; content deadline 6/1
Aug/Sept – mailed 8/07; content deadline 8/03
Oct/Nov – mailed 10/09; content deadline 10/05
Dec/Jan – mailed 12/04; content deadline 11/30



Town of McClellanville
December 2025/January 2026

Upcoming Meetings: 405 Pinckney Street
*dates are subject to change

Town Council Regular Meeting

Mon., Dec 1 at 7PM; Deadline for agenda is Nov 24th at noon
Monday, Jan 5 at 7PM; Deadling for agenda is December 22nd at noon

ARB/DRB Regular Meeting

Tues., Jan 20 at 7PM; Deadline for agenda is Jan 1 by noon
Tues., Feb 17 at 7PM; Deadline for agenda is Feb 2 at noon

Planning Commission

Tues., Jan 13 at 6 PM- To discuss Tree Ordinance
Tree Committee – Tues., Jan 13 at 5 PM
McClellanville Magistrates Court - (843) 887-3334
10009 Hwy 17 N

Office Hours: Mon, Thur 9 AM—4 PM
Court: Thursday, October 9th
Thursday, November 13th

McClellanville Town Hall (843) 887-3712
405 Pinckney Street

Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Village Christmas Lights

The Civic Club will be judging the Village Christmas lights on the evening of Dec 12th and 13th. If you wish for your lighting design to be judged please leave them on these two evenings from 3-10 PM. The award categories are:

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

*Honorable Mention abbreviation is HM

VILLAGE NEWS

McClellanville Municipal Election Results – November 2025

On November 4, 2025, the Town of McClellanville held its municipal elections. Voters reaffirmed their trust in Mayor Rutledge Leland, III, returning him to office to continue his longstanding leadership. Council members Chris Bates, Bob Gannon, and Jim Scott were also reelected, ensuring continuity on the Town Council. In addition, residents welcomed the return of Malcolm Baldwin, a former councilman, who was elected to serve once again.

Together, these officials will guide McClellanville through the upcoming term. Newly elected council members will be sworn in at the next council meeting. Citizens are encouraged to attend and remain engaged in shaping the town’s future. For certified vote counts and official information, please visit the South Carolina Election Commission.

Celebrating Enduring Service to McClellanville

This season, we honor two pillars of McClellanville’s civic life whose decades of service have helped shape the town we cherish today.

Councilman Aaron Baldwin has served on Town Council for 22 years, offering steady leadership, thoughtful advocacy, and an unwavering commitment to the well-being of our community. His voice has guided McClellanville through seasons of change, always grounded in integrity and a deep sense of responsibility. Dr. Walter Bonner has been a dedicated member of the McClellanville Tree Committee since its founding in 1999. For over two decades, he has championed the preservation of our urban forest, lending his expertise and quiet stewardship to protect the natural beauty that defines our town. We extend our heartfelt thanks to both men for their extraordinary contributions and enduring dedication to McClellanville’s future. Please visit mcclellanvillesc.org to read the full resolutions.



PRSRT STD
ECRWS
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
EDDM RETAIL

Town of McClellanville
405 Pinckney Street
McClellanville, SC 29458

New Fireworks Ordinance Adopted

The McClellanville Town Council recently approved a new fireworks ordinance to help balance holiday celebrations with community safety and peace of mind. This action follows a near-miss last July 4th, when fireworks nearly caused a fire at Town Hall.

Fireworks may only be discharged during limited hours on **July 4 (6–10 PM) and New Year’s Eve (6 PM–1 AM)**, and only on private property with the owner’s consent.

- Important Restrictions:
- Fireworks are prohibited on public property, including Town Hall (405 Pinckney Street) and the Old School (711 Pinckney Street).
 - No fireworks may be discharged within 500 feet of any church or gas station.
 - No fireworks may be discharged within 300 feet of any school.
 - Fireworks are also prohibited in designated “no-fireworks zones” and during drought or red-flag fire warnings.

Professional displays remain permitted with a Town-issued authorization. Residents are encouraged to celebrate responsibly, dispose of spent fireworks safely, and be mindful of neighbors, pets, and veterans who may be sensitive to loud noise.

For full details, please visit the Town’s website or contact Town Hall.
TownCode-July2023_9.15.25-1.pdf

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 2.1 gallons of water per hour.



McClellanville Arts Council Happenings

Pinckney Street Stroll 12/6/25, 3:00-7:00
We have an extra special treat for you this Saturday, December 6th. Shop local here at the MAC and with our friends at O+C during the Pinckney Street Stroll. Join us for music, complimentary snacks and a hot chocolate bar, plus the very best in local art and gifts! Swing around back at 5:00, weather permitting, for an outdoor holiday movie on our jumbo screen! Bring a chair or your favorite blanket to enjoy the fun.
*Rain date 12/12/25. Keep an eye on social media for updates. We only plan to reschedule in the event of extremely inclement weather, a little drizzle won’t keep us away this Saturday!

Holiday at Hogwarts 12/13/25, 10:00-3:00
Our special winter edition of Harry Potter camp is back on Saturday, December 13th. The day will be filled with magic, crafts, and the biggest snowball fight yet! Find all the details and register your wizard-in-training at mcclellanvilleartscouncil.com/calendar/harry-potter-holiday-hogwarts-1.

MAC Membership Renewal Time
Whether you're a long-time member or new to the MAC, now is the time to renew or become a first-time member. We're heading into our 49th year of serving artists of all ages. We have many exciting programs in the works, including another kids' art show, expanded offerings for school children funded by the Pam Hollings McConnell scholarship program, and other classes and workshops. Memberships are a crucial part of our annual budget, especially because they reflect community support for the organization. Please consider joining, renewing your current membership, or increasing your level of giving. Learn all about MAC memberships at mcclellanvilleartscouncil.com/store/p/mac-membership.

McClellanville Arts Council (Where We Believe Everyone is an Artist)
PO Box 594
McClellanville, SC 29458
843-887-3157
<www.mcclellanvilleartscouncil.com>



Library Events

- December Highlights
- **Craft & Connect • Dec 2, 1pm**
Pine straw basket weaving. Registration required.
 - **Movie Monday • Dec 15, 3:30pm**
Family-friendly film with snacks
 - **Storytime, Santa & Sirens! • Dec 23, 10am**
Enjoy a Holiday story, songs, and enjoy a special surprise: Santa arriving on a firetruck!
 - **DIY Trail Mix Party • Dec 30, 2pm**
Make your own snack mix to ring in the new year.
 - **Noon Year’s Eve • Dec 31, 11:30am**
Countdown to noon with crafts, games, and music for all ages.
 - **Family Storytime • Tuesdays, 10am**
Stories, songs, and fun for all ages.
 - **Mahjongg Mondays • Mondays, 11am**
Beginner-friendly sessions.

Closed Dec. 23–26; early close Dec. 31 at 5pm.

- January Highlights
- **Craft & Connect • Jan 13, 1pm**
Paint mini-canvases with your friends.
 - **DIY Hot Cocoa Party • Jan 15, 4pm**
Create your own hot cocoa mix and enjoy a cozy treat.
 - **Movie Monday • Jan 26, 3:30pm**
Family-friendly film with snacks.
 - **Family Storytime • Tuesdays, 10am**
Stories, songs, and fun for all ages.
 - **Mahjongg Mondays • Mondays, 11am**
Beginner-friendly sessions.

Closed Jan. 1st and 19th in observance of federal holidays.

McClellanville Centennial Celebration – Coming Soon!

As we mark 100 years of history and resilience, McClellanville is preparing a truly memorable Centennial Celebration. Highlights will include presentations at the Village Museum, a special show at the McClellanville Arts Council, and a special celebration. Portraits of all intendants and mayors are being collected, while special artwork and commemorative merchandise are in development to honor our legacy. A featured Arts Council exhibit will showcase the town’s past and present, and a community-wide centennial event will bring neighbors and friends together to celebrate this once-in-a-century milestone. Stay tuned for the full schedule of events—we can’t wait to celebrate with you!

Trash Pickup Schedule Change

Due to the Christmas holiday, trash collection will be on Saturday, December 27th. Please remember to use security tied standard sized trash bags.

Town of McClellanville Dog Pen

The Town of McClellanville Dog Pen is designated solely for the temporary holding of stray animals found within town limits. While we care deeply about every wandering or lost pet, our resources are limited. Charleston County Animal Control assists by collecting animals from the pen when requested by the Town.

- 🐾 If you find a stray dog or cat within McClellanville:
- Please contact Erin Browne at mcclellanvilleCE@outlook.com so that someone can meet you at the pen. This ensures the animal has food, water, and bedding during its stay.
 - Because we are a small town, we make every effort to reunite pets with their rightful owners before contacting Animal Control. In most cases, these efforts are successful.
 - Our priority is to return pets to the correct owner and prevent them from being placed in the wrong hands. Animal Control is contacted only after all reasonable efforts to locate the owner have been exhausted.

🚫 Important: Do not place any animal in the pen without being directed to do so. This safeguard ensures that animals are properly cared for, walked, and monitored while in our custody.

- 📍 Outside McClellanville Town Limits:
- For stray animals found elsewhere in Charleston County, please complete the form at: <https://911helpme.alastar.com/>
 - For non-emergency animal control issues in Berkeley County, contact: <https://sheriff.berkeleycountysc.gov/animal-control-chatbot/>

Streetlight Out? Let Us Know!

The Town of McClellanville is committed to keeping our streets safe and well-lit. If you notice a streetlight that is out, flickering, or otherwise not working properly, please contact Town Hall by phone or email so we can report the issue promptly. 📌 Important: When reporting a streetlight problem, we will need the streetlight number. This number is located on a small metal tab attached to the pole. Providing this number ensures we can identify the exact light and have it repaired quickly.

- How to Report:
- 📞 Call Town Hall: 843.887.3712
 - 📧 Email: mcclellanville2@outlook.com
 - Include: Streetlight number, location (nearest address or intersection), and a brief description of the issue.

Your help keeps our community safe and welcoming after dark. Thank you for being our eyes on the street!

Community Events:

Food Baskets
We are collecting food for those who are in need in our community. If you would like to help, we recommend nonperishable items such as canned goods, beans, rice, grits, and other sealed or bagged items. Drop off at Town Hall by December 12th.