

VILLAGE NEWS

Town of McClellanville • August/September 2026



Upcoming Meetings: 405 Pinckney Street

***dates subject to change**

Town Council Regular Meeting

Monday, August 3 at 7PM; Agenda deadline July 29 by noon
Tuesday, September 8 at 7PM; Agenda deadline Sept 2 by noon
Monday, October 5 at 7PM; Agenda deadline Sept 30 by noon

ARB/DRB Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 18 at 7PM; Deadline for submittal July 28
Tuesday, September 15 at 7PM; Deadline for submittal Aug 24
Tuesday, October 20 at 7PM; Deadline for submittal Sept 28

Planning Commission

September 28 at 6PM
December 14 at 6PM

Tree Committee – October 13 at 5 PM

McClellanville Magistrate Court

10009 Hwy 17N - (843) 887-3334

Hours: Mon, Thur 9 AM–4 PM

Court: August 13; September 10

McClellanville Town Hall

405 Pinckney St - (843) 887-3712

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

Wednesday: 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Village Green

On Saturday, October 3rd, the Town of McClellanville will hold a ribbon cutting at the Village Green – Selden B. Hill Park in honor of Bud Hill.

This special moment celebrates Bud's decades of dedication to preserving our history, protecting our greenspaces, and enriching the story of McClellanville for generations.

We invite the community to join us as we officially recognize his contributions and open this newly named space in his honor.

Zoning and Building Services Update

As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen Town services, McClellanville will be transitioning to a third-party provider for zoning and building services. We are currently coordinating with Charleston County to collect past building plans and records so the new provider can begin with a complete understanding of our community's needs. While September 8 is our tentative transition date, we will keep residents updated as the process moves forward.

Board of Zoning Appeals Vacancy

The Town of McClellanville is seeking a qualified and interested resident to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The BZA is a five-member board that meets as needed at the call of the Chair. The Board is responsible for hearing appeals of decisions made by the Zoning Administrator, considering requests for variances from the zoning ordinance, and reviewing applications for special exceptions as permitted by the zoning ordinance. To request an application or for additional information, call 843-887-3712 or email mcclellanville2@outlook.com.

Applications will be submitted to Town Council for consideration and appointment.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Town of McClellanville, South Carolina

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of McClellanville will hold a Public Hearing to receive public comments on three proposed ordinances scheduled for September 8, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall, 405 Pinckney Street, McClellanville, SC.

The ordinances under consideration are:

- An Ordinance Approving the SafeBuilt Agreement for Planning and Building Inspection Services, Authorizing Execution of the Agreement, and Addressing Related Matters.
- An Ordinance Adopting the Town of McClellanville Building Permit Fee Schedule and Zoning and Planning Fee Schedule.
- An Ordinance Establishing a Board of Construction Appeals to Hear Appeals from the Town Building Official's Determinations; Providing for Membership, Procedures, and Judicial Review; and Addressing Related Matters.

Copies of the proposed ordinances are available for public review at Town Hall during regular business hours and may be requested by email. The public is encouraged to attend. Any interested party may be heard either orally or in writing at the public hearing. For further information please call the town office at (843) 887-3712.

Centennial Tree Donation



The Town extends its heartfelt thanks to the Tree Committee for the generous gift of a beautiful live oak planted at Town Hall in honor of McClellanville's Centennial. This meaningful contribution reflects the Committee's long-standing dedication to preserving our natural character and ensuring that future generations enjoy the shade, beauty, and legacy of a thriving urban forest. We are

deeply grateful for their stewardship and for marking this milestone year with a living symbol of growth and community pride.

Trash Reminders

A friendly reminder to place your trash can at the **roadside** on collection days to ensure your garbage is picked up on time.

Also, during the warmer months, ants can quickly find their way into trash bags and chew through them, creating a mess that can attract other pests. If you notice ants around your trash can, consider treating the area or the can itself with an appropriate ant control product to help keep them away before collection day.

Thank you for doing your part to help keep McClellanville clean and beautiful!

Storage Containers

The Town of McClellanville does not allow shipping containers or other transportable storage units within residential zoning districts. Under §3.4.4(a)(11) of the Town's Zoning and Land Development Ordinance, residential accessory structures may include personal storage sheds, but specifically exclude "transportable storage units and containers originally designed to be transported by vehicle."

In non-residential districts, §3.4.4(b)(9) permits transportable storage containers only in the Highway Commercial and Marine Commercial zones.

Placement and temporary use of containers is allowed only during active, permitted construction, as outlined in §3.4.5(a). Temporary construction storage units, including Portable On-Demand Storage (PODS), may be placed on the same parcel only after a building permit has been issued for construction on that property. These temporary containers must be removed once construction is complete. All storage uses shall be sited such that visibility from roads and neighboring properties are minimized, consistent with §3.4.5(a)(2).

All storage containers, whether temporary or accessory, must receive zoning approval before being placed on any property in town. This ensures compliance with the ordinance and prevents placement of containers in locations or circumstances where they are not allowed. These standards ensure that accessory and temporary structures remain compatible with McClellanville's historic character, protect neighborhood aesthetics, and uphold the Town's long-standing development guidelines.

Town Administrator's Note

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Centennial Portrait Reveal at the August 3 Council Meeting. Marking the exact date of McClellanville's incorporation in 1926 made the unveiling especially meaningful. Your presence helped honor the mayors who have guided our town across a full century of leadership. As we look back on this milestone year, I want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our centennial events. From the Wisteria Parade and Jimmy Dupree Run to the Centennial Art Show and July 4th Picnic, each celebration reflected the pride and spirit of our community. Many of you prepared food, arranged flowers, shared artwork, decorated your homes, or simply attended and supported the celebrations, and we are truly grateful. Your involvement helped make the centennial festivities memorable for our entire community. I also want to extend special gratitude to the Centennial Committee, including Natalie Lewis, Gerilyn Leland, Bud Hill, Huger McClellan, Martha Zierden, Daniel Bates, and Terri Baldwin, for their months of planning, coordination, and commitment. Their dedication shaped every event and ensured that this centennial year was celebrated with care, thoughtfulness, and community pride.

Thank you for helping make our centennial not only a tribute to our past, but a reflection of the strength and heart of McClellanville today.

Back to School Pedestrian Bridge Safety Tips

Residents are strongly encouraged to heed the safety signs on the pedestrian bridge and to discuss the importance of these with their children. Bicycles should be walked across the bridge and everyone should **stop, look, and wait** to ensure that there is no oncoming traffic before exiting the bridge.

Centennial T-shirts - Limited Sizes!

Celebrate McClellanville's 100 years with an official Centennial T-shirt! Sizes are running out - only gray and white remain in most sizes. Blue is still available in 2XL and kids' Large. Stop by Town Hall to pick yours up while supplies last. Shirts are \$20 each. Koozies are also available \$5 each.

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TOWN OF AFTON

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AFTON McClellanville
FIRE DEPARTMENT (JUNIOR)

JOINT COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS EXPO

★ A STRONG COMMUNITY IS A PREPARED COMMUNITY ★

**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 19, 2026**

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**1711 PINKNEY STREET
McCLELLANVILLE, SC 29568**

Join us for an evening of information, resources and hands-on activities to help keep you and your loved ones safe.

**FREE
COMMUNITY
EVENT!**

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

FIRST AID TRAINING

EMERGENCY KIT & SUPPLIES

EVACUATION PLANNING

COME LEARN AND CONNECT!

- Meet Local Emergency Response Partners
- Emergency Preparedness Information & Resources
- Live Demonstrations
- Free Donations
- Fun for the Whole Family!

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PREPARE TODAY. PROTECT TOMORROW.

100th Birthday Celebration - Amy Ashburn Lofton Moore

Amy Ashburn Lofton Moore was born on July 10, 1926, in an upstairs bedroom of her family home on Morrison Court. She was the fourth child of Harriet Lucas Lofton and John Marion Lofton, and had fraternal twin brothers, Johnny and Alec, and a sister, Betty.

As a young child during the Depression, she remembers the dictum of 'use it up, wear it out, make it do' as a way of life. One of her jobs was to clean the glass chimneys of the oil lamps each morning, and she made butter by hand cranking the glass churn. They did not face hunger, however, as the farm around their residence had cows, pigs, chickens, and a productive vegetable garden each year. During WWII, Amy was part of the civilian defense. She looked at planes flying overhead to identify any that were potentially enemy forces. She also took shifts atop the fire tower at the landing and used binoculars to look for German U-boats. One Sunday, muddy footprints were found in the Episcopal Chapel and the speculation was that German sailors had been there.

Amy attended school at the brick building on Pinckney Street, and after graduation attended Furman University thanks to financial help from a family member.

Amy was working in Charleston after WWII when she met her future husband McKenzie 'Mac' Moore. He had been a fraternity brother of Johnny's at the College of Charleston, and when Amy and Mac started dating Johnny was asked by Mac why he had never been introduced to Amy? The answer was in their seven year age difference, which led to Johnny's succinct answer 'Mac, she was twelve years old!'

Amy and Mac married in 1947, and during the 1950's they had three boys. When the third was on the way they moved from a cramped apartment in downtown to a house West of the Ashley with a lawn and lots of other families with children.

In 1967 Mac's career led them to move to Charlotte where Amy was involved with a number of organizations like the D.A.R. She enjoyed her time there having made some great friends, but she did remark on occasion that 'this is as far north as I am going to move!' For many years they were at their house on Morrison Court every month taking care of the grounds and visiting family and friends. In 2009 they decided to leave the traffic in Charlotte behind make McClellanville their permanent home.

Back in her home in the Village Amy continued her lifelong activity of taking care of the flowers and shrubbery in her yard. Mac passed away in December 2012, and Amy made it clear to her family that she would remain in her home, period. And to this day, she has!

Kathryn Basha Announces Retirement from BCD-COG

The Town of McClellanville extends its heartfelt congratulations to Kathryn Basha on her recent retirement from the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments. Kathryn has been a trusted partner to the Town for many years, offering steady guidance, thoughtful planning support, and a deep commitment to our community's long-term wellbeing. Although she has stepped away from her role at BCD-COG, Kathryn will be available to consult with the Town. Her experience and familiarity with McClellanville's needs remain invaluable, and we look forward to her continued involvement as we navigate upcoming projects and planning initiatives. We are grateful for Kathryn's ongoing dedication and excited about the opportunities ahead as the Town works to strengthen its services and support future growth.

Parking Reminder

Please avoid parking on the grass at the Old School during overflow boat parking. To protect the grounds, all vehicles and trailers should use designated paved or gravel areas only. We appreciate your cooperation.

Happening at the MAC

Don't forget to come check out our current exhibit, A Village Shaped by the Tides, in the MAC gallery now through August 29th. Immerse yourself in over 65 pieces from 33 artists, past and present, and 32 lenders, at this exhibition celebrating the centennial of McClellanville. This eclectic show captures the spirit of the Village and its rich artistic heritage.

We are busy preparing for the Cape Romain Lighthouse Bicentennial Art Show opening this October. We will contact all artists who submitted artwork in early September.

Stay tuned for the return of afterschool art and drama classes in September. After a very successful summer of camps, we are taking time to prepare engaging projects and programs for students of all ages.

Adults, if there are any classes or workshops you'd like to see at the MAC, please email your suggestions and requests to Nicole Sloan at macarts@tds.net. Artists interested in teaching, we would love to hear from you as well!

Funding for the arts is needed now more than ever! Please consider becoming a member, making a general donation, or contributing to the Pam Hollings McConnell Scholarship Fund. We need your help to keep the arts thriving and accessible to all in our community. Visit our website at www.mcclellanvilleartsCouncil.com/give to learn how you can help. Thank you for your continued support and interest in all things MAC related!

Discover, create, learn, and connect this August and September at the library

- **Craft & Connect (Adults)** - Aug. 11 and Sept. 8, 1 p.m.
Bring your creativity and your favorite people. We'll handle the supplies.
- **Kids Karaoke** - Aug. 20 and Sept. 17 at 3:30 p.m.
Come ready to sing and cheer on your friends. Everybody shines!
- **Rainbow Bridge Ceremony** - Aug. 29, 10:30 a.m.
Help us celebrate beloved pets by sharing a photo or remembrance at mcc@ccpl.org or in person at the library.
- **Yoga for Kids** - Sept. 19, 10 a.m.
A fun and active program introducing children to yoga through movement and play.

Family Storytime - Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (no Storytime Aug. 4)
Stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and fun for children and caregivers.

Mahjongg Mondays - Weekly beginning at 10 a.m.
Enjoy Hong Kong Mahjongg at 10 a.m. and American Mahjongg at 11 a.m. Beginners welcome.

Please note: The library will be closed Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

Mother's Morning Out

Mother's Morning Out is looking for substitute caregivers to join our team for the fall sessions. Our program operates on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00 to 11:30 AM, offering a wonderful opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the lives of our youngest residents. Substitute caregivers are essential in creating a safe and nurturing environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive. If you have a passion for working with children and are available for a few mornings each week, we encourage you to contact Rachel Michi at 843.327.9882 for more information. Please note that a background check is required for all applicants.

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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:**

October/November - mailed 10/08; content deadline 10/01

December/January - mailed 12/10; content deadline 12/03

We will attempt to have the newsletter mailed by the Friday following the Council meeting. Material to be included in the newsletter should be sent to mcclellanville2@outlook.com

All material is subject to editorial review by the Town staff. Some material may not be accepted for publication.

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.



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