

VILLAGE NEWS

Town of McClellanville • October - November 2026



Upcoming Meetings: 405 Pinckney Street

***dates subject to change**

Town Council Meeting

Monday, November 16 at 6PM; Special Meeting
Monday, November 2 at 7PM; Agenda deadline Oct 28 by noon
Monday, December 7 at 7PM; Agenda deadline Dec 2 by noon

ARB/DRB Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 27 at 7PM; Agenda deadline Sept 29
Tuesday, November 10 at 7PM; Agenda deadline Oct 26
Tuesday, December 8 at 7PM; Agenda deadline Nov 23

Planning Commission

Monday, October 26 at 6PM
Monday, 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: October 8 10AM

November 12 10AM

McClellanville Town Hall

405 Pinckney St. • (843) 887-3712

Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri: 9 AM-3 PM

Wed: 9 AM-1 PM

Holiday Closures:

Nov. 11 Veteran's Day

Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec. 23-25 Christmas Holiday

Online Permit Portal Now Available

The Town of McClellanville now offers a convenient online portal for all planning and zoning applications, land-disturbance permits, tree alteration or removal permits, and building permits. Applicants can create an account in the Community Core Portal, select the appropriate permit type, and submit all required materials directly online.

For residents who are unable to access the portal, paper copies of all permit applications remain available at Town Hall or can be emailed upon request.

This transition improves efficiency, enhances transparency, and provides multiple ways for residents to complete their permitting needs.

Recent Safety Concerns in the Village

The Town has received multiple reports of children and teens operating e-bikes and small motorcycles throughout the village at high rates of speed and in a careless manner. These incidents have raised concerns for pedestrian safety, roadway visibility, and the wellbeing of the riders themselves. The Town encourages parents and guardians to ensure their children understand the rules of the road, operate only devices appropriate for their age and licensing status, and ride with caution in residential areas.

Know What Your Child is Riding

Electric bikes are common in our community, but not every "e-bike" is legally a bicycle. Some models are classified as mopeds or motorcycles, which carry specific age and licensing requirements. A quick check helps ensure safe and lawful riding. For more information, please refer to SC State Law S.C. Code §56-1-10(29) and §56-5-3520. See back page of newsletter for the applicable South Carolina statutes concerning electric-assist bicycles, mopeds, motorcycles, and motor vehicles.

Construction Board of Appeals - Community Members Needed

The Town is seeking residents who are interested in serving on the newly established Construction Board of Appeals. This board will hear appeals related to determinations made by the Town's Building Official and will help ensure fairness, clarity, and consistency in local building matters.

Applicants should have experience or training in one or more of the following areas: building design, construction, structural engineering, architecture, fire protection, mechanical systems, plumbing, electrical systems, or construction code administration.

If you would like to be considered, please contact Town Hall to request an application. Community participation is essential, and we welcome those willing to lend their time and expertise.

Stray Dog Policy Update

Charleston County Sheriff's Office has notified the Town that Animal Control is not currently accepting stray dogs, except in limited cases involving sick or injured animals due to its contracted shelter being full since June.

Because there is no placement or rehoming option available, the Town cannot take custody of stray dogs, and the Town's holding pen is no longer available for dogs. Residents who encounter a stray or injured dog should contact Charleston County Animal Control at 843-202-1700, and Animal Control can scan the dog for a microchip.

Kit Hall Road Drainage Project Update

We've received several questions regarding the flagged trees along Kit Hall Road and want to provide some clarification. The flagged trees are part of survey work being conducted by Charleston County for the County's planned drainage improvement project on Kit Hall Road. A flagged tree does not mean that the tree has been approved for removal. The County is currently working through the planning and design process to address drainage, safety, and erosion concerns. The Town will share additional information with residents as it becomes available.

Thank you to everyone who has reached out with questions and for your continued concern for our beautiful community.

Village Christmas Lights

The Village Christmas lights will be judged on the evenings of December 11th and 12th. The award categories will be:

Best Decorated House
Best Decorated, HM
Best Decorated, Emeritus
Best Decorated Boat
Best Lighting Arrangement

Best Lighting, HM
Best Door Decoration
Best Decorated Business
Most Christmas Spirit

Christmas Tree Lighting

Join us for the Town Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, November 29th at 5:00 PM!

After the tree is lit, head next door to New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church to visit with Santa and celebrate the holiday season together. All are welcome!

McClellanville United Methodist Women Holiday Market

The McClellanville Methodist Holiday Market will be held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 21st, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. It will be located at the Methodist Annex which is on Dupree Road directly behind the Methodist Church.

Lunch, by Sarah Scott, will be available for purchase starting at 11:00. Among other things she will be serving her famous chowder and shrimp- baked potatoes.

The Holiday Market is a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season. There will be a variety of baked goods, cakes, pies, bread and cookies for sale, for you to serve during the holidays. There also be other homemade items available. We are bringing back the Rada Cutlery. We will have a few new items and the old favorites. The Silent Auction will give you the opportunity to obtain art work, furniture, fishing items, sports equipment, books and much more at bargain prices.

Proceeds from the market go to organizations helping families in our community and state.

Contact Carol McClellan at 843-359-3090 or any UM Woman if you have questions or would like to make a donation.

Happening at the McClellanville Arts Center - 733 Pinckney Street

Come see *Cape Romain Lighthouses: Legacy of Light* now through January 9th in the MAC Gallery. This very special exhibit celebrates the history of our beloved Cape Romain lighthouses through the work of over thirty artists. Learn about the history, preservation and restoration of these beacons. Get the details at www.mcclellanvilleartscouncil.com/current-show.

Throughout the duration of the exhibit, you have the opportunity to enter a raffle for a chance to win a gorgeous framed original photograph of Lighthouse Island by local legend and photographer Simon Hare. Tickets can be purchased at www.mcclellanvilleartscouncil.com/store/p/cape-romain-lighthouses-legacy-of-light-art-affle or in person at the Arts Center. All proceeds will go towards a much needed mural on the front of our building. Email us at macarts@tds.net with any questions.

The MAC will be participating in the 3rd annual Witch Walk on Saturday, October 24th with live music by the incomparable Richard Hurteau, food trucks, and the launch of some exclusive items by Passage Products that will tickle your taste buds and lift your spirits through the sense of smell. Passage Products is a Gullah Geechee company that creates the most incredible teas, spices, soaps and skincare products. You don't want to miss out on these samples! The fun starts at the McClellanville Arts Center at around 6:00 PM after the festivities at O+C.

Register today for our Pastel Workshop happening on Sunday, October 25th from 3:00 - 7:30 PM. Led by artist Alia Kroos, this fun and inspiring class is appropriate for all skill levels. \$70 for MAC members, \$85 for non-members. Learn all about it and register online at www.mcclellanvilleartscouncil.com/calendar/pastel-workshop-walia-kroos.

Afterschool art and drama classes are back from 3:00 - 5:00 on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the MAC studio. We provide the art, snacks, and all the fun! Get all the details and register online at mcclellanvilleartscouncil.com/store. Be sure to stay tuned for an announcement about a very special Holiday at Hogwarts. Registration opens soon!

We're also preparing for 2027, a very big year for us. We'll be celebrating our 50th year as McClellanville's nonprofit art organization. Funding for the arts is in peril, both federally and state-wide and we need your help now more than ever! Please consider becoming a member of the McClellanville Arts Council and help keep the arts alive and thriving in northern Charleston County. Your support makes a lasting impact - join us today! Support our mission by becoming a member at www.mcclellanvilleartscouncil.com/store/p/mac-membership.

Solid Waste Cost Disclosure

Public Notice In accordance with Section 44-96-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Town of McClellanville, SC hereby declares the following costs for Solid Waste Management Services for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026:

- Total Annual Cost: \$72,000
- Cost Per Capita: \$110.50

McClellanville Library October/November Events

Looking for something new at the library beyond books? Check out our blood pressure monitor! It's available for anyone to use and is a simple way to keep track of your heart health.

OCTOBER

October 6 • 1:00 PM • Craft & Connect: Decorating Witch Brooms
Get creative and design your own festive witch broom while enjoying good company.

October 6 • 4:00 PM • Hip Hop Pop Art with the Gaillard Center
Learn about Hip Hop Music and create an art piece in the style of Romero Britto. Grades 2-8.

October 10 • 10:00 AM • Bundles for Babies Visit

Free baby essentials provided by Bundles of Joy Diaper Bank to registrants. Stop by the library before the 10th to register.

October 10 • 11:00 AM • Estate Administration Talk with Probate
Learn about estate administration and probate processes from local experts.

October 12 • Library Closed

Closed for annual Staff Workday.

October 20 • 3:30 PM • Monster Mash Music Hour

Join us for a spooktacular afternoon of music, movement, and Halloween fun.

Throughout October • MailCall250 Letter Collection

Help us honor veterans and service members by writing letters of appreciation and support.

NOVEMBER

November 5 • 10:00 AM • Heart the Lover Book Discussion

Join the conversation and enter for a chance to win a free ticket to the Literary Festival.

November 5 • 3:00 PM • Yoga for Kids

Fun and relaxing yoga activities designed especially for children.

November 7 • 10:00 AM • Yoga for Kids

Another opportunity for young participants to stretch, move, and have fun.

November 11 • Library Closed

Closed in observance of Veterans Day.

November 19 • 3:30 PM • Dinovember

Come in for Dinosaur trivia, a scavenger hunt, and snacks!

November 17 • 1:00 PM • Zada Mae Pine Needle Weaving

Create a holiday themed woven pine needle trivet.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Every Tuesday • 10:00 AM • Storytime

Every Monday • 10:00 AM • Hong Kong Mahjongg

Every Monday • 11:00 AM • American Mahjongg

Arbor Day Celebration

The McClellanville Tree Committee invites everyone to join the students at CREECs on Friday, December 4th at 10 a.m. for the planting of a fruit tree for Arbor Day.

A Proclamation issued by Mayor Rutledge Leland declaring December 4, 2020 to be Arbor Day in the Town of McClellanville will be read.

The Forest Service, assisted by Smokey Bear, will join the celebration and share information with the students about the value of trees and tree care.

Please come and enjoy this event with the students!

The Village Museum
Annual Member Appreciation
OYSTER ROAST
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
6:00 PM
UNDER THE MCCLELLANVILLE TOWN HALL
Please Bring Your Own Oyster Knives & Adult Beverages.
Museum Members Admitted Free!
Non-member Guest: a Donation of Only \$35.00 each.
All Proceeds Benefit The Village Museum at McClellanville, SC.

OSCAR & CORNELIUS
FALL & HOLIDAY EVENTS
SHOP LOCAL • SUPPORT SMALL • COMMUNITY ALWAYS
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DATE	EVENT	TIME	DETAILS
Saturday, Oct. 17	Oscar's 1 Year Anniversary Weekend!	10 AM - 4 PM	Special treats, games and much more for celebrating!
Saturday, Oct. 24	Witch Walk	4 - 7 PM	Steeple fun, trick-or-treating & festive treats!
Saturday, Oct. 31	Halloween Candy	All Day	Stop in for a sweet treat!
Friday, Nov. 27	Black Friday Shopping	All Day	Kick off the holiday season with special deals & deals!
Saturday, Nov. 28	Small Business Saturday + Hot Snow Event	All Day	Shop small, support local & enjoy our first snow of the season!
Sunday, Nov. 29	Holiday Shopping Sunday	All Day	Keep the holiday magic going!
Friday, Dec. 4	Walking Tree with the MAC	4 - 6 PM	An evening of shopping, snuggles & holiday cheer up and down the street!
Saturday, Dec. 5	Santa's Seat of Shop (Kids Only)	11 AM - 2 PM	A special shopping event just for kids! Fill up on treats, gifts wrapped & more!
December 6 - 12	Oscar's 12 Days of Christmas Giveaway	All Day	Twelve days of surprises, special prizes & festive fun!
Saturdays in Dec.	Snow Every Saturday in December!	11 AM - 4 PM	Enjoy the magic of the season with snow, holiday cheer & festive activities!
Saturday, Dec. 12	Online Holiday Market & More	10 AM - 5 PM	Local vendors, holiday goods, hot cocoa & more wonderful!
Wednesday, Dec. 23	Final Christmas Shopping Day	10 AM - 6 PM	Last chance for holiday gifts & home decor!
Thursday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve	11 AM - 2 PM	Stop in for hot cocoa, gifts and holiday cheer!

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**Below are the Applicable South Carolina Statutes
Concerning electric-assist bicycles, mopeds, motorcycles,
and motor vehicles.**

S.C. Code § 56-1-10(29) – Electric-Assist Bicycles

"Electric-assist bicycles" and "bicycles with helper motors" means low-speed electrically assisted bicycles with two or three wheels, each having fully operable pedals and an electric motor of no more than 750 watts, or one horsepower, and a top motor-powered speed of less than twenty miles an hour when operated by a rider weighing one hundred seventy pounds on a paved level surface, that meet the requirements of the Federal Consumer Product Code provided in 16 C.F.R., Part 1512, and that operate in a manner such that the electric motor disengages or ceases to function when their brakes are applied or the rider stops pedaling.

S.C. Code § 56-1-10(26) – Moped

"Moped" means a cycle, defined as a motor vehicle, with or without pedals, to permit propulsion by human power, that travels on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground whether powered by gasoline, electricity, alternative fuel, or a hybrid combination thereof. Based on the engine or fuel source, the moped must be equipped not to exceed the following limitations: a motor of fifty cubic centimeters; or designed to have an input exceeding 750 watts and no more than 1500 watts.

S.C. Code § 56-1-10(7) – Motor Vehicle

"Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires but not operated upon rails.

S.C. Code § 56-1-10(8) – Motorcycle

"Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle having no more than two permanent functional wheels in contact with the ground or trailer and having a saddle for the use of the rider, but excluding a tractor and a moped.

These are the statutory definitions established by South Carolina law.

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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: 843-354-1111 or www.3541111.com

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

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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