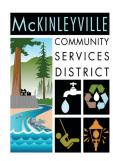


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Newsletter and Activity Guide





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On the Cover

Overlooking the Mad River at dusk.

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McKinleyville Community Services
District makes every effort to comply
with the Americans with Disabilities
Act. If you require special assistance
for participation in our recreation
programs, please notify staff at the time
of registration or call 839-9003.

A Message from the General Manager

"The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing it." – Arnold H. Glasow

I want to thank you all again for your patience with our Central Avenue water & sewer main rehabilitation project. We should not have to dig up our water and sewer mains along Central for the next 75 years! You can hold me to that! (I of course will be dead long before then, so it might be hard to collect.) I will further guarantee that you will not see a big sinkhole along that portion of Central caused by a waterline failure, like unfortunately happens too frequently these days in other municipalities. Thank you again for your patience as we implemented this important infrastructure project.

We are also starting construction on our 4.5MG Water Storage Tank project this summer. Now I will switch to thanking the folks along Azalea, Cochran and Hewitt for their patience with construction traffic along these roads. When completed, this project will help ensure that your water will not be interrupted during earthquakes or storms or due to the loss of our watermain to Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District. We have received over \$10 million in grants to pay for this \$12M construction job!



We are still waiting to take ownership of the Community Forest land (which is also being purchased entirely with a grant). We expect to take ownership of the land sometime in early 2024. We will be coming to you soon after that to start planning the development of hiking/biking/horse trails and other infrastructure and uses in the forest.

We are also finalizing the design of the BMX Park at School & Washington and will be starting that construction spring of next year. And the first part of the Skate Park in Pierson Park is done! That was a long-term project, that once again proves the quote at the top of the article. Thanks

A Message from the General Manager (Continued)

to Charlie Caldwell and the Skate Park Collective and other community members that practiced their patience and wisdom on that project.

Speaking of all these projects, please do read the article on Measure B on the following page and remember to TURN IN YOUR MEASURE B BALLOT! Thank you all for your patience and helping to "hatch the egg" that makes McKinleyville the great community it is, and if you ever want to talk about anything or have any questions, feel free to give me a call at the office 707-839-3251.

With Best Regards, Patrick Kaspari, General Manager



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Attention McKinleyville Property Owners

Don't forget to mail or drop off your Official Measure B Property Owner Assessment ballots.

Completed ballots must be received by the Board Secretary no later than the close of the Public Hearing scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2023, at Azalea Hall, at 1620 Pickett Road, McKinleyville, CA 95519.

Important Voting Information

Measure B was originally passed by voters 30 years ago, in 1993, and was reauthorized in 2011 at the same rate. It is a local assessment to help fund McKinleyville services. Measure B funded construction and maintenance of Azalea Hall at Pierson Park, McKinlevville Activity Center at Pierson Park, and Hiller Sports Complex.

On September 6, 2023, The McKinleyville CSD Board unanimously approved a Resolution to renew Measure B and increase the assessment to:

- Maintain the facility housing the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office in McKinleyville;
- Provide services to keep park restrooms open and clean;
- Keep the Senior Center open and maintained;
- Maintain ballfields, playfields, and playgrounds in all parks;
- Maintain facilities such as: the McKinleyville branch of the Humboldt County Library, Azalea Hall, the Teen and Community Center, and the Activity Center.

The proposed assessment would renew Measure B, our locally controlled funding that the State cannot take away, at the \$94 rate per year (less than \$8 a month) with cost-of-living adjustments until ended by voters.

Q: Who gets a vote?

The Measure B Assessment is voted on only by McKinleyville property owners. The assessment is calculated based on a District A: evaluation of community service needs, the revenue needed to address those needs, and an allocation that reflects the benefit provided to each property. If approved by voters, the updated assessment will provide \$700,000 dollars annually, with independent citizens' oversight and annual audits.

Q: How do I vote?

If you are a property owner in McKinleyville, you should have received your official ballot in the mail. If you didn't receive a ballot, or you think there's been a mistake in the ballot you received, you can call Michael Medve, Assessment Engineer, at (951) 587-3500 or mmedve@willdan.com to get a ballot.

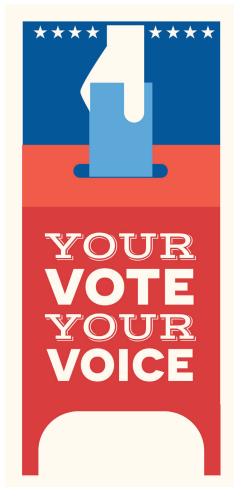


Is my vote a secret? Q:

Ballots will not be opened or tabulated before the close of the public input portion of the hearing on November 1, 2023. During and after the tabulation, the assessment ballots and the information used to determine the weight of each ballot shall be treated as disclosable public records, as defined in [Gov. Code] Section 6252.

Q: Will there be a process to apply for an exemption?

Following the hearing on November 1, 2023, if a majority of property owners have approved the Measure B update, then at the next Board meeting on December 6, 2023, the Board will consider the application process for low-income, disabled, and senior property owners to apply for an exemption.



Recognition of Service

This past August and October we have recognized two employees for hitting Years of Service mile-stones with the District. They were presented Resolutions at our regularly scheduled Board of Directors' Board Meetings. Resolution 2023-14 recognized, honored, and commended Brad Hayman for his ten (10) continuous years of service. Resolution 2023-20 recognized, honored, and commended James Henry for his twenty-five (25) continuous years of service.

Throughout his years of service, Brad has demonstrated commitment and dedication to the maintenance of parks, facilities and open spaces. Brad is reliable and resourceful while managing competing priorities with limited resources. Brad consistently meets the requirements of his job with high quality performance in service to providing the community clean and safe parks and facilities.

Brad is the well-respected supervisor and leader of the Parks Maintenance team as well as the District's only certified Playground Safety Inspector. Brad lends his talents and experience to the betterment of the District he has proven to be a valuable asset to the District and to the community of McKinleyville.





Brad being presented with his 10 years of Service Award by the MCSD Board Members.



James being presented with his 25 years of Service Award by the MCSD Board Members.

Throughout his years of service, James has demonstrated unwavering loyalty, commitment and professionalism, capably leading and coordinating the efforts of the Operations team and lending his talents wherever else they are needed throughout the District. James continues to perform his duties in an efficient, conscientious and responsible manner, working extended hours and weekends as necessary, consistently responding with work that exceeds expectations.

In addition to his role as Operations Director, James holds numerous advanced certifications in water and wastewater operations, acts as the Chief Plant Operator at the wastewater treatment plant and serves on the Board for the California Water Environmental Association. James' work ethic and positive demeanor continue to be an inspiration and an invaluable resource to his team, the entire MCSD staff and the McKinleyville Community, and we have nothing further to add.



McKinleyville Skate Park Grand Opening Celebration!

On October 7 we celebrated the McKinleyville Skate Park Phase 1 Grand Opening Celebration with a Ribbon Cutting at 11am followed by a day of skating, blading, quads and scooters! The day was lively with live music by Bands: Hudson Hound Dogs, Cookers & Imperial Destructo, food from South G Kitchen, Sweet Treats Ice Cream Truck and a beer booth! Thank you to the many Sponsors, Donors, Volunteers and Vendors that helped to make Phase 1 a reality! Now on to fundraising for Phase 2!



































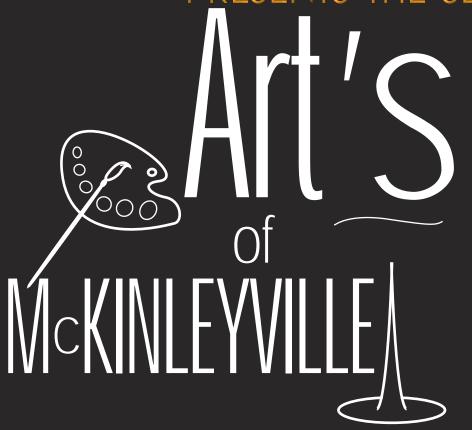






The Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods

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> **SCAN TO PURCHASE** TICKETS!

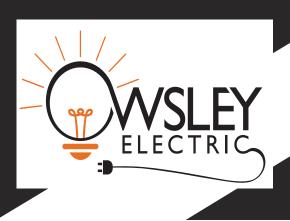


Please join us for an unforgettable evening of art, appetizers & beverages. Your Entry Ticket includes one drink token and appetizers. Art work will be available for viewing and purchase. Matt Beard will also be creating a painting live this evening that will be Live Auctioned off! There will also be a Dutch Raffle filled with amazing gift baskets and gift certificates. Your participation will be helping to provide the youth of McKinleyville the gift of opportunity, safety, and community!

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4th Annual McKinleyville Scarecrow Showdown!

The McKinleyville Chamber is hosting the 4th Annual McKinleyville Scarecrow Showdown! Our staff is taking part and our scarecrow will be displayed in front of our office on Sutter by the Deadline of October 14! We hope that you get a chance to check out all scarecrows throughout town! Many more McKinleyville businesses, organizations and youth groups have already gotten their scarecrows up for this year! There is no fee to enter! And voting will be be popular choice via likes on Facebook! Make sure to like the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce's Facebook to see all of the entries! Many thanks go to the Sponsor's of this contest: Coast Central Credit Union, Blue Lake Casino & Hotel and PG&E!!! Belonging Never Felt Better™ Coast Central Credit Union MCKINLEYVILLE SCARFCR

Here are some of prevoius year's scarecrows! They were submitted by Love & Lavish Pet Spa, Maple Creek Elementary School, McKinleyville Grocery Outlet, McKinleyville Ace, McKinleyville Office Supply, Six Rivers Brewery and Eureka Natural Foods in McKinleyville!

Don't Touch That Angle Stop!!

So you need to do a little plumbing work on your house, but you quickly figure out that if you don't turn off the water, you'll end up wetter than you intended! You decide to turn off the water at the meter. How hard could it be, right? You go to your water meter and start to turn the angle stop....*snap*. You turn it left, then right – but it doesn't seem to be doing anything.

The next step is to call the water district for help, but you are given the following facts:

- 1. You've broken the angle stop.
- 2. The angle stop is District property.
- 3. You are now responsible for the substantial cost of repairing it.

Unfortunately, this story is all-too-familiar to us here at the District. The question is "What can you do instead?" First and foremost, do NOT attempt to operate the angle stop at the meter! This is District property and is only intended to be operated by trained District personnel.

Instead, please consider the following alternatives:

Do you have a well on the property? If so, the well is required to have a doublecheck valve. This valve has a component that allows you to turn off the water to everything past the check valve.

If the plumbing problem is inside the house, look for a shut-off valve at the base of your house. This is usually located below a hose-bib where your water line first meets your house.

If neither of those cases apply, call the District office during business hours (9:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday through Friday). The District staff will come out and turn the water off for you. The cost of this service (turning the water off and turning it back on when you are ready) is \$40 during business hours. After hours or on a weekend. the call-out charge is \$150. However, both charges are MUCH cheaper than the cost to repair a broken angle stop!

Looking to avoid the call-out charge in the future? We recommend that, while you are in plumbing repair mode with the water turned off, you also install a shut-off valve just past the meter on the customer (your) side. This will allow you to turn the water off yourself at any time without risking damage to the District's equipment.



We understand that any planned (or unforeseen!) circumstances that involve working on your home's water system can prove stressful. We here at McKinleyville Community Services District desire that work go as smoothly for you as possible so please heed our warning. Give us a call if you need us...and don't touch that angle stop!



Sundays @ 10:00AM 1490 Murray Road in McKinleyville

Children's programs too! (707) 839-8015

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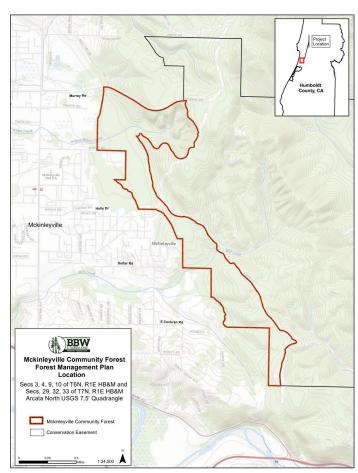


PARC Vacancies

Have you ever thought about serving your community in an official capacity? Do you have an interest in Parks, Open Spaces and Recreation? The Park And Recreation Committee (PARC) currently has three vacancies, one regular voting member and two alternate member seats. Park And Recreation Committee members serve the McKinleyville Community Services District, through providing insight, input and recommendations to the MCSD Board of Directors on policies, programs and projects relating to McKinleyville's parks, facilities, open spaces and recreation activities.

Current projects that the PARC members are discussing include the BMX track development, the acquisition and subsequent management of a community forest in McKinleyville, improvements to the Community Garden at Pierson Park, the expansion and renovation of Pierson Park to include the Skate Park Phase 2.. If you have expertise or interest in the areas of recreation, parks, open space and natural resource management, marketing and/or any of the specific projects currently under discussion, please consider joining the PARC.

The committee meets once per month, on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30pm-8:00pm. The meetings are held in person at the MCSD office, but can be attended via Zoom. More information is available on our website here: https://www.mckinleyvillecsd.com/parks-and-recreation-committee. If you are interested in serving on the Park And Recreation Committee or would like more information about the committee, contact Parks & Recreation Director, Lesley Frisbee by phone at 707-839-9003 or via email: lesley@mckinleyvillecsd.com



McKinleyville Community Forest **Update**

Staff continues to meet monthly with Green Diamond Resource Company. The Community Forest Committee met on September 21st. Green Diamond has completed the legal descriptions needed to update the preliminary title report and the certification of the appraisal. A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment has been completed and reviewed by staff.

Green Diamond Resource Company is coordinating clean-up events to clear out garbage and debris that has been dumped and left behind within the community forest property. They hope to have the clean up completed by mid-October.

McKinleyville Community Services District expects to take ownership of the land sometime in early 2024. Next Steps include soliciting Public input on planning the development of hiking/biking/horse trails and other infrastructure and uses in the forest.



BMX Park Update

Excitement is building for the BMX Park Developement on School Road & Washington Avenue. Melton Design Group submitted the 75% construction design documents on September 15th. Staff is currently reviewing them. 100% construction documents are anticipated by December. We anticipate construction to begin in the spring of 2024, completed by the end of 2024.

In addition to the BMW track, this park will have a pickleball court, half-court basketball court, playground equipment, restrooms and a concessions stand, walking paths and green spaces and landscaping.



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Registration Information

Register in person at the Parks & Recreation Office at 1656 Sutter Road. Registration forms are also available on our website: www.mckinleyvillecsd.com. *Residents (R) are those persons living or owning property inside the MCSD Boundary. All others pay a non-resident (NR) fee.

Online Registration Available

Almost all of our programs offer online registration! Click on the links to Online **Registration** on our website or go to rec.mckinleyvillecsd.com to register!

Facilities & Facility Rentals

We have facilities available to rent for all your special event or meeting needs. For information regarding rental policies and procedures, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at 839-9003, or check out our website at www. mckinleyvillecsd.com/facility-rentals.





Parks & Picnic Area Rentals

We have park picnic areas available to rent for all your party needs. Each picnic area is equipped with tables and a BBQ. For more information please contact the Parks and Recreation office at 839-9003, or check out our website at www.mckinleyvillecsd.com/park-rentals.





Birthday Parties

Book your child's next birthday party with us! Private parties are scheduled around other programs at the Activity Center or Teen & Community Center. Choose from a roller skating, basketball, indoor soccer, dodgeball, floor hockey, Teen Center or a Playgroup Toddler Party!

Starting at \$200 for 20 Participants



Tot-letics

Tot-letics introduces boys and girls to the sports of Soccer & T-Ball in a noncompetitive and fun-filled environment. Our age-appropriate drills and games teach young athletes skill development in addition to vital life lessons including leadership, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Age: 3-5 | McK Activity Center | Sa | \$70R/\$75NR

Session 1: 9:30am-10:30am Session 2: 10:45am-11:45am

Soccer Sessions: March 9 - April 6, 2024

T-Ball Sessions: May 25 - June 22

Breakout: Skate Camp

Breakout: Skate Camp is a mix of our traditional school break day camp program and a Skate Camp from 9am-1pm each day! Offered to 5-11 year olds at the McKinleyville Activity Center & McKinleyville Skate Park! Join us for a fun week filled with active games, arts and crafts, sports and skating. Participants need to bring a lunch and two snacks each day. Participants are encouraged to bring their own boards, helmets and safety gear! Boards and Helmets will be provided to those that need them. Space is limited so register early!!!

Thanksaiving Week Nov. 20-22 | M-W | 8am - 5:30pm 5-11 Year Olds | \$108R / \$111NR

New Year's Break Week Jan. 2-5 | T-F | 8am - 5:30pm 5-11 Year Olds | \$144R / \$148NR

President's Week Feb. 20-23 | T-F | 8am - 5:30pm 5-11 Year Olds | \$144R / \$148NR

Spring Break Week April 15-19 | M-F | 8am - 5:30pm 5-11 Year Olds | \$180R / \$185NR



McKinleyville Playgroup



Playgroup is a great opportunity for children 0-5 years old and their parents to meet new people and make new friends. A variety of toys and activities for young children are provided. Playgroup is closed for winter holidays weeks November 23 & December 28. Come check it out! Join our FaceBook "McKinleyville Playgroup" group for cancellation and activity information (like special events).

Ages 0-5 & Their Families | McK Activity Cnt. Thursdays | 10:30am-12:30pm Closed Nov. 23 & Dec. 28

A \$3 donation is greatly appreciated!



Youth Basketball League

Our Basketball League offers boys and girls in 3rd-9th grades a chance to play in a fun recreational basketball league this upcoming winter. Separate divisions are for boys and girls in the following grade groups: 3rd-4th, 5th-6th, 7th-9th. Games are played on Saturdays, and there is one evening practice scheduled each week. **The Registration Deadline** is **December 15.** A \$15 late fee will apply after December 15, if space is still available. Sign Up Early!!!

Volunteer Coaches and Team Sponsors are encouraged to contact the Recreation Department early in the registration period.

Boys & Girls 3rd-9th Grade | McK Activity Center | \$85R/\$90NR League: Jan. 13-March 2 (No Games 2/24) | Sa | Various Times Practices: Begin Jan. 8th (No Practice 2/19-2/23)



Pee Wee Basketball League

Our Pee Wee Basketball League offers boys and girls in TK-2nd grades a chance to play in a fun recreational basketball league this upcoming spring. Combined divisions are for boys and girls in the following grade groups: TK-K and 1st-2nd. Games are played on Saturdays, with the first half hour a practice and the second half a game. There is one evening practice scheduled before the first Saturday the week of April 1st-5th. **Registration will open January 2nd.**

Volunteer Coaches and Team Sponsors are encouraged to contact the Recreation Department early in the registration period.

Boys & Girls TK-2nd Grade | McK Activity Center | \$85R/\$90NR League: April 6-May 18 (No Games 4/20) | Sa | Various Times

Fastbreak Fridays: Youth Drop In Basketball

Starting June 16, McKinleyville Parks & Recreation is offering a drop-in basketball program just for boys and girls ages 13-17. Fastbreak Fridays takes place from 6pm to 9pm at the McKinleyville Activity Center, 1705 Gwin Road. The drop-in fee is \$5 per night. Drop-in passes will be available: 10 drop-ins for \$45. Bring your friends and play some basketball! Parent or legal guardian must sign a liability waiver before youth participation in the drop-in program.

Boys & Girls ages 13-17

Ongoing (No Fastbreak on Oct. 27, Dec. 1) | Fridays | McK Activity Center 6-9pm | \$5/player/night or \$45 punch card for 10 drop-ins

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Wing Woo Gar Kung Fu Drop In Wing Woo Gar Tai Chi Drop In

Wing Woo Gar is a traditional southern style Chinese Martial Art. This dynamic form of self defense emphasizes balance, posture & coordination. Instruction by Jason. Beginners welcome.

Adults 18 years+ (16+ w/Instructor Approval) | Azalea Hall \$10/class | \$75/\$150 Punch Cards (10/20 classes)

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 5:30pm

Wing Woo Gar is a traditional southern style Chinese Martial Art. This dynamic form of self defense emphasizes balance, posture & coordination. Instruction by Owen. Beginners welcome.

Adults 18 years+ (16+ w/Instructor Approval) | Azalea Hall \$10/class | \$75/\$150 Punch Card (10/20 classes)

Sundays: 11:00am

Hoop @ Night

Our Drop-in Basketball program happens almost every Sunday evening at the Activity Center. Bring your friends and play some hoops!

Adults 18 years & older | McKinleyville Activity Center Ongoing | Su | 6:00pm-9:00pm | \$4/Day

Pickleball Drop In

Pickleball is a fun, fast paced paddle sport sometimes described as a cross between tennis & ping pong. On Monday & Wednesday mornings, the time period of 9:30am-10:00am will be for beginners or players looking for an introduction to the basics of the sport of Pickleball. Some extra paddles are available but players are encouraged to bring their own paddles.

Adults 18 years+ | McK Activity Center | \$4/person or \$25 punch card Mon, Wed & Fri: 9:00am-12:00pm

Beginning Pickleball: Skills & Drills

Students will learn to play the sport of pickleball. All equipment is provided. Each Class will consist of a warm-up period, working on improving skills and strategy of play. Through drills, students will learn how to play the game and how to keep score.

Adults 18 years+ | McK Activity Center | \$75 R/\$80 NR

Nov. 7 - Dec. 12 | Tues | 6:00pm-8:00pm



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Upcoming Public Meetings

MCSD Board Meetings are held at:
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For more information please visit our website at www.mckinleyvillecsd.com

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*All meetings are subject to change, please visit our website at www.mckinleyvillecsd.com for the most up to date information.

