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Newsletter and Activity Guide





A Message from the General Manager

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Sunflowers.

Americans With Disabilities Act

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.

Well, it has been going on 5-months since I have taken over as the General Manager of the District, and by far, the best thing about this job is the MCSD Staff. I simply can't say enough good things about them. Each and everyone of them has the best interest of the District and our Customers at heart and will gladly go out of their way to help you. They have truly made it a pleasure to get to know them. All of the COVID issues have made it that much harder, and it does wear on us all, but they are holding up exceptionally well. You have a great Team working for you McKinleyville, and it has been my pleasure and honor to get to know them better.

One theme that ran through the MCSD Board Member debate is that the District needs to do a better job of letting the community know what we are doing for you, so I am going to take a cut at that with this newsletter and hope to update you at regular intervals via social media.

Folks who use Hiller Park probably have noticed the big hole north of the parking lot. This is an upgrade to the wastewater lift station there. We have replaced the old pumps installed in the 1970s with new efficient pump that can sense the flow and run faster and slower as needed and even clean themselves. This will save energy on a daily basis and staff time with maintenance, all of which ends up saving the rate payers.

Speaking of energy savings, we also are in the middle of the design for a new solar Microgrid station for the Wastewater Management Facility. The solar array will be designed to provide 100+% of the power required to run the treatment plant. The energy costs for the treatment plant is the largest utility expense for the District, and this will reduce it dramatically. We might even be able to generate some income on selling excess power back to the grid. This will also allow us to operate the wastewater treatment plant during any PG&E outages. This project is being funded through a \$2.5M grant/\$2.5M loan through the State. We hope to have the design done in 2021 and finish construction by 2022.

Sticking with energy, it also appears we will be getting three free battery banks from Telsa: one will be for our main water pump station, the Ramey Station on North Bank Road; one for our main wastewater pump station on Fischer Road, and one for our wastewater treatment plant. Each of these battery banks will be able to run the stations for about a day. This will again allow us to handle any PG&E outages. It also allows us to charge the batteries when energy is cheap, like the middle of the night, and switch to operate off the batteries when costs go up during peak times of the day, again saving the District and customers money. This project is funded completely by a grant from PG&E and Tesla.

(A Message from the General Manager Continued)

All of the above projects will make the District more resilient, able to handle power outages due to whatever cause. The next two make the District much more resilient in the event of a large quake or other disaster. The first one is the installation of a new 4.5MG water tank at our Cochran Road site. This tank and our existing storage tanks will give the District days worth of water if we lose the connecting to Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District. This project is 75% funded by a \$5M grant from FEMA and CalOES.

We are also replacing the three sewer crossings of Highway 101. These pipes, as a lot of the pipes in the system, are 50-years old and reaching the end of their life. If these fail due to age or in a large earthquake, it would be catastrophic, so we are replacing them before we get to that point. This project is also funded by a 75%, \$2.6M grant from FEMA and CalOES.

There are all sorts of interesting things going on at the District, all focused on providing a resilient system that will provide our Customers quality service for the foreseeable future. We are hoping to continue our grant success as well, saving all our rate payers wherever we can. Hopefully by the next newsletter, we'll have more information on the Community Forest grant that I can pass on...

With Best Regards,
Patrick Kaspari, General Manager

MCSD's Scarecrow Showdown Entry:

Pennywise Knows What You Put Down the Drain

This October the McKinleyville Chamber is hosting a new contest: the McKinleyville Scarecrow Showdown! Our staff is taking part, and decided to enter in the Most Humorous Scarecrow Category! We hope that you get a chance to drive by and check Pennywise out, and of course if you pay your bill in person at our office! We hope that more McKinleyville businesses, organizations



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and youth groups get a chance to get an entry in and that this becomes an annual contest. There is no fee to enter! And voting will be a popular choice! Check out the entry our RAP kiddos made too in front of the Fire Station (see it on page 6)!

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RAC Vacancies

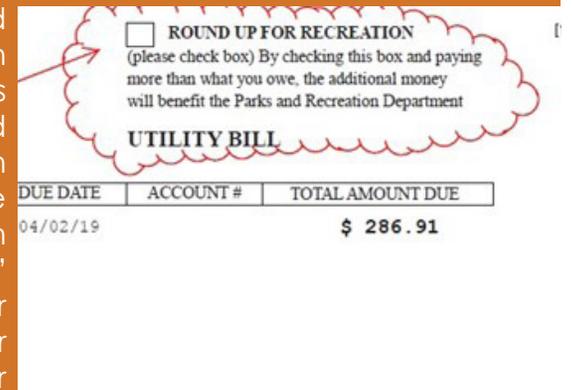
Have you ever thought about serving your community in an official capacity? Do you have an interest in Parks, Open Spaces and Recreation? The Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) currently has three vacancies, one regular voting member and two alternate member seats. Recreation Advisory Committee members 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 RAC members are discussing include a possible 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 a skate park and a virtual tour project to increase awareness of and encourage more use of McKinleyville's outdoor recreation opportunities. 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 RAC.

The committee meets once per month, on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Typically meetings are held in person at the MCSD office, but currently they are being held over Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic and recommended best practices for health and safety. If you are interested in serving on the Recreation Advisory 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

Round Up for Recreation

Did you know that you can use your water and sewer bill to donate to your local Parks & Recreation Department? The McKinleyville Community Services District provides a variety of recreational activities and opportunities for community members of all ages. In addition to participating in recreation, McKinleyville residents can support their local Parks & Recreation Department by "ROUNDING UP FOR RECREATION" on their monthly sewer and water bills. "Round Up for Recreation" has nothing to do with killing weeds or herbicides. On the contrary it is a way to support our efforts to maintain our community without the use of herbicides and pesticides.



On the bill (see above right) you will see a small square which you can check to then round up to the nearest dollar or any dollar amount above the amount of your bill that you wish. That "rounded up" money contributes to the MCSD's recreation programs including the Youth Fee Reduction Fund. Rounding up is a simple and effective way to support recreation opportunities in your community. Your small contribution, when added to what other citizens are contributing, can make a big difference in our small community!

Thank You for Your Service!

The McKinleyville Community Services District is run by a Board of Directors, elected by the rate payers to do the business of the District in the most responsible manner possible. MCSD has been fortunate to consistently have Board Members who always have the best interest of the District and the rate payers at heart. This year, we say goodbye to three (3) Board Members. John Corbett has been a part of the Board of Directors for MCSD since August 21, 2002, first appointed to fill a vacant seat and then re-elected and appointed from 2003-2020. Over the past 17 years, he has been instrumental in moving MCSD forward in many ways, has filled the role of Chair three times, and has simultaneously served on the California State Regional Water Board starting in 2001. Mary Burke joined the Board March 14, 2017 and has served the Board in many roles, including Chair (2020) and Vice Chair (2019). Shel Barsanti joined the Board on February 6, 2018 to fill a vacant seat left by the George Wheeler. She has also served many roles including as a vital member of the Audit Committee. It is with great admiration that we thank Board Directors Corbett, Barsanti, and Burke for their service to the MCSD Board and community.



Board Members (from the Left): John Corbett, Mary Burke and Shel Barsanti

Parks & Recreation Activity Guide

Parks & Recreation During the Pandemic

Sheltering in Place orders, social distancing, masks...have had an unprecedented impact on how life is being lived these days. Opportunities for recreation is just one aspect of life that has been impacted. As of the printing of this Activity Guide, picnic areas are closed; youth and adult sports leagues and programs are not allowed; community centers are not allowed to be open; classes cannot convene and as such are not being scheduled. Playgrounds have been allowed to open by the state, however, our playgrounds are not sanitized daily, and therefore do not meet the states guidelines for open playgrounds. There is not much in the way of 'structured' activities that your Recreation Dept. can offer during this time under the Shelter in Place order. So we are going to try a few virtual classes, such as a paint night. We appreciate the community's patience and support during this time.

As information becomes available, we will share it with the community via our website (mckinleyvillecsd.com) our social media pages (Facebook & Instagram), as well as through direct emails. Please check these outlets frequently to receive the most up to date information that we have available.

Stay Safe and Be Well,
From Your Parks & Recreation Team at MCSD

Facilities & Facility Rentals

Currently unavailable. 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

Picnic Areas currently CLOSED. 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.

Parks & Trails are OPEN! Please get outside and enjoy the sunshine in our Parks and on our Trails, just maintain social distancing!



Birthday Parties

Currently unavailable. 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 \$180 for 20 Participants

Recreational Afternoon Program

Join McKinleyville Parks and Recreation for a Recreational Afternoon Program (RAP for short) in which kids have the opportunity to play and socialize with a Social Distancing Twist! We offer opportunities for free play both indoors and outdoors each day. Activities include arts & crafts, sports, games, drama, roller skating, and more. Pre-registration is required. Only 20 spots available. For more information please visit www.mcscd.com/recreational-afternoon-program

Days: M-F | **Hours:** 1:45-5:45pm | **Location:** McK Activity Center | **Grades:** TK-5

October: \$396 Resident/\$418 Non-resident (22 days)
November: \$270 Resident/\$285 Non-resident (15 days)
December: \$252 Resident/\$266 Non-Resident (14 days)



The RAP kiddos and the Scarecrow Showdown entry they made on display in front of the McKinleyville Fire Station! This fun new contest is hosted by the McKinleyville Chamber, and we hope it will be an annual thing as the kids had so much fun creating their "Minion Camp Fire Fun"! More info on the Scarecrow Showdown on page 3.



Santa Letters

Make your child's Christmas season extra special this year! With your help, a personal letter from Santa Claus can be arranged for your child. The McKinleyville Parks and Recreation Department has made special arrangements with Santa at the North Pole! Submit the Santa Letters form with payment to the Parks & Rec Office by **November 20, 2020** to ensure Santa writes a letter to your little one. Santa Letter Forms are available at the office or on our website.

Parents of 0-10 year olds | \$5 per letter
Deadline: November 20, 2020



“But...I’m Not an Artist” Virtual Paint Night

We have decided to give our very popular in person class a go virtually! So you're not an artist, but you always wanted to try painting? McKinleyville Parks & Recreation has the class just for you! No experience necessary. All materials are provided. Step-by-Step instructions, assistance and lots and lots of encouragement will be provided. This is a great opportunity to get in touch with your creative side and try your hand at acrylic painting. Each class will result in a complete painting. Grab a friend and a bottle of wine (BYOB) and join our staff for some playful painting. Participants must be 21 or over. Minors 12 or older may participate if accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 21. Class participants will join via zoom, more info on this will be given after registration.



Virtually | 7pm-9pm | \$35R/\$40NR
November Date TBD (Most likely Nov. 18): Colorful Flowers

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Upcoming Public Meetings

MCSD Board Meetings are held at:
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Recreation Advisory Committee
(RAC) Meetings are held at:
1656 Sutter Road
McKinleyville, CA 95519

For more information please visit our
website at
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October

7 MCSD Board Meeting 7:00pm
15 RAC Meeting 6:30pm

November

4 MCSD Board Meeting 7:00pm
19 RAC Meeting 6:30pm

December

2 MCSD Board Meeting 7:00pm
17 RAC Meeting 6:30pm

January

6 MCSD Board Meeting 7:00pm
21 RAC Meeting 6:30pm

February

3 MCSD Board Meeting 7:00pm
18 RAC Meeting 6:30pm

March

3 MCSD Board Meeting 7:00pm
18 RAC Meeting 6:30pm

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



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