



2022

# Spring-Summer

Newsletter and Activity Guide





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## On the Cover

Getting the McKinleyville Activity Center ready for Saturday Youth Basketball.

## 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.

# A Message from the General Manager

Here it is Spring again, we could use some rain, but it's hard to complain when the days are so nice. All the sunshine is also powering our Wastewater Management Facility! Not really (unless you want to talk about the thermal energy helping the bacteria to grow and consume more biomass) but it will soon! As shown in the photo below, we are making progress on the construction of the solar array for the Treatment Plant. This was funded by a grant/loan from a State Water Resources Control Board energy efficiency grant program. The solar array and batteries will form a microgrid that will be able to power the entire treatment plant. This will save the District roughly ten thousand dollars in electrical costs every month. These savings will convert into savings for all the rate payers. Construction is expected to be completed by this June.



In the Fall, I also mentioned the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization program grant application that the Parks & Rec. Department submitted for the development of a BMX track and park at School and Washington. As you have probably heard, and as further detailed in the Newsletter, we got that grant and will have a new BMX Park in McKinleyville! The park will also have a basketball court, pickleball court and a playground located in a park poor area of McKinleyville. As is obvious from the rest of this Newsletter, you have an amazing Parks & Rec staff working for you McKinleyville.

And the wins keep coming. We have heard that we were also successful in obtaining two additional Hazard Mitigation Grants from FEMA/CalOES to fund a redundant water mainline crossing of the

*(A Message from the General Manager Continued)*

Mad River, and to replace two old redwood water tanks at the west end of Hewitt Drive. The main waterline from Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District crosses under the Mad River just downstream of the Highway 299 bridge and runs along North Bank Road to our Ramey Pump Station at North Bank and Azalea Ave. The crossing was installed in the early 1970's and is about 50-years old. This grant will allow us to put in a redundant, parallel water line that will replace the existing line when it fails. The redwood water tanks on Hewitt are also 50-years old, and the second grant will help to replace these tanks with larger steel tanks, that should be good for another 50 to 75-years. The District continues to be remarkably successful in getting grants to upgrade the aging water and sewer systems at minimal costs to the rate payers.

I should also probably tell you that we are going to be working on the replacement of the water and sewer mains along Central Avenue between Sutter and Hiller. You may have recently noticed surveyors and a drill rig along Central. These are part of the design process. We will be working on the design and bid packages this year and likely go to construction spring of 2023. I will start by thanking you all in advance for your patience with this work. We are going to try to replace them by bursting or lining the pipe to minimize the amount of Central that needs to be dug up. And we'll probably do a lot of the work at night to minimize traffic impacts, but again, thanks for your understanding!

I also want to note that the Community Forest acquisition is poking along, but we will be having our first Public Input Meeting on Saturday, February 26 from 9:30 to 12:30 at Azalea Hall. It will be a walking in format so you can come anytime and get information and provide input. We'll also be doing a Zoom version on March 8th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The focus of these meetings will be access points, so we can have that information to discuss Right-of-Way issues with Green Diamond before we acquire the property. We will however be happy to gather your input on other aspects of the Community Forest as well.

If you want to make sure you don't miss any information on the Community Forest, or the Parks & Rec programs, or our construction projects, go to our website ([mckinleyvillecsd.com](http://mckinleyvillecsd.com)) and under the "Contact Us" tab, sign up for email updates. There are all sorts of noteworthy things going on at the District and that is one easy way to keep informed.

Cheers!

Patrick Kaspari, General Manager

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# Community Builder Award

The "Community Builder Award" is an award the District presents to local individuals, businesses, and organizations for their volunteer service, sponsorship, promotion of programs and events, outstanding service in the interest of the District, and for other contributions significant to McKinleyville's quality of life. District Staff has identified Charlie Caldwell as a worthy recipient of the award for 2021 for his dedication to serving and supporting the community.

Charlie has been a champion for the development of a skatepark in McKinleyville for over 20 years. As a skatepark champion, Charlie has dedicated countless hours writing grants, doing community outreach, fundraising and hosting skate ramps at various community events, always encouraging more people to learn and enjoy skate boarding.

He has been a valued member of the Park & Recreation Committee (PARC), since April of 2012. Charlie actively participates in promoting and supporting all of the recreation opportunities available to the community. He is also a member of the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors, where again, he donates his free time and skills in service to the good of the community. You will see Charlie watering flowerpots along Central Ave. in the spring and summer, setting up skate ramps at Music in the Park, Pony Express Days Festival and World Wide Day of Play, and also putting up the Christmas Tree of Lights at the Safeway Shopping Center.

Charlie is driven to provide positive opportunities for youth and families in the community. He loves outdoor opportunities available to community here and the heart of the people who work to bring out the best of those opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Charlie is excited about the coming developments of the community forest and the BMX track and park projects and looks forward to seeing the skatepark at Pierson Park come to fruition as well.

It has been a great pleasure getting to know and work with Charlie over the last many years. His effort and willingness to support projects in service to the health and well being of the community are testament to his role as a "Community Builder."



# Employee of the Year

Each year, McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) employees vote for Employee of the Year. This award and recognition were started by Norman Shopay in 2009.

The employee of the year is a person who has brought about significant positive change, eliminates obstacles in achieving District goals and objectives, is resourceful, contributes constructively, is innovative, exceeds expectations, inspires others, proactively identifies and resolves challenges. The employee of the year is chosen through a secret ballot by their peers as judged upon merit. The 2021 Employee of the Year Award goes to Joseph Blaine.

Joseph (Joey) is very much appreciated and admired by his peers. Throughout the 2021-year, Joey has stepped up in many ways, including taking on an IT role to create a smooth Zoom and hybrid experience at Board meetings, learning the Accounts Payable process after a change of staffing, and implementing new technology programs at the District, including a new phone system that has saved the District thousands each month since it's implementation. He is always ready to give a helping hand and is patient in teaching new things to other coworkers, especially those who may not understand the new technology very well. Joey greets every customer with a smile, and quickly learns their name to give a personal touch to each interaction.

Joey will hold this distinction for the 2022 calendar year with a new employee of the year crowned at the end of 2022.



# Recognition of Service

This past year 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 2022-01 recognized, honored, and commended David Baldosser for his twenty-five (25) continuous years of service. Resolution 2021-29 recognized, honored, and commended Kyle Stone for his fifteen (15) continuous years of service.

Throughout his years of service, David has demonstrated unwavering loyalty, commitment, and dedication. David lends his talents, experience, and leadership to the District, first as a Customer Service Representative and now as the Customer Service Supervisor, capably leading and coordinating the efforts of the Customer Service Team with both competent professionalism and a great sense of humor. David is deeply dedicated to providing exceptional customer service to our ratepayers, and genuinely cares about helping them understand and resolve a widely varied range of issues, and cares equally deeply about supporting and assisting co-workers, other managers and Department Heads with helpful, timely information. David has developed a tremendous breadth and depth of knowledge about the District and it's information systems and processes, not only skillfully ensuring accurate customer billing every month, but also providing complex, specialized, detailed information for audits, rate studies, and many other types of special requests, and generously sharing his expertise.



Throughout his years of service, Kyle has demonstrated unwavering loyalty and dedication. Kyle lends his talents, experience, and leadership to the development and service to the District having served in a variety of positions, such as Meter Reader, Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, Treatment Plant Operator. Kyle has assisted in new service installations, leak repairs, station troubleshooting and repairs, paving, training new employees. Kyle has assisted in several programs such as the annual Fire Hydrant Inspection and Exercise, Valve Inspection and Exercise and Manhole Inspections.



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# McKinleyville Multimodal Connections Project

We want to hear from you! You're invited to provide feedback on conceptual designs for multimodal transportation improvements in your community. The McKinleyville Multimodal Connections Project will create a plan with concept designs for safe walking and bicycling connectivity between McKinleyville and community destinations to the south around Humboldt Bay. The Pop-Up Demonstration will be using temporary materials to demonstrate what one potential concept design could look and feel like on the ground. The virtual Community Meeting is a great opportunity to learn more about the project's progress and to provide feedback on potential designs. See you there!

Pop-Up Demonstration Event on Hiller Road x Pickett Road  
Friday, April 1st 3:30pm to 6:30pm  
Saturday, April 2nd 9:30am to 12:30pm

Virtual Community Meeting #2  
Thursday, April 28th 6pm to 7:30pm

For more information please visit project website:  
<https://humboldt.gov.org/2912/McKinleyville-Multimodal-Connections-Pro>



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## Prop. 68 Grant Award

Our Parks & Recreation Department was awarded a Prop. 68 Grant on December 8, 2021, which will provide \$2,331,375 to build a BMX Track and new Park on our Washington Property. This property is 3 acres in size and is located between Washington and School Roads (see the perimeter in the bird's eye view photo below).

The new park will have an inclusive playground, restrooms, outdoor basketball and pickleball courts, a parking lot and landscaping in addition to the BMX Track and concession stand.

This park is at the beginning stages of development and will have to go through a bid-proposal process for design and construction before breaking ground. This new park is expected to be completed before March of 2025.



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## Central Avenue Lightpole Banner Sponsor

\$1,500 per banner for 40 weeks of banner placement  
for **first year.**

*\$1,200 per banner for subsequent years up to 3 years. (New  
Banners have to be purchased after 3 years of use)*

### Sponsorship Benefits

- Vibrant Banner announcing Business support of McK. Parks with Business name and logo printed, hung on Central Ave. Light pole for 40 weeks per year.
- Exposure to up to 8,000 drivers/passengers per day.
- Business earns positive affiliation with Community and Parks & Rec dept.

### Your Sponsorship...

...Allows you to brand your business or organization as a genuine partner of the community and as community leader.

...Allows your business or organization to develop stronger relationships with new and existing customers.

...Strengthens the Parks & Recreation Department's ability to serve the community.

...Promotes an active and engaged community.

...Allows your organization to promote itself while helping the community at the same time.

### TO PURCHASE YOUR BANNER:

Contact the MCSD Parks & Recreation  
Office at 707-839-9003 or  
email Lesley Frisbee at:  
lesley@mckinleyvillecsd.com

**DEADLINE TO ORDER: MAY 6, 2022**

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## 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

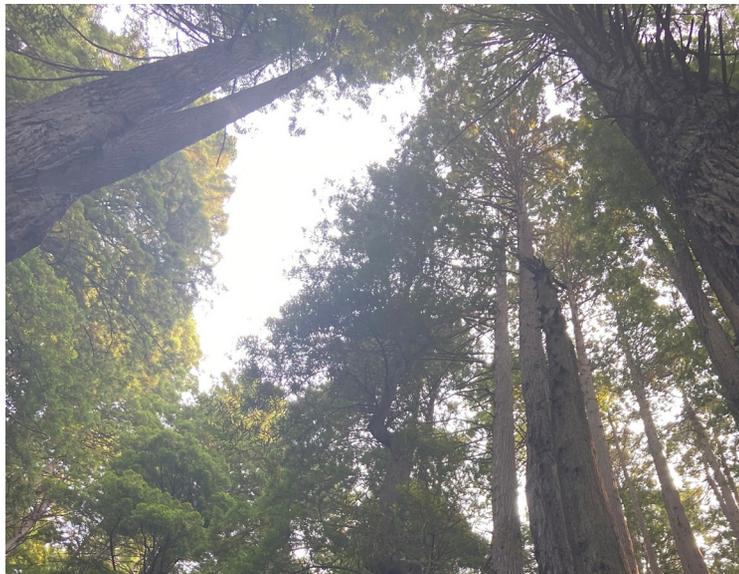
We have park picnic areas available to rent for all your party needs. Each picnic area is equipped with tables and a BBQ. For more information please contact the Parks and Recreation office at 839-9003, or check out our website at **www.mckinleyvillecsd.com/park-rentals**.



## 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**



### 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](http://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](http://rec.mckinleyvillecsd.com) to register!

# Pee Wee Basketball Program

Our PeeWee Basketball League offers boys and girls in TK-2nd grades a chance to play in a fun recreational basketball league this spring. We offer separate co-ed divisions for TK-Kindergarten and for 1st-2nd. Games and practices are on Saturdays, the practice is the first half hour followed by a half hour game. **The Registration Deadline is Friday, April 8, 2022.** A \$15 late fee will apply after March 15th, if space is still available. Sign Up Early!!! *Volunteer Coaches are encouraged to contact the Recreation Department early in the registration period.*

Boys & Girls TK-2nd Grade | McKinleyville Activity Center  
**April 23 - May 21 | Sa | Various Times | \$60R/\$65NR**



## Tot-letics

Tot-letics introduces boys and girls to the sports of Soccer & Basketball 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 | Pierson Park/McK Activity Center  
**Sa | 10:00am-11:00am | \$60R/\$65NR**

**Soccer Session: March 19 - April 9**  
**T-Ball Session: Early Summer 2022**  
**Soccer Session: Late Summer 2022**  
**Basketball Session: Fall 2022**

## Summer Basketball Program

Sign up for our summer youth basketball program as early as April 1st! Registration Deadline is June 17, 2022. (Registration after this date will include a \$15 late fee)

Boys & Girls entering 7th-9th grades  
**June 29-Aug. 3 | McK Activity Center**  
**Wed. | 6:30-7:45pm | \$70R/\$75NR**  
**(6 Session Days)**

## Thank you to our 2022 Youth Basketball Sponsors!



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# Breakout

Breakout is a school vacation day camp program offered during school break weeks to TK to 5th graders at the McKinleyville Activity Center. 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. Space is limited so register early!!!

## President's Week

**Feb. 22-25 | T-F | 8:00am - 5:30pm**  
TK-5th Grade | \$140R / \$144NR

## Spring Break Week

**April 11-15 | M-F | 8:00am - 5:30pm**  
TK-5th Grade | \$175R / \$180NR



## Thanksgiving Week

**Nov. 21-23 | M-W | 8:00am - 5:30pm**  
TK-5th Grade | \$105R / \$108NR

## Christmas Week

**Dec. 19-23 | M-F | 8:00am - 5:30pm**  
TK-5th Grade | \$175R / \$180NR

# Kids Camp

Registration opens May 1, 2022! Join McKinleyville Parks & Recreation for a dynamic summer day camp program in which youth ages 6-12 years old will have the opportunity to make the most out of their summer. Participants will have a choice between a variety of options for each "Activity" segment of the daily schedule. Summer is a time for fun and freedom, so we like to provide each participant the opportunity for freedom of choice whenever possible. We offer opportunities for free play both indoors and outdoors each day. Roller Skating is a weekly activity. Participants are welcome to bring their own skates or borrow some of ours!

**Girls & Boys aged 6\*-12 | M-F | June 20-Aug. 19**  
**McKinleyville Activity Center**  
**\*May be 5 if they completed Kindergarten or TK**

**Full Day: 8:00am - 5:30pm**  
**\$175/week | NR +\$5/week**

Payment for first week of attendance is due in full at time of registration.

A \$15 per week deposit can be placed on all future dates to reserve your child's spot.





## Pickleball Drop In

Pickleball is a fun, fast paced paddle sport sometimes described as a cross between tennis & ping pong. Drop In to play one of the fastest growing sports in America.

Adults 18 years+ | McK Activity Center | \$4/person  
**Friday: 6:00pm-8:00pm**

## Wing Woo Gar Kung Fu 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+ with Instructor Approval) | McK Activity Center  
\$10/class | \$75 Punch Card (10 classes) | \$150 Punch Card (20 Classes)  
**Tuesdays & Thursdays: 5:30pm**



## 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 Owen. Beginners welcome.

Adults 18 years+ (16+ with Instructor Approval) | McK Activity Center  
\$10/class | \$75 Punch Card (10 classes) | \$150 Punch Card (20 Classes)  
**Sundays: 11:00am**

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

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.

McKinleyville Teen Center | 7pm-9pm | \$40R/\$45NR

**Wednesday, March 30th: Painting TBD**

**Thursday, May 12th: Painting TBD**



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## Upcoming Public Meetings

MCSD Board Meetings are held at:  
 Azalea Hall  
 1620 Pickett Road  
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Park & Recreation Advisory Committee  
 (PARC) Meetings are held at:  
 1656 Sutter Road  
 McKinleyville, CA 95519

For more information please visit our  
 website at  
[www.mcsd.com](http://www.mcsd.com)

### February

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

### March

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

### April

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

### May

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

### June

1 MCSD Board Meeting 7:00pm  
 16 PARC Meeting 6:30pm

### July

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

*\*All meetings are subject to change, please visit our website at [www.mcsd.com](http://www.mcsd.com) for the most up to date information.*

*\*\*At this time PARC meetings are being held virtually, please visit our website at [www.mcsd.com](http://www.mcsd.com) for the most up to date information.*

