



McKean Community News

Spring 2023

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We Couldn't Do It Without All of You

The McKean Recreation Authority greatly appreciates all of our volunteers and community groups for their generous spirits!



- ◆ **NOLAN BURDICK** and **DELORES BERRY** for cleaning up after all of us!
- ◆ **CRAIG HUMPRHIES WITH CSH ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING** who has wired and rewired throughout the park and volunteers to assist whenever we call him.
- ◆ **MCKEAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS** and staff who volunteer their time and energy when needed to various projects, taking pavilion reservations and answering the public's general questions as well as maintenance throughout the park and on the equipment.
- ◆ **MCKEAN BOROUGH COUNCIL** for their financial support and assistance with projects in the park, especially Lance Aylsworth, who comes to our aid with his trusty tractor for any maintenance.
- ◆ **BOY SCOUT TROOP 73** for their continued assistance with improvements to the park through Eagle Scout service projects and clean up the day after Community Day.
- ◆ **MCKEAN WOMEN'S GROUP** who so graciously hosts the Easter Egg Hunt and continues to entertain on McKean Community Day with their pie auction.
- ◆ **DAVE** and **TENDERRLEE LITTLE** and **FAMILY** for their generous donation of a concession stand in honor/memory of Tenderrlee's brother, Cpl. Harley Terrill.
- ◆ **BILL DANYLKO**, for his generous donation of material for the parking lot at the park, and the millings to create a sturdy base for the new concession stand!
- ◆ **PAUL WURST LANDSCAPING**, for jumping in to beautify the park by pruning our decorative trees and manicuring around structures!
- ◆ **MATT WALTERS TREE SERVICE** for trimming large tree branches and cleaning up the debris!

Thank you

When the community comes together to create a positive change, great things will happen!

**McKean
Recreation
Authority**

Brian Cooper—President
Dave McLallen—Vice President
Lance Aylsworth—Secretary
Tenderrlee Little—Treasurer
Dawn Nesbitt
Brent Swain



Easter Egg Hunt

Easter is almost here! That means it will be time again for the annual egg hunt in McKean Rec Park. The McKean Women's Group is gearing up to begin packing candy into eggs! The date is set for Saturday, April 8th 2023. Sign-ups are from 1-2 pm. The hunt begins at 2pm. An abundant amount of eggs will be hidden throughout the park. There will be four age groups:

- ❖ 1-2-3 year olds
- ❖ 4-5 year olds
- ❖ 6-7 year olds
- ❖ 8-9-10 year olds



Prizes awarded for all age groups and refreshments will be served after the event.



will be held on

Saturday, July 22, 2023

with fun and entertainment throughout the area of the Borough and Township but most of the attractions happening at the McKean Community Park. McKean Development Group is planning another great parade to kick off McKean Community Day 2023 Celebration. If you are interested in participating in any way during the celebration, vendor booth, parade, food vendor, or volunteer, please reach out to us at tlittle@mckeantownship.com and we will make sure the appropriate person gets back to you.

Parade Registration Form

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Stage start time: 12:00 Noon Parade begins promptly at 1:00 PM - NO FEE

Staging Area: McKean Elementary School

Route: Cross West Rd. to Paula Way up Kevin Dr., To Main St. (Edinboro Rd) , to Community Park.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JULY 15, 2023

Organization _____ Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Specify type of Participant (float, vehicle, walkers)

Approximate Length Needed in Feet _____

Throwing Candy Y / N

Send Completed Entry Form To:

tlittle@mckeantownship.com

Tenderrlee Little
c/o McKean Township
PO Box 62
McKean, PA 16426
814-490-2972





McKean Area Garden Club



Time to start thinking about spring and what annuals, perennials, and vegetables you will want to plant in your gardens and pots this year. The various greenhouse catalogs are a great reference this time of year for ideas of new types of plants/seeds for the upcoming season.

One of last year's activities included the new adventure of being in the McKean Day Parade. Club members created and designed the flowers for the float, and Ben Kosienki of Kosienki Trucking & Excavating Co. supplied the float's transportation. We also toured several area gardens, took a trip to DJ's Greenhouse in Transfer, PA and enjoyed an informational presentation from Mark Ritke, Bluebirds Unlimited. We are currently working on this year's program schedule and the first three months meetings/programs are as follows: **March, 8th – Steve Lakowski, Erie County Forester will present a talk on trees and the history of the PA forest – April 12th Pamela Moore, master gardener, will present “Raising, Storing and Using Herbs” and in May we are planning a road trip to the Holden Arboretum in Kirtland, OH.** With funds raised at our garden mart, we are able to award a \$1,000 scholarship every year to a General McLane School District senior. Our 2022 scholarship recipient was Jenne Kulka. She is pursuing a nursing degree at Kent State University. Applications for this year's scholarship will be available at the school's guidance counselor's office beginning Monday, March 13th and must be received by the scholarship chairperson by Monday,

April 17th . We were also able to donate monies to help McKean's Boy Scout Troop 73 provide the new American Flags for the Borough and continue our yearly donation to the Saint Francis Food Bank and Julia Hospice and Palliative Care. Our first project this spring season is to assess the spring bulb blooms at the triangle and plan for a larger, brighter bloom appearance in spring 2024. Also, we will be adding several bright colored perennials along with long blooming annuals for a more colorful triangle presentation. **Don't forget, mark your calendar for Saturday, May 20th for our annual garden mart held at Saint Francis Parish Center from 8:00 a.m – 1:00 p.m.** for your spring flower and vegetable plants from Frank's Farm Market along with flowering trees, shrubs and berry bushes from Locust Grove Nursery. Plus, a vast selection of perennials from our members' gardens offered at a great low price. New members are always welcome!! If you are interested in joining, please contact Christine Fries at 814-866-5090 for more information.

The Perennial Plant Association plant of the year for 2023 is Rudbeckia “American Gold Rush” or Black-Eyed Susan. At the height of summer, it turns up the volume for a long season of dazzling color right up to autumnal frosts. Perennials chosen for this honor are suitable for a wide range of growing climates, require low maintenance, have multiple-season interest, and are relatively pest/disease-free.



Park Pavilions

McKean Recreation Authority continues to maintain three great pavilions available for summer parties and events. All pavilions are accessible to the elderly and persons with disabilities and equipped with electric and water close by.

Pavilion #3 offers a kitchen and serving area. The kitchen has a double-bowl stainless steel sink, hot and cold running water, commercial double door refrigerator, stainless steel tables and shelves, and plenty of electrical outlets for roasters.

Rental of pavilion #3 with the kitchen is \$225. Pavilion rental rates are \$125 per day. If you would like to make a reservation for any of the pavilions, please call 814-476-7414.

The park offers horseshoe pits, volleyball court, swing sets, and a children's jungle set. Restrooms are handicap accessible. We have a beautiful walking trail that is just over a mile in length. The park closes at sunset.

The Recreation Authority has recently had WiFi run to the area and security cameras installed throughout the entire range of the park.



From the Desk of Boro Council



Hello McKean Borough Residents and 2023! Time for an update on the progress the Boro has made in 2022, and what you can expect in this new year. In 2022 N. Main Street had a complete surface re-paving, with new bright lines painted to mark the one-way traffic direction coming off Rt. 99, and also turning onto Rt. 99 from N. Main. That area has been a safety concern for automobiles that do not pay attention to the one-way traffic signage coming from and onto Rt. 99. Please slow down on our Borough streets, residents have notified Council that many automobiles do not pay attention to the speed limits, and parents rightfully complain due to safety.

Once again, we have to remind everyone of the responsibility of each homeowner to keep their sidewalks clean. Boro code requires walkways to be cleared by homeowners. A copy of the Ordinance No. 38 pertaining to sidewalks can be found on www.mckeanborough.com. We continue to have multiple complaints during the winter months of snowy sidewalks, including at the McKean Elementary School. There have been discussions to change the ordinance requiring homeowners to keep their sidewalks clear, and hire a service to maintain the Borough sidewalks. That would most likely trigger a tax increase, which have not been raised in over 30 years. Council would like to hear from residents if this would be an acceptable solution to the continued disregard from the homeowner's responsibility to keep their walkways clear.



There are also a few residents that continue to ignore the parking ordinances #1-1975 and #3-1987, which can also be read on the website. Public parking is not for parked vehicles that are not in service, and residents may not park on streets, or block sidewalks. The vehicles will ultimately be towed.

A project that continues is replacing streetlights with brighter and more efficient LED bulbs. Twelve of the streetlights have already been updated, mostly along East Ave.

The Boro continues to offer the residential LERTA exemption program for new residential construction of single-family dwellings through 2023.

There will be a municipal election held in 2023. If there is any interest in being on Borough Council or any open elected position this is the time to get on the ballot. If you have any questions about the process you can call the Erie County Board of Elections/Voter Registration 451-6276. Petition information and packets will be available mid-February.

The Boro office hours for 2023 are Tuesday 8-1:30 and Friday by appointment. The Secretary can be reached anytime by email, mckeanborough@gmail.com. Public meetings are held at the Municipal Building the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Please check out our website www.mckeanborough.com and our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/mckeanborough/>. Please "like" it to keep up with updates, meeting notices and area happenings!

The last update Council would like to say is that sadly our long-time dedicated Secretary/Treasurer and Borough resident, Larry Davies passed away in 2022. We are so thankful for the years of service he gave the Boro. His cheerful personality and warm smile is truly missed by all who knew him.

Local government is the first step in stronger communities and families. Please get involved, stay aware and never forget government is a ground up responsibility, not top down. It is every resident that is the foundation of our community and the beginning of our great nation! Have a wonderful 2023, and let any Council member/Mayor know if there is anything we can do for our community of McKean Borough.



Animal Rescue and Adoption...Since 1981

The past year, 2022, was a year of fantastic growth for Because You Care. We increased our adoptions by over 100 from the previous year totaling 397 adoptions in 2022! We are thrilled to have been able to save so many more animals and look forward to increasing that number even more this year. In addition to saving more animals we have also implemented microchipping of all animals that are adopted at our center. Microchipping is proven to reunite lost pets with their owners and we are excited to be able to offer this to the animals in our care.

In looking forward to 2023 we have some exciting new changes to our annual fundraiser in the fall (details to follow on website). We are also thrilled to continue our partnership with Lake Erie Cyclefest and be part of two rides this year, Grape Escape (7/28/23) and See Spot Ride (7/30/23). Sign ups are open already, so start thinking about summer and sign up today at <https://www.eriesportscommission.com/lakeericyclefest>.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their never ending support of our mission. It truly does take the help of the whole community for us to continue our lifesaving work and we would not be able to do it without you - thank you.



Megan Duckett
Executive Director - Because You Care

FROM YOUR MCKEAN TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR



The 2023 County/Township tax bill will be mailed around March 1, 2023. This covers the year of January 1 through December 31, 2023. Tax bills are sent to the address provided by the parcel owner to Erie County Assessment. If you have had a mailing address change recently, please contact me or Erie County Assessment at 814-451-6225 to change your mailing address. Otherwise, the bill will be mailed to the address they have on file. If you do not receive your tax bill by March 15th, please contact me. Mills for the bill remain the same as last year. Discount period remains the same and ends April 30, 2023.

Any unpaid 2022 taxes were turned over to Erie County Tax Claim as delinquent. Payments for the 2022 County/Township and 2022 School can no longer be paid at this office. Contact Erie County Tax Claim at 814-451-6206 for instructions. If you need a receipt for any taxes paid in 2022, please contact me either by phone, email at the address listed below or send a S.A.S.E. and your request through USPS or deposit in the lockbox located outside of my door.

PLEASE NOTE OFFICE HOURS FOR 2023:

MARCH 2-OCTOBER 31, 2023:

TUESDAYS – 12:00 NOON-5:00 PM

THURSDAYS – 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

NOVEMBER 1-30:

TUESDAYS – 12:00 NOON-5:00 PM

DECEMBER-MARCH:

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: 814-476-7315

EXCEPTION: DECEMBER 29 – HOURS TBA

CLOSED: JUNE 1-17; SEPTEMBER 1-16

Stay safe and well!

Karen Hamme, McKean Township Tax Collector

(814) 476-7315 (Phone/Fax)

9231 Edinboro Road, McKean, PA 16426



Trinity Lutheran Church



Trinity Lutheran Church came into being on May 8th, 1897. The Holy Spirit led a faithful group of men, women and children to undertake the building of the church and to continue the mission and ministry begun over two thousand years ago by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We continue to share the Good News of God's never-ending love for this world in our word and witness in the McKean community. One of the ways that we have been reaching out and lifting others up is by way of our Blessing Box ministry. Two of our faithful and skilled community members, Eugene and Cher Pacak built the blessing Box and erected it in front of our church. There, you will find it filled with grocery staples, personal care items and other necessities that might be useful to those who are experiencing any hardship. The need has been great, so too has been the response to our pleas for help in stocking the Blessing Box. Everything supplied has been by the generosity of our members and the McKean community at large. We have been witness to a number of folks who drive up to resupply the Blessing Box during the course of their travels. We are grateful to all who have given of their time and resources in this much needed and utilized ministry.

We pray that the same Holy Spirit that moved the faithful servants of God to begin their ministry over 125 years ago continue to lead us as we faithfully serve our Lord by reaching out to serve others. If you would like to hear more about our ministry or would like to join us as we worship God, we gather each Sunday morning at 9:00 with a time of fellowship after our service. All are welcome!

MCLANE LANCERS

McLane Lancers Youth Sports is an organization for football and cheerleading in the McKean and Edinboro community. Our programs consist of flag football for Kindergarten through 2nd grade, tackle football for 3rd through 6th grade, and cheerleading for Kindergarten through 8th grade. This is a great organization that ensures kids are learning and developing in a team sport. All practices are held at McKean Recreational Park and games are held on the weekends throughout Erie County.

The 2022 season was a successful year with all our teams having winning records!

5th/6th grade Tackle Football: 6-3
3rd/4th grade Tackle Football: 7-1
Flag Bears Team: 6-1
Flag Lions Team: 4-3



We would like to thank McKean Recreational Park for allowing us to utilize the facilities for our practices during the season, General McLane High School for use of the football field for games, and all the local sponsors that continue to support our teams.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved or more information about a child joining with McLane Lancers Youth Sports, please contact Matt Cherry at 814-335-4245. Signups for the 2023 season will be in

May so be on the lookout for dates and times that will be sent out at school.

We are looking forward to another successful season.

Go Lancers!

MCLANE LIGHTNING

The McLane Lightning is a travel softball team established for girls who live in the General McLane School District to further develop softball skills, a sense of fair play, team spirit, and sportsmanship in a positive, welcoming environment.

Our 12U, 10U and 8U girls have been practicing through the winter months to prepare for their summer tournaments. If you would like more information about our teams, please email us at McLaneLightning@gmail.com.



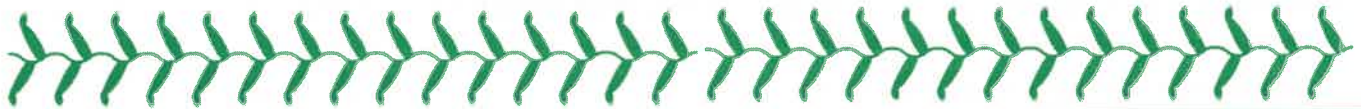
McKEAN FIRE FROGS

The McKean Fire Frogs is a travel baseball organization founded in late 2019 and we are beginning our fourth season. The organization started out with one team in our first season and this year we will field three teams. We have one team at the 13U age group and two teams at the 14U age group. Each team's roster consists of 10 to 12 players. The organization's focus is on building good people while helping each kid learn and grow their individual skill levels to become quality high school baseball players and beyond.



McKean Township continues to allow us the use of the field at McKean Community Park. It is a great partnership that allows the organization to grow and thrive with a consistent practice field, a place to play games, and even host a tournament. We have worked very hard to be good stewards and continue to improve the quality of the field.

The Fire Frogs hope to help create an asset for the community to use for years to come. The Park is a beautiful community gathering place and we're very thankful to be able to use it. We would sincerely like to express our gratitude to McKean Township and their elected officials for allowing us the continued use of the facility and we look forward to another great season of baseball.



A Family Tradition Since 1974

Non-profit summer recreational league. \$60 for the season includes team shirt. Practice begins in May and games are held in June & July.

REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE 2/1/2023:

www.erieyouthsoccer.org

Field locations throughout Erie County

Play with friends at a recreational level

AREA DIRECTOR CONTACT AND **PLAYER SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION** ARE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB CONSIDER REFEREEING & PLAYING!

Questions:

Please contact McKean Area Director: Jill Kobel – jillkobel11@gmail.com

Age Divisions:

- 4U Coed
- 6U Coed
- 8U Coed
- 10U Coed
- 12U Girls
- 16U Girls
- 12U Boys
- 16U Boys

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The Start of a New Legislative Session in the State Capitol

By Sen. Dan Laughlin



It's 2023 and a new year is upon us.

For the Pennsylvania Senate, as well as the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, it's the start of a new two-year legislative session.

For the new 2023-24 session, I'm honored to have been chosen to be the chairman of my caucus's policy committee, replacing Sen. Mario Scavella (R-40), who retired from the Senate at the end of the recently concluded 2021-22 legislative session.

The Senate Majority Policy Committee often serves as a staging ground where legislative ideas can be dissected, critiqued and improved. As chairman of this body, I look forward to vetting those ideas so that legislation approved by the Senate helps Pennsylvanians and ensures the prosperity of our commonwealth.

I plan to be active across the state holding hearings and gathering input on policy issues important to our both our caucus and the people of Pennsylvania.

The last known record of a senator from the 49th District in a Republican leadership role dates back to 1907, when Sen. Albert Everton Sisson was Senate President Pro Tempore from 1907 to 1908.

Considered a statesman respected among all his colleagues, Sisson was perhaps best known for his work to commemorate the victory won by Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and his fleet at the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812. He was instrumental in securing state funding for finding, raising and restoring the brig "Niagara," which is still a massive tourist attraction for Erie today.

It's very interesting to see the similarities between Sen. Sisson and myself: from both being Republicans representing the 49th District in leadership, to serving as chair of the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee and our affinity for the Flagship Niagara.

I join several new faces in the Senate Republican leadership team.

- ◆ Sen. Kim Ward (R-39), who this past session served as Senate Majority Leader, was elected to serve as interim Senate President Pro Tempore from Dec. 1 until Jan. 2. On Tuesday, Jan. 3, the Senate will vote for a President Pro Tempore to serve for the new two-year legislative session.
- ◆ Kim becomes the first woman to hold the position, the third-highest post in Pennsylvania government, with the President Pro Tempore responsible for appointing the chairpersons and members of the 22 standing committees of the Senate and serving as an ex-officio member of all committees. The position presides over the Senate floor when the Lieutenant Governor is unavailable and fills the position of Lieutenant Governor if that office becomes vacant. The office also refers bills and resolutions to the appropriate Senate committees for consideration.
- ◆ Sen. Joe Pittman (R-41), who this past session chaired the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee, will serve as Senate Majority Leader, overseeing the legislative agenda, developing policies and strategies for the Senate Republican Caucus, and playing a key role in floor debates. The leader also has a major role in negotiating issues with the governor's administration and House of Representatives and in coordinating action on the Senate floor.
- ◆ Sen. Ryan Aument (R-36) was elected Majority Whip, with responsibilities that include acting as assistant floor leader, working to gain support for legislation and ensuring that Republican policies and strategies are maintained through the cooperative efforts of the majority caucus.
- ◆ Sen. Scott Martin (R-13) will chair the Senate Appropriations Committee, which reviews all legislation for its fiscal impact and plays a crucial role in negotiating and developing the state budget.
- ◆ Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-28) will serve as Majority Caucus Chair, presiding over Republican caucus meetings to discuss bills and amendments and to develop caucus strategy.
- ◆ Sen. Camera Bartolotta (R-46) was elected Senate Majority Caucus Secretary to oversee all executive nominations submitted to the Senate for confirmation. She will coordinate the review of the background and experience of nominees and ensure that proper documentation is submitted.
- ◆ Sen. Lisa Baker was appointed by Sen. Ward to the position of Senate Majority Caucus Administrator, replacing Sen. Bartolotta, with the job focused on scheduling for the caucus.

Do You Snowmobile?



Join Our Club!

Benefits:

- ✓ Monthly Newsletter
- ✓ Club Activities
- ✓ Safety Education
- ✓ Groomed Trails
- ✓ Trail Maps & Status
- ✓ Help Support Our Trails

For More Information: McKeansnowriders.com Find Us on Facebook!
Don Mosier, President Phone: (814) 476-7984

If you own a snowmobile, snowshoes, or skies, you are probably hoping for a good amount of snow this winter. The last few winters have been disappointing in the amount of snow we have received locally. So far this year, at least the early part of this winter has been a real disappointment. Buffalo got dumped on and we got nothing! But we are still wishing for some snow, any snow, this winter. Not everyone can say that they want snow, lots of our local residents head south to get away from it. But for us, the more snow the better.

Our Annual Poker Run is planned to be held annually, on the first Sunday in January that we have enough snow. The weather has not cooperated with us for the poker run over the last few years. But every year we are optimistic that we might be able to have this important fundraiser for our club. It is always enjoyable to see families riding as a group, friends gather together and the community support this event.

Our McKean Snowriders Snowmobile club works closely with the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA). PSSA is a statewide membership organization committed to enhancing the Pennsylvania snowmobiling experience of family recreation, fellowship, and tourism, by striving to assure high quality trails and safe, environmentally-responsible recreational use of snowmobiles. PSSA provides Youth safety classes, groomer operator training, funding for trail maintenance, as well as working closely with the DCNR and other state government organizations.

Our McKean SnowRiders Snowmobile Club is focused on safety for our riders and our community. One of the biggest factors in safety is the ability for us to have safe, well marked trails to ride our snowmobiles. That being said, the members of the McKean SnowRiders want to say "**Thank You!**" to all our Landowners that are so generous to our community and allow us to maintain a snowmobile trail across their property. We currently have over 50 local landowners that allow our trails to cross their private property! We continue to work with our landowners and community members to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

One of our trail expansion goals is to continue to work adding trails on private landowners property so that we can minimize riding on public roads. Currently we have 11 "Snowmobile Roads" in McKean Township, where snowmobiles share the roads with other licensed motor vehicles. But for those of us that ride snowmobiles, it is more enjoyable and safer to ride through fields and woods. And we keep these "off-road" trails as far from personal residences as possible. So, we continue to seek additional landowner approval for moving the trails from the roads to the fields and woods. Our top priority is to provide a safe, fun environment for our community of snowmobile riders.

We also want to thank the Township, our club business sponsors, our neighbors in the community, and anyone who works with the McKean SnowRiders. Without your support we would not be the successful club that we are. For more information, you can find us on FaceBook or visit our website at www.mckeansnowriders.com.

If you own a snowmobile, join a club! To join the McKean SnowRiders please call Don Mosier 814-476-7984.





McKean Boy Scouts In Action



McKEAN BOY SCOUT TROOP 73

McKean Boy Scout Troop 73 has rechartered for it's seventy-fourth year. Scoutmaster Eric Dedrick and Committee Chair Kevin Havern again hold key adult leadership positions. Recording Secretary Amanda Greco, Treasurer Aundrea Simko, Advancement Sara Hart and Assistant Scoutmaster Hugh Wolcott fill in the other named positions. Rob Damore is Charter Representative.

The Troop Senior Patrol is being led by Ethan Simko and Hugh Wolcott Jr. with Dan Gwinn and Ryan Dedrick members. They lead two patrols of another fifteen scouts. The increase is due to Edinboro Troop 177 merging with Troop 73 in January. The merger is going smoothly as all the scouts attend the G. M. School District and know each other. Both Troops have previous had several combined events.

Troop 73 is returning to Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve on the New River in West Virginia in mid-June. 73 attended this High Adventure Camp two years ago and it challenges all ranks to "Do Their Best". The Reserve features Zip Lines, Mountain Biking, Rock Climbing and Rappelling, Multiple Aquatic Sports, Archery and Firearms along with some seventy merit badges being offered. It has a Skateboard and BMX race track, Wow! Four stocked lakes make active fishing. With over forty paddleboards there is little waiting to stand and stroke. White Water Rafting happens on the Class 5 New River.

Jake Lewin and Zach Hart are now Troop 73 newest Eagle Scouts. Both are attending University. There are five scouts at Life and are close to doing projects to help the Community and Eagle. The Troop meets at the St. Francis Parish Center Sundays at 6 pm and are always looking for new members. The Troop recycles aluminum cans and materials with donation bins at the back of the Center. These funds assist the Troop with rechartering.



March 25th is the 54th Troop Community Spaghetti Dinner. From 4 to 7pm staying with the \$10.00 adult and \$7.00 child the meatballs, sausage and sauce is hot and tangy. The

bake sale and themed basket auction make for an easy meal and more.

American Flags will again be flown in McKean. Last summer they flew of 110 days and most of the fifty-two flags need replaced. The Troop maintains and places these each summer. Several citizens and local organizations donations will help defray the



cost which costs almost \$900.00, but more money is needed to keep McKean American Proud. Checks can be made out to BSA Troop 73 McKean

(Flags) and given to any of those listed above. Scout Troop 73 is chartered by St. Francis Xavier R.C. Church. We thank Father Jason Feigh and the Parish. The scouts do appreciate this recognition of us being community asset. Scouting requires self-accountability, citizenship, beliefs, life skills and so much more. Troop 73 thanks the community for its support. On Our Honor we will do Our Best to do our duty God and Country. And McKean too.



MCKEAN HOSE COMPANY

The hose company is beginning to plan fundraisers, and events, for the year, with the first being a gun/purse bingo on April 15th at the Ushers Club. We will also have our annual gun raffle in the fall, and others will be announced as they are planned. In addition to planning events and fundraisers we are in the process of creating our own entity from the hose company. This is being created to ensure emergency services to the community by paid staff due to increased calls to our area and surrounding municipalities. Our volunteers will still run calls when available as well. The official name is Middleboro Fire and Rescue Services Company, and we are hoping to begin hiring in the next few months. Updates will be announced via our Facebook page. Lastly we welcome anyone to stop and meet everyone any Monday night at 7:00 during our regular drill. We encourage teenagers over the age of 14 to join our juniors program and feel that anyone interested in helping out the community is welcome to join. There are a variety of ways to volunteer including active status (fireman, EMT, Fire Police, etc), Auxiliary, Business, and Social memberships. Any questions can be messaged to the hose company through Facebook, or through our email at mckeanhose@gmail.com. Wishing our community a blessed 2023!

2023 Officers:

ACTIVE

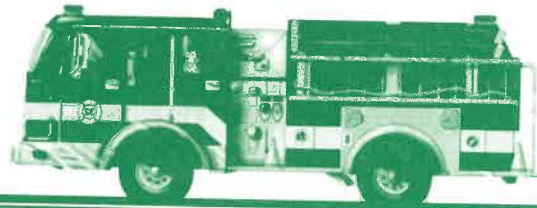
Chief 400	Scott Haywood
Deputy Chief 401	Keith Hadlock
Captain 411	Brennan Smith
Captain 412	Jonathan Zentis
Fire Police Captain 40-01	John Herrmann
Ambulance Captain 40-A1	Eva Selker
Ambulance Lieutenant A-2	Steven Amrhein

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President	Heather Courson
Vice Pres.	Brennan Smith
Treasurer	Eva Selker
Secretary	Nancy Hadlock
Finance Secretary	John Herrmann
Fund Drive	Nancy Hadlock

BOARD

Brennan Smith
Heather Courson
Scott Haywood
Eva Selker
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Steven Amrhein



McKean Hose Company Auxiliary

The Auxiliary or Support Services, as it is sometimes called in other departments, is a group of men and women organized to help the fire department. This past year we have helped with many fundraisers and events. The Car Show in June, Open House during Community Day, Purse Bingo in September, Chicken and Riscuit Dinner, Feather Party-Gun Raffle, and Lunch with Santa in December. We provide lunch for many of the weekend trainings/classes hosted by McKean Hose Company and members of other departments as well. In the past we have provided coffee and food for search and rescues, fires, and accidents. The Auxiliary is there to help and support the department in any way we can. The Auxiliary is looking forward to a busy year as we work with the department planning fundraisers and community events. Some of the events planned for 2023 are: Gun and Purse Bingo April 15th, Car Show June 10th, Chicken and Biscuit Dinner in October, and Lunch with Santa in December. We are hoping to add a few other events over the coming year. We are always glad to welcome new members. If you would be interested in helping with any of our fundraisers, please let us know. We can always use more volunteers. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month February to November. We meet at the Station at 7 P.M. If you have any questions or would like more information about the Auxiliary or how you can help please call the station at 814-476-7321 and leave a message and we'll be happy to return your call. We encourage you to please support your Fire Department and the men and women volunteering their time to help you. You can do this by attending these events, or by volunteering to help with them. Your Fire Department is supported by your donations and fund raising from events like these. They are not supported by your taxes.

Officers for 2023:	President	Nancy Hadlock	Vice President	Sally Silbaugh
	Secretary	Bob Wells	Treasurer	Debbie Hess



McKean Women's Group

Nurturing Community

Wondering how to volunteer and help our community? The McKean Women's Group is a non-profit organization of dedicated volunteers who imagine a better future for our community. While our group has a new name (formerly the McKean Lioness) we have the same mission...to serve the community. Our officers for 2023/2024 are President: Lisa Hershelman, Vice-President: Amber Cooper, Treasurer: Darlene Liebel, and Secretary: Sara O'Brien. We have made donations to McKean Community Development Group, Julia House, General McLane School District and McKean Rec Park. Last year, we awarded scholarships to three General McLane High School students to foster their future education and plan to award three more in 2023. In order to continue to support our local community, we hold fundraisers throughout the year. In 2022, we continued the tradition of the very successful (and entertaining) Pie Auction during McKean Community Day.

We worked with the St. Francis Usher's Club to host the Children's Christmas party in 2022 including presents for local kids, lunch, balloon art by the Jolly Jesters, crafts, games, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus!!! We also held an Easter Egg hunt at the McKean Rec Park. Watch for upcoming events, as we have many activities planned!! We would like to thank everyone in our community for your continued support over the years. With your help, we can fulfill our goal of a better future (and present) for our community! If you are interested in joining our group, making a donation or for additional information please email us at McKeanWomensGroup@gmail.com. We meet at the St. Francis Usher's Club (2nd floor) on the third Tuesday of each month with the exception of January and August.

Saint Francis Xavier

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Francis Xavier Parish is a Roman Catholic Community that serves the McKean area and beyond. Come celebrate Jesus' saving grace with us on Sundays 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m., Saturday Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m. or weekdays at 7:30 a.m. Join us throughout the year for opportunities to seek God, encounter Jesus, and share His love with one another. We welcome all people of goodwill.

McKean Community Food Pantry continues to operate for any individual/family in need. All information is strictly confidential. Contact St. Francis Xavier Parish at 814-476-7657 Ext. 5.

The Food Pantry operates out of the St. Francis Xavier Parish Center and distributions are done on Fridays between 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

A list of items that can be donated to the food pantry are listed on the St. Francis Xavier weekly bulletin which can be found on the parish website www.stfrancisxaviermckean.org



Save the dates:

St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus Council #17105 is hosting:

Family Field Day on May 21st at McKean Rec Park

Golf Tournament at Riverside Golf Course on June 10th

More information will be available on St. Francis Xavier Parish website, social media pages, and bulletin as we get closer to the dates.



McKEAN TOWNSHIP NEWS

A big thank you to our McKean Recreation Authority for this worthwhile newsletter !!!

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISORS....

Dear fellow McKean Township residents,

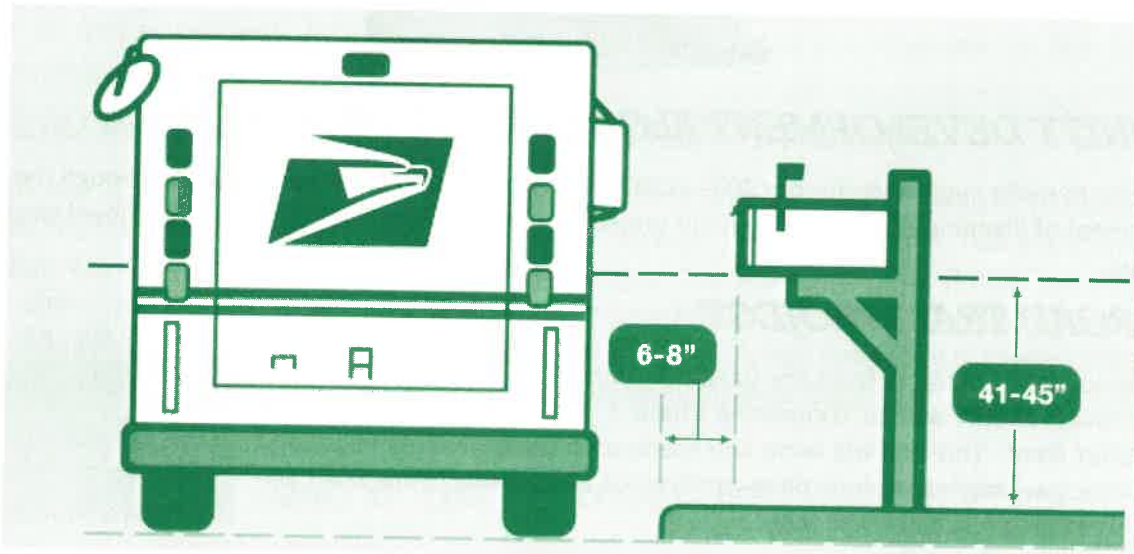
Another year is behind us with a new year just beginning. Time sure has a way of coming and going fast. We have worked diligently this past year to provide safe roads throughout our township through our continued tar and chip program as well as keeping up with cleaning ditches, roadside mowing and brush cutting and snow removal. It has been our continued pleasure to serve you during the past year, and we look forward to serving you again in 2023. THANK YOU to all those residents and taxpayers who have graciously given their time and effort to serve on our Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Authorities. All your work over the past years and in the years to come has been and will continue to be greatly valued. We would also like to extend an invitation to the community to attend any of our public meetings. Your input and ideas are always appreciated.

Welcome aboard: We are pleased to announce that Frank Dachtyl and John Blount will be serving another term on the Planning Commission; David Teufel was re-appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board, Richard Harvey appointed for another year as Vacancy Board Chairman, James Neuburger to serve another term on the Water Authority, and Brian Cooper appointed for another term on our Recreation Authority.

Vacancies: We continue to have a vacancy on our Sewer Authority as well as our Water Authority. We would welcome any resident or business owner who would be willing to serve on any of these boards. The Water Authority only meets one time in the month of June and the Sewer Authority meets three times each year during the months of March, July, and November.

MAILBOX REQUIREMENTS

Please inspect your mailbox to make sure that the lowest part of the arm horizontal support is approximately 40" from the road berm. This helps during snowplowing operations in the winter months.



2023 DOG LICENSES.....



.....are available at the township office from 8a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. All dogs three months and older are required to be licensed. The price for a regular license is \$9.00, spay or neuter is \$7.00 and seniors receive a \$2.00 discount. Stop in today and make sure your dog is a “legal beagle”. If you see a stray or nuisance dog, call the animal enforcement officer Brian Froess (814) 796-4678.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Our road crew has done a wonderful job working constantly, sometimes around the clock, to keep our roads open and safe for all travelers. Our continued thanks goes out to Brian, Jeff B., Ron, Jeffrey G, and Jarred!!

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL.....Section 301 of Ordinance 3-01 states that No person shall deposit or permit to be deposited any snow or ice whatsoever upon any public roadway dedicated and accepted by the Township and/ or maintained by the Township. In addition, no person shall park a motor vehicle or other vehicle on any public roadway in the Township during winter maintenance operations months, November 1 through April 30. No person shall remove snow or ice from any driveway or private road and deposit the same onto, across, or along any public roadway.

If there is a problem with ditches or potholes in the spring, please call our office at 476-7414. All Township paved roads will be posted with a 10-ton weight limit until May 15, 2023. Observing the weight limitation on these roads through the early spring months will help avoid costly road repairs.

Sometime in the very near future, the three bridges on Old 99 will be replaced at no cost to the township. Monies from the \$5 Local Use Fee on car registrations and PADOT will share in the total costs of the project. We are hoping construction of these bridges could begin 2024 or 2025.

We are anticipating to tar and chip the following roads this summer:

Aubury	Bargain	Baron	Est Stancliff	Pondview	Fry
Golden	Gorski	McLaughlin	Quance	Sheldon	South Hill
Talley	Talmadge	Van Camp	Vincent	California	

The above roads are just our wish list.....depending on how the rest of our roads weathered the harsh winter and thawing spring.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

We are preparing to make application for our 2023 CDBG grant allocation which is administered through the Erie County Department of Planning. The majority of our projects have been to rehabilitate owner occupied single family dwellings.

PEFFER ROAD TRAIL PROJECT

McKean Township, through grants from the DCNR, PA Fish and Boat Commission, and MMC grant through ECGRA will be completing Phase 1 and 2 of a walking trail on property off Peffer Road. This trail will serve as a scenic path for recreational access to Elk Creek. A picnic pavilion has recently been constructed and parking to the trails and pavilion are forthcoming sometime this year.



ZONING

McKean Township had twelve (12) single family dwellings and one (1) two-family dwelling constructed in 2022. McKean Township's population increased to 4436 over the course of our ten year Census tracking. That is an increase of 27 people. Our Township has seen many new families move into our area, utilizing already existing homes and building a few new ones.

Please call before building or purchasing structures to see if they require a permit. Some structures, such as semi-storage units are considered temporary in the township and require a permit, but must be removed within ninety days. Sheds under one hundred square foot do not require a permit but must still adhere to the set-back requirements in your zoning district.

Wooden decks do not require a permit unless they are over three hundred square feet in area. All pools, in-ground or above, require a permit.

As always, be good a neighbor. Sometimes common courtesy and a casual conversation can correct several issues between neighbors.

For more zoning information, please contact Tenderrlee Little at tlittle@mckeantownship.com or 476-7414 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or log onto our website at www.mckeantownship.com for zoning ordinance information.

West County Recycling Day



Every September, McKean Township works with Albion Borough, Cranesville Borough, Elk Creek Township, Franklin Township, Girard Township, and Springfield Township to share in costs and manpower to host a Community Clean Up Day. We have been working with our neighboring municipalities since 2016 for a place that our residents could bring recyclables and disposable items such as tires, paint, batteries, etc. In 2022, McKean has 97 residents participate in the program.

How can you take advantage of this great opportunity? Watch for your fluorescent postcard in the mail during the month of September. You need this in order to participate. Fill out the bottom portion of the card for a chance to win some great prizes. The card will also give specifics on what items are accepted for disposal as well as the time, location, and day of the event. There is a small fee for tire disposal and e-waste disposal.

Colonial Village Sewer AWARDED GRANT MONEY

In September 2020, McKean Township was awarded a \$415,000 grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the replacement of the Colonial Village Sewage Treatment Plant. This grant will provide our aging plant the necessary funds needed for replacement. The grant will cover 85% of the total cost of the project with 15% to be matched by the township. We are hoping to use some of the GAP funding through ECGRA to reduce the need to raise sewer rates in the Colonial Village Subdivision. Construction of the new plant is anticipated to begin as soon as this summer or early 2024 or 2025.





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McKEAN BOROUGH

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McKean Borough Council

Meetings: Second Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Weslee A. Clapper-Krepps, Mayor
Rose Scouten

Teri Dillon, Secretary/Treasurer, Zoning Administrator

Daniel Miller, Solicitor

Council Members:

Eric Morgan
Bernard Feltz
Dodi Oblinski, President
Lance A. Aylsworth
Frederick Dylewski, Auditor
Kristen Bauer, Auditor

Mary Goetz, Tax Collector
4927 East Avenue McKean, PA 16426
476-0134

Planning Board

Meetings: Third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Emily Jonas
Bernard Feltz

Jen Haywood

Municipal Sewer Authority

Meetings: Fourth Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Greg Markievich
David Larson
Dan Gruver

John Reichert
Rick Dylewski, Bus. Mgr
Matt Jonas

Zoning Hearing Board

Meetings as needed

Mike Gangle Sr.

Jeanne Sampsel

Rob Pamula

McKEAN TOWNSHIP

McKean Township Building - 9231 Edinboro Road, P.O. Box 62, McKean, PA 16426
Phone: 476-7414 - Fax: 476-1257 - www.mckean-township.com

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

McKean Township Board of Supervisors Meetings

First Thursdays: February through December 7:30 p.m.

Third Thursdays: March, May, July and September, 4:00 p.m.
December 31, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Janice Dennis, Chair
Brian Cooper, Vice Chairman
Ronald Bole

Janice Dennis, Secretary

Tenderrlee Little, Treasurer/Zoning Administrator
Teri Dillen, Administrative Asst

Karen Hamme, Real Estate Tax Collector
9231 Edinboro Road
McKean, PA 16426 Phone: 476-7315

Auditors
Molly Goldsmith, Chairman
Patty Almeda, Secretary
Laura Lawson

Vacancy Board Chairman: Richard Harvey

Zoning Hearing Board

David Teufel
Ronald Crist

Teri Dillen
Janice Dennis, Secretary

Planning Commission

Meetings: Third Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Frank Dachtyl
Brian Cooper
Tenderrlee Little

Edward Hess
James Bentze John Blount
Daniel Eaton

Sewer Authority

Meetings: Third Wednesdays (March, July, Nov), 6:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Brooks
David Little

Keith Lawson
Ronald Bole
Vacancy

Water Authority

Meetings: June 28 3:00 p.m.

Ronald Smith
Janice Dennis

Jim Neuburger
Tenderrlee Little
Vacancy

Road Crew

Jeffrey Brooks, Roadmaster
Brian Cooper, Roadmaster
Ron Bole, Roadmaster

Jeffrey Greco, Senior Laborer
Jerred Jeska, Senior Laborer

McKEAN REC AUTHORITY

Brian Cooper, President
Dave McLallen, Vice President
Dawn Nesbitt

Meetings: Third Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
Every other month beginning in January
McKean Twp Municipal Bldg 9231 Edinboro Rd

Lance Aylsworth, Secretary
Tenderrlee Little, Treasurer
Brent Swain