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## McKINLEYVILLE Community Services District

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to spring time in Humboldt County. I find the season between the winter drizzle and rain and the summer fog to be most enjoyable. Yes it is windy but the clear sunny skies and fresh spring air renew and usher in foliage on the trees and beautiful blooms on our plants.

Instead of covering a specific topic for this issue of our MCSD Newsletter I would like to discuss what we have been up to for the last six months.

#### Strategic Plan Update:

The McKinleyville Community Services District Strategic Plan process began in August of 2012, with Board approval after lengthy MCSD Board of Directors, staff and community input. Staff continues to update the Strategic Plan by meeting regularly to reflect continued progress made with projects, finances and improvement programs. This plan is the foundation to the District's long term financial health and stability yet provides annual reviews to stay grounded in the current and mid-term needs of the community we serve. It is an integral component of the Capital Improvement Plan, annual operation budget and is used to measure Board and management performance. At the most recent MCSD Board meeting in a workshop format the Board was able to add and modify policy related issues to provide staff and management direction for the coming 5 year planning period.

#### Wastewater Management Improvement Project and Rate Analysis:

A long term goal of MCSD is to provide an effective and environmentally responsible means for the treatment and reuse of our municipal wastewater effluent. Starting with a 20 Year Facility Plan approved by the Board of Directors in 2012, MCSD has charted a course to remain in compliance with the ever changing Federal and State regulatory requirements. To date MCSD has considered alternatives for a treatment process and vetted those ideas to arrive at the most cost effective design. Ensuring both construction and operation are efficient and effective for the expense. Design is nearing completion and environmental permitting, financing and rate analysis to support the operation and funding are underway. The Board will be considering the necessity for a sewer rate adjustment to pay for the increased costs in the coming months.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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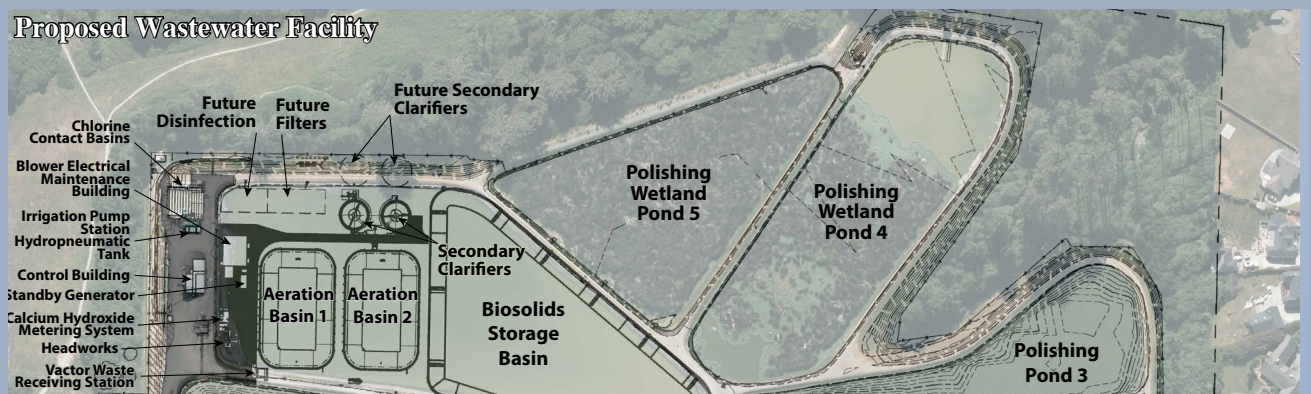
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Director

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General Manager





## A Message From the General Manager (continued)

### Teen Center Design and Partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods:

The Teen and Community Center design and construction has had a minor setback due to construction bids coming in well over design estimates. We are in the process of modifying the design and implementing bidding strategies to allow more flexibility to maintain budget goals. The project is scheduled to go back out to bid with the grand opening tentatively set for next February. Financing for the project is secured and funding will be through our Measure B assessment.

MCSD continues to work with the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods to engage community teens in leadership development and hold regular meetings with local teens who have dubbed themselves the McKinleyville Youth Leadership Society (MYLS). The MYLS are currently in the planning and development of a Spring Leadership Training workshop that will be open to youth in 7th-9th grades. This workshop will be led and implemented by MYLS participants and will incorporate the leadership concepts and skills taught at the 2014 Youth Leadership Summit sponsored and implemented by the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods and MCSD Parks & Recreation staff. Additionally the two organizations have been moving forward with the development of their partnership for a Boys & Girls of the Redwoods Club site to be located in the coming Teen and Community Center.



In June of 2014 the MCSD Board of Directors directed staff to develop a District wide Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan, develop a public access program to allow website comments to be included in the Board packet and to bring each section of the plan to the Board in workshop format to allow maximum public comment and Board review and discussion.

Consistent with current MCSD practices, the goals of MCSD's IPM Plan are to utilize the most environmentally sound approaches to pest management, to eliminate or reduce where feasible the use of pesticides and to minimize environmental and health impacts of pest and vegetation management in all cases. In July 2014 staff launched a website for review of the draft IPM Plan and created a unique email address for comments, the website and email address are:

<http://mckinleyvillecsd.com/integrated-pest-management-plan>  
[ipm@mckinleyvillecsd.com](mailto:ipm@mckinleyvillecsd.com)

In February of 2015 the MCSD Board of Directors held a second workshop, reviewing and discussing comments about Sections 1, 2 & 3, as well as discussing the process for accepting or rejecting the comments. At that workshop, the Board directed staff to begin developing an IPM Policy and bringing it back to the Board for consideration prior to continuing to work on the IPM Plan.

## 2014 Employee of the Year

Each year, MCSD employees cast votes to determine who they feel should be Employee of the Year.



The Employee of the Year must be a person who has brought about significant positive change; one who eliminates obstacles in achieving District goals and objectives, is resourceful, contributes constructively, innovates, exceeds expectations, inspires others, and proactively identifies and resolves challenges.

The 2014 Employee of the Year award went to David Baldosser, Customer Service Supervisor. In the photo below are Finance Director Colleen Trask and Board President John Corbett presenting the award to David.



David Baldosser truly exemplifies the qualifications required and he will hold this distinction for the 2015 calendar year, and a new Employee of the Year will be chosen at the end of 2015.

David's first day of work for the District was February 3, 1997. He started his employment with the District as a Customer Service Representative I, and began learning the billing process right away. David has also been involved in the administrative end of the Double Check Valve testing that is required by Title 17 of the State of California. He has acquired "various other duties" throughout the years and was promoted to Customer Service Supervisor in September 2012.

David spent fourteen (14) years working in banking prior to being hired at the District. David says he strives to provide the friendliest and most professional service to MCSD customers and fellow employees.

"The District is a very enjoyable place to work, it is nice to be able to wake up and look forward to going to work", says David.

# A Message From the Parks & Recreation Department

## Recreation Activity Guide

We are pleased to have completed our 2015 Spring/Summer Recreation Activity Guide, which is included and distributed in this Newsletter. Recognizing the growing needs in our community, McKinleyville Parks & Recreation is continually developing new and exciting programs and events for residents of all ages. Having fun is an important part of maintaining a high quality of life, so check out our 2015 Spring/Summer Recreation Activity Guide and discover great ways to play! We take pride in "Creating Community through People, Parks & Programs." Our goal is to help you to find programs that meet your individual and family needs. We love to help people play! For more information about local parks and recreation opportunities, please call the friendly folks at McKinleyville Parks & Recreation at 839-9003.



## Round up for Recreation

The "Round Up for Recreation" program gives MCSD customers the opportunity to round up their water and sewer payment to the nearest dollar for the purpose of donating the extra amount to the McKinleyville Parks & Recreation Department.



The way it works is simple. If a customer voluntarily checks the "Round Up for Recreation" box on their water and sewer bill and provides a payment that is more than the amount due, the additional amount will be donated to the Parks & Recreation Department. For example, if the amount due for a customer's water and sewer bill is \$31.25 and they submit a payment of \$32.00, and check the "Round Up for Recreation" box on the payment stub, then \$0.75 will be donated to the Parks & Recreation Department.

All proceeds from the "Round Up for Recreation" program will be used to buy fun and exciting equipment for the new Teen and Community Center.

## Find us on Facebook!

We have a Facebook account that we feel is helpful to distribute information about MCSD. We often post information about community events, recreation programs, program cancellations, field closures, water issues, etc. So add us as a friend and you will be notified about important news and events regarding McKinleyville!



## Leisure Class Instructors Needed!

Are you an Interesting Person with a Special Skill and a Desire to Teach?

### WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for instructors to teach a variety of classes such as:



Guitar and Music, Arts & Crafts, Cooking, Dance/Ballet, Gardening, & other Special Interest Classes.

Call our office at 839-9003 to inquire about teaching for your community TODAY!

## Teen & Community Center Update

The McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Board of Directors met on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 to discuss the outcome of the bid process for the construction of the new teen & community center in McKinleyville.



The bid opening was held in November and three (3) bids were received and the lowest bid in the amount of \$2,114,600 was found to be responsive.

Architect firm LDA Partners has an exceptional track record of coming in at or below their estimates. Their bid estimate was \$1.85 million and MCSD staff was surprised when the low bid came in at more than \$264,000 over the estimated cost to construct the facility.

Staff presented several options for the Board to consider on how to proceed. After careful consideration, the Board directed staff to revise the design to reflect a reduced square footage with addition of other cost saving measures also utilizing additive and deductive alternates to give the highest level of flexibility to control final bid costs with a target cost of less than \$1.7 million.



# Community Builder Award Given to Humboldt Area Foundation

McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) presented the Community Builder Award to the Humboldt Area Foundation (HAF) at its December 3, 2014 meeting.

The Community Builder Award is presented 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 identified the HAF as a worthy entity to receive the award. The HAF has a long history of providing support to a variety of organizations in McKinleyville. The HAF's mission is "To serve as an independent staging ground for residents, individually and in concert, to build social, economic and environmental prosperity on California's North Coast."

The HAF has been extremely supportive to MCSD's parks & recreation department for many years. Most recently, they awarded MCSD with a grant in the amount of \$9,000.00 to support the teen & community center. The funds will be used to help purchase audio and visual equipment for the new facility.



Patrick Cleary, Executive Director



In an interview with the Executive Director of the HAF, Patrick Cleary says there is much to like about McKinleyville, such as, "The parks, the access to the ocean, and the Hammond Trail. I like that it is an affordable place for working families to live. My wife loves the McKinleyville area. I am very excited about the new park space on North Bank Road."

Patrick says MCSD is extremely well run and helpful. "I have never experienced another water district calling to tell us our water bill was high and perhaps we have a leak. I appreciate the focus on the future."

Patrick says recreation opportunities and park facilities are important for our community adding that, "Recreation activities help build a sense of community – I know many people who have built strong friendships from attending their children's sporting events."

As for a future vision for MCSD, Patrick said, "I am very pleased the Board and staff are looking ahead to the future, and considering such things as solar energy. I have often wished other CSD's were thinking as far ahead as McKinleyville."

When asked about McKinleyville's Quality of life, Patrick said, "I think the work that the Humboldt Area Foundation does through the McKinleyville Area Fund has made a real difference to many people. We offer many scholarships to McKinleyville High graduates to help them make college a reality. We have been big supporters of the McKinleyville Family Resource Center and appreciate the work they do to help families in need."

Patrick says he greatly appreciates the recognition from MCSD, and that he appreciates the long days of service the Board members put in to make this a better community.

Patrick added, "I would like to thank all the volunteers who help with the McKinleyville Area Fund, especially John Kulstad. They are the ones who do the hard work of evaluating the applications and making the funding decisions."



## Pierson Park Covered Picnic Pavilion

MCSD staff is in the process of finishing construction of a new covered picnic pavilion at Pierson Park. Located near a large grass area and next to horseshoe pits, bocce ball courts and two playgrounds, it's the perfect location for your next gathering. The pavilion will be available to rent this summer. It will come equipped with picnic tables and a large stainless steel barbeque with countertops.

### Fees:

4 hours:	\$100
Each additional hour:	\$25





## Strategic Plan

The McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD)'s Strategic Plan process began in August of 2012, with Board approval.

The Strategic Plan was returned to the MCSD Board of Directors on December 4, 2013 where it received the final approval of the MCSD Board.



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reviews to stay grounded in the current and mid-term needs of the community we serve.

The MCSD Board of Directors held a workshop at its February 4, 2015 meeting in order to encourage discussions between the Board, staff and members of the public.

The Strategic Plan will continue to be presented to the Board on a calendar year basis for approval.

### On Duty Cell Phone

As some of you may know, MCSD has an on duty Utility Worker who people can contact outside of our regular business hours. This on duty cell phone number is designed to be used for **EMERGENCIES** only. For all non-emergency responses, MCSD charges a minimum of \$150.00. Examples of emergencies are:

- Water leaks/water bubbling out of the ground
- Vandalism to one of our facilities
- Streetlight pole knocked over
- Fire hydrant knocked over
- Missing manhole lid



For emergencies involving our parks and facilities, the first number to call is the park maintenance cell phone: 599-9355. This is not an on duty cell phone, so there won't always be someone to answer outside our business hours. If you are unable to reach someone at this number, and it is an emergency, please call the duty cell phone. The duty cell phone number can be accessed by calling MCSD's main phone line: 839-3251.

## MCSD & Employee Receive Awards

Each year California Water Environmental Association (CWEA) presents awards at their annual banquet. Nomination forms are sent in from agencies recognizing their staff or facility for the award. A committee then goes through the nominations and chooses a worthy recipient for each category.



Above (from left to right) James Henry (Operations Director), Greg Orsini (General Manager), Chris Jones (Utility II), Erik Jones (Lead Person) & Board President John Corbett

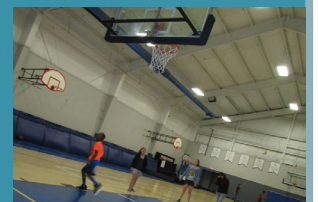
This year staff member Christopher Jones was honored with the Collection System Person of the Year award. Chris' mechanical aptitude lends itself well to maintaining, troubleshooting, and affecting repairs on pumps, plumbing and back-up generators that ensure the wastewater gets where it needs to go. He is skilled at various grouting systems to seal leaks in manholes and mains. Chris is one of our most experienced hydro-cleaners and can be depended on to keep the mains flowing smoothly.

MCSD also received an award for Collection System of the Year due to their proactive maintenance program. This award has been presented to the District three times in the last five years. MCSD staff and the Board of Directors would like to thank our customers for helping to stop inflow and for not putting grease down your drains. However, management thinks inflow, which is the act of discharging rainwater into the sewer, could still be improved. We ask that you keep your sewer clean-outs plugged or capped to prevent rainwater from going into the sewer system and inundating the sewer lift stations. This will help prevent higher pumping costs and sewer spills, which could accrue fines.

### Youth Driven Saturday Nights!

Youth Driven is an open recreation program for youth in 6th-12th grades every Saturday evening at the McKinleyville Activity Center. (Some Saturdays are cancelled due to Special Events and Facility Reservations).

WHEN:	Saturdays from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
AGES:	6th through 12th graders
WHERE:	McKinleyville Activity Center
COST:	FREE!



Come and hang out, have snacks and have FUN! Play basketball, Apples to Apples, Xbox 360 Kinect on the big screen, Wii & more!

## Local Artist Showcased



MCSD staff and Board of Directors have decided to showcase various local artists in the District Office Conference Room on a six month rotation. The theme is "The Beauty of Humboldt." Artists are invited to submit a portfolio of the works they wish to display to the MCSD Finance Director for inclusion in the rotation. All works submitted will be reviewed before display for fit with the theme and appropriateness for a public space.

Our current artist showcased is Jeff Schwartz. The following biography was submitted to MCSD by Jeff:

For as long as I can remember, I have enjoyed taking pictures. As a child, I converted my parents' bathroom into a makeshift darkroom where I developed black and white film and made prints with my enlarger.

Today, my wife, sons and I live in beautiful Northern California. We are busy juggling our jobs, the house, the kids' schoolwork and sporting events. We also have a dog and a turtle that live with us. There is little time to travel on a "photo safari." So after I get home from work, I like to grab my camera and head out to the backyard. There are interesting and beautiful things to photograph all around us. Many are just right outside the door. More information can be found at [backyard-photography.com](http://backyard-photography.com).

### McKinleyville Playgroup

This playgroup is a gathering of parents and their pre-school aged children, who get together for play and interaction. A playgroup can significantly help children develop social skills, gain independence, and build self-confidence. It can also give you a chance to meet and learn from other parents - all adding up to newfound friendships and a healthy, nurturing environment. Thanks to a grant from First 5 Humboldt, we are able to supply many games and toys for your children to enjoy.

WHO: Parents with children age 5 & under  
WHEN: Mondays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Thursdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Fridays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
WHERE: McKinleyville Activity Center (1705 Gwin Road)





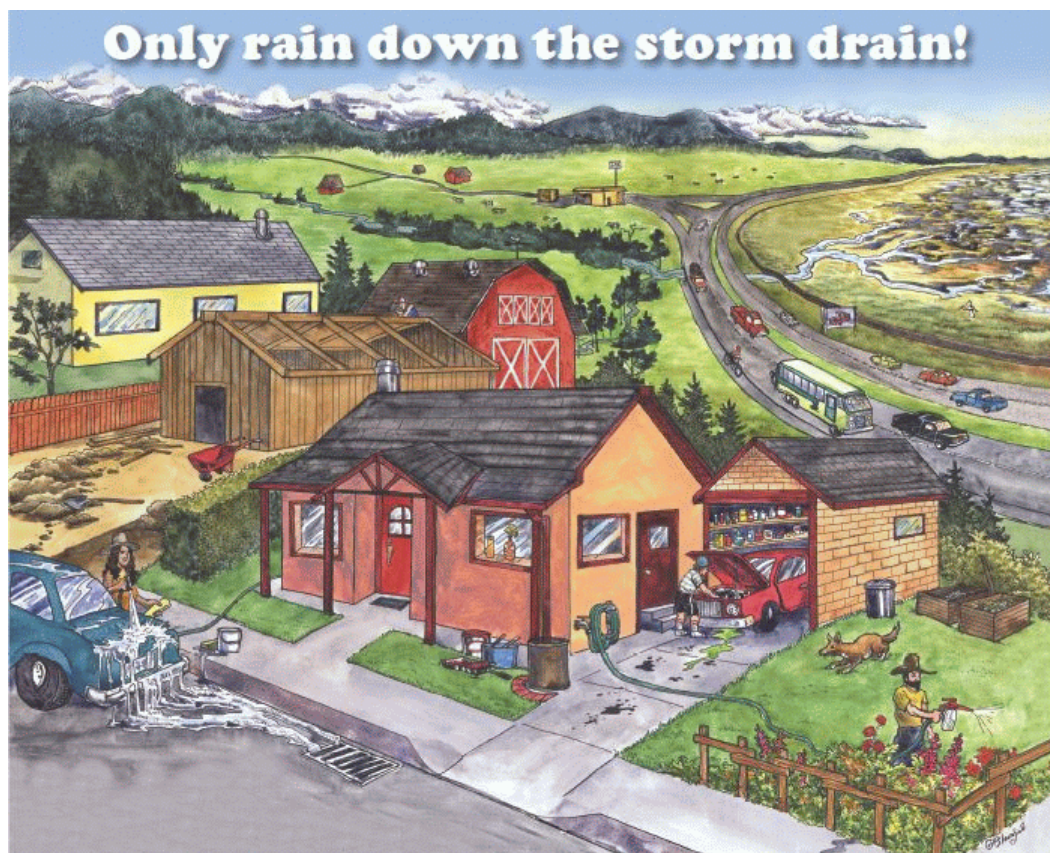
## A Message From the Operations Department



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If you had to imagine what the next Grease movie would be like, who would play the main characters? Would Danny be played by Channing Tatum and Sandy played by Anna Kendrick? Instead of driving classic cars and Harleys are they riding around on Segways? It's your movie, you are the producer, so you can do it any way you want just as long as you keep the singing and dancing.

I think we can all agree that when you think of the Grease movies it takes you back to your childhood and how the movie made you feel. For me it was several things. I wanted a black leather jacket really bad but my parents couldn't afford to get me one so I found the next best thing. It was a thin black zip up jacket with a collar that I grabbed from the lost and found at school. That jacket really looked good on me with a white t-shirt underneath. I painted my chrome bicycle all flat black including the mag wheels. I felt pretty cool riding around the neighborhood on my black bicycle, wearing my black jacket blasting the grease soundtrack on my black walkman. (I didn't get the big boom box until later and I blasted Prince on that!) Now that we have covered the looking cool part let's cover the singing. I had an older sister and she also loved the Grease movies. She would put the record on the record player in her room and yell for me to come and sing the guy parts to every song on that record. She had a white four poster bed that the tops popped off and made great microphones. So there I was, walking around the room singing my parts and dancing like John Travolta while my sister stood on her bed singing the girl parts. She would make me practice over and over again and would try to make me perform in front of her friends when they came over. Me being the shy kid refused to perform in front of anybody other than my parents. I am sure that there are a lot of good memories out there related to the Grease movies and I would love to hear about them but as I have gotten older and now work in the sewer field, "Grease" has a new meaning to me along with bad memories.



### Humboldt Waterways are Closer than You Think

Can you find six activities that contribute to stormwater pollution?

To Report Stormwater Pollution, call the  
Regional Stormwater hotline: 1-877-NCSC-001



In my new Grease movie Danny wouldn't be this cool guy in a nice car with flames. He is a ball of grease sitting in the sewer main. Danny waits for other greasy friends like Kenickie, Putzie and Doody to come along and form a crew. Instead of calling themselves the "T-Birds" they are the "Grease Balls". For fun they don't drag race, smoke cigarettes and chase girls, instead they accumulate with other "Grease Balls" to create blockages in the sewer main and cause sewer overflows in streets and houses. I think maybe we can keep the Grease song but change the words (actually I might try that).



The point I am trying to make is that this movie isn't coming out soon, it is live action happening every day and we need to come together to be "Hopelessly Devoted" to preventing it. Sewer spills due to grease are "Not the One That We Want" to wake up to flooding our houses and streets. The odor isn't pleasant, especially on hot "Summer Nights".

So here is how we prevent the grease from getting down your drain. Let greasy products (animal fats and oils) from your kitchen cool and then dispose of them in your garbage. Wipe down all of your greasy cooking ware with a paper towel before washing them and recycle cooking oil. There are several locations that will take your oil.

Grease in the sewer main adds to labor, maintenance and treatment costs while fines from sewer spills add up quickly. Plugged sewer laterals can cost customers a lot of money. So please, let's all come together, put on our black leather jackets and prevent the "Grease Balls" from making a mess.



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## Upcoming Public Meetings

### ✓ February

4 Board Meeting Azalea Hall 7:00 pm  
19 Recreation Committee 6:00 pm

### ✓ March

4 Board Meeting Azalea Hall 7:00 pm  
19 Recreation Committee 6:00 pm

### ✓ April

1 Board Meeting Azalea Hall 7:00 pm  
16 Recreation Committee 6:00 pm

### ✓ May

6 Board Meeting Azalea Hall 7:00 pm  
21 Recreation Committee 6:00 pm

### ✓ June

3 Board Meeting Azalea Hall 7:00 pm  
18 Recreation Committee 6:00 pm

### ✓ July

1 Board Meeting Azalea Hall 7:00 pm  
16 Recreation Committee 6:00 pm



Online Information is available at [www.mckinleyvillecsd.com](http://www.mckinleyvillecsd.com)

Have you checked out the District's website lately? If not, make sure you do...and give us some feedback.

We are constantly striving to improve the information available to you, our customer!

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