

Spring 2025 Vol. 33 No. 1

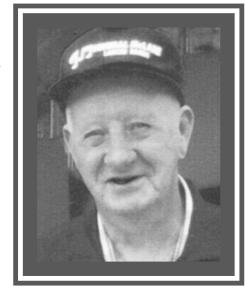
## Thank You

McKean Community Park is maintained by a small group of dedicated people. First and foremost, McKean Township and McKean Borough leaders and their continued financial support. The McKean Recreational Authority, who is behind the scenes but does so much more than anyone realizes. But the park would not be what it is today without the maintenance crew and their loving care each and every week. So, it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Nolan "Newt" Burdick, who passed on January 31, 2025.

He was born in Venango, PA on October 17, 1933, the son of the late Paul and Marie Burdick.

Newt served in the US Army during Korea. He worked as a bus driver for General McLane School District for over 50 years, and he was a wonderful caretaker of the McKean Community Park.

Newt and his wife Dolores have served many years mowing and taking care of the park, and ensuring that it is well kept for each soccer tournament, football game, family gathering, or baseball practice. They have lovingly manicured the area to be aesthetically pleasing for each family reunion, birthday party, and special event hosted. You will be missed Newt!







We would like to welcome our newest crew member, Kendra McLallen. She has recently started with the park maintenance crew and has proved to be a most valuable asset. Kendra began in 2024 learning alongside Newt and Dolores. The McKean Recreational Authority is glad to have Kendra as part of our crew!

# McKean Recreation Authority

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



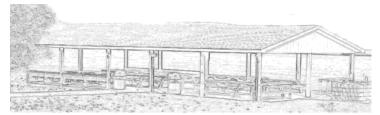


The McKean Women's Group is hosting the annual community *Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 19, 2025* at *McKean Rec Park*. Registration will begin at 1pm and the hunt will start promptly at 2pm! Look for signs around the neighborhood for additional details. The egg hunt will be held rain or shine, so please dress the kids appropriately, as it may be muddy. All members of the community are welcome to bring their children up to the age of 10 years. The children will be divided into groups by age and have their own areas to hunt for eggs filled with candy. There will also be refreshments and prizes for the kids. We hope to see you there!! We would also like to express our gratitude to all of the businesses and individuals in town who generously support this event annually!

Can't wait to see you there!



# 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.

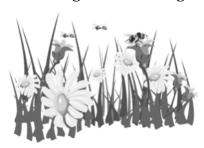
Rental of pavilion #3 with the kitchen is \$225\*\*. Pavilion rental rates are \$125\*\*per day. If you would like to make a reservation for any of the pavilions, please call 814-476-7414.

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.

\*\*McKean Recreational Authority has increased the pavilion rental rates for 2026 due to increased costs of water, sewer, and electricity at the park. Pavilions #1 and #2 will be \$150 and Pavilion #3 will increase to \$250 with the use of the kitchen. These prices will take effect January 1, 2026.

# McKean Area Garden Club

Our 2025 garden club programs will begin Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am and be held at the McKean Township Bldg. located at 9231 Edinboro Road, McKean. Our guest speaker, Linda Huston, master gardener, will be giving a presentation on "Identifying and Controlling Invasive Species of Plants and Animals. Other programs for the year will consist of a trip to a greenhouse, tours of local gardens, galleries and other educational and interesting programs on horticulture and related subjects to increase members' knowledge of Gardening.



Scholarship applications will be available at the General McLane Guidance Counselor's office beginning February 1st for any 2025 graduate (home school and technical school included) pursuing higher education either in an accredited institution or technical/trade school. The applications need to be returned to the guidance counselor's office no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Beginning last summer, under the leadership of member Gail Kraus, the garden club started the recycling program "Recycle Beyond the Bag". This is the process of recycling our household bags and wraps into Trex's Earth-friendly composite products. Our garden club is collecting plastic from within the community, with the goal of having a bench made for our McKean Community Park. There are drop off containers located at the McKean Post Office, Municipal Bldg. and Township Bldg. We need to collect 1000 lbs. of plastic within the year and to date we have collected a total of 648 pounds! Not only will we be adding a bench to the park, we are keeping hundreds of pounds of plastic out of the landfill! Please consider dropping off your clean plastic bags from the store, your pantry and from your front door at one of the convenient drop off locations.

The 2024 \$1000 scholarship was awarded to Sydney Rotko, a nursing student at Duquesne University of Pittsburgh.

Mark your calendars! Our annual garden mart, our only fundraiser of the year, is scheduled for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until noon at the Saint Francis Xavier Parish Center. Hope to see you there!

Spring is just around the corner and we all will be looking for the blossoms on the three trees the garden club had planted last spring. We are looking at the possibility of planting a few Rhododendrons in the future to give additional color in the spring.

We are excited to begin another year of gardening; exciting programs, crafts and touring beautiful gardens in our surrounding area.



Plastic for the recycling program must be clean/ dry/free of food residue.

Examples of items to include:

store bags clean zip loc bags case overwrap bubble wrap wood pellet bags ice bags salt bags cereal box liners bread bags

We <u>cannot</u> accept these items:

pet food bags
6-pack rings
mesh bags
mulch or dirt bags
crinkly bags that don't
stretch, (potato chip and
candy bags)

#### **NO** bottles

Thank you and keep donating!

# From the Desk of Boro Council

Hello McKean Borough Residents and 2025! Time for an update to our Boro community from 2024, and what you can expect in this new year. In 2024 the remaining streetlights were switched to much brighter LED's. Has anyone noticed the change? Crosswalks at the flashing light and McKean Elementary School have been painted with a pattern that should remain visible longer for the safety of residents and students that walk in our Borough.

It seems like we must repeat this every year, and at the time of this article we have had more snow than recent years. The homeowners and businesses that have sidewalks on their property are required by Ordinance to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and debris. We continue to have multiple complaints during the winter months of snowy sidewalks, including at the McKean Elementary School. There have been discussions to repeal the ordinance requiring homeowners to keep their sidewalks clear and hire a service to maintain the Borough sidewalks. That would trigger a tax increase for all residents, 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. At times parents and the community can make the biggest difference with the issues that arise and that you are aware of in your neighborhood. Help your neighbors clear sidewalks,

call the school and businesses to hold them accountable to keeping the sidewalks clear and community safe. At times your voice and efforts used directly will ensure the most lasting change. Another continuing issue is parking on the streets. This is not permitted, due to snowplowing issues, normal traffic and safety on Borough streets. Kindly remind neighbors violating this parking restriction to park in driveways only.

Borough Council is updating the Zoning Ordinance to include short term rentals within the Borough. We urge you to voice your opinions on improvements or concerns for the future of your community. If residents do not get involved with what municipal governments are working on at the local level there can be changes for the community and families that affect each of you in ways you are unaware.

There will be a municipal election held in 2025. Mayor, 3 council seats (2 four-year terms and 1 two-year term) and 3 Auditor positions will be on the ballot for McKean Borough. If any residents are interested in running contact Voter Registration at the Erie County Courthouse to inquire about the process.

The Boro office hours for 2025 are Tuesday 8-1:30 and Friday by appointment. The Secretary can be reached anytime by email, <a href="mailto:mckeanborough@gmail.com">mckeanborough@gmail.com</a>. Public meetings are held at the Municipal building, 8952 Main Street, the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. Borough Council would like to thank McKean Township for their continued help decorating Main Street with the snowflake lights. Using the bucket truck makes the task much faster and easier, and Council appreciates the cooperation and willingness to work together for our community.

Mayor Weslee Clapper-Krepps and Borough Council look forward to representing everyone in the community as every one of you are important to the success of our lives together. If there is anything you need, or comments you would like to make follow us on Facebook, McKean Borough, or watch for updates on our website www.mckeanborough.com.



Animal Rescue and Adoption...Since 1981

Every year I am blown away by the number of amazing animals that we are able to rescue and save at Because You Care. We wouldn't be able to do any of this without YOU! Because You Care was able to officially launch our Second Chance Program in 2024. This program provides specialized training for dogs that have certain behavioral problems such as food aggression or kennel aggression. The program has helped so many dogs get placed in their forever homes and get the training they need to be successful in those homes. Many of those dogs faced euthanasia and are now living in their forever home.

We are excited for the new year and everything that is in store for 2025! We have many great events planned for this year and we hope to see everyone there. Everything new and exciting at Because You Care can be found on our social media pages (Facebook & Instagram) along with on our website www.becauseyoucare.org.

Interested in helping out? We are always in need of more volunteers and fosters. There are so many different ways to help from walking dogs, helping at events or helping feed cats - no amount of donated time is too small. Visit our website

(www.becauseyoucare.org/get-involved/volunteer) to find out more.



# From the desk of Karen Hamme, McKean Township Tax Collector

Happy Spring!

The 2025 County/Township tax bill will be mailed around March 1, 2025. This covers the year of January 1 through December 31, 2025. 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. It is your responsibility to update any address changes. The tax collector cannot update any information regarding the tax roll. You are responsible for the tax bill whether or not you receive the bill. If you do not receive your tax bill by March 15<sup>th</sup>, please contact me. Township mills for the bill remain the same as last year; however, Erie County mills will increase from 6.61 to 7.12; an increase of \$51 per \$100,000. Discount period remains the same and ends April 30, 2025.

You can download an application for the Homestead Exclusion if you are not already signed up. March  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  is the deadline to apply to be in effect this year. If you are already receiving the homestead exclusion, you do not need to reapply each year. If you move from your current residence, then you would need to apply at your new residence.

Any unpaid 2024 taxes were turned over to Erie County Tax Claim as delinquent. Payments for the 2024 County/Township and 2024 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 2024, 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 2025:

March 4 – October 30 Tuesdays-12:00 Noon -5:00 PM Thursdays 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

November 4-25 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

Karen Hamme, McKean Township Tax Co'' 814-476-7315 Phone/Fax 9231 Edinboro Road, McKean, PA 164 Taxcollector@mckeantownship.com



....

Nurturing Community

The McKean Women's Group is a non-profit organization of dedicated volunteers who imagine a better future for our community. We work closely alongside the McKean Community Development Group to serve our community. Our officers for the 2025 are President: Lisa Hershelman, Vice-President: Amber Cooper,

Treasurer: Kim Kocienski, and Secretary: Debbie Brace. In 2024, we made sizeable donations to McKean Hose Company, Central Erie County Paramedic Association, and McKean Food Bank. Our members donated many school supplies for the McKean Stuff a Bus event! We collected many bags of business clothes to donate to Mercy Center for Women. We joined forces with the Greene County Giving Circle at our November meeting to put together toiletry bags for our local school students and area the area's homeless population. Every year we award scholarships to three General McLane High School students to foster their future education. We have also helped some local families that have dealt with illness, injury, natural disasters, or fires through our local emergency fund.

In order to continue to support our local community, we hold fundraisers throughout the year. In August 2024, we continued the tradition of the very successful (and entertaining) Pie Auction during McKean Community Day! We welcomed Craig Flint from WJET TV as a guest judge for our Community Pie Contest and received coverage of McKean Community Day all weekend! We provided treats throughout the year for the residents of the Hands building /St. Francis Xavier Apartments. We are planning a luncheon and game day early this year with these residents as well. We work with the St. Francis Usher's Club to host the Children's Christmas party every December, including presents for local kids, lunch, balloon art by the Jolly Jesters, crafts, games, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus!!! We are also planning our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Easter Egg hunt for the children the Saturday before Easter at Rec Park in April 2025! 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 you have an event or a cause for which you would like us to help, please email us at McKeanWomensGroup@gmail.com. We meet at the St. Francis Usher's Club (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) on the third Tuesday of each month with the exception of January.

McKean Women's Group...Nurturing Community.



### McKean Hose Company

Happy new year to our community from all of us at McKean Hose Company! We want to start by introducing our officers for 2025.

Scott Haywood- Chief 400 Brennan Smith- Deputy Chief 401 Jonathan Zentis- Deputy Chief 410 Chris Henry- Captain 411 John Meyer- Captain Fire Police 40-01 Jay Cerny-Captain Ambulance 40-A1 Steven Amrhein-Lieutenant 40-A2 Mike Zentis-Safety Officer S-40 Heather Courson-President Michaela Zentis-Vice-President John Meyer-Recording Secretary Steven Amrhein-Finance Secretary Eva Selker-Treasurer Chris Henry-Fund Drive Brian Kelly- Chaplain

From our Middleboro Fire and Rescue side, we continue to hire on employees, and are hoping to eventually have 24/7 coverage. We thankfully still have volunteers dedicated to filling in the gaps in coverage when available. We also continue to work collaboratively with our neighboring departments to provide coverage.



We are continuing to plan various fundraisers and have already started to plan the annual gun raffle. Feedback gathered from last year reported that a majority of people preferred it in November. It will be moved back to November 8th this year with the location to be announced.

Lastly we would like to express our ongoing appreciation to the community that we serve. Without your support through donations, fund drive, and various events, we couldn't continue to provide emergency services.

Thank you!



### 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!

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.

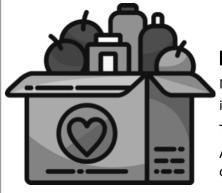
After not being able to hold our annual Poker Run for the last two winters, we were happy to have a very successful Poker Run this year! We had over 120 registered snowmobiles participate and we signed up 25+ new club members! It was a great time for all the individuals and families that were able to join us. 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 trailing, funding for trail maintenance, as well as working closely with the DCNR and other state government organizations.

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, and to join our club, you can find us on FaceBook or visit our website at <a href="https://www.mckeansnowriders.com">www.mckeansnowriders.com</a>. If you own a snowmobile, join a club!





### ANNOUNCEMENT

**McKean Area Food Pantry** is Now Open & Proudly Serving the McKean Community on Thursdays 1:00-3:00pm at 4950 N. Main St (white building behind the Church, the former Pre School building)

This Program is in conjunction with the 2nd Harvest Food Bank.

Any questions, please contact Becky Miller at 814-490-8938 or mckeanareafoodpantry@gmail.com. Volunteers are Welcome!

# McKean Boy Scouts In Action



### McKEAN BOY SCOUT TROOP 73



2025 brings change to Troop 73. We are now chartered by McKean Hose Company. Mike Zentis is the Charter Representative, the go between the Troop and the Charter organization. Mike is a past Scoutmaster and knows the Aims and Methods of Scouting.

Jeff Greco is the Scoutmaster. Jeff has good organizational skills and the support of a strong committee to keep a commitment to "Doing their Best". Summer camp is planned for out of Council at Camp Sinoquipe in June. Located near Fort Littleton Pa. it provides a challenging outdoors experience for youth and leaders alike. Yearly summer camp is the access to earning merit badges and advanced outdoor adventures. Mountain biking, repelling, canoeing, campfires and swimming task the physically strong and mentally awake part of the Boy Scout Oath. The camp also offers all the classic merit badges; First Aid, Lifesaving, cooking as well as the latest tech and skill requirements.

APRIL 26th is the spaghetti dinner date. This maybe



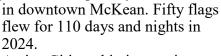
the last one we run with the current troop. Serving from 4 to 7pm. Cost is still \$10.00 per person, Five and under free. The bake sale and basket auction will happen as usual. This serving of scout pasta continues the annual

community support and breaking bread together.

Five scouts have earned Eagle since the last newsletter. Ryan Dedrick in 2023. Hugh Wolcott, Dan Gwinn, Cody Etzel and Ethan Snyder in 2024. Each planned and completed a community project and passed a Council Eagle Review board. Several are multiple generational Eagle families. There are three other scouts well on the Eagle trail.

McKean recycled 1142 pounds of aluminum cans and used the money to defray the yearly cost of registration. Collection bins are located at the back of the Parish Center. We request all cans be bagged. Other aluminum items are also collected here. Aluminum ONLY, no steel please.

The American flags will once again fly this summer



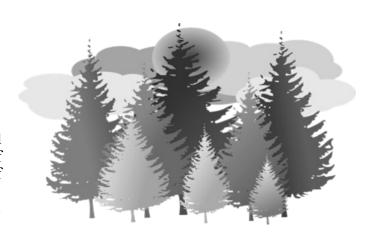
Active Citizenship is scouting. Troop 73 instills American scouting ideals.

The Troop thanks: St. Francis Parish for the continued usage. St. Francis Ushers Club for the large contribution towards expenses. McKean and Wainer Recreational Park Authorities for the many project opportunities. Eric Dedrick for serving as scoutmaster. Allison Marendt, Amenda Greco, Sara Hart and Aundrea Simko filling key committee positions. Shawn Weist and Hugh Wolcott as Assistant Scoutmasters.

I would like to recognize Dar Wise of Troop 104-G for earning Eagle Scout. Dar is the 11<sup>th</sup>. Girl in French Creek Council to earn Eagle. Brothers Quillian and Brody earned Eagle with McKean Troop 73.

We want your boys 11 and above. McKean Troop 73 is 75 years of being in McKean. To make 76 we need members. The troop meets most Sundays at St. Francis at 6pm. The Troop will do everything it can to assist joining the Troop.

Catch you on the trail or next campfire.





A Family Tradition Since 1974

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

REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE 2/1/2025: <u>www.erieyouthsoccer.org</u>

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 G/B

14U G/B

High School Division G/B

IN NEED OF:

**SPONSORS** 

**COACHES** 

REFEREES

FIELD GENERALS

# Want to know what's going on in our Municipality?

### Sign up for Savvy Citizen™





Savvy Citizen will keep you better informed of important municipal news and happenings in our community directly on your smartphone or other devices.

Sign-up for Apple and Android users is simple and free. Become more savvy and receive useful municipal updates, community news and event reminders by downloading today.

#### Become a Savvy Citizen!

Download the App:







### Saturday, July 26, 2025

McKean Community Day is filled with fun, friends and entertainment. Most attractions are located at the McKean Community Park but there are also fun events throughout both communities of McKean Borough and McKean Township! If you interested in volunteering, or you have a great idea to add to the celebration, please reach out to the McKean Development Group at mckeandevelopmentgroup@gmail.com

See you at the park!

# American Cancer Society

Hello everyone! For those of you I haven't met, my name is Michelle Ducharme and I am the NWPA Associate Director of Development for your American Cancer Society. While almost all ACS staff became homebased in 2020, I live and work right here in McKean. The mission of the American Cancer Society is to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer. I encourage you to check out our resources because we offer so much more than just research! One of my favorite programs is Road to Recovery, where volunteer drivers help get patients to their appointments when they may otherwise have to miss them. In Erie County alone, in 2023, these volunteers provided 17patients with 194 rides! While that number may shock some of you, sadly, the full ride need was not met due to the need of more volunteers. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the ranks of these life-saving volunteers please visit www.cancer.org/transportation to learn more. Of course we can't provide mission services without funding and our local volunteers are some of the best there are at putting together impactful fundraising events for the community from our NWPA Area Board to our Relay For Life of Erie County, PA event leadership team and participants to our **Daffodil Days** volunteers. We even have local volunteers that join us in Harrisburg each Spring for Day at the Capitol Lobby Days to keep the push to end cancer as we know it, for everyone, front and center without local law makers. To learn more or take advantage of any of the programs and services we offer, please visit cancer.org or call **800.227.2345** 24-hours a day to be connected to our National Cancer Information Specialist, ready to help whenever you need us. If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities please visit cancer.org/volunteer, call 800.227.2345 or reach out to me directly at Michelle.Ducharme@cancer.org. I'd love to talk to you.

# Are you in need of food?

#### YOUR LOCAL FOOD BANK CAN HELP!

Call Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania's food help line at **(814) 459-3663 ext.117**.

Our friendly staff will help you find one of our partnered food pantries, soup kitchens, or other feeding programs near you. We can also guide you through any of your questions or concerns.

#### **NEED HELP APPLYING FOR SNAP?**

If you or someone you know needs help applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), please call Second Harvest's SNAP Outreach Coordinator at (814) 459-3663 ext.118.

Scan here for an agency closest to you.





1507 Grimm Drive Erie, PA 16501 | (814) 459-3663 www.nwpafoodbank.org





### **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,

2024 is a year gone by with fond memories for many of us. Now we are looking forward to another year with the winter coming in with a bang!! We continue to work diligently so that our roads and bridges will remain safe for traveling throughout each year. It has been our continued pleasure to serve you during the past year, and we look forward to serving you again in this year. A BIG THANK YOU is being extended to our residents who continue to volunteer 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 continue to extend an invitation to the community to attend any of our public meetings.

**WELCOME ABOARD**: We are pleased to announce that Tenderrlee Little and Dan Eaton will be serving another term on the Planning Commission; Ron Crist was re-appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board, and Richard Harvey was appointed for another year as Vacancy Board Chairman. We are extending a big welcome to Jessica Temple and Matt Mariani who have just been appointed to the Water Authority.

**VACANCIES**: We continue to have a vacancy on our Sewer Authority. We would welcome any resident or business owner who would be willing to serve on any of these boards. The Sewer Authority meets three times each year during the months of March, July, and November.

### **TAXES**

It's an ongoing fact of life...tax time springs up this time of year again......!

Any questions you may have regarding local income taxes should be directed to: Berkheimer Associates, 3608 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16506, Phone No. 833-4870. If you are ready to file your taxes and can't find the appropriate forms, you may download local tax forms on line at www.hab-inc.com, state tax forms at www.revenue.state.pa.us, and federal forms at www.irs.gov. Click on individual tax forms......

### RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

The tax exemptions for new residential construction of single-family dwellings expires December 31, 2026. This exemption from taxes is 100% for a period of three years. This means all real estate taxes......township, county, and school taxes. There were 5 families who will be taking advantage of this worthwhile tax exemption in 2024 with hopefully many more for 2025 and 2026....



### 2025 DOG LICENSES......



......are available at the township office from 8 a.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 \$9.20 and spayed or neutered is \$7.20. If you see a stray or nuisance dog, call the animal enforcement officer Jacob Bennett at (814) 934-2983

### ROADS AND BRIDGES

We continue to keep the roads and bridges throughout our community at the highest possible standard thanks to Brian, Ron, Jeff, Jarred and Brad!!

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL.....It is unlawful to park any motor vehicle or other vehicle on any roadway in the township during winter maintenance operation months.......Also, it is unlawful to deposit snow or ice upon any township public roadway. In addition, no person shall park a motor vehicle overnight on any public roadway dedicated and accepted by the Township and/or maintained by the Township.

If there is a problem with ditches or potholes in the spring, please call our office at 814-476-7414. All Township paved roads will be posted with a 10-ton weight limit until May 15, 2024. Observing the weight limitation on these roads through the early spring months will help avoid costly road repairs.

We are hoping to begin construction of the three bridges on Old 99 beginning May of this year. These bridges will be replaced at no cost to McKean Township due to monies from the \$5 Local Use Fee on car registrations with PADOT sharing in the total costs of the project.

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

Comer Golden Pebble Creek Drive

Osborne Windy Hill Hamot
Quance McLaughlin Silverthorn
California Maplecrest Drive Mayfair Drive

Counryside Drive Georgetown Drive Thomas

Wagner Van Camp

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 2025 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. Anyone wishing more information about this worthwhile program should contact either the Erie County Department of Planning at 451-6016 or the McKean Township office at 476-7414.



### **ZONING**

Semi Storage Units continue to be utilized throughout the township for storage of materials in all zoning districts. But!.....Did you know that all storage units require a permit before being placed? They must meet all setback restrictions of the zoning district they are located and may only be placed in the R-1, R-2, and A-1 zoning districts for a period of ninety (90) days....that's correct, they are temporary structures in McKean Township.

For more zoning information, please contact Tenderrlee Little at 814-476-7414 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or log onto our website at <a href="https://www.mckeantownship.com">www.mckeantownship.com</a> for zoning ordinance information.



### **MAILBOX PLACEMENT**

Here are some helpful guidelines to follow when placing your mailbox:

• Position your mailbox to make sure that the lowest part of the arm horizontal support be a minimum distance of 40" from the road berm.

Put your house or apartment number on the mailbox.

### 911 HOUSE NUMBERS

McKean Township continues to offer 911 house numbers at our office for all McKean Township and McKean Borough residents. These house numbers are highly reflective and assist emergency medical crews in finding your location in the event of an emergency. The funding for the signage was obtained through a grant application by McKean Hose Company.

Suggested placement is on your mailbox with the signs being placed either vertically or horizontally, so that they can be seen from either direction of the roadway. Placing them on the home, facing the home from the mailbox, or on trees and fences can actually hinder identifying your location!

Stop in today and pick up your free sign.

### **Cub Scout Pack 177**

Edinboro & McKean Cub Scout Pack 177 is an adventurous and welcoming pack for boys and girls from Kindergarten to 5th grade, where fun, friendship, and learning go hand in hand! Our pack is all about exploration, development and teamwork, offering exciting activities like camping, racing in the Pinewood Derby, and giving back through community service projects. Whether we're hiking trails, building confidence, or learning new skills, Pack 177 is a place where every Scout can grow, lead, and discover the world around them all while having a blast! Join us for adventure, service, and lifelong memories! The Pack meets Tuesdays from 6:00PM – 7:30PM at the Edinboro Methodist church located at 113 High St, Edinboro, PA 16412. All are welcomed. It is never too late to join!





PRSRT STD U.S. POSTAGE FAIRVIEW PA PERMIT #7

### McKEAN BOROUGH

McKean Borough Hall - 8952 Main Street, P.O. Box 195 - McKean PA 16426 - Phone 476-1691

McKean Borough Council

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

Weslee A. Clapper-Krepps, Mayor Dodi Oblinski, President Rose Scouten, Vice President

Teri Dillon, Secretary/Treasurer, Zoning Administrator

Atty Pat Kennedy, Solicitor **Council Members:** Eric Morgan **Molly Davies** 

Tony Milano Frederick Dylewski, Auditor Kristen Bauer, Auditor

Mary Goetz, Tax Collector

4927 East Avenue McKean, PA 16426 476-0134

**Planning Board** 

Meetings: First Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. as needed

**Emily Jonas** 

Bill Feehley

Jen Haywood

**Municipal Sewer Authority** 

Meetings: Fourth Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Greg Markievich David Larson Dan Gruver

John Reichard Rick Dylewski, Bus. Mgr

Matt Jonas

**Zoning Hearing Board** Meetings as needed

Mike Gangle Sr.

Seth Davies

Rob Pamula

### **McKEAN TOWNSHIP**

McKean Township Building - 9231 Edinboro Road, P.O. Box 62 McKean PA 16426 Phone: 476-7414 Fax: 476-1257- www.mckeantownship.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, 2025 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 Ken Stanley

Ronald Crist Janice Dennis, Secretary

**Planning Commission** 

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

Frank Dachtyl **Edward Hess** 

James Bentze Brian Cooper John Blount

Tenderrlee Little Daniel Eaton

**Sewer Authority** 

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

Jeffrev Brooks Vacancy Keith Lawson

David Little Ronald Bole

Water Authority

Road Crew

Meetings: June 25 3:00 p.m.

Tenderrlee Little James Neuburger Janice Dennis

Matt Mariani

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

Bradley Motter, Senior Laborer Jerred Jeska, Senior Laborer

Jessica Temple

### 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**