

McCleary Food Bank

To help meet the demand for food during the holidays, the McCleary Food Bank will add a third day of operations during the months of November and December. We are normally open each month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 8:30am - 11am.

December's 4th Monday will be closed however, they will be open Tuesday 26th. Holiday meal bags will be distributed for the first time during the 3rd Monday in November and December. There will be additional fixings included in the meal bags.

Holiday Schedule

Dec 11th 8:30-11am

Dec 18th 8:30-11am(Special Holiday Meal Bags available only.)

McCleary Police Department

Greetings from the McCleary Police Department! We've been actively engaged with various members of our staff and the community. Officer Sneed and I recently participated in a safety meeting with the school, focusing on keeping our kids safe. You'll find one of our officers' present during morning drop-off and afternoon pickup regularly. Additionally, we've been part of the visitors' lunch and plan to increase our involvement in the future.

A friendly reminder to our community: the speed limit in school zones is 20 mph.

Notably, a recent Facebook post hinted at a possible prowler, though it wasn't reported to dispatch. Thankfully, our night shift officer contacted the individual, who was visiting friends, temporarily lost, and later safely reconnected. We encourage everyone to call 9-1-1 when needed, ensuring our on-duty officers can promptly respond and provide appropriate assistance or investigation.

Your safety is our priority, and we appreciate your partnership in keeping our community secure.

Upcoming Events

McCleary Museum Christmas Store 12/1
12/2

Santa Breakfast & Tree Auction 12/2

Christmas in McCleary 12/2

Train Lighting @ 6pm 12/2

Holiday House Decorating Contest 11/23
12/25

McCleary FD Santa Around Town 12/16

City Hall Closures

- 12/25 & 26 Christmas

Desk of the Mayor

I am thrilled to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Chief Paul Nott and Chief Jerry Banks for their remarkable decades of dedicated service to the McCleary Fire Department and Fire District 12 community. As they embark on a well-deserved retirement at the end of December, we reflect on nearly 30 years of unwavering commitment. Day or night, on weekends and holidays, they have been the steadfast responders to our community's calls – be it for fires, emergency medical services, assisting at the Beehive Community Center, or even dealing with lightning strikes. Behind every dedicated firefighter is a supportive partner, and I want to express my gratitude to Cindy Nott and Gina Banks for standing by their husbands throughout these years. Having served in the military, I understand the unique challenges faced by spouses, and their support does not go unnoticed.



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Council's Corner

The McCleary Police Department and McCleary School District partnered up for the annual Fill the Cruiser for McCleary students. A big thank you to all that donated non-perishable, food items, school supplies and clothing/ personal hygiene products. The police department delivered a carload of donation for the students in need.

McCleary, Police Department, and Our Credit Union along with private citizens provided Thanksgiving meals to families in need. A big thank you for the partnership to make this a success.

After Hours Outage

(360) 495-3667 opt. 1

Winter Weatherization Tips

- Weatherproof your windows to save on heating. Caulk any air gaps and install storm windows if you have them.
- Inspect and repair your roof and chimney. Look for loose or damaged shingles and sweep out any debris or creosote from the chimney.
- Trim back any trees or branches that pose a risk of falling on your house or power lines.
- Test your sump pump and make sure it's working properly. This can prevent flooding and water damage in your basement.
- Avoid bursting pipes by insulating them and keeping the heat at least 65° F. Know where your water shutoff valve is in case of an emergency.
- Reverse your ceiling fans to push warm air down and circulate it throughout the room.
- Protect your floors from winter grime by placing mats at every entrance and cleaning them regularly.
- Flush out your gutters and downspouts to prevent ice dams and leaks. Remove any leaves, twigs, or debris that might clog them.
- Replace your furnace filter and have your heating system serviced by a professional. This can improve your air quality and energy efficiency.
- Check and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. These devices can save your life in case of a fire or gas leak.

“Be an encourager. The world has plenty of critics already.” - Dave Willis

McCleary PD Chatter

Please call the non-emergency number **360-533-8765** to speak with an officer, as we are not always in the office.

Call **911** if there is an emergency or while an unlawful act is in progress.

Call the **360-495-3107** for any other police department related business.

McCleary's 'Dinky' The Train

A fascinating piece of our local history concerning a remarkable Porter 0-4-2T narrow gauge logging locomotive, which has been part of our community since 1888. Initially delivered to the Puget Sound & Chehalis Railroad (PS&CV #1), also known as the Mosher and McDonald Railroad, it was the first logging road in our region. Successors to the PS&CV are noted on an info plaque, with a 1905 newspaper linking it to the 'Old Jameson Road.' The Jameson Logging Company Railroad, potentially part of the McCleary line, operated around 1905. Both the Mosher & McDonald and Jameson lines were owned by the elusive Wolverine Co. of Seattle. In 1905/06, the locomotive transitioned to the Henry McCleary Timber Co., converting to standard gauge tracks and serving until 1941. Affectionately called 'Dinky' or 'Dink,' it remained integral to the McCleary mill. In 1943, amid significant changes, McCleary sold to Simpson Logging Co., but no records show the locomotive operating under Simpson. Now housed in Beerbower Park, McCleary, alongside a steam-powered fire engine, 'Dinky' is Washington's second-oldest locomotive, a cherished relic of our local heritage.

McCleary Planning Commission

Our city is in search of passionate individuals to join the Planning Commission, a vital role in shaping our future. Currently, we have two vacancies on this 5-member, non-paid, voluntary board. The Planning Commission plays a crucial role in reviewing the Land Use Comprehensive Plan, contributing to the update of city zoning, and addressing the needs of our community in managing growth. Their input is invaluable when it comes to projects related to sidewalks, beautification, and other enhancements for our beloved city. Meetings are typically held once a month in the evenings, or as needed. To those interested in contributing to the Planning Commission, please note the requirements: you must be a City of McCleary resident or live within 2 miles of the city limits and be a McCleary utility customer. If you have any questions or if this opportunity resonates with you, don't hesitate to reach out to me at chrism@cityofmccleary.com.

