

THE OUTLOOK

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McFarland Newsletter

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



We are pleased to honor Barb Obst as an exemplary volunteer for this issue of Village Volunteer Spotlight. Barb has served this community in many different forms throughout the years, but her heart has always had a special tie to the library system.

Growing up in a small town in Alberta Province, Canada, Barb was an avid reader, collecting the library cards from her parents and sister before a visit to the tiny local library in order to surpass the 3-book checkout limit. That kind of ingenuity served her well when she identified a need for an improved library system in McFarland.

After relocating to McFarland in 1976 and starting her family, Barb would take her young son to the visiting Bookmobile and knew that this community needed a literary upgrade. She partnered up with other citizens and created a variety of fundraising campaigns—historic home tours, garden tours, and Mystery Dinners, but the one that has endured the longest can trace its origin to a productive apple tree and some determined bakers. The Friends of McFarland Library Apple Pie Sale, featured at the McFarland Family Festival has been providing delicious, homemade slices of apple pie to community members ever since, growing to boast 300 pies in recent years, with the proceeds going to support the E.D. Locke Library.

Resolve to Get Involved!

Mark your calendars for the 12th Annual McFarland Community Service Day on Saturday, April 25th from 8am to noon.

Community Service Day is a day of action and service inspired by Earth Day, wherein community members of all ages can join together to devote some energy and elbow grease to spring clean our parks, natural areas, and public spaces. Volunteers have a variety of opportunities such as: kayaking along our waterways to pick up trash; distributing mulch and hay bales in the McFarland Community Garden; washing McFarland Police vehicles; dusting shelves at the E.D. Locke Public Library; raking leaves and cleaning park equipment; and much more! Individuals, families, youth clubs and service groups are encouraged to participate. Snacks and drinks are provided for volunteers.

Sign up in McFarland Municipal Center lobby (5915 Milwaukee Street) or online at www.mcfarland.wi.us Questions? Call 608-838-7117.

Barb has continued with the leadership of the Friends group through the years, and currently serves as the President. In addition to coordinating the apple pie sale, the Friends keep busy organizing book sales, managing membership, and supporting the burgeoning library. Barb has seen her hard work pay off, as the library grew from a bus to a small building to the beautiful E.D. Locke Public Library we enjoy today.

Barb is also the treasurer of the McFarland Garden Club and dedicates her time and energy to beautifying the club's flower garden gracing the intersection of Farwell and Exchange Streets in the summer months. Barb enjoys that her volunteerism has never been solitary, and she has had the pleasure to meet so many great people throughout her work in this community, many who have become dear friends. Barb emphasized her pride in this Village and all it has to offer and is so happy to call McFarland home. Thank you for your dedication to this community, Barb!

If you are interested in volunteering for the Friends of McFarland Library, contact 608-838-9030 for more information.

12TH ANNUAL

MCFARLAND COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY



Saturday, April 25, 2020

8am-Noon



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The past year has been one of great activity on many fronts for the Village of McFarland. The Village Board and village employees worked hard throughout the year to meet some of the goals established which will position our village for the future. Of course none of this would have been achievable without the support of the community. With the new year upon us, it is important for us to reflect on where we have been to be sure we know where we are headed. In that regard, I would like to offer my "Progress Report" for 2019.



Our top priority is to ensure a proper stewardship of resources and funds with the overall goal of making McFarland a better place for all of our citizens. Let me start off by saying the state of the village is good. Audits of our general fund and utilities indicates both are healthy. In fact, our fund balances exceed our policy percentage requirements which allows for monies to go to areas of need and other projects. As we move forward, we have made sure that our financial house is in order. Without proper planning and safeguards, our impressive growth would be for naught. I am thrilled that our village has achieved an upgraded bond rating from Moody's Bond Rating service due to the village's strong financial position. The rating allows McFarland to realize savings on the sale of bonds in the public marketplace.

The new year brings opportunities for our community to move forward in many ways. Over the past year, we have focused on increasing engagement with residents in a more meaningful way in the major decisions affecting our community. The village began a process to engage the community in a strategic planning initiative to provide a long-range framework to guide the decisions of current and future village boards on planning and resource allocation. In addition, the Communications and Technology Department was reorganized to provide

more services and support to village staff and the public. In addition to that, the village's website was redesigned to make the site easier to use and mobile friendly.

The village is committed to ensuring that our police and fire & rescue departments have the necessary tools, equipment, and technology to keep our community safe. The village engaged the services of a consultant to conduct a public safety analysis to review current and future anticipated Police and Fire-EMS service needs, and to provide facility-related options and recommendations on fulfilling those needs.

Yes, McFarland is thriving, and opportunities abound for all to enjoy. People from all over continue to find and enjoy McFarland - our lakes, river, parks, bike trails, restaurants, and friendly people. More continue to call McFarland home as the village received and approved annexation petitions to the east, south, and north of Siggelkow Road. With all of this positive growth comes the need for expanded housing opportunities. Developments were approved in TID 3 along Terminal Drive and TID 5 along Farwell Street that include residential housing and commercial and office space. Conceptual plans were approved for affordable housing and for a memory care facility. Our continued growth put us in the enviable position of reducing the tax rate by 28-cents per \$1,000 or 4.11%, from 2019 for the 2020 village budget. This is the lowest tax rate the village has had since 2012 and marks the third consecutive year that the tax rate has decreased.

McFarland is blessed with competent and well-trained staff, led by a hard-working and dedicated village administrator. I am more than confident that we are positioned in a manner that will ensure our success. The distinctions our village has earned in recent years are the product of hard work, determination and teamwork. There is little doubt that 2020 will be just as busy and just as productive. We live in a great community with many benefits. I know can speak for the Village Board as we begin this new year by stating that we have a shared commitment to making McFarland an even better place.

Brad Czebotar
Village President

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Optimist-Police Bike Rodeo set for May 2nd at 8:30am

The McFarland Optimists and McFarland Police Department announce their annual Bike Rodeo set for Saturday, May 2. The event runs 8:30am to 11:00am and will be held at the E.D. Locke Public Library. Free helmets are available, but limited, and a safety check on youth bicycles. A \$1 breakfast sponsored by the Police Explorers will be there, as well as an opportunity to purchase a Dane County Bike Trail pass.

Be sure to bring your bicycle so you can work on your riding in our skills course, and don't forget the best part - a chance to win a new bike in a drawing! This is a rain or shine event. Mark your calendars!





SCHUENKE SNAPSHOT

Welcome to 2020! I hope everyone in our Community and beyond had a nice holiday season. While we trudge on through the heart of winter, there are many good things going on now that will take us into a very active year. The Village Board has been working on creating our first Strategic Plan to help as a resource in decision making regarding our priorities into the future. Several goals and objectives have been established with a corresponding action plan to help monitor progress in achieving these priorities. The first draft of the full plan has been completed and published on the Village website for review. Individuals may review the plan in order to evaluate its elements and make comments on what has been prepared thus far. The Village Board intends to complete this work in February in order to shift gears towards working on implementation of its elements over the long term.

One of the key elements of this Strategic Plan is to construct a new Public Safety Center that will serve the needs of our Fire & Rescue, Municipal Court, and Police Departments well into the future. There are several constraints the project is meant to address for each Department by providing for efficient, suitable, and safe space in order to operate these essential services. Furthermore, this provides for the opportunity to develop a Community Center within the Municipal Center complex within the space they will vacate. The Village has worked out a land swap with the McFarland School District that avoids from having to spend additional funds to buy land for this purpose. An architect is in the process of being hired this winter/spring to assist in the planning, design, and bidding services for this project. While it gets underway to move this project forward, the Village will be reexamining planning efforts on how best to reuse the Municipal Center as a Community Center. There is a tremendous opportunity to add space for meetings, events, socialization, and other active uses that can benefit all involved.

The Village will continue to be active in planning as well as improving our Park System in 2020:

McFarland Park, as well as the newly acquired Community Park land, will undergo a master planning effort to study their future land uses. This type of effort serves as a guide for their development in the future based on the amenities that

are desired for implementation at these areas.

Furthermore, we will continue to study the implementation of outdoor aquatics in the Village. The Aquatics Feasibility Study was completed in 2019 and suggested several ideas that will continue to be evaluated by the Parks Committee in 2020 for possible implementation in the future.

Urso/Schuetz Park will be receiving a newly construct frisbee golf course this spring and we are also looking to add a shelter facility to support the dog park with bathrooms and dog washing.

While we have not determined a location, a multi-court development of pickleball courts is in the works as we begin the planning/design work to add this active use to our park system within a location to be determined.

Finally, the Village Board established as one of its priorities the planning and design work of a park focused on individuals with special needs. We hope this work will receive lots of input from the Community and come to fruition in 2021.

While the Outlook Newsletter is printed and delivered three times per year, there are many ways to stay informed about what's happening in McFarland. Consider subscribing to The Lookout, our e-newsletter delivered to your email every other Thursday. You can sign up for this at mcfarland.wi.us/enewsletter. Additionally, the Administrator Staff Report provides a twice-monthly summary about various activity in the Village through the year. You can view those reports at mcfarland.wi.us/adminreport. Finally, all of our meeting agenda, minutes, and packets are online for public viewing at mcfarland.wi.us/agendas. Also new will be a community calendar to help consolidate and organize local events, activities in our community, found at mcfarland.wi.us/communitycalendar. Look for more information on that tool very soon! All of this information, and many more on our website, can be helpful resources about what is going on in our community and the different services provided.

Thank you again for being part of this community. We look forward to continuing to serve our residents for what will be another active year in McFarland.

Sincerely,
Matt Schuenke, Village Administrator

Cat and Dog Licensing Reminder

State law and Village of McFarland ordinance require that all dogs be licensed.

Cat and dog licenses expire annually on December 31st. 2020 licenses may be obtained in person at the Administration Department, located in the McFarland Municipal Center, or by mail at: Village of McFarland, P.O. Box 110, McFarland, WI, 53558-0110. **Licenses obtained after March 31st will be assessed a \$5 per dog late fee.**

If you request a license by mail you will also need to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return of the tag, license, and proof documents. In order to obtain a license, in person or by mail, the following information must be provided.

- Owner name, address and telephone number.
- Pet name, breed, color and sex.
- Proof of current rabies vaccination from a veterinarian.
- A check made payable to the Village of McFarland for \$18 for spayed or neutered pets and \$23 for a pet that is not spayed or neutered.

You can download the application online at mcfarland.wi.us/licensespermits, then scroll down the page and click on "Pet Licenses." Please note that in order to use the McFarland Dog Park, you must obtain a *separate* dog park permit and your dog must be properly licensed with the 2020 tag displayed.

ADMINISTRATION

Spring Election information – what you need to know

Date: April 7, 2020

Polling Hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Polling Location: McFarland Municipal Center,
5915 Milwaukee St, McFarland WI 53558.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Village offices on the spring ballot including:

Village Trustee (2-year term) – *Vote for no more than three:*

- o Alyssa Charlesworth
- o Carolyn Clow
- o Michael Flaherty
- o Justin Rupert

Municipal Judge (4-year term) – *Vote for one:*

- o Rãndi L. Othrow

Incumbents Dan Kolk, Mary Pat Lytle, and Jerry Adrian filed their notification of non-candidacy and will not be seeking re-election. We thank them for their service to the community and for all their years of service.

For a full sample ballot visit: myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Preview-MyBallot or contact the Administrative office at 608-838-3153.

CANDIDATE FORUM

Because there are four candidates running for three trustee seats, the Village will hold a candidate forum on March 14th at 11am in the Municipal Center. After the candidate forum, there will be a meet and greet opportunity for residents to talk with Village Board Trustee candidates. More information will be released on the forum via the Village website, e-newsletter, Village social media, and more, as we get closer to the April 7, 2020 election.

CAN I VOTE EARLY?

Clerk's Office Absentee Voting

Clerk's Office absentee voting will begin March 16th through April 2nd during office hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 3rd. Electors will need to show a valid photo ID to be issued a ballot.

Absentee Ballot by Mail

Voters can also request to receive an absentee ballot by mail. Registered voters must make their request in writing to have an absentee ballot mailed to them. The request must include:

- name
- address
- address to which the ballot should be mailed
- signature
- a copy of Photo ID, if not already on file.

(Indefinitely confined and military electors are exempt from this requirement)

You can request to have an absentee ballot mailed to by visiting: myvote.wi.gov/en-US/VoteAbsentee.

You can upload your photo ID to the site and your request will be forwarded directly to the Municipal Clerk. Additionally, you may also make a request for an absentee ballot by mail to Village Clerk, 5915 Milwaukee St, McFarland WI 53558, or email village.administration@mcfarland.wi.us.

Valid requests for an absentee ballot by mail will be filled within 1 business day. Electors may request to receive a ballot by mail up until Thursday April 2nd at 5 p.m.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING ON ELECTION DAY?

On Election Day, voters must provide one of the following photo IDs before they can cast a ballot. The following IDs are still valid if unexpired prior to November 6, 2018:

- Wisconsin Driver License
- Wisconsin State ID Card
- Military ID Card
- U.S. Passport Book or Card

The following forms of photo ID are also acceptable:

- A Certificate of Naturalization, within 2 years of issuance
- Driver License Receipt issued by the WI DOT, within 45 days of issuance
- ID issued by a federally recognized Wisconsin Indian Tribe (Can still be used if expired)
- Veterans Affairs ID Card (must be unexpired or have no expiration)
- A photo ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college, or technical college along with an enrollment verification document. The card must show the voter's name, signature, photo, the date the card was issued, and the date the card expires.

The issued date cannot be more than two years from the expiration date. The card may still be used to vote even if it is expired.

**Your photo ID DOES NOT need to include a current address.*

**If you do not have a photo ID, a free ID can be obtained from your local DMV. For more information call 266-1069.*

Check your voter registration status prior to the 2020 election cycle!

Village Residents are encouraged to check their voter register status online, and if necessary, register to vote in advance of election Day. Registering in advance saves A LOT OF TIME on Election Day for you and gets everyone in and out on election day faster.

If your Wisconsin Driver's license or Wisconsin DOT issued ID, is unexpired and contains your current address, you can register to vote quickly and easily online in under 5 minutes with nothing to sign or mail. It is super convenient! Visit: <https://myvote.wi.gov>

If you have questions concerning your voter registration status or need assistance confirming your voter registration status, please contact Village Administration at 608-838-3153.

ADMINISTRATION

2020 Property Assessment Process

The Village sustains full value maintenance process for property valuations. This process maintains 100% value each year and ensures that assessed values are kept more in line with current market values. The Village's assessor will also inspect recent sales and properties that pulled building permits in the prior year. This approach to property valuation will likely mean that the assessed value of your property will change every year to reflect the market. Please be aware if your assessed value changes, the assessor is **REQUIRED** to provide you note. **If you disagree with the valuation, please make sure you contact the assessor via Open Book or Board of Review processes described below.** The Village stresses the importance of re-viewing your assessment **EVERY YEAR** and following up with the assessor with any questions you may have. By the time you reach your property tax bill, it is almost always too late to change your assessment, so it is extremely important to review your notice each and every year!

If your assessment has changed from last year, **YOU WILL** receive a notice of updated assessment from Accurate Appraisal in early April.

For more information on the property assessment/taxation process please visit: www.mcfarland.wi.us/administration/assessments



OPEN BOOK will be held on Thursday April 23rd from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center, 5915 Milwaukee Street. Open Book is an important first step if you have questions or concerns about your property assessment and offers an informal opportunity for you to meet personally with the assessor to discuss your assessment and find out the basis on which your assessment was determined. At Open Book, the Property Assessment Roll for the entire Village will be open for public review and property owners can check the Roll to compare their assessment to that of similar properties.

To schedule an appointment for Open Book online, go to <http://www.accurateassessor.com>. Once on the Accurate Appraisal, LLC Home Page, go to "Click here to schedule your open book or walk thru appointment," click on "Open Book Appointment," and then click on "McFarland Village of" and schedule a date and time to meet with the assessor. If you do not have computer access, you can schedule an appointment for Open Book by calling Accurate's toll free number: 1-800-770-3927.

BOARD OF REVIEW will be held on Thursday May 28th starting at 9 a.m. in Conference Room A of the McFarland Municipal Center. The first formal step in the property assessment appeal process starts at the Board of Review. If you disagree with your property assessment after attending Open Book, you can appeal to the Board of Review. The Board of Review is a quasi-judicial body that can adjust assessments when they have been proven incorrect by sworn oral testimony. Evidence you may present to support your opinion of the property value may include recent sale prices of like properties, appraisals, a competitive market analysis prepared by a realtor or the location, effective age, and condition of the property, among other things. At the Board of Review both the assessor and property owner present oral testimony under oath. The Board of Review is legally bound to accept the assessor's assessment as correct unless there is factual evidence presented that proves the assessment to be incorrect.

To schedule an appeal before the Board of Review you will need to obtain an "Objection Form for Real Property Assessment" from the Village Clerk whose office is located in the Administration Department of the McFarland Municipal Center, 5915 Milwaukee Street, additionally the clerk can be contacted at cassandra.suettinger@mcfarland.wi.us. An appointment will be scheduled upon submittal of a completed form to the Village Clerk. To assure a hearing, you must complete and deliver an "Objection Form for Real Property Assessment" to the Village Clerk at least 48 hours prior to the Board of Review meeting.

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WANTED: People to help shape your community

The Village is always looking for people with a fresh perspective to serve on committees. One of the most important elements of Village government is its committee structure. Most committees, boards, and commissions meet once a month and are comprised of a combination of elected Village Board members and appointed citizen representatives who provide a sounding board for community opinion. Committees often deal directly with citizen issues and make advisory policy recommendations to the Village Board.

The Village has the following committees:

Note: Committees bolded are actively looking to fill vacancies.

- **Board of Review**
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Communications and Technology Committee
- Community Development Authority
- Emergency Management Committee
- Ethics Board
- Finance Committee
- Landmarks Commission
- Library Board
- Parks, Recreation, & Natural Resources Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Plan Commission
- Police and Fire Commission
- Public Safety Committee
- **Public Utilities Committee**
- Public Works Committee
- Senior Outreach Services Committee
- **Volunteer Committee**

A summary of the Village committees, boards, and commissions, plus a brief description of the major responsibilities of each can be found on our website, mcfarland.wi.us/boardsandcommittees.

If interested in serving on a committee, please send a brief letter of interest and statement of qualifications to: Village President, PO Box 110, McFarland, WI 53558 or email, village.administration@mcfarland.wi.us.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Don't Blow Snow into Street



It is a violation of Village ordinances to plow, blow or shovel snow into Village streets. This can cause a serious hazard for pedestrians and motorists, especially when it is done after the street has been plowed. Warnings will be issued for the first violation and citations issued for any further violations. If you

have any questions or concerns, Public Works can be reached at 608-838-7287.

Keep your Sidewalks Clear

Property owners are required to keep the sidewalks that are about their property free of snow and ice. Sidewalks must be cleared of accumulated snow and ice within 24 hours from the time the snow ceases to accumulate. Failure to remove the snow and ice can cause a serious hazard for pedestrians. Warnings will be issued for the first violation and citations for any further



violations. If you have any questions or concerns, Community Development can be reached at 608-838-3154.

Parking and Storing Vehicles on a Property

Residents are limited to the number of vehicles they can park outside on a property. A single-family residence can have no more than four, a two family detached dwelling allows for three per unit and any property, which has three or more units, is allowed two vehicles per unit.

A vehicle includes but is not limited to, cars, motorcycles, trailers, RVs, boats, ATV's; for a complete listing of the code, questions or concerns visit the Village of McFarland website www.mcfarland.wi.us/ordinances, section 8-555. You can also contact the Code Enforcement Officer, John Griffith by phone at 608-838-3154, or by email at john.griffith@mcfarland.wi.us.

When parked outside on a property vehicles need to be parked in the front or side yard on a hard surfaced/gravel pad or driveway and no less than three feet from the property line.

Please refer to your local subdivision restrictions and covenants for any other requirements specific to your individual neighborhood.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Do I need a Building Permit?

When doing home improvements, please remember to obtain building permits prior to starting your project. Once applied for, allow 3 - 5 business days for general applications to be processed. Permits are required even if doing the work yourself. Permit applications are available at the Municipal Center or on-line at www.mcfarland.wi.us/communitydevelopmentforms. A permit is not considered *issued* until picked up and paid for.

Building Permits **are required** for an addition or change to the **exterior** of your home. Examples include:

- Re-roofing
- Re-siding
- Replacing window(s) and exterior doors
- Installing or altering a fence
- Installing or altering a driveway
- Installing a swimming pool, whirlpool or hot tub
- Building or changing any accessory structure (garage, shed etc.)
- Any type of electrical, heating or plumbing work
- Adding or altering a screened porch or deck

An addition or change to the **interior** of your home. Examples include:

- Hot tub or whirlpool installation
- Finishing or remodeling a basement
- Bathroom or kitchen remodeling and/or alterations
- Installation of wood stoves and fireplaces
- Replacement/addition of a furnace or central air conditioner
- Replacement/addition of water heaters and softeners
- **Any** type of electrical, heating, gas piping or plumbing work

Building Permits are not required for installing storm windows and screens, changing carpet or flooring, making minor repairs, replacing a garage door (no carpentry or electrical work), seal coating a driveway.

If you do not get a building permit when required, (even if doing the work yourself) you could be issued a stop work order, fees can be doubled and you can be fined for every day not in compliance. Permits and subsequent inspections help protect you by ensuring that the work is "up-to-code" and safe.

During the construction of your project, on-site inspections will be conducted to check that approved materials are used and the work meets code requirements. Any work or materials that are not up to code will need to be corrected and re-inspected. Inspections guard the safety of the occupants and your property investment.

If you are unsure of whether your project requires a building permit, please call the Community Development Department at (608) 838-3154 or stop by the Municipal Center, Monday – Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you would like to meet with the building inspector, please call in advance for an appointment.

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LIBRARY

LINKcat Update

The new LINKcat computer catalog has been live since mid-December. Thank you for your patience during the downtime and transition. Be sure to check out <https://help.linkcat.info/> for helpful tips and new features. For additional help, please stop by the library circulation desk or call 608-838-9030.



Library Displays

Do you have a collection or hobby, an art or craft you'd like to share with the Village of McFarland? The library may be the

perfect place! We have a locked display case that may be reserved for an entire month. Stop by the library circulation desk or call 608-838-9030 to make a reservation.

New to town?

Haven't been to the library since you were a kid? No worries! Signing up for a new library card is easy: just stop by our circulation desk with a current picture ID. (If your ID doesn't have your current address, grab a piece of mail, driver's registration, or show us a utility bill on your phone.)*

We'll have you signed up for a card and in a few minutes you can begin to check out movies, books, magazines and more!

**For proof of address, we also accept a variety of other documents.*

LIBRARY



Storytimes at the Library!

Winter Storytimes run 1/6/2020 – 2/20/2020
Spring Storytimes run 3/2/2020 – 5/7/2020

Toddler Monday Storytimes – 9:30 am & 10:30 am

Drop by for storytime geared just for toddlers. It will be a mix of toddler movement, music, and storytelling. Little minds will learn, play, and explore with stories, fingerplays, songs, and more. No registration required.

Preschool Storytime – Tue @ 9:30 am & 10:30 am

Preschool Storytime features stories, songs, dances, activities, and more. Each week will feature a new theme to delight and entertain our early readers as they learn through early literacy activities. No registration required.

Baby & Me Time – Wed @ 9:30 am & 10:30 am

Baby & Me Time is designed to engage our little ones in early literacy and learning activities. Each week we will share stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and activities around a theme. After the program ends we have a sensory play time for our little ones as well as socialization. No registration required.

Sensory Storytime – Thur @ 10:00 am

Sensory Storytime is a collaboration between the library and the McFarland Early Childhood program. It offers a sensory friendly storytime designed to give extra support for children working on building their communication, socialization, motor, and early literacy skills. The program features stories, songs, movement, mindfulness exercises (like yoga) and crafts.

For up to date information and any scheduling changes please check the library website.

Third Thursday PJ Storytime

Join us each month for our third Thursday PJ Storytime at 6:30 p.m. Each month the storytime will feature a special

theme that participants will be immersed in. We will share songs, stories, rhymes, crafts, a snack, and more. All ages welcome.

Winter and Spring dates for PJ Storytime: 1/16/2020 (Music), 2/20/2020 (Luau), 3/19/2020 (Seymour's Birthday Party), 4/23/2020 (Spring)

S.T.E.A.M. Saturday

S.T.E.A.M. Saturday's are a once a month program on Saturday's at 1:30 p.m. Each program explores the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. Participants will be given new and exciting challenges at each program. STEAM Saturdays designed for children in grades 1-5.

Dates for Winter/Spring: 1/25/2020 (Paper Circuits), 2/15/2020 (Lego Coding), 3/28/2020 (Peep Science), 4/25/2020 (Plant Science)

Magic Tree House Book Club

This book club is open to students in grades K-3. We will share books from the Magic Tree House series as well as do an activity introducing that month's book. Books will be available to check out at each meeting. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the Month at 3:30 p.m.

Dates: 1/14/2020, 2/11/2020, 3/10/2020, and 4/14/2020

4th & 5th Grade Book Explorers

This fall we are starting a book club for students in 4th and 5th grade. We will be reading a variety of books for all different interests. Each meeting we will discuss the book we read, do an activity based on that book, and introduce our next book to read. This group will meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. (except in February when it will meet on the 3rd Tuesday).

Dates: 1/28/2020, 2/18/2020, 3/24/2020, 4/28/2020

LIBRARY

Merry Munchkins

Fridays are full of play at the library. Formerly Messy Munchkins – we are now offering a rotation of messy play and clean toy play. Messy days will include sensory play and art projects. Clean days will feature clean crafts and toy play. No registration is required. It is a drop-in program that runs from 9:00 am – 11:30 am. No Merry Munchkins on 2/21/2020.

Family Cooking Night

These programs will be on the second Wednesday night of the month at 6:30 p.m. Together families will work to create different foods together with an emphasis on including children in the food making process. This program is sponsored by the Madison Community Foundation. Registration will be available on the website one month prior to the program.

Dates: 1/8/2020 (Cheesy Pretzels), 2/12/2020 (Mini Cheesecakes), 3/11/2020 (Pancakes), 4/8/2020 (Eat 'em Up Enchiladas)

After-Hours Dance Party

This spring, the library will be hosting two after-hours dance parties for children ages birth-5 years old. Join us

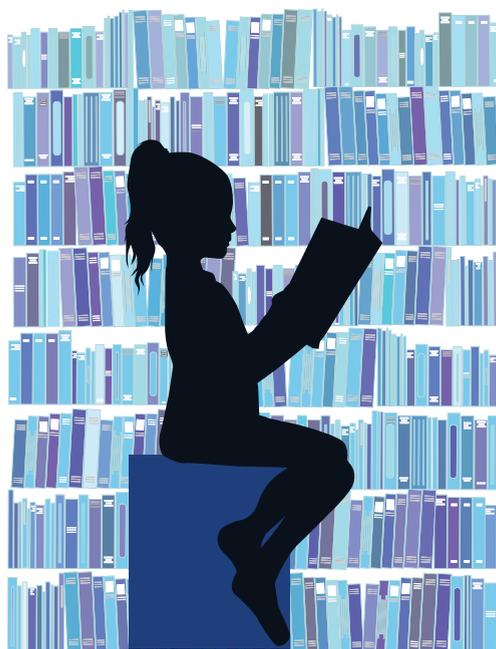
after the library closes on Friday evenings for a 45 minute program of free dance, singing, coloring, and bubbles. 2/7/2020 @ 5:30 p.m. and 3/17/2020 @ 5:30 p.m.

Youth Art Month Reception

March is Youth Art Month. McFarland students in grades K-12 will be displaying art in the library through the entire month. On March 5th from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. there will be a reception that will include meeting the artists, their teachers, performances by middle school and high school musicians, and refreshments.

2019 Open Mic Poetry Night

Thursday, April 9th the library is hosting the 12th Annual Open Mic Poetry Night. This program is sponsored by both the E.D. Locke Public Library and the McFarland School District. Refreshments and registration begin at 6:00 p.m. and poetry reading begins at 6:15 p.m. Students in grades K-8 and their teachers are welcome to come read poetry of their choosing – either an original piece or one written by a favorite poet.



Teen Programs at the Library

Family Board Game Days: 10am – 3pm

Drop in at the library for a fun-filled day of playing board games. Play a favorite or try a new one. Enter to win a prize drawing by bringing in a non-perishable food item for the McFarland Food Pantry. Sponsored by McFarland State Bank and I'm Board! Games and Family Fun.

- Saturday, February 8th
- Saturday, April 18th

Teen Advisory Board: 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Out Teen Advisory Board meets the first Monday of the month September-May at 4:30 PM. This is an opportunity for students in grades 6-12 to assist in planning programs and providing input on library materials. Members collect volunteer hours for participating. Contact Abby, the Teen Librarian for more information.

- Monday, February 10th
- Monday, March 9th
- Monday, March 13th

Dungeons & Dragons Club: 4:30 – 6:00pm

Whether a beginner or a pro, all middle and high school students, grades 6-12, are invited play D&D at the library while munching on snacks. Come to as many sessions as you can. No registration is required.

- Thursday, February 13th
- Thursday, February 27th
- Thursday, March 12th
- Thursday, March 26th
- Thursday, April 9th
- Thursday, April 23rd

Teens After School: 4:30 – 5:30pm

- Wednesday, February 19th – Upcycled Book Crafts
- Monday, March 16th – Taste Test Challenge
- Wednesday, April 29th – Prom Prep: How to Tie a Tie

Teen After Hours

- Friday, February 28th – Hallmark Movie Bingo 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- Friday, March 27th – Mafia Game Night 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Friday, April 24th – Pillow Forts – 5:30 – 6:30pm



LIBRARY

We've got an Exciting Year planned in Adult Services!

New ongoing programs, continuing established winners, and one-time events—there's something for everyone.

Looking for a regular event to attend each month? We've added both afternoon and evening programs that repeat throughout the year. No commitment required, you're welcome to attend one or many (or all!) in the series.

Monday Crafternoons are the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 2:00-3:00PM. It's a casual, drop-in hour for you to relax and make something fun. Bring your own project, grab one of our coloring sheets, or challenge yourself to make something from our supplies. If you need inspiration, be sure to check out Creativebug, an online arts and crafts tutorial and pattern database available through your library card.



In the mood for a movie, but don't feel like driving very far to a theater? Come to **Late Night Locke Movies** on the second Friday of the month at 5:30pm! Pick up a punch card at any showing—come to three or more Friday movies and you can enter to win a home movie night prize pack! Free popcorn and soda provided while supplies last. They're not new releases, but they are great movies.



Speaking of great movies, are you a Disney fan? The third Monday of the month is **Disney for Adults** movies at 6pm! Families and teens are also welcome, of course, but if you're a grownup Disney fan, you're welcome regardless of

whether you have a child in tow. Plus, popcorn and soft drinks while supplies last!

If you're interested in learning more about what your E.D. Locke Public Library card gives you access to, come to **Tip Tuesdays** on the first Tuesday of each month for introductions and overviews to online library databases and resources such as Overdrive, Transparent Languages Online, and Novelist Plus.

And finally, our popular Bridge Club, Adult Craft Club, and Mystery Book Club continue this year. **Bridge Club** meets the first and third Thursdays of each month from 1-3pm and is open to everyone—no registration required. **Mystery Book Club** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm, and new members are always welcome. **Adult Craft Club** meets the

third Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. We do require registration for craft club, and you can sign up through our website or call 608-838-9030. It's a fun evening of creativity that leaves you with a completed project to take home!

We have some fun one-time events coming up this spring, too, including:

- Adult Nerf Night (*registration required*)
- Yoga hours
- Intro to composting with Big River Compost
- A presentation by local historian Ron Larson to talk about the history of McFarland Schools
- Author visits:
 - Dennis McCann (*The Wisconsin Story: 150 People, Places, and Turning Points that Shaped the Badger State*)
 - Bill Berry (*Banning DDT: How Citizen Activists in Wisconsin Led the Way*)



For more information about these programs, and to see what other events we have planned, visit our website or stop by the library. We're looking forward to seeing you!

McFARLAND CABLE NOW ON TDS

You can watch all of your favorite local programs through a variety of sources!



SENIOR OUTREACH

Welcome to the Dining Club!

New year and new offering from McFarland Senior Outreach Services.

McFarland Senior Outreach Services will be offering meals that are not part of the Senior meal site. Sometimes, these meals will be tied with special events or entertainment. Other times, it will simply be a way to get together such as ordering pizzas or eating out together somewhere. Cost will be set for catered meals and reservations will be required. When we eat out it is at your own expense. Times and days may vary for the offering. Costs will range from approximately \$5 -\$15 per meal.

Our first Dining Club offering is lunch on Tuesday February 25th. We will celebrate Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras style. Our menu will be Jambalaya, corn bread, salad and king cake along with a beverage for \$8. Come listen to some jazz music. Meal will be served buffet style starting at noon in the Municipal Center Community Room 5915 Milwaukee St. McFarland. Reservations for this event due Friday February 21st by calling 608-838-7117.

Look for something in March and April as well. On May 5th we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo by serving a taco buffet that day. Stay tuned for future Dining Club offers.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this, please address them to Lori Andersen, Director at 608-838-7117.



Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Caregiving is rewarding. But it can be challenging too.

Taking care of yourself is important.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) can show you the way!

What is Powerful Tools for Caregivers? And why should I take it?

Powerful Tools focuses on **your** well-being. The class meets once a week for six weeks and has been studied and shown to help family caregivers:

- Reduce stress, guilt, anger, and depression and improve emotional well-being
- Manage time, set goals, and solve problems
- Master caregiving transitions and be part of decision-making
- Communicate effectively with the person needing care, family members, doctors, and other helpers
- Find and use community resources

There's a Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop starting soon near you!

I don't think of myself as a caregiver. I'm his daughter. He needs me. And because he needs me, I know I need to take care of myself. Powerful Tools helped me do that.



Our Snowbirds Have Flown South for the Winter!

McFarland Senior Outreach is in need of Substitute Volunteer Drivers This Winter!

NEEDED: Volunteers with daytime availability to fill in as a temporary drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels or to transport seniors to/from medical appointments.

Contact McFarland Senior Outreach at katie.gletty-syoen@mcfarland.wi.us or 608.838.7117



PUBLIC WORKS

Streetlight Out?

Is there a neighborhood streetlight that is burned out, doesn't turn off, or is flickering? Most streetlights in the Village are maintained by Alliant Energy. You can report a streetlight problem by visiting the Alliant Energy website at the following link:

www.alliantenergy.com/CustomerService/AlliantEnergyService/OutageCenter/RequestaStreetlightRepair

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Public Works office at 608-838-7287.



PUBLIC WORKS

Winter Ordinances

Winter Street Parking and Street Parking Prohibition (Snow Emergency) Ordinance Information in effect December 1 through March 31.

Sec. 35-158. – Winter Parking Regulations

(a) **Alternate side parking.** It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in the Village on the odd-numbered side of the street on the even-numbered calendar days and on the even-numbered side of the street on the odd-numbered calendar days from Dec. 1 to March 31 each year during the hours between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any cul-de-sac bulb street in the Village from Dec. 1 to March 31 each year during the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. Any vehicle or object parked in violation hereof may be removed from said street by the Village police at the cost of the owner thereof and, in addition thereto, shall be liable for and subject to the penalties provided below. This Subsection shall not apply to streets where parking is limited to one side of the street.

Street Parking Prohibition (Snow Emergency)

At times, due to anticipated weather conditions or other environmental factors, the Village of McFarland may issue

an order prohibiting parking on all Village streets and roadways pursuant to Village Ordinance Section 35-158(b).

The main purposes of such declarations are twofold; one, to maximize the ability of plowing crews to clear roadways for travel, and secondly to prevent residents from having to dig their vehicles out of large walls of snow created by plow vehicles as they move around vehicles left on the street.

The Village of McFarland takes into consideration a variety of factors in making these determinations, including anticipated snow amounts, type of snow (wet vs. dry), temperature, wind conditions, and the timing of the storm as it relates to staffing considerations.

In the event that a storm fails to produce anticipated conditions, the prohibition may be lifted at some point. This updated information would be found on the Village of McFarland website, at www.mcfarland.wi.us. When a Street Parking Prohibition is declared, related information is provided to local media outlets, and is posted on this site as well.

Springtime brings more than Flowers with those Showers

March brings our first taste of spring with warm southern breezes, spring showers and water everywhere. There are buds on the trees and spring flowers beginning to make an appearance. But there are also oily sheens in parking lots running off with the melting snow and washing into the storm drains, and the muddy water is flowing down the ditches and gutters. Spring is a good time to stop and ask, “What happens to all that melting snow and rainwater washing across the ground?” Most of it ends up in our lakes and streams, but along the way it goes through a few changes.

STORM WATER IS MORE THAN JUST WATER

Storm water begins its journey to our lakes and rivers when it washes across the surface of the land. When snow melts and rain falls, water flows across streets, rooftops, lawns and farmland. The flowing water carries sand, salt, fertilizer, leaves, grass clippings, pesticides, oil, trash and many other pollutants. In developed areas, storm drains and ditches carry the large amounts of runoff water to lakes and streams.

Storm drain inlets located along the curbs and in parking lots collect the runoff, which flows untreated to nearby streams and lakes. A common misconception is that water running off streets goes into a sewage treatment plant. It does not! The polluted water flows directly into our lakes.

“WHAT CAN I DO?”

The first step toward keeping our lakes and streams clean is to think about what we do at home. Each of us contributes to storm water pollution and each of us can help stop it. Here are some ways you can help:

- Keep leaves and grass clippings out of the street.
- Direct rainwater away from paved areas to lawns or gardens where it can soak in.
- Get a soil test before applying fertilizer to your lawn. Don't pay for something you don't need. If you do use fertilizer, apply it according to directions and clean up any spills on paved surfaces.
- Clean up pet waste – bury it or flush it down the toilet.
- Compost your leaves and yard debris.
- Keep cars tuned up and repair leaks, and walk or ride a bike whenever you can.
- Wash your car on the lawn or at a car wash that sends its used water to the sewage treatment plant.
- Prevent soil erosion.
- Don't let anything but rain go down the storm drain or ditch.

Go to www.myfairlakes.com for more ideas on how you can help our lakes and streams.

Adapted from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension, Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission and other publications.

PUBLIC WORKS

Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Your waste and recycling materials are collected on either Tuesday or Wednesday, and should be placed curbside by 6:00 a.m. If a holiday falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, see the dates below for pickup schedule.

2020 Holiday Schedule

- Tuesday May 26 pickup will be Wednesday May 27
- Wednesday May 27 pickup will be Thursday May 28
- Tuesday September 8 pickup will be Wednesday September 9
- Wednesday September 9 pickup will be Thursday September 10

For more information, check the Village website at, mcfarland.wi.us/publicworks.

Snow and Ice Control Program

Recently the Public Works department in conjunction with the Public Works Committee Members established a Snow & Ice Control Program. This program reviews the areas that the Village is responsible for maintaining during the winter season. Contained in this program are time estimates for plowing, equipment that will be utilized during these events, mailboxes specifications to decrease the chance of damage, and general information for residents. Please take the time to review this program available on the Public Works webpage at the following link:

www.mcfarland.wi.us/snowremoval.

**These articles apply to McFarland residents only.*

PARKS

Volunteers needed for Woodland Restoration Days

McFarland has some amazing woodland properties in need of restoration. As these areas are restored, McFarland residents will find additional areas to use for nature hikes, education and other outdoor activities.

We need volunteers to help with manually removing invasive species, brush and downed wood that cannot be removed by large equipment. No long term commitment or experience necessary!

If you are interested in volunteering with restoration efforts, please contact Sayer Larson at 608-838-2382 or at sayer.larson@mcfarland.wi.us for further information.



**WOODLAND RESTORATION WORK DAYS
FRIDAYS 8AM to 11AM**

INDIAN MOUND
February 7th & 14th

WOODLAND COMMONS
February 21st & 28th

ADDITIONAL DATES
Weather Permitting

For more information, please contact:
Sayer Larson
McFarland Parks Superintendent
sayer.larson@mcfarland.wi.us
608.838.2382

2020 PARK RENTALS AVAILABLE TO BOOK ONLINE OR IN PERSON!

Need a place to hold your event or gathering?
The following spaces are available to rent during
the provided dates:

04.01.20 - 10.31.20

Arnold Larson Park (Gazebo)
Brandt Park
Lewis Park
McDaniel Park

04.01.20 - 03.31.21

William McFarland Shelter

ONLINE RESERVATIONS

Purchase your reservation online with a credit card!
*Note: there is a \$2 transaction fee for credit card processing. This fee is retained by the park reservation software company & NOT the Village.

IN-PERSON RESERVATIONS

Stop by the McFarland Administration office,
M-F, 8am-4:30pm. *Note: all in-person reservations
will need to pay both the fee & the deposit at
the time of rental.

MORE INFO AT WWW.MCFARLAND.WI.US/PARKS



2020 Census FAQ

What is the census?

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. In early 2020, you will be asked to count everyone who lives in your home as of April 1. Responding to the 2020 Census is a chance to shape your future.

What's in it for me?



Your responses inform where over \$675 billion is distributed each year to communities nationwide for clinics, schools, roads, and more.



Census data gives community leaders vital information to make decisions about building community centers, opening businesses, and planning for the future.



Responding also fulfills your civic duty because it's mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The United States has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.



Your responses are used to redraw legislative districts and determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Is my information safe?

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the FBI, not by the CIA, not by the DHS, and not by ICE.

When can I respond to the census?

In early 2020, every household in America will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that have yet to respond.

What will I be asked?

You will be asked a few simple questions, like age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home, including children.

What won't be asked?

The census will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.

For more information, visit:

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How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond

Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census either in the mail or from a census taker.

95% of households will receive their census invitation in the mail.

Almost 5% of households will receive their census invitation when a census taker drops it off. In these areas, the majority of households may not receive mail at their home's physical location (like households that use PO boxes or areas recently affected by natural disasters).



Less than 1% of households will be counted in person by a census taker, instead of being invited to respond on their own. We do this in very remote areas like parts of northern Maine, remote Alaska, and in select American Indian areas that ask to be counted in person.

Note: We have special procedures to count people who don't live in households, such as students living in dorms, people living in nursing homes, or people experiencing homelessness.

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What to expect in the mail

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail. Every household will have the option of responding online, by phone, or by mail.

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

Letter invitation

Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking them to go online to complete the census questionnaire.

We are working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we'll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

Letter invitation and paper questionnaire

Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their package. The package will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

We understand that you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

Every household that hasn't responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.

If you don't respond online, by phone, or by mail, we will follow up in person.

What we will send you in the mail:



March 12-20

An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)



March 16-24

A reminder letter.



March 26-April 3

A reminder postcard.



April 8-16

A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.



April 20-27

A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

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Why We Ask

The 2020 Census is easy. The questions are simple.

The census asks questions that provide a snapshot of the nation. Census results affect your voice in government, how much funding your community receives, and how your community plans for the future.

When you fill out the census, you help:

- Determine how many seats your state gets in Congress.
- Guide how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year.
- Create jobs, provide housing, prepare for emergencies, and build schools, roads and hospitals.

POPULATION COUNT (NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING OR STAYING)

We ask this question to collect an accurate count of the number of people at each address on Census Day, April 1, 2020. Each decade, census results determine how many seats your state gets in Congress. State and local officials use census counts to draw boundaries for districts like congressional districts, state legislative districts, and school districts.

ANY ADDITIONAL PEOPLE LIVING OR STAYING

Our goal is to count people once, only once, and in the right place according to where they live on Census Day. Keeping this goal in mind, we ask this question to ensure that everyone living at an address is counted.

OWNER/RENTER

We ask about whether a home is owned or rented to create statistics about



homeownership and renters. Homeownership rates serve as an indicator of the nation's economy and help in administering housing programs and informing planning decisions.

PHONE NUMBER

We ask for a phone number in case we need to contact you. We will never share your number and will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.

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Why We Ask

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NAME

We ask for names to ensure everyone in the house is counted. Listing the name of each person in the household helps respondents include all members, particularly in large households where a respondent may forget who was counted and who was not.

SEX

We ask about the sex of each person to create statistics about males and females. Census data about sex are used in planning and funding government programs, and in evaluating other government programs and policies to ensure they fairly and equitably serve the needs of males and females. These statistics are also used to enforce laws, regulations, and policies against discrimination in government programs and in society.

AGE AND DATE OF BIRTH

We ask about age and date of birth to understand the size and characteristics of different age groups and to present other data by age. Local, state, tribal, and federal agencies use age data to plan and fund government programs that provide assistance or services for specific age groups, such as children, working-age adults, women of childbearing age, or the older population. These statistics also help enforce laws, regulations, and policies against age discrimination in government programs and in society.

HISPANIC, LATINO, OR SPANISH ORIGIN

We ask about whether a person is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin to create statistics

about this ethnic group. The data collected in this question are needed by federal agencies to monitor compliance with antidiscrimination provisions, such as under the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

RACE

We ask about a person's race to create statistics about race and to present other statistics by race groups. The data collected in this question are needed by federal agencies to monitor compliance with antidiscrimination provisions, such as under the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act. State governments use the data to determine congressional, state, and local voting districts.

WHETHER A PERSON LIVES OR STAYS SOMEWHERE ELSE

Our goal is to count people once, only once, and in the right place according to where they live on Census Day. Keeping this goal in mind, we ask this question to ensure individuals are not included at multiple addresses.

RELATIONSHIP

We ask about the relationship of each person in a household to one central person to create estimates about families, households, and other groups. Relationship data are used in planning and funding government programs that provide funds or services for families, people living or raising children alone, grandparents living with grandchildren, or other households that qualify for additional assistance.

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 Jerry Adrian Trustee
 Stephanie Brassington Trustee
 Dan Kolk Trustee
 Eric Kryzenske Trustee
 Mary Pat Lytle Trustee
 Clair Utter Trustee

**All of the above officials and staff can be reached via email using the format: firstname.lastname@mcfarland.wi.us (example: matt.schuenke@mcfarland.wi.us) with the exception of Trustee Lytle whose email is marypat.lytle@mcfarland.wi.us. Additionally, library staff can be emailed using the format firstinitiallastname@mcfarlandlibrary.org (ex: hcox@mcfarlandlibrary.org).*

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The Village of McFarland

McFarland Municipal Center

5915 Milwaukee Street

PO Box 110

McFarland, WI 53558

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 608-838-3153

Website: www.mcfarland.wi.us

McFarland Public Works

5115 Terminal Drive

PO Box 110

McFarland, WI 53558

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Phone: 608-838-7287

Website: www.mcfarland.wi.us/publicworks

E.D. Locke Public Library

5920 Milwaukee Street | McFarland, WI 53558

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Phone: 608-838-9030

Website: www.mcfarlandlibrary.org



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Polco

McFarland is using Polco's civic engagement software to get input from the community!

polco.us/mcfarland

Visit Polco to create an account to share your thoughts, ideas, and feedback.

Questions on Polco are posted by the Village of McFarland. The purpose of an account is to verify respondents' residency and ensure no one votes more than once. For more information, visit polco.us.