

Notable McKeesport Events

- 1753 George Washington meets Queen Alliquippa, leader of the local Seneca tribe, at the mouth of the Youghiogheny.
- 1755 General Braddock and his troops, including George Washington, camp here before their defeat at Braddock.
- 1769 David McKee establishes his homestead here.
- 1795 John McKee lays out the town of McKee's Port.
- 1819 First church built here, Union Church.
- 1827 McKeesport's Post Office established.
- 1832 First school built here, a subscription school.
- 1842 McKeesport becomes a Borough.
- 1856 McKeesport-Versailles Cemetery chartered.
- 1867 Street paving program begins.
- 1872 National Tube Works founded.
- 1883 B&O Passenger Depot built.
- 1888 YMCA branch established here.
- 1889 National Bank Building opened (now City Hall).
- 1891 McKeesport incorporated as a city.
- 1892 Soldiers Monument dedicated in McKeesport-Versailles Cemetery.
- 1892 Boston Bridge built.
- 1894 McKeesport Hospital dedicated.
- 1896 First class of McKeesport Hospital Nurses Training School graduated.
- 1895 Fifth Avenue Bridge built.
- 1897 Firth-Sterling founded.
- 1898 Reynoldton becomes the 10th Ward.
- 1899 Christ Park becomes the 11th Ward.
- 1899 First G.C. Murphy Company 5 & 10 store opened.
- 1901 Olympia Park developed.
- 1902 McKeesport Tin Plate Company founded.
- 1902 Carnegie Library of McKeesport opened.
- 1905 A Nickelodeon theater opens here, possibly the second in the country, just days after the first one opened in Pittsburgh.
- 1906 People's Bank building opened.
- 1907 March 14, Flood

1908 Fifteenth Avenue Bridge built.

1908 State-of-the-art water treatment plant built.

1910 1st Old Home Week Celebration.

1911 Youghiogheny Country Club opened.

1912 Billy Sunday preaches here.

1919 Natural Gas Boom began, over by 1925.

1922 President Harding's Funeral Train stops here.

1926 Penn McKee Hotel built.

1926 Rainbow Gardens developed.

1927 McKeesport-Duquesne Bridge built.

1933 Renzie Park established.

1936 March 17-18, Flood.

1937 Jerome Street Bridge built, replaced 5th Ave. Bridge.

1944 June 23, Tornado.

1947 First Kennedy-Nixon debate held here in the Penn McKee Hotel.

1950 November, snow storm drops 31 inches.

1952 Eden Park becomes the 12th Ward

1955 McKeesport High School Basketball team wins championship.

1960 2nd Old Home Week Celebration / 1st International Village.

1962 John F. Kennedy visits here.

1963 August 3, Tornado.

1964 Mon-Yough Expo held in Renzie Park.

1965 Dedication of Kennedy Memorial.

1970 Railroad tracks through city removed.

1972 Hospital Annex explosion.

1976 May 21, "Famous Fire"

1985 GC Murphy Co. bought by Ammes, local offices close.

1987 National Tube closes.

1994 McKeesport's Bicentennial Celebration.