



# McCandless Town Crier



## Longvue Acres Garden Club Celebrates 65th Anniversary

The construction of the 1950 Brown & Vaughn Development, known as Longvue Acres Plan 3, brought new homes to the development, but also brought unsightly landscaping that left residents scratching their heads.

This was the era of “Leave It to Beaver” stay-at-home moms, so the neighbors living on Hazlett, Bingay and Balmoral formed a garden club to solve their landscaping problems. They took off their hats and gloves and put their talents to work, intent on beautifying their homes and their community.

The first club meetings were held on Balmoral Drive, the home of founding member Gladys Kuhman. Plant sales were in her backyard—asters, zinnias and petunias sold for 35 cents a dozen!

Proceeds of those early plant sales funded the LAGCs first community project: the 1952 supplemental planting and landscaping at the new Peebles School.

Plant sales would continue to fund community service projects over the years. A few notable projects still remain: trees and shrubs at Northland Public Library; the native perennial garden at North Park’s



Latodomi Nature Center; and the mature trees at the southbound Bellevue I-279 exit.

The UMPC Passavant Hospital Chapel Garden is an on-going LAGC project funded by plant sales. The all-white garden is framed by the stained glass window of the hospital chapel. It was created in 1995 and is well-known for its beauty and fragrance. The garden has been maintained by club members for the past 20 years. It remains the most visible LAGC community service project and continues to delight hospital patients, visitors and employees.

This year’s perennial plant sale at Northmont United Presbyterian Church will be LAGCs 65th! It is scheduled for Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 a.m.–noon, rain or shine.

There will be surprise anniversary specials in

addition to 500 perennials grown in members’ gardens and donated for the sale.

Plant sale proceeds fund LAGC monthly educational programs, maintain the Passavant Chapel Garden, and sustain other charitable gardening, horticultural and conservation groups, according to LAGC President Mary Anne Kurtz.

In addition, LAGC will be celebrating its long history and contributions to the community on Tuesday, September 29 at Northmont United Presbyterian Church from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. The celebration includes refreshments, video presentation, memorabilia display and recognition of longtime members. Members will wear hats and gloves in honor of the 1950 club founders.

Longvue Acres Garden Club has deep roots in the Town of McCandless and looks forward to celebrating its heritage this year!

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# Free Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors



Highland Volunteer Fire Department has an excess of 100 smoke alarms they would like to offer residents of McCandless while supplies last.

The Highland Volunteer Fire Department was successful this summer in going door-to-door to deliver free smoke alarms obtained by a federal grant to all residents in the Highland district. Even with that success, they still have many left over. The alarms are non-marking, self-adhesive, and have a 10-year battery life.

Additionally, they have 100 carbon monoxide alarms left over from a federal grant purchase. These are also available to residents whose homes are not appropriately protected against this potential danger. These are also available to all McCandless residents while supplies last.

Detectors can be picked up any Tuesday night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Highland Station (8705 Harold Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15237). If this time isn't convenient, please call the station by dialing 412-366-3473 to arrange an alternate pick up time.

## Donor Brick Program

The "Pathway to the Past" Donor Brick Program is a program for those interested in becoming a part of the museum community project. You will have an opportunity to donate to the project, and in return you will receive an engraved brick to be placed on the "Pathway to the Past" sidewalk leading to the entrance of the museum. There will be a limited number of bricks available for donation, so please do not wait to reserve your engraved brick.

If you are interested in leaving your mark on the "Pathway to the Past," please fill out an application by visiting our web site at [www.townofmccandless.org](http://www.townofmccandless.org). If you have any additional questions, please contact the Town at 412-364-0616 or by email at [administration@townofmccandless.org](mailto:administration@townofmccandless.org).

### 2015 HARD TO RECYCLE COLLECTIONS

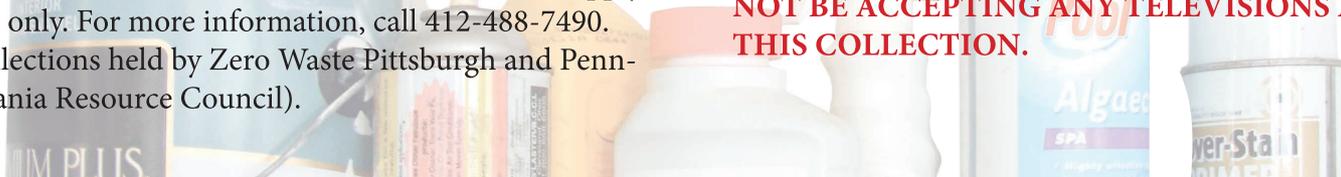
- April 11, 2015: Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills
- April 25, 2015: Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills
- May 9, 2015: Washington Mall, Washington County
- August 22, 2015: Allegheny County Airport, West Mifflin
- October 3, 2015: Mall at Robinson

All collections are from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Accepted items include e-waste (computers, televisions, printers, telephones, small appliances, and more), CFLs, fluorescent tubes, batteries, DVDs, floppy disks, small freon containing appliances (window a/c units, dehumidifiers, etc.), and tires (with and without rims). Fees will apply, cash only. For more information, call 412-488-7490. (Collections held by Zero Waste Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania Resource Council).

### GOODWILL E-WASTE COLLECTION

There will be a free e-waste collection held at McCandless Town Hall (9955 Grubbs Road, Wexford, PA 15090) for all residents of the Town of McCandless and Ohio Township to dispose of their unwanted electronics.

On Saturday, May 30 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. residents can drop off items such as desktops, laptops, servers, printers, copiers, scanners, cell phones, monitors, peripheral components, keyboards, cables, mouse, speakers, CD/DVD drives, microwaves, fax machines, digital cameras, stereo systems, speakers, and VCRs. **GOODWILL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING ANY TELEVISIONS AT THIS COLLECTION.**



# PublicWorks

## 2015 Paving Program

Adams Street  
Almar Drive  
Almar Place  
Ashley Court  
Ashley Hill Drive  
Balmoral Drive  
Edelweiss Drive  
Fairfield Road  
Forest Trails Drive  
Gary Court  
Hilliard Road  
Hillvue Lane  
Jackson Street

Jefferson Street  
Mary Avenue  
Oak Grove Court  
Olde Ingomar Court  
Olive Street  
Rolshouse Road  
Shirray Drive  
Troutwood Drive  
Valley Road  
Van Dyke Street  
Washington Heights Avenue  
Willoughby Road

**Note: Any changes that may occur will be posted on the Town website.**

**Reminder:** Nothing but a mailbox should be within three (3) feet of the road before, during, or after paving. That includes tree branches overhanging the road, portable basketball sets, rocks, planters, and so forth. Thank you!

## Park Permits



The Town of McCandless park pavilion permit applications for reserving Devlin Memorial Park Pavilion and Wall Memorial Park Pavilion became available to all residents on Monday, March 2, 2015.

Permits can be obtained at the Department of Public Works, located at 9957 Grubbs Road, Wexford, PA 15090 (adjacent to Town Hall) from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. and noon until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Parks open April 1 and close Nov. 1. All applicants must be a resident of McCandless and at least 18 years of age. The 2015 Park Pavilion Permit fee is \$40 per permit (checks only, made payable to the Town of McCandless). This fee is only refundable if cancellation is made 30 days or more prior to the permit date.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 412-364-0616, ext. 184.

## Summer Work Program

The Public Works Department is now accepting applications for the 2015 Summer Work Program.

All college, technical school students, or graduating high school seniors in the year 2015 planning to attend class full-time in the fall are eligible.

Workers will report from mid-May to August. Start and close dates are flexible and work hours will be Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Position is paid.

Applications can be found online at [www.townofmccandless.org](http://www.townofmccandless.org). Applications are also available in the Public Works office.

For more information, contact Public Works Superintendent Mark Sabina at 412-364-0616 ext. 184 or at [public.works@townofmccandless.org](mailto:public.works@townofmccandless.org).

## Town Museum Rain Garden

Volunteers will construct a rain garden to control stormwater on the Town Museum site. This will be a companion to the educational rain garden the Town and Audubon Society installed two years ago.

For more information on rain gardens, visit online at [www.townofmccandless.org](http://www.townofmccandless.org).



# Real Estate Taxes:



## What You Need to Know

**O**n Dec. 16, 2014, Town Council approved a Town millage rate of 1.296 mills (\$129.60 per \$100,000 of assessed value) for the 2015 calendar year. The North Allegheny School District (NASD) millage is 17.4039 mills for the 2014-15 fiscal year (which runs from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015).

The tax due dates were outlined in the 2015 Town Calendar, which was mailed to you last December, and are also posted on the Town web site.

Please note that failure to pay your tax by Dec. 31 may result in a lien being placed against your property. By law, all NASD real estate taxes that remain unpaid as of Dec. 31 must be turned over to the delinquent tax collector for the school district (Maiello, Brungo & Maiello, LLP).

Town of McCandless delinquent real estate taxes are still due and payable directly to the Town.

The tax bills (Town and school district on one bill) will be mailed on July 1. When reviewing your bill, please note the following:

►If you have been approved by

Allegheny County for an Act 77 Senior Citizen Abatement, the 30 percent reduction in your Town assessed value has already been factored into the tax amount that appears on your bill.

►If you were approved by Allegheny County prior to April 30, 2015 for a Homestead Exclusion under Act 1 of 2006, also known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, then the reduction in your NASD assessed value appears as a separate line item on your bill.

►If you qualified for a Homestead Exclusion prior to April 30, 2015, you are also eligible to take advantage of the installment payment plan offered by both the Town and the school district. To elect the installment payment plan option, you must pay the first installment amount stated on the bill (no other amounts accepted) by Sept. 1. Payments received after Sept. 1 will be considered timely only if they contain an official U.S. Postal Service postmark of Sept. 1 or earlier. If any installment payment is late, you will be disqualified from the installment program for 2016, and you will be subject to payment of your entire tax bill in full subject to the standard deadlines and terms.

►If you choose the installment

payment plan option and make your first payment in a timely manner, you will then receive two additional installment bills with due dates for those two payments. Payments received after either of these due dates, subject again to the official postmark, will be charged a penalty of 10 percent. If your payment is more than 10 days late for either of these installments, or if your payments for both of these installments are late for any period of time, you will not be eligible for the installment plan the following year.

►If you do not receive a tax bill by July 10, 2015, please contact our office immediately at (412) 364-0616 and we will send you a new bill. In addition, if the billing address for your real estate tax bill changed after Jan. 1 of this year, you need to notify us immediately. Allegheny County provides us with a billing address as of Jan. 1, but they do not provide us with updates if there is a change after this date. Your billing address may change because you paid off your mortgage and no longer have your taxes escrowed, your mortgage was sold and you have a new escrow agent, or you are the owner but not the occupant of a property and you move to a new address.

# Tax Information

## Local Services Tax

Any individual who works in the Town and has earned income and/or net profits of over \$12,000 within the Town is required to pay this tax. The tax rate is \$52 per year, but employees are only liable for the tax for pay periods in which they are employed. Employers are required to withhold the tax on a pro-rata basis based on the number of pay periods in a calendar year (26 if you are paid every two weeks, 24 if you are paid twice a month, etc.).

Self-employed individuals are required to pay the full \$52 in quarterly installments. The Town appointed Keystone Collections Group, effective Jan. 1, 2011, to collect the local services tax.

Keystone is located at 546 Wendel Road, Irwin, PA 15642. They can be contacted at 724-978-0300 or online at [www.keystonecollects.com](http://www.keystonecollects.com).

## Business Privilege Tax

If you operate a business located in the Town, either out of your home or at a specific commercial location, you are required to file and pay this tax. Tax deadline is May 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Please check the 2015 Town Calendar, view the Town website at [www.townofmccandless.org](http://www.townofmccandless.org), or call us at (412) 364-0616 for more information. In addition, you can print a copy of the Town's Rules and Regulations directly from the web site.

## Dropbox Procedures

Due to concerns regarding the safety of both tax payers and Town staff, payments placed in the drop box or any other location on the Town premises after 7:00 pm on the due date will be considered late, and will be subject to the appropriate penalties and interest. The Town tax office will remain open until 7:00 pm on May 15 to accept timely Business Privilege Tax payments, and on Sept. 1 and Nov. 2 to accept timely Real Estate Tax payments. Payments postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by the above due dates will continue to be considered timely.

## Earned Income and Net Profits Tax

The Town contracted with Keystone Collections Group of Irwin, PA for the collection of this tax for 2011 and future tax years. They are located at 546 Wendel Road, Irwin, PA 15642, and can be reached by phone at 724-978-0300.

You can also get tax forms and other information by visiting [www.keystonecollects.com](http://www.keystonecollects.com). Please remember that you must make quarterly estimated tax payments if you are self-employed. The only exception is that anyone earning \$12,000 or less is not required to make quarterly payments.

## Per Capita Tax

All residents of the Town over the age of 21 are required to pay this North Allegheny School District tax. The 2015 Per Capital Tax bill is based on the NASD fiscal year of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The billing procedure in 2015 is the same as that used since 2006. Unless you have contacted us previously, each residential property will have \$20 added to the real estate tax bill to account for two individuals in the household over the age of 21. Additional residents in each household and renters over the age of 21 will be sent a separate bill. If you have only one resident in your household over the age of 21, please contact us immediately so that the adjustment can be made.

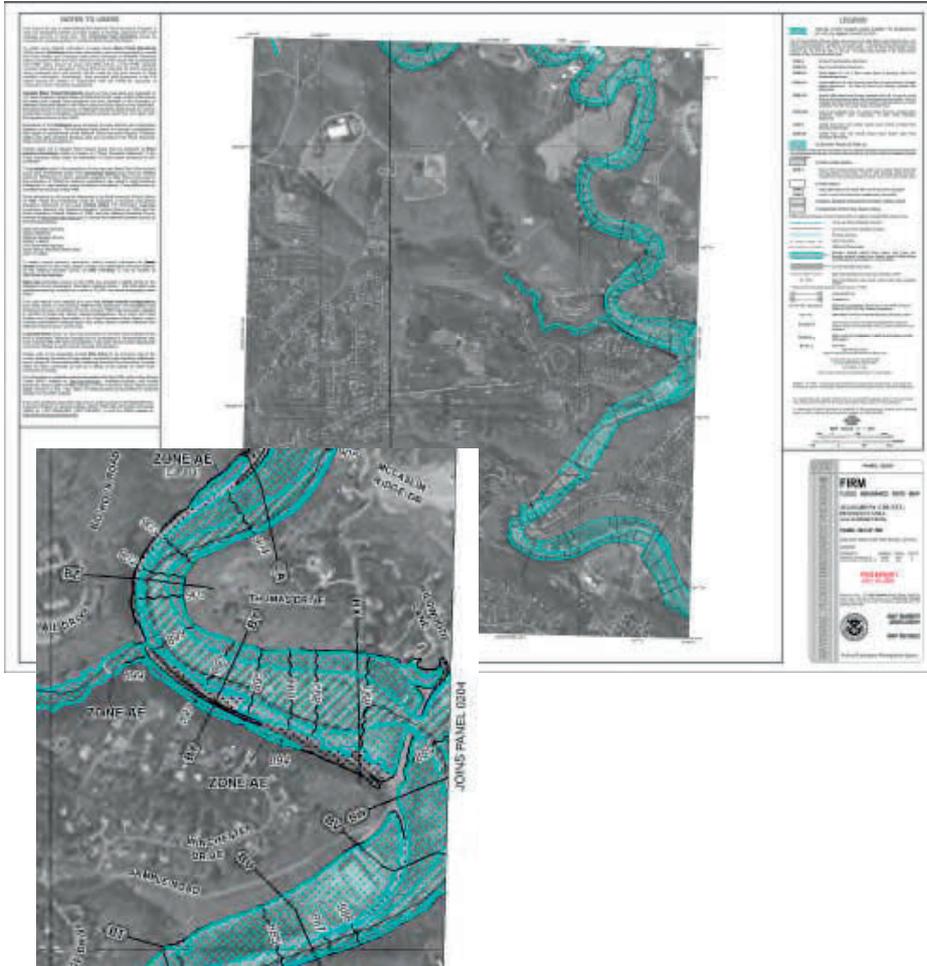
If you have more than two residents and do not receive an additional bill, please contact us so that we can add those individuals. If you receive a bill but are not yet 21, please write your month and year of birth on the bill, sign and date it, and return it to us.

Owners of rental properties are required to notify the Town of the move in and move out dates of all tenants.

### Per Capita Contact Information:

McCandless Town Hall  
9955 Grubbs Road  
Wexford, PA 15090  
412-364-0616  
[taxoffice@townofmccandless.org](mailto:taxoffice@townofmccandless.org)

# NEW FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE MAPS



## What Does This Mean to Me?

FEMA has modified their mapping system to make it easier for all those involved who need to read their maps from engineers to the Town residents. The addition of background aerial photography makes it much easier to pinpoint your exact location. If you receive a letter from your Bank stating that your flood insurance status has changed, go to the website listed on the right and use the index maps to find your exact location. You may have been added or removed from a flood zone.



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**FEMA MAPS HAVE  
CHANGED!!!**

**Check your  
Property for any  
changes in  
Floodplain Limits**

**This may affect  
your Home  
Insurance Rates**

**Check the FEMA  
website at the  
following address:**

**[https://msc.fema.gov/  
portal](https://msc.fema.gov/portal)**

**PVE SHEFFLER, LLC**  
2000 Georgetowne Drive  
Suite 101  
Sewickley, PA 15143

[www.pvesheffler.com](http://www.pvesheffler.com)

724-444-1100



# Northland Public Library

## New Library Resources and Offerings

Did you know that Northland library is the second largest library in Allegheny County second only to the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh? McCandless residents, along with our other four supporting municipalities (Bradford Woods, Franklin, Marshall and Ross) are responsible for most of the funding the library receives. We are pleased to serve the northern suburbs and hope you are utilizing our resources. Listed below are but a few of the offering we hope you utilize.

### Just for kids to take home:

- American Girl Dolls (Educational dolls teach about history and may be borrowed for one week)
- Science in a Box (Features hands-on experiments families may try at home. Kits may be borrowed for one week)
- Video games! (Yes that's right; try it before you buy it!)

### For adults we have the following ongoing programs:

- Tai Chi classes at Blueberry Hill Park
- Indian Cooking classes
- Variety of book discussion groups
- Groups for knitters, new moms who are breastfeeding, writers who need help getting published

### In our Computer Center patrons may access:

- 23 All-In-One Desktop computers running Windows 7
- 1 Apple iMac Desktop computer running OS X 10.9 (Mavericks)
- 3 Touch-Screen Desktop computers running Windows 8.1
- 2 scanners connected to the Windows 8.1 computers

If you haven't visited the library in a while, please stop in and say hello!

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## Volunteer Driving Opportunities

### **FREE RIDES FOR SENIORS SHUTTLE + DRIVERS/DISPATCHERS (O'HARA TOWNSHIP)**

Provide no-charge transportation to seniors. Drivers 25 and older and ride-along dispatchers of any age are needed. No special license or training required, although drivers 70 and older must have a medical release signed by their physicians. Our program is expanding and we need several drivers ASAP. For more information, contact: Kerry Mullhern, 412-449-0151, [kkmulhern@nhco.org](mailto:kkmulhern@nhco.org).

### **FOOD PANTRY DRIVERS (WEEKLY OR ON-CALL) (ALLISON PARK)**

Help distribute food between our three pantries in the North Hills serving 500 families each month. Volunteers shuttle food from Allison Park to food pantries in Millvale and Bellevue. Also need occasional drivers to pick up donated food from grocery stores, businesses and churches. Volunteers use their own vehicles but there is no age requirement. For more info: Brandi Rukovena, 412-487-6316, opt. 1, ext. 3144, [brukovena@nhco.org](mailto:brukovena@nhco.org).

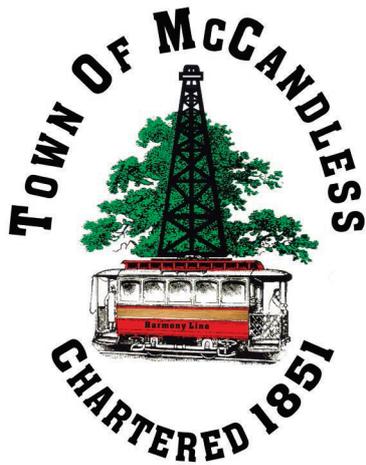
### **ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Discover more volunteer opportunities by attending an orientation session:

- Thursday, March 12 at 10 a.m. (Millvale)
- Thursday, April 9 at 6 p.m. (North Boroughs)
- Thursday, May 14 at 10 a.m. (Allison Park)

Sign up for orientation: Patti Ferraro, 412-408-3830, ext. 3204, [pmferraro@nhco.org](mailto:pmferraro@nhco.org).





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## IFPAA President Retires After 40 Years of Service



Ingomar-Franklin Park Athletic Association President Chuck Mazuur has stepped down after 40 years of service to the Town of McCandless and the community. We thank you for your time and all you've done for youth athletics, Chuck!

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## McCandless Athletic Association Celebrates its 47th Year

McCandless Athletic Association was founded in 1968 and is a proud member of PONY Baseball and Softball. McAA has provided athletic programs for the neighboring youths- baseball for ages 4-22 and softball slow and fast pitch for ages 8-18.

The baseball programs start at Summertime Blue (T-Ball) for 4-year-olds and continues through Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Colt and Palomino, all the way to our Tri-State Collegiate League team, the Allegheny A's.

Its home fields are at the Vincentian Complex, which has a total of 7 fields covering age groups from 4-14. A centrally located concession stand and pavilion are easily accessible from all the fields.

Its upper league programs (15+) play at local district and association fields. You can visit the McAA website at [www.mcaa.net](http://www.mcaa.net) for more information and register for the upcoming season.

