



McCandless Town Crier



Town to Build Museum for Local Historian's Collection

The Town of McCandless is teaming up with the North Allegheny School District and A.W. Beattie Career Center to build a museum along Ingomar Road that will house local historian Joe Bullick's collection of historic artifacts.

Town Manager Toby Cordek said, "Joe Bullick has spent a lifetime embracing the history and culture of the North Allegheny School District, the Town of McCandless, and the Wexford area. When Joe told me his collection needed a permanent home, I proceeded to Town Council, and they concurred wholeheartedly." The museum will be located between the

McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority and Lorraine G. Rogers Memorial Soccer Fields, with access from Grubbs Road. The museum's completion is targeted to occur by spring 2016.

Town Architect Ralph Sterzinger of RSSC Architecture will design the museum to replicate a one-room schoolhouse. The building will have a main floor for displays and a basement for storage.

Housing the current Bullick collection is the starting point, according to McCandless Recreation Chairman William J. McKim. The collection is substantial enough to allow some rotating exhibits and the space will be designed to allow for additions to the collection.

A.W. Beattie Tech Superintendent Eric Heasley looks forward to the valuable experience the students will gain from this project.

"The students will apply their advanced math skills with the construction industry's recognized standards to create a successful post-secondary and career educational pathway. The on-site museum building project will allow the students to complete an on-site project from the foundation to completion," said Heasley. "The project will provide the students with the opportunity to eventually show their children and grandchildren the value of



Bullick has hundreds of records in his collection.

giving back to the community."

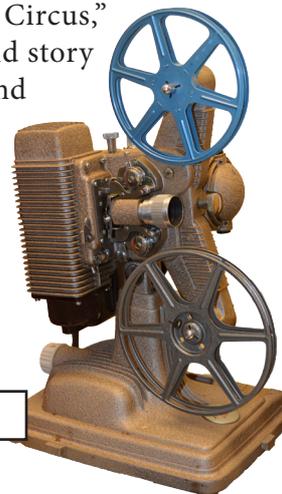
Bullick's collection currently resides in McKnight Elementary School, however the North Allegheny School District and the Town of McCandless agreed that a permanent site was needed.

Both McCandless Planning Commission and Town Council are scheduled to review and consider project for approval later this year.

Bullick has been a life-long community member of the Wexford area and worked in the North Allegheny School District for 40 years. He resides in Pine Township with his wife, Emma. Son Stephen Bullick is a local historian as well.

In addition to being a local historian, Bullick is the author of "Put a Tent Over the Circus," his autobiography and story of foster parenting and adoption.

For more information, please visit our web site at www.townofmccandless.org.



Bullick also boasts many projectors in his collection.

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STACKING UP

The 2013 tonnage reports are in and show that residents of the Town of McCandless are stacking up recyclables and putting them in their blue-top recycling carts.

In 2013, 3,083 tons of materials were recycled. That is nearly double the amount recycled before adopting the automated pickup system in October 2011.

Congratulations and thanks to all who have helped McCandless in its quest to continue on as an environmentally-conscious community!



Upcoming Recycling Collections

Hard to Recycle Collections

- ❖ August 16 - West Mifflin Borough
- ❖ October 4 - The Mall at Robinson

Accepted Materials: E-waste (computers, keyboards, printers, etc.), cell phones, printer/toner cartridges, compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs), alkaline batteries, tires, and waste vegetable oil.

Household Chemical Collections

- ❖ September 13 - Settler's Cabin Wave Pool parking lot

Accepted Materials: aerosol cans, automotive fluids, batteries, chemistry sets, compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs), gasoline, kerosene, household cleaners, mercury, paint products, pesticides/herbicides, photo chemicals, and pool chemicals.



Collections are held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fees will apply, cash only.

For more information about these collections, visit www.zerowastepgh.org



Tips for Proper Recycling



Putting shredded paper into a transparent, plastic bag will keep it from blowing away.



It is a myth that plastic bottle caps can not be recycled.



Plastic shopping bags should be returned to the retailer so they can be disposed of in a safe and efficient way.



E-Waste Collection *{Recap}*



On May 31, 2014, the Town of McCandless, Ohio Township, and Goodwill worked together to collect tons, literally **TONS**, of electronic waste.

Cars arrived loaded down with computers, microwaves, miscellaneous cords, wires, and cell phones.

At the end of the four hour event, nearly 500 cars had passed through. All together we recycled over 30,000 pounds of electronic material.

Thanks to all those who came out and made this collection successful. Keep an eye out for an announcement regarding our January E-Waste collection.



Recyclable Materials Include:

- **Empty Metal Cans (Food, Aerosol, Drink)**
- **Plastic Containers #1 thru #7**
- **Laundry Detergent/Cleaning Product Containers**
- **Plastic Food Containers (Peanut Butter, Yogurt, etc.)**
- **Shampoo and Conditioner Bottles**
- **Glass Bottles and Jars (clear, brown, amber, and green)**
- **Corrugated and Pressed Cardboard (flattened)**
- **Paperboard Boxes (flattened)**
- **Waxed Paperboard Cartons**
- **Office Paper**
- **Magazines and Newspapers**
- **Junk Mail**
- **Paper Bags**
- **Non-Styrofoam Take-Out Containers**



Reminder



Fireworks Safety Tips

In the warm weather months, it is commonplace that when the sun goes down, the skies light up with fireworks. If you plan to ignite your own, the following information is for you.

Keep in mind Pennsylvania State Law prohibits the use of Consumer and Display Fireworks without a permit. Items defined as "ground and hand-held devices," "novelties," and "toy caps" by American Pyrotechnics Association in Standard 87-1 are not regulated by State Law and are therefore permissible.

These "non-firework" items are the types sold by any location not licensed by the Department of Agriculture. If you are planning on displaying types of fireworks other than "non-fireworks," a permit is required. Permits can be obtained at the McCandless Fire Marshal's Office. Those operating illegal fireworks without a permit are subject to law enforcement.

Here are some tips provided by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Fireworks Alliance to keep you and those around you safe when using the legal fireworks:

- * Children should never be in operation of fireworks, nor should they be unsupervised when using sparklers.
- * Aiming or throwing fireworks at people, animals, or other objects can cause serious injury and damage.
- * When lighting a firework, never stand over it. Light from an arm's length and back away directly after lighting. If a firework doesn't ignite, DO NOT re-light it. Discard by soaking in water and throwing it away.
- * Children using sparklers must be carefully monitored. Sparklers burn in excess of 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit.
- * When purchasing fireworks NEVER buy the generic brand. Trusted fireworks are always labeled "Class C" or "1.4G."
- * Brown paper packaging indicates the fireworks are professional-grade and should be used only by a trained professional.
- * Fireworks should never become wet. Store them in a dry, cool place until time of use. If they should become wet, discard because there is a higher likelihood they will malfunction.
- * Be aware of the conditions around you when lighting fireworks. Fireworks should never be lit in a dry area, in windy situations, or around flammable materials, such as a tent or shed.
- * Never set a firework in a glass or metal container in order to light it.
- * Have water nearby, in the form of a hose or bucket to douse any flames that may occur.
- * Never use fireworks while intoxicated, or while smoking.
- * After a firework is used, soak the remaining parts in water. This will ensure you do not place hot materials in the garbage, potentially causing a fire.

Have a safe and pleasant summer season! Additional information regarding firework safety and the law can be found at: www.pa.gov, www.townofmccandless.org, and www.cpsc.gov, or by contacting the McCandless Police Department at 412-369-7492.

2014 Side Yard and Blighted Structure Program

For a limited time only, the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recover Program will be accepting applications to acquire vacant properties in 28 municipalities at a reduced cost to the applicant. The purpose of the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program is to acquire blighted, tax delinquent properties and resell them to applicants for a reuse outlined in their application and approved by the municipality.

Under the 2014 Side Yard and Blighted Structure Program, we will waive our standard parcel fee of \$3,000 for applicants

for side yards to their primary residence and will discount it to \$1,400 for applicants proposing to rehabilitate to demolish a blighted structure. All applicants will also be responsible for the appraised value of the property, a good faith deposit or 10 percent of the appraised value, and closing costs.

Program Guidelines:

This limited-time program will be available in Braddock Hills, Carnegie, Collier, Coraopolis, Dravosburg, Etna, Forward, Glassport, Green Tree, Harrison, Heidelberg, Liberty, McCandless,

Moon, Munhall, North Fayette, North Versailles, O'Hara, Oakdale, Penn Hills, Plum, Ross, Scott, Turtle Creek, West Homestead, West Mifflin, Whitaker, and Wilkins. Other municipalities that join the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program may be eligible to participate depending upon the timing.

Applications must be submitted no later than August 30, 2014. Up to 60 applications will be accepted in the order in which they are received. No more than five applications will be accepted per municipality.

Product	Property Requirements	Cost to Applicant
Side Yard to Owner-Occupied Primary Residence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must share a common boundary with the parcel on which the applicant's primary residence is located • Must be a vacant lot or a vacant structure that will be demolished by the applicant • Must be less than 1/2 acre • Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the appraised value • Parcel fee of \$3,000 will be waived • Good faith deposit of \$150 or 10% of the appraised value, whichever is higher • Closing costs, which average \$500
 Blighted Structure Remediation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vacant structure to be rehabilitated or demolished by the applicant • Must be less than 1/2 acre • Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the appraised value • Parcel fee will be discounted to \$1,400 • Good faith deposit of \$150 or 10% of the appraised value, whichever is higher • Closing costs, which average \$500
Other Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other types of applications may be considered through our standard program, under which applicants typically pay all costs associated with acquisition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the appraised value • Parcel fee of \$3,000 • Good faith deposit of \$150 or 10% of the appraised value, whichever is higher • Closing costs, which average \$500

If the applicant proposed to demolish a structure, the municipality must provide a letter indicating it has determined the structure to be a safety hazard.

Applicants must be current on taxes, water, sewage, and refuse bills on all properties owned in Allegheny County and must have no outstanding code violations or municipal liens of properties owned in Allegheny County to qualify. All applications that are pre-screened, eligible, and complete will be forwarded to the municipality for consideration of the applicant's proposed re-use plan.

Under completion of the 2014 Side Yard and Blighted Structure Program, applicants may continue to apply for properties through our standard program.

For additional information or to request an application, please contact 412-350-1090.



Fire Marshal Facts

Quick Facts

ABOUT THE INVISIBLE KILLER

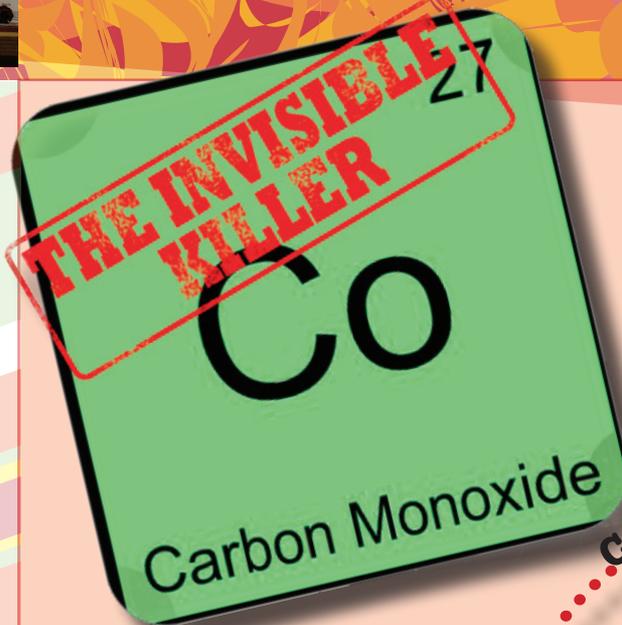
> More than 150 people die **ANNUALLY** due to Carbon Monoxide Poisoning.

> Carbon Monoxide detectors should be tested once a month for effectiveness.

> Carbon Monoxide Poisoning can happen quickly, or over long periods of time depending on the health of the person and the amount of exposure.

> In 2010, there were 81,000 reports of non-fire related carbon monoxide incidents. This number increases as more people install carbon monoxide detectors.

> Detectors can be purchased at many hardware stores or stores with a home goods section.



When combined, the elements Carbon and Oxygen can cause a world of problems.

Carbon Monoxide

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas that is produced by burning. It is a product of fires and burning gas, emitted when a car is running, a generator is turned on, and even when using gas-powered lawn equipment.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning is the consequence of having CO in your body. Low-level CO Poisoning shows itself through flu-like symptoms such as headaches, fatigue, short breath, nausea, and dizziness. High-level, which means there are higher levels of CO in the body, shows itself through symptoms such as confusion, vomiting, loss of muscular coordination, loss of consciousness, and ultimately, death.

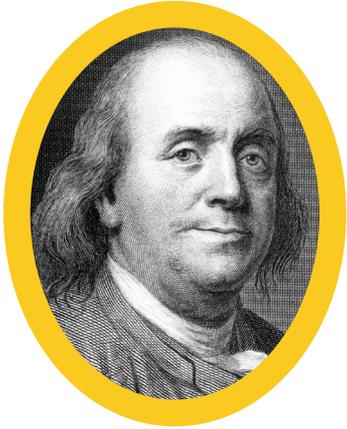
Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Preventative measures such as making sure gas-powered equipment is being operated in a ventilated area, installing Carbon Monoxide detectors, having your furnace professionally inspected, and making sure all vents leading to the outside of your home are free of debris can help in ensuring the safety of you and your family.

Source: www.fema.gov

A message from:

PEEBLES DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



With the expansion and growth of the shopping district, improvement and achievement are easy to see with the addition of new streets and homes in the Town of McCandless. Growth also means the volunteer fire companies are busier than ever.

Benjamin Franklin, the founding father of the American Fire Service (and a founder of our country), said, “Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.”

Firefighting, at one time, consisted of just putting water on a burning building. Now, firefighting includes a variety of duties in order to protect the communities they serve.

Firefighters, who include volunteers serving this community, are called upon for putting out brush fires endangering North Park, rescuing deer or dogs that don't quite make it across the lake, and saving kittens stuck in sewers.

Firefighters clean up spills of hazardous chemicals, extricate and comfort a loved one stuck in a car crash, and check your home to ensure its safety when the smoke or CO detector sounds. The service doesn't stop there.

We engage in public demonstrations of our skills and equipment, give tours of our station, educate children on fire safety and sometimes squirt them off at field day. There are never ending opportunities at Peebles District Volunteer Fire Company. The old adage applies here that ‘many hands make like work.’



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Stop by the firehouse on a Tuesday night, visit with us at Community Day, or come to our Fall open house. Any of our volunteer firefighters would be happy to chat and show you around. You can check out our new rescue truck, the kids can get some goodies, ring the bell, and see everything going on at Peebles.

Perhaps like our esteemed and creative predecessor, you can give of some of your time to the volunteer fire service. We look forward to seeing you soon at one of the many community events!

Tax Information

Key Items to Know About Taxes in McCandless

REAL ESTATE TAXES

On Dec. 16, 2013, Town Council approved a Town millage rate of 1.296 mills (\$129.60 per \$100,000 of assessed value) for the 2014 calendar year. The North Allegheny School District (NASD) has set its millage to 17.4039 mills for the 2014-15 fiscal year (which runs from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015).

The millage rates are the same as the amount reset in May 2013 based upon Allegheny County's reassessment.

The tax due dates were outlined in the 2014 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) were 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, 2014 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, 2014, 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. 2. Payments received after Sept. 2 will be considered timely only if they contain an official U.S. Postal Service postmark of Sept. 2 or earlier. If any installment payment is late, you will be disqualified from the installment program for 2015, 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 have not received a tax bill, 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.

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, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Please check the 2014 Town Calendar, view the Town web site at 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 taxpayers and Town staff, payments placed in the drop box or any other location on the Town premises after 7:00 pm 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. 2 and Nov. 3 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.

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.

Earned Income & 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. 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 2014 Per Capital Tax bill is based on the NASD fiscal year of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The billing procedure in 2014 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

Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

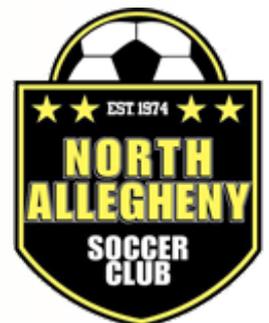
- When trees shed their leaves, the Town leaf programs begin. Leaves may be placed in your yard waste cart, along with **up to three biodegradable yard waste bags at no additional charge**. These carts and additional bags will be picked up on your normal weekly pickup day, and you don't even need to call ahead!
- If you have **more leaves and yard waste than fit into your yard waste cart and three biodegradable bags**, more bags may be placed along the curb for your scheduled pickup. If you should need this bulk pickup you must **call ahead** and notify Republic Services. A **bulk pickup fee** will be applied when more than three bags are picked up. Yard waste service by Republic ends this year on December 5, 2014.
- The Town's curbside leaf pickup** is conducted by Town forces beginning Monday, October 20, 2014. This collection program runs through November 26, 2014 with no pickups on Saturdays, Sundays, or Election Day. This program is different than the scheduled pickup with Republic Services, so here are the steps to use the Town pickup system:
 - Rake up your leaves, **just your leaves**. Any other debris or yard waste should be placed in your yard waste cart or paper yard waste bags.
 - Move those leaves to the curb, as close to the road as possible, but not more than two feet into the roadway. The leaf pickup truck will drive by and vacuum up your unwanted leaves.
 - Keep in mind that the trucks **DO NOT have a set schedule**. They resume collection where they concluded the previous day.
- If you are on a **designated bag pickup road**, meaning that the Town leaf pickup truck isn't able to use the vacuum feature on your road, you will be provided 25 biodegradable paper bags, **free of charge**. Instead of raking leaves to the curb, just place them in the bags, and put the bags along the curb. If you use the 25 free bags, you may purchase more at a local retailer or through the Town at \$11.00 per bundle of 25. To see if you are on a bag system, please **refer to our web site**, or call the Public Works Department. And you can still use your yard waste container and Republic's service, as stated above.
- NOTE: Only** those on a designated bag street will be provided the free bags. If you wish to purchase bags to place out alongside your yard waste cart and are not on a designated bag street, bags must be purchased for the \$11.00 fee, or at a local retailer.

RECREATION NEWS

It's not too late to register for the North Allegheny Soccer Club! Registration for school-age groups is open until **August 31, 2014** for the September-October season. This recreational league does not require tryouts.

For more details about the league and how to register or volunteer, visit www.nasoccerclub.com.

You can also visit our recreation tab on our web site at www.townofmccandless.org to check out other recreational opportunities here in McCandless.



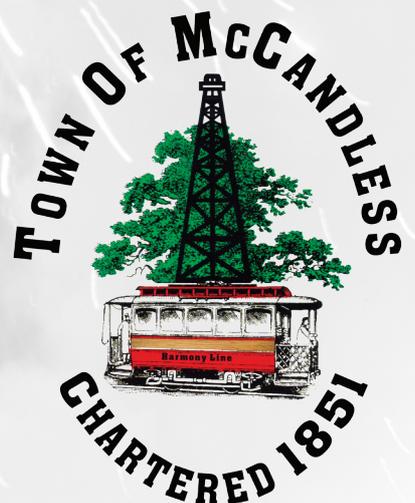


The 14TH ANNUAL TOWN OF McCANDLESS COMMUNITY DAY

McCANDLESS TOWN HALL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

12:30 P.M. - CONCLUSION OF FIREWORKS (9 P.M.)





Northland Library Has New Web Site, New Computers and New Technology in Meeting Rooms

Northland Public Library has undergone some major changes. In May the new web site, www.northlandlibrary.org, was launched. The updated site features an interactive calendar, access to your library account, instructions on downloading e-materials, and listings of available resources.

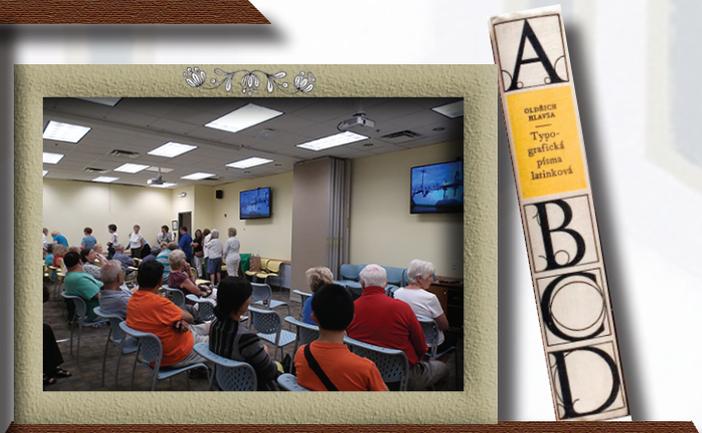
In June, the Computer Center was updated with new computers that require users to have a library card, much like other libraries in the Allegheny County system. It's expected that with the new computers, usage will increase far past the 81,000 sessions that were logged in 2013.

Meeting spaces in the library were also upgraded with new projectors, larger magnetic dry erase boards, large flat screen TVs, Blu-ray players, and sound systems. The library's Foundation and donors have made these upgrades possible. The updated meeting space is available for a fee, which contributes to the maintenance and further update of the spaces.

Additionally, our Children's Department staff has been visiting local schools, daycares, and summer camps to promote the library and Summer Reading Club. As a result, there has been an increase in Summer Reading Club enrollment, and the amount of library cards. In June, library cards were issued at a rate of 20 per hour!

The Adult Summer Reading Club will continue to meet through August 30. For every book read, participants will be entered to win a gift card to a variety of places. Stop in and pick up a reading record booklet and learn about the gift card drawing today.

At Northland Library, we believe that it is our mission to serve the community by enabling, encouraging, and empowering lifelong learning and discovery. We invite you to stop in and see the many improvements or simply pay us a visit online at www.northlandlibrary.org.



Developing News

McCandless Crossing Moving Forward

What was once a portion of a college campus and vacant property is now transforming into the development known as McCandless Crossing. With the April 9, 2014 opening of DICK's Sporting Goods, everyone is excited to see what will be opening next on the East side of McKnight Road.

HomeGoods, Cinemark, and Panera Bread announced tentative opening dates of August 24, September 1, and October 14, respectively. Many of the East side McCandless Crossing businesses will be open in fall 2014.

Kevin Dougherty, CEO of AdVenture Development, believes that giving residents options is the key to making McCandless Crossing a success.

"Trying not to have two of anything, the connectivity throughout, and a chance to get out on foot are the perks of the location," according to Dougherty.

In addition, he hopes that the

streetscape will encourage people to make multiple stops. Residents can eat, relax, watch a movie, and shop, all of which will make McCandless Crossing an enjoyable experience.

Permits and approval are pending for Longhorn Steakhouse and BJ's Brew Pub, which is taking place of the original tenant, Carrabba's Italian Grill.

Plans for a second hotel to be constructed behind Cinemark is in the works.

"DICK's, CVS, the existing restaurants, the Home2 Hilton hotel, and Handel's all have performed very well. By membership, the McCandless Crossing LA Fitness is the largest in the Pittsburgh area," notes Dougherty.

AdVenture's dream to make McCandless Crossing a part of the existing community landscape is coming to fruition.



The Residences at McCandless Crossing

As McCandless Crossing continues to grow with a state-of-the-art movie theater, shops, restaurants, and salons, who wouldn't want to call this little downtown home? Ryan Homes, one of the largest home-building organizations in the country, continues construction on "The Residences at McCandless Crossing."

These homes have 3 bedrooms, 2 ½ bathrooms, a 2-car garage, outdoor space, and easy access to McCandless Crossing and its surroundings.

Ultimately, the 53 units will occupy ten different buildings.

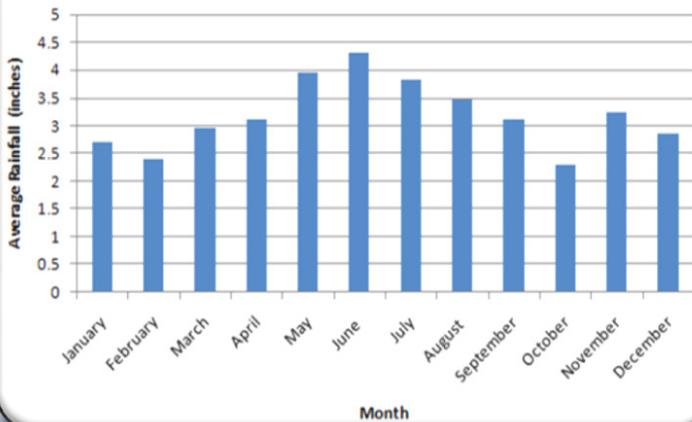
On June 1, 2014 the first segment of units opened, followed by a second in July. In August the third building will open its doors.

Currently, the units of the fourth and fifth building are being sold. The builder sells each unit before construction, allowing buyers to create a one-of-a-kind home in the one-of-a-kind space that is McCandless Crossing.



RECLAIM THE RAIN!

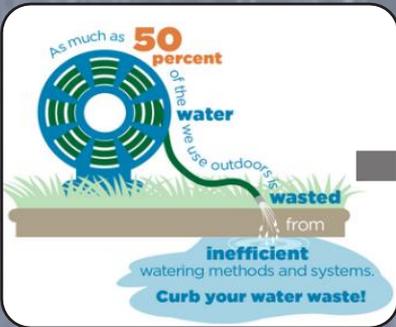
Average Rainfall per Month in McCandless



With the summer months upon us, the time to start your rainwater reclamation project is **now!** On average in the month of June, a McCandless residence with a roof surface of just 1,600 square feet can reclaim as much as 4,300 gallons of rainfall! This water, which would otherwise drain into yards or public sewers, can be stored or diverted to other areas depending on your specific needs. The following are methods that can help you begin to maximize the use of rainwater!



Rain Barrels are a great way to reclaim rainwater. They are easy to install and come in a wide range of sizes and styles to fit your needs for function as well as aesthetics. Using stored water is a great way to reduce high water bills from watering your lawns and gardens in the hot summer months!



Outdoor Water Use accounts for 30% of the average 320 gallons of water used by a typical household every day. That 30% comes out to roughly 100 gallons everyday, and the EPA estimates that up to 50% of the water designated for outdoor use is wasted due to poor irrigation methods, evaporation, wind, and runoff. An effective way to curb this waste is by integrating your water storage system into your irrigation system.



Integration of your rain barrel or tank with your irrigation system is relatively easy. By adding a water pump to your storage tank, you can potentially supply your sprinkler system using nothing but reclaimed rainwater. Additionally, by pressurizing your tank you can add a spigot to allow for the connection of a hose directly to your rain barrel or tank. By making this simple modification to your irrigation system you can cut down on waste, and save over 50 gallons of water everyday. Your savings could total to more than 18,000 gallons of water in just one year!

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FAQs About Floodplains and Flood Insurance



Q: What are floodplains?

A: Floodplains are areas near or adjacent to a body of water, such as Pine Creek, that are prone to flooding when heavy rains occur.

Q: What do floodplains have to do with my property?

A: If you reside on, or are planning to build on a floodplain, you must apply for a special permit through the Town of McCandless. This permit requires a plan of the proposed building or structures to ensure that there is no floodway or floodplain blockage. Blocking water flow increases risk of additional problems.

Q: What happens if my property is damaged by floods?

A: For residents living on a floodplain, it is recommended that you have insurance that covers any damages that may occur as a result of flooding. Insurance can drastically defer the cost of repairing a house damaged by a flood. If your structure is damaged to more than 50% of market value, it must be built to current standards.

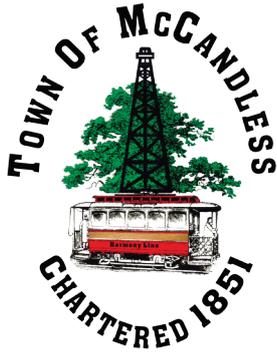
Q: I already have homeowner's insurance, does that cover flooding?

A: It is important to know that homeowner's insurance does NOT cover flood damages. If you live on a high-risk floodplain, the government requires that you have flood insurance. However, many people live on low-risk floodplains.

The Town of McCandless has chosen to regulate floodplains, therefore you are eligible for flood insurance in accordance regulations set by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Flood insurance is purchased through insurance agents.

Q: How do I know if I live on a floodplain?

A: FEMA provides flood maps, which will be available for viewing at Town Hall. We can assist you, but cannot make the final determination if your property is or is not on a floodplain. If you are at immediate risk, you will know due to the government requirement for flood insurance. Changes in land are tracked by your mortgage company who will then notify you of any rate or requirement changes.



CCAC North Campus Offers Veteran-Friendly Programs & Services

With access to a dedicated Veterans Services Center and access to scholarships and veteran-related clubs and activities, it's no wonder that CCAC continues to attract veterans to its ranks. In fact, CCAC hosts one of the largest student veteran populations in the region.

CCAC North Campus offers a wealth of programs that many veterans find appealing, including:

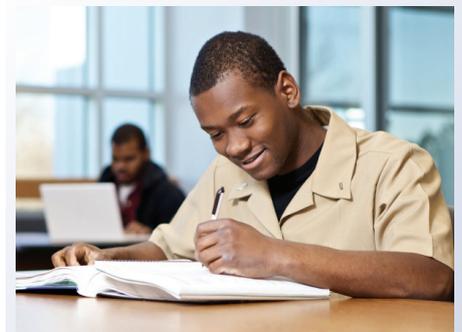
Criminal Justice & Criminology Associate of Science

This degree program prepares individuals to work in public or private agencies, law enforcement agencies, private security companies, police departments, county sheriff departments and state highway patrol stations. CCAC offers three program tracks: Law Enforcement; Corrections; or Computer Forensics.

Business

Associate of Science & Certificate Options

CCAC's Business programs are designed to prepare students for career entry or for transfer to a four-year college or university. CCAC's Business Management associate degree program is designed to prepare students for entry level business management positions. CCAC's Business University Parallel associate degree program is designed for students planning to transfer to a four-year institution. It allows broad choices of courses to meet the requirements of individual transfer institutions and provides the equivalent of the first two years of a bachelor's degree in business. CCAC's Business Management certificate program is ideal for individuals who have prior postsecondary education and are seeking to enhance their skills.



CCAC was recently named to the 2014 Military Friendly Schools list by Victory Media, a global media outlet for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. This designation signifies that CCAC is among the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are ensuring the success of military service members, veterans and their spouses as students by creating a supportive on-campus environment.

For more information on these and other CCAC programs, contact:



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