



McCandless Town Crier



McCandless Crossing Construction Moves Forward

Town Council unanimously approved the "Town Center" of McCandless Crossing proposed by AdVenture Development, LLC at Council's Regular Business Meeting held on January 28.

The Town Center will consist of an 80 ft. by 160 ft. "Town Green," another 80 ft. by 60 ft. area that will represent the civic art portion of the downtown area, a four-sided Town clock and a ground-level water fountain.

McCandless Land Use Administrator and Zoning Officer Bruce Betty has been a part of the team that has seen this project come to fruition.

"All buildings will be connected via sidewalks. You can park, have dinner at a restaurant and then to a movie without ever having to move your car. The landscape plan is tremendous."

Restaurants such as Bonefish Grill, Longhorn Steakhouse and Carrabba's Italian Grill will be featured in the Town Center and will require specific site approval on an individual basis to ensure compliance with architectural

Grading permits have been issued and site development on the east side is underway. Erosion and Sedimentation Controls are a primary focus of the Town Center in the early stages of construction. Grading, water lines, stormwater

facilities and utility work will also be projects completed first, according to AdVenture Project Director Robert McGurk.

Vertical construction is set to commence in late summer or early fall of 2013. Those projects include 53 Ryan Homes, a Cinemark theater and retail restaurants.

In addition to the McCandless Crossing development, McCandless will welcome other businesses in the area. Turn to page 10 to see a listing of other projects and businesses coming soon!



standards laid out by the Town, AdVenture's Kevin Dougherty and his team.

Dougherty gushed, "The project is fulfilling the vision to create a quality centerpiece for a great community. It demonstrates a terrific cooperation among residents, Town Council and staff and the development team."

Home 2 Suites by Hilton



Doodlebugs!

The Doodlebugs! Grand Opening was held March 22, 2013. The photo on the left shows preliminary construction in the fall of 2012, while the photo on the right shows the building's progress just over one month from completion.



Progress on the Home 2 Suites by Hilton project is moving along quickly. The photo on the left was taken in the preliminary stages of building in the fall of 2012 and the photo on the right was taken in February 2013. Hilton expects to open the hotel by July 2013.

Electronic Recycling News

Ecycling Recycling, LLC Comes to Wexford

JVS E-Waste Event Huge Success



The Town of McCandless teamed up with Ohio Township and JVS Environmental to hold the first E-Waste recycling event of 2013 on Saturday, January 12.

The event was a huge success thanks to the many residents who recycled a variety of electronic devices. Together, we filled two 36 ft. box trucks and a full 53 ft. semi-trailer:

Electronic Scrap:	6,404 lbs.
Computers/Laptops:	4,277 lbs.
Monitors:	10,682 lbs.
Televisions:	<u>21,362 lbs.</u>
	42,725 lbs.

The next e-waste recycling event is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2013. See you there!

Ecycling Recycling, LLC (From BYTES to bits!), a business offering surrounding communities a free solution to electronic recycling, is the closest recycling center in proximity to McCandless that provides a free electronic recycling service to residents.

Jenn Carr, a Ross Township native, is the proud owner of Ecycling Recycling.

“We have been met by great, excited responses. Many people tell us they have been looking for a center like ours...attics are filled, garages are being rooted through. We are asking for help in spreading the word.”

Wexford was chosen as a prime location because of the well-traveled Route 19 and its proximity to the border of Butler County in addition to the well-populated area of Cranberry Township, said Carr.

The region represents about 202,000 residents. Taking that into consideration, Carr calculated the North Hills region will generate approximately 606,000 pounds of electronic waste per year. That’s an annual amount of three pounds per person.

In addition to their recycling services, Ecycling has a data security solution program in place to ensure residents the protection of their personal information.

“We can take a home or business computer and sanitize or wipe the drive, if we are planning to reuse it. If we aren’t going to reuse it, we have a certified hard drive destruction process following National Association of Information Destruction (NAID) protocol,” said Carr. “There is a small fee of \$15 per computer or laptop. It is a small price for peace of mind that no one will get

hold of your personal or financial information.”

In addition to computers and laptops, accepted items include servers, computer mice and keyboards, printers and copiers, televisions, monitors, small kitchen appliances (mixers, toasters), stereo equipment (including car stereos), laser and multifunction scanners, video game consoles, electronic cables, microwaves, fax machines, DVD players, cell phones, telephones, phone systems, zip drives, PDAs and VCRs.

Carr has reported that 75 percent of the storage shed was filled by residents of McCandless within the opening week of business in February.

Ecycling is a partner of eLoop, LLC, a Pittsburgh-based electronic recycling center that operates a collection system throughout the entire state of Pennsylvania. Because Ecycling is directly connected with eLoop, the new business falls under many of the same certifications and associations as eLoop.

This helps control costs through conserving input materials and energy, potentially reduces incidents that results in liability, according to Carr. To put it plainly, it gives the residents a legitimate drop-off point to better adjust to the new Covered Devices Act (effective January 2013), which bans the disposal of electronic items in landfills.

Ecycling Recycling, LLC is located at 11490 Perry Highway in Wexford, PA 15090. Their hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Ecycling Recycling can be reached by dialing 412-367-0831 or you can get more information by visiting their website at www.ecyclingrecycling.com.

Automated System Update: Recycling By the Numbers

The above chart tracks the performance of both Town of McCandless and Ohio Township in terms of recycling progress per household in 2012. The column specifies weight in pounds and the bottom row specifies month.

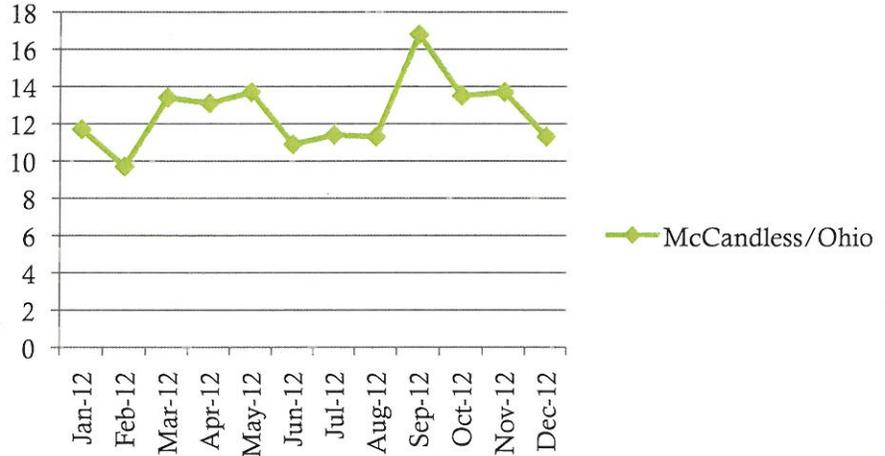
On average, each household is recycling approximately 12.54 pounds per stop. In terms of trash, each household is putting out approximately 27.65 pounds per stop (not illustrated on the chart).

From an outside perspective, this may not seem like a staggering statistic. However, the recycling effort has been tremendous in both municipalities.

This compares quite favorably to our last year of manual recycling. We recycled 180 tons of material per month, which equates to 9.1 pounds per stop. To put this statistic in perspective, McCandless has experienced a 38% increase in recycling tonnages by making the switch to automated.

Keep in mind this does not include yard waste materials. Prior to the automation system,

Town of McCandless and Ohio Township Recycled Pounds per Stop



month during yard waste season.

We appreciate your continued efforts to recycle and ask that you keep up the good work!

(Statistical information provided by Allied/Republic Services and the Town of McCandless.) Recycling questions can be directed to Recycling Coordinator Maria Costanza at 412-364-0616 ext. 118.

E-CYCLE

In partnership with eRevival, LLC

EVERY SATURDAY IN APRIL 11AM-4PM!
RECYCLE YOUR OLD OR UNNEEDED ELECTRONICS
IN A SAFE, ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY WAY.

Drop off electronics such as computers, monitors, tvs- most electronics with a battery or plug. We cannot accept refrigerators, household AA, AAA, C, D batteries, or microwave ovens.

THIS IS A FREE SERVICE.
QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL!



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10576 PERRY HIGHWAY, WEXFORD, PA 15090 • 724.940.6100

Some "Don'ts" about Filling Your Recycling Cart

Although these carts (right) are placed at least two feet away from each other, the recycling cart is clearly over filled.



Remember: the lid must close completely for proper pick up. Overfilling also causes wind to carry loose items in the cart onto the street.

Regarding overflow trash, you are permitted up to three trash bags outside of your cart for two consecutive weeks in a row. The third week you will be charged.

The cart to the right is incorrectly filled because electronics are no longer accepted at the curb. Electronics must be recycled as of January 2013.

The next McCandless E-Waste recycling event is scheduled for June 1, 2013 or stop by Whole Foods any weekend in April to drop off your e-waste!



A Message from the Town of McCandless Police Department:

Bicycle Safety

Bicyclists and Drivers:

Please share the road. It's not just a good idea . . . it's the law.

Pennsylvania law states that bicyclists must obey the same regulations as a motor vehicle while traveling on the road.

Here's what you need to know about the law:

- When passing a bicyclist, drivers must allow **at least four feet** between their vehicle and the bicycle.
- Drivers are permitted to cross the center double yellow line if necessary to provide the required four feet as long as it is safe to do so.
- When traveling below the posted speed limit, cyclists must keep to the right side of the road unless they are making a left turn or riding on a one-way street.
- If there is only one travel lane, bicyclists may use any portion of the lane to avoid hazards on the roadway.
- No turn by a driver can interfere with a bicyclist who is proceeding straight on a roadway. Drivers attempting to turn left must yield the right-of-way to bicyclists traveling in the opposite direction.
- It is illegal for motorists to force a bicyclist off of the road and drivers who do this may face criminal charges.
- Anyone under the age of 12 must wear a helmet.
- Your bicycle must be equipped with a front lamp that can be seen 500 feet away.
 - All motorists should check side view mirrors before exiting the car.
 - You must yield to pedestrians and bicyclists at all times.
 - Bicyclists may only drive with the direction of traffic, not against it.



Tips for Bicyclists

- Use reflectors, reflective tape, or similar devices on cycling shoes, fenders, belts, frames, pedals and handlebars.
- Use hand signals to indicate turning or stopping.
- Ride defensively.
- Use bike paths or bike lanes whenever possible.
- Walk your bicycle across busy intersections.
- Park your bike in a well lit, frequently traveled area.
- Perform regular maintenance checks.
- Avoid riding in bad weather.

Quick Facts:

- Each year, bicycle crashes kill about 900 people; 200 of those are children under 15 years old.
- Each year, 567,700 people go to hospital emergency rooms-382,000 are children below 15 years old.
- Each year, 130,000 suffer from head injuries due to bicycle crashes.
- More than 70% of children ages 5 to 14 (27.7 million) ride bicycles.

Introducing **NOMAD**

Northland's Offsite Modern Alternative Dispenser



#1 Swipe library card under the scanner with the number facing the scanner

- You may use a library card from Northland Public Library or any public library in Allegheny County.
- Your card may not be accepted if it has expired, you owe more than \$10 in late fees or a borrowed item has reached the billed stage.

#2 Choose the item you wish to borrow by entering the row number

- Only the first item in a row is available.
- You must scan your card for each item you wish to borrow.

#3 Retrieve the receipt for the item

- A receipt, printed for each item borrowed, will pass into the trough at the bottom right of the front panel. The receipt will list the title and date the item is due to be returned. Please make sure title on receipt matches the title of the item in hand.

Borrowing periods

Items borrowed from NOMAD follow the same borrowing rules as items borrowed from Northland Public Library.

The NOMAD Lending Kiosks are available during regular operating hours at these two locations:

Both locations have 24 hour accessible materials returns.

Baierl Family YMCA | 2565 Nicholson Road | Sewickley

Sunday, 11:00am to 6:00pm • Monday through Friday, 6:00am to 9:00pm • Saturday, 7:00am to 7:00pm

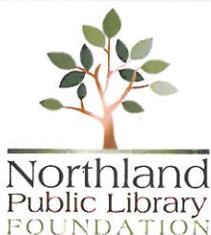
Ross Community Center | 1000 Ross Municipal Drive | Ross Twp.

Sunday through Thursday, 8:30am to 6:00pm • Friday and Saturday, 8:30am to 10:30pm

Northland Library's NOMAD Lending Kiosks are the first of their kind in Western Pennsylvania to provide a cost-effective, efficient way to serve more Library patrons in the Northern Allegheny County area. NOMAD provides materials such as books and DVDs for patrons of all ages. This latest in library lending technology was made possible through a partnership between Northland Public Library and the Northland Public Library Foundation.

For more information, visit <http://northlandnomad.wordpress.com>.

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NOMAD is a service sponsored by Northland Public Library for the convenience of our patrons and the communities we serve. The NOMAD lending Kiosks were made possible, in part, through the support of generous donors to the Northland Public Library Foundation.

For information about supporting the Northland Public Library Foundation, or our current funding initiatives, please visit us at www.northlandlibrary.org/foundation.

RECREATION

Summer Recreation Program

Registration forms for the 2013 summer recreation program will be sent home with students the last week of classes.

The program is a joint project between the municipalities of the Town of McCandless, Bradford Woods Borough, Franklin Park Borough and Marshall Township. The North Allegheny School District also partners with these communities, offering up the school

facilities. This year's programs will be held at McKnight Elementary School, Ingomar Elementary School and Bradford Woods Elementary School.

The program will begin June 10, 2013.

Tentative summer program hours are from 8:45 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Participants must have completed first grade. Activities include team sports, group recreation and arts and crafts.



Wanted: Summer Work Program Students

The Public Works Department is looking to fill positions for the Summer Work Program.

These positions are open to all college or technical school students or graduating high school seniors in the year 2013 planning to attend classes full-time in the fall.

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

For more information contact Mark Sabina at 412-364-0616 ext. 184 or at public.works@townofmccandless.org.



Ingomar Franklin Park Athletic Association Establishes Babe Ruth League

During the fall of 2012, a committee was put together to consider options for Ingomar Franklin Park Athletic Association (IFPAA) to affiliate with a national youth baseball organization.



The committee, after weighing all of the factors and options around affiliations with various national youth baseball organizations, recommended at the Nov. 15 Board meeting that IFPAA establish affiliation with the Babe Ruth League and create the Western Region for Babe Ruth/ Cal Ripken Baseball.

IFPAA's Board felt the Babe Ruth League was the best possible fit for IFPAA and the community. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

Some of the tremendous benefits that solidified IFPAA's decision were:

1. Flexibility to offer the widest range of programs to meet the needs and desires of the community.
2. Opportunity to be the founding organization for Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken in Western Pennsylvania.
3. Great programs for coaches and a focus on coach development.
4. The opportunity to be part of a national organization that puts the player first, not the organization.
5. Opportunity for state, regional and/or national World Series tournaments at all levels (see the details below), with seeds in the State Tournament and realistic opportunities for advancement.
6. Be part of the fastest growing, most forward thinking youth baseball organization.
7. Opportunity to participate in the Cal Ripken World Series, played in a replica of Camden Yards in Aberdeen, Md. This tournament was nationally televised on Fox Sports in 2012.

For those who are not familiar with the Babe Ruth League (baberruthleague.org), here are some key facts:

- Babe Ruth League has been in existence since 1951.
- It serves over one million players, ages 4 – 18 through Babe Ruth Baseball, Cal Ripken Baseball and Babe Ruth Softball, along with Bambino Buddy-Ball for physically/mentally challenged ball players.
- Leagues are in existence in six countries and 50 states. There are currently 72 leagues in Pennsylvania.
- The mid-Atlantic region has more than 2,000 teams.



IFPAA will design it's own programs at the local levels and its offerings for the upcoming year will remain largely unchanged. IFPAA teams will represent Western Pennsylvania directly in the Babe Ruth state championships. Winners will be entered into the mid-Atlantic playoffs and will proceed to the World Series for ages 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

For more information about the Babe Ruth league, please visit the IFPAA web site at www.ifpaa.org.

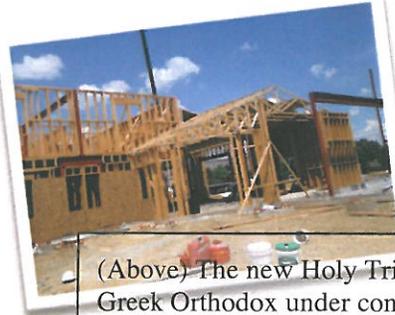
Developing News in McCandless

The new Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church located on 985 Providence Boulevard is nearing completion and is projected to open June 22, 2013.

The permit for permission to build was issued February 14, 2012.

In other developing news, plans are in the works for Waterford Place located off of Ringeisen Road. Currently, there are 14 lots that will be developed, however

no building permits have been issued yet. Vertical construction will commence after grading and stormwater requirements are fulfilled and the roadway is paved.



(Above) The new Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox under construction in July 2012.



(Left) The church in March 2013 is near completion and in the final stages of construction.

Check out our web site!



The Town's web site has a new look! Visit us on the web at www.townofmccandless.org to take a look around. Feel free to provide feedback to administration@townofmccandless.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

You've got McC-Mail

Sign up for the Town of McCandless' monthly e-newsletter on our web site. Simply provide your e-mail address, first and last name and you will receive monthly updates from the Town!



MFPAA to celebrate EMS Week

The McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority (MFPAA) invites you to visit the Authority Monday, May 20 through Friday, May 24 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or on Saturday, May 25 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in celebration of Emergency Medical Services Week in Pennsylvania.

On May 25 residents will be able to take a tour of the station or an ambulance, get a child's car seat checked, ask questions and find answers, grab a hot dog or hamburger or more importantly, just stop and visit with your ambulance service.

Each year in mid-May Pennsylvania celebrates EMS Week. It's a chance for hospitals, EMS services and the community to celebrate and reflect on what they do.

Their presence in the community extends beyond when you see them traveling down the road tending to a patient. They are a part of your Friday night football experience, whether at Newman Stadium, J. C. Stone Field or at Pine-Richland Field.

Their ambulances are a regular fixture at North Park from early spring to late fall watching over the runners, walkers and bicyclists that participate in the many races, walks and fun runs.

The Authority pays particular attention to the younger residents by speaking to the Boys and Girl Scout groups, pre-school groups and making sure your children are traveling safely by checking the installation of their car seats. We have the opportunity each summer to meet with the members of all of the communities they serve by attending various community days.

The MFPAA finished up its 35th year of service to the community and is excited and proud to be part of a vibrant and energetic area. They continue to embrace their role as this community's pre-hospital caregivers. It is the opportunity to professionally serve all of the residents that keeps them motivated.

MFPAA can be contacted at 412-367-5883. They encourage you to stop by and say hello. Don't just meet by accident!

From the Office of the Fire Marshal: Open Burnings and Enforcement

Along with the arrival of spring come other bothersome chores along with it, such as cleaning your yard of leaves, twigs and debris.

This can be a fun time to enjoy the weather with outdoor activities like a recreational fire, yet every year many incidents occur due to the disregard of taking the proper precautions.

Recreational fires are meant for just that--recreation and not intended for the disposal of yard waste and trash.

Below the Fire Marshal has provided the guidelines for issuance of open burning permits and the open burning regulations:

•No person shall conduct, or allow to be conducted, the open burning of any material, except where the Office of the Fire Marshal has

issued an open burning permit to such person in accordance with this section.

•Immediately upon the discovery of any unauthorized open burning, the person responsible for the property on which the burning occurs shall immediately extinguish such burning.

•Open burning and recreational fires shall be allowed within the Town of McCandless only with a permit issued through the Office of the Fire Marshal.

⇒Myth: I can complete a fire prevention permit application from the Fire Marshal's office less than 24 hours prior to the burn date.

False: An application must be submitted a minimum of 24 hours prior to the scheduled burn date. The permit must be submitted in full along with a \$25.00 permit fee.

⇒Myth: I don't have to notify anyone about the open burning after I turn in my application.



False: The fire department must be notified before and after the burn event. Contact the Allegheny County Emergency Services 9-1-1 dispatch center non-emergency number: (412) 369-2200.

⇒Myth: A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher or other approved on-site fire extinguishing agents must be present.

True: Other approved agents include dirt, sand, water barrel or garden hose.

⇒Myth: The approved permit must be in the possession of the applicant or authorized representative at the site of the permitted open burning site.

True: The permit should be made available for inspection upon request by any fire protection or law enforcement officer.

⇒Myth: If objectionable weather conditions occur, any enforcement officer can order the fire to be

extinguished.

True: Atmospheric conditions or local conditions (dry weather) that make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. The Fire Marshal, fire protection or law enforcement officer is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder or the fire department of open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

⇒Myth: I can use plastic to fuel my fire.

False: Only dry, clean, untreated wood products or other clean burning fuels are to be used for recreation or cookout fires. Only smokeless fuels, if any, may be used to start the fires.

⇒Myth: It does not matter how big my fire is if I obtained a permit.

False: All fires are to be no larger than 3 ft. by 3 ft. by 3 ft. in size.

⇒Myth: The fire must be located away from any buildings.

True: The fire must be a minimum



“One way to enjoy the nice weather with family and friends is a controlled recreational fire. Your fire must be treated with the utmost respect, as things can go wrong in the blink of an eye if you don't adhere to the posted safety guidelines.”

-Daniel Stack, Fire Marshal

of 30 ft. from any structure, house, shed, barn, fence, pedestrian or recreation area, roadway or utilities and must not last longer than eight hours.

Open burning shall be allowed without a permit only:

If for the warmth of work crews:

- The burning must be conducted in a non-combustible container no larger than a 55-gallon drum.
- The material being burned is completely contained by the container.
- Only one container is used for each work site.
- The outside temperature is less than 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Recreation:

- If an approved, non-combustible, contained exterior fireplace is used. All regulations stated prior, must be adhered to.

Penalty for violations:

Any person who violates any of the provisions of these sections or fails to comply with any order issued pursuant to any section thereof, shall be guilty of a summary offense and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of up to \$1,000.00. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

McCandless Firefighters Test Their Skills

Town of McCandless volunteer firefighters were required to go through a vigorous in-house annual recertification training course in January in order to be eligible to respond as an "interior firefighter" for the 2013 year.

Dan Stack, Fire Marshal for the Town of McCandless and training officer for the Highland Volunteer Fire Department, conducts these training sessions.

"The purpose of this training is to have a firefighter properly demonstrate that he or she is capable of operating and maintaining the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in a variety of situations and scenarios," said Stack.

Sixty-five firefighters from all three of the volunteer fire companies, Highland Volunteer Fire Company, Ingomar

Volunteer Fire Company and Peebles District Volunteer Fire Company, were recertified at training in the former Sun Books on Blazier Drive over a two-week period.

The recertification course consisted of four skill stations, including an SCBA systems check, a timed obstacle course, a confidence maze and a station in which firefighters must be able to properly don the SCBA, face piece and other safety related equipment and begin to breathe off of the SCBA in 70 seconds or less.

The most difficult of the stations is the confidence maze, according to Stack. Firefighters go through the maze with a partner, but the only catch is that they cannot use their sense of vision. They must go through the entire course blindfolded, simulating low-visibility during a fire.

"A team of two firefighters following a hose line must safely negotiate their way through a maze of obstacles all while their face pieces are blacked-out," said Stack. "Each firefighter is monitored on the time it takes to complete the maze, the amount of air consumed and any safe or unsafe actions."

As the firefighters follow the hose through the maze, they must remember to check to see if their partner is still faring well.

Firefighters are led through an array of obstacles, including climbing over stacked pallets, going up stairs and crawling through a simulated hallway with exposed wires that are meant to entangle firefighters.

To put things in perspective, McCandless Communications Specialist Maria Costanza suited up to get a first-hand experience of what fire fighters do everyday.

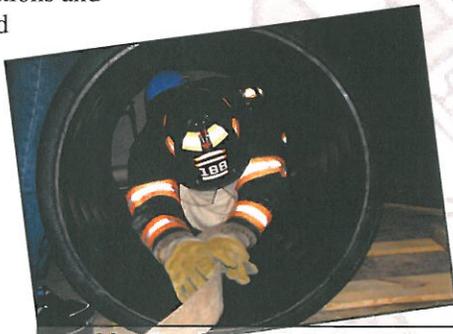
"Breathing was the hardest part. The gear was certainly heavy and restricted movement, but the SCBA caused me to panic because regular breathing wasn't possible," said Costanza. "I had to calm myself down. It would take a lot of practice to do what these men and women do everyday. They make it look easy."

According to Stack, firefighters have a limited air supply: approximately 30 minutes depending on the amount of physical activity.

Regulating breathing becomes necessary in order to limit the amount of air used.



Ingomar Assistant Chief Jim Vicheck (left) and Firefighter Eric Janssen (right) took a break from the action to smile for a photo.



Peebles Firefighter Eric Connolly climbs through a pipe as a part of the confidence maze.

Costanza was not put under a time constraint but she was still fitted with full turnout gear and an SCBA. Costanza was then paired with Highland Third Lt. Brandon McCrea to take on the maze.

As a team, they completed the maze as Stack stopped periodically to educate Costanza on the basic safety rules about taking on stairs and climbing over obstacles. Costanza completed the obstacle course with a new respect for what firefighters do and a better understanding of what training consists of in order to protect themselves and the public they serve.

Stack said, "If it sounds like a lot, it is. We take this very seriously as we do not want to settle for average training. We want to make sure that each of our firefighters has the best possible training to prepare them for whatever they may face."

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, please feel free to

contact Fire Marshal Daniel Stack for more information at 412-364-0616 ext. 128.



Highland Third Lt. Brandon McCrea is shown climbing through a wire tunnel.

Household Chemical Collection

The Pennsylvania Resources Council, Inc. will hold a Household Chemical Collection Event on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the North Park swimming pool parking lot from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The participant fee will be two dollars per gallon (cash only).

For more information on PRC and other hard to recycle collections, visit zerowastepgh.org.

E-Waste Meets Old Lumber

The Town of McCandless will hold an E-Waste collection sponsored by Goodwill Industries on Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Town Hall (9955 Grubbs Road).

Construction Junction will also be collecting material that day from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the soccer field parking lot. A list of accepted items can be found at constructionjunction.org.

Have you ever taken a sip of water from a fountain and you thought 'yuck'? Do you take for granted clean running water coming out of the faucet as you shower every morning? Do you appreciate being able to swim or fish in your favorite lake every summer? The quality of water in Pennsylvania is a primary environmental problem our state faces. Individually, each Pennsylvania citizen can have an impact on the health of our waters. Why is the quality of our water so important? Polluted water impacts our quality of life, economy and hampers your local municipality's ability to comply with federal and state laws. Poor water quality detracts from enjoyable recreational opportunities, mars the appearance of our waterways, hurts business and tourism and poses a threat to the public health. Local communities are forced to allocate valuable dollars away from other necessary projects to remediate water pollution problems that in many cases are preventable with proactive measures.

To comply with local and federal regulations to reduce stormwater pollution our Public Works Department is checking stormwater facilities to make sure they are operating correctly and are also conducting screenings of locations to check for contamination where stormwater is discharged. Officials are also helping to increase public awareness regarding the problems of stormwater pollution by publishing articles like this one, distributing pamphlets and posting information on municipal web sites. McCandless promotes several public involvement activities such as distributing rain barrels, encouraging citizens to design rain gardens on their properties, coordinating public meetings to raise awareness of the problem, implementing educational programs for youngsters, and organizing recycling and cleanup days. On an individual level, your personal choices can also help reduce nonpoint source pollution. *(Provided by Gateway Engineers)*

STORMWATER INFORMATION

Holly and Birch and Fern, Oh My!

Are you thinking about installing a rain garden this spring but don't know exactly where to start? Here's a list of native plants that are suitable for rain gardens in the Northeast Region. These plants are also attractive to butterflies, birds and other wildlife. Be sure to choose carefully though, some species need an appropriate amount of sun or shade.

Wildflowers, Ferns, Grasses and Sedges

- Swamp Milkweed
- White turtlehead
- Joe-pye weed
- Cardinal flower
- Blue lobelia
- Oswego tea
- Common ironweed
- Lady fern
- Royal fern
- Cinnamon fern
- Drooping sedge
- Tussock sedge

Trees and Shrubs

- Shadbush
- Pawpaw
- River birch
- Buttonbush
- Sweet pepperbush
- Silky dogwood
- Dwarf fothergilla
- Winterberry holly
- Spicebush
- Sweet gum
- American elderberry
- Arrowwood

TAX OFFICER REMINDERS

Real Estate Tax

On December 17, 2012 Town Council approved a preliminary Town millage rate of 1.21 mills (\$1.21 per \$1,000 of assessed value) for the 2013 calendar year. The North Allegheny School District will set its millage rate for the 2013-14 fiscal year (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014) in June of this year.

It is important that you pay your tax by the due date, even if you have filed an appeal with Allegheny County. For tax due dates, you may refer to the 2013 calendar or web site where they have been outlined. Once a deadline passes, the higher amount must be paid, even if you win your appeal.

Failure to pay your tax by December 31, 2013 may result in a lien being placed against your property. By law, all North Allegheny School District 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 by July 1. When reviewing your bills, 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 have been approved by Allegheny County for a Homestead Exclusion under Act 1 of 2006, also known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, then the reduction in your North Allegheny School District assessed value appears as a separate line item on your bill.

Installment Plan

- If you qualified for a Homestead exclusion, 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 should pay the first installment amount listed on the bill by September 3. **Payments received after September 3 will be considered timely only if they contain an official U.S. Postal Service postmark of September 3 or earlier.**

If any installment payment is late, you will be disqualified from the installment program for 2013, 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 payments. Payments received after either of those 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 the billing address for your Real Estate Tax bill changed after January 1 of this year, you need to notify us immediately. Allegheny County provides us with a billing address as of January 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. A business privilege license is required at a one-time fee of \$5.00. The deadline to file is May 15, 2013.

The Town's Rules and Regulations are available on the Town's web site.

Per Capita Tax

All residents of the Town over the age of 21 are required to pay this North Allegheny School District tax. McCandless does not impose this tax; we collect it for the school district. 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.

Earned Income & Net Profits Tax

The Town has contracted with Keystone Collections Group of Irwin, PA for the collection of this tax for all current and prior tax years. Their contact information is below:

Keystone Collections Group
546 Wendel Road
Irwin, PA
15642
(724)-978-0300
www.keystonecollects.com

For more information, you can reach our office at 412-364-0616 or send an e-mail to taxoffice@townofmccandless.org.



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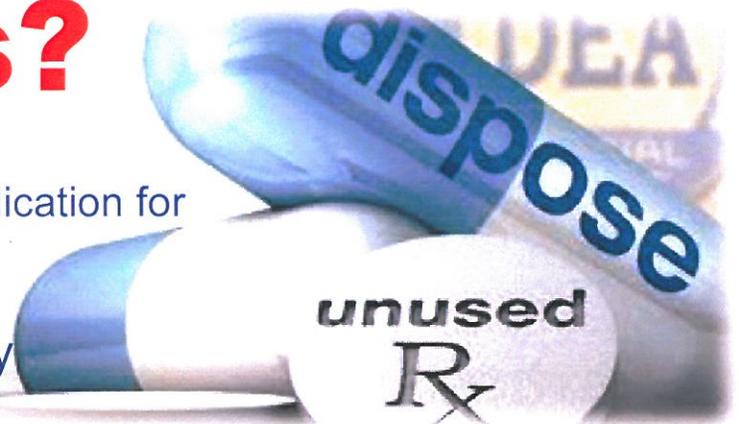
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For more information, please
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