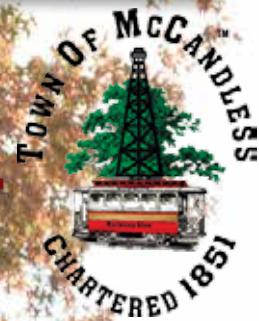




# McCandless Town Crier



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- New Town Manager named
- Update on the Comprehensive Plan
- Looking ahead to warmer weather
- Other useful and important information

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## Meeting Schedule

*Below is a general guide for when public Town meetings take place (there are some exceptions; check the calendar on the Town website for a full listing). All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.*

- **Council's Committee Meetings:** Second Monday of the month
- **Council's Agenda Review Meeting:** Third Monday of the month
- **Council's Regular Business Meeting:** Fourth Monday of the month
- **Planning Commission Meeting:** First Tuesday of the month
- **Zoning Hearing Board Meeting:** Fourth Wednesday of the month
- **Environmental Advisory Committee:** Second Wednesday of the month
- **Heritage Center FDPC:** Third Wednesday of the month **at 4:30 p.m.**

# McCandless – A Banner Community

Once again, the Town of McCandless has been named a Banner Community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM).

The Banner Community program recognizes municipalities committed to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability, and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders.

“Every family, like a community family will go through difficult times. That makes us just like everyone else. But when it comes to model communities, we are not like everyone else,” said Town Council President Kim Zachary. “McCandless is a wonderful place to live. That is even evident in the awards we win. Thank you ALOM for recognizing what the people who live here already know.”

We have earned this honor each year since the program was launched in 2013. The recognition was provided because of the Town’s efforts to provide effective, efficient and accountable services to its residents and businesses. The designation also acknowledges the Town’s efforts to inform and engage residents through frequent and open communication, public and community events, and mentoring.

“As president, I am proud of the budgetary cuts that will allow for large infrastructure projects without raising taxes or assuming debt. I am particularly proud of the strides to engage the community. This includes this newsletter,



Allegheny County Councilwoman Cindy Kirk presents McCandless Councilman Bill Kirk with the Banner Community certificate on March 8 at the Rivers Club.

Savvy Citizen app, Facebook and an overhauled website. You can now view everything going on in the Town on the Town website calendar,” Zachary said.

To be recognized as a Banner Community, a municipality must demonstrate its commitment to several best practices each year related to topics such as communication, professional development and intergovernmental cooperation.

Some of the best practices implemented by McCandless include significant participation in the North Hills Council of Governments and its programs, including joint bids for road salt, regional stormwater cooperation and its leaf composting program; distributing communications to residents (through the use of the Town Crier newsletter, McMail™, the Town’s Facebook page, the

Savvy Citizen app and the Town website); holding Community Day every September; and attendance by Town Council members and staff at professional development courses (such as the LGA Newly Elected Officials Course, ALOM’s annual conference, and the Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners Fall Conference).

A total of 65 municipalities and four municipal authorities received the recognition this year.

“I’m delighted to see the Banner Communities program continue to grow. Local governments are the closest to the residents they serve, and I’m thrilled to see so many officials and local leaders continuing to strive towards effectiveness and efficiency for those residents,” said Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.

# Robert Grimm appointed Town Manager



Town Council on Monday, March 25 unanimously appointed Robert Grimm to serve as the next Town Manager.

He began here in April, and will have a salary of \$120,000 for 2019.

"I'll do my best to work with all of you, build on what has been accomplished and continue to enhance the quality of life here," Grimm said.

Prior to this, Grimm served as the manager at North Fayette Township for two decades, starting in 1998. He also worked at Beaver Falls, Bellevue, Oil City and Fairmont, W.Va.

He has a bachelor's degree from Penn State University, and did graduate work at West Virginia University.

Grimm replaces Toby Cordek, who retired after 35 years as manager. Cordek stuck around for a few weeks to assist Grimm with the transition.

"I believe he will make an excellent McCandless Town Manager," said Council President Kim Zachary.

## Implementable Comprehensive Plan

### Are you part of "A McCandless Conversation?"

The steering committee working on the Town of McCandless Implementable Comprehensive Plan is guiding a draft of the plan report, called "A McCandless Conversation."

The Town's planning consultant, Pashek+MTR, incorporated the steering committee guidance during March and will distribute the draft for review this spring. Once the draft is updated to reflect any comments and concerns of reviewers, the report is expected to be presented to residents at a public hearing in June before moving on to the Town's approval process.

But residents need not wait till June to know what's in the report. Here is a summary explaining the focus of the report, its key issues and main recommendations.

McCandless' implementable comprehen-

hensive plan, "A McCandless Conversation," is rooted in the notion that change happens through discussion, conversation and working together toward common goals.

A community conversation involves talking and listening among individuals, groups, and the Town's elected officials and professional staff. It is rooted in striving to see each other's point of view and identifying points where people can agree. This is not always easy and not always a linear process.

It will be up to the community, through its elected officials, to decide which action steps in the report to pursue, and in what order. Decisions will arise through discussion, conversation and mutual understanding of each key issue explained in the report. It is within this context – of difficult

choices, diverging opinions, a desire for more transparency, and changes in staff and in voting blocs on Council – that "A McCandless Conversation" is presented as a series of questions and answers. The report asks and tries to answer: Why this? Why not that? How would McCandless make it happen? Who will be responsible? How long should this take? How much will it cost? How do we overcome obstacles?

"Planning" is, by definition, a description of how and why things should be different in the future. The community's implementable comprehensive plan should be a living process, with this report the record of the conversation so far ... and a discussion guide for the future.

**We invite you to join "A McCandless Conversation" by reviewing the following summary of plan contents.**

# McCandless Conversation, cont'd.

## Active Transportation & Connectivity

McCandless proposes to provide designated and constructed routes that make walking and biking safer and more comfortable and convenient as it seeks to serve current residents and businesses and attract newcomers.

- STRATEGY 1: Develop an east-west shared-use trail along Pine Creek.
- STRATEGY 2: Develop a north-south active transportation corridor in the Babcock Boulevard-Kummer Road area.
- STRATEGY 3: Develop a north-south active transportation route in the Harmony Trail corridor between Wall Park to the south and Pine Township line to the north.
- STRATEGY 4: Implement transit stop improvements.
- STRATEGY 5: Pursue transit service improvements.

## Community Activities

McCandless would provide Town-sponsored recreation programs, activities and events that meet the needs of the community and increase its appeal to new residents.

- STRATEGY 1: Create Community Activities Advisory Committee.
- STRATEGY 2: Develop programs, events and activities for the community, beginning with those that fill gaps in existing offerings.

## Green Space and Sustainability

McCandless wants to be a pacesetter in sustainability practices, and to be known as one of the most sustainable communities in Allegheny County.

- STRATEGY 1: Pursue platinum certification from the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification .

- STRATEGY 2: Sustain or improve green space in McCandless.

## Redevelopment

McCandless wants to spark redevelopment in specific areas of the Town, but also guide the development to be handles with sensitivity toward neighbors and the natural environment.

- STRATEGY 1: Create an input process into future development at western portions of the Blazier Drive area.
- STRATEGY 2: Initiate a process for helping the community accommodate new uses along Perry Highway via ordinance changes.
- STRATEGY 3: Update Town planning and zoning ordinances with revised requirements on facades, streetscapes, parking, lighting, sound and buffering to minimize commercial/residential land-use conflicts and provide for more sustainable development.

- STRATEGY 4: Encourage redevelopment by independent, locally owned businesses.

## Community Identity and Public Engagement

McCandless intends to build on the sense of community that arises through an articulated community identity. It wants to give citizens a clearer path toward participating in their Town's future.

- STRATEGY 1: Strengthen McCandless' identity as a "Safe, convenient and vibrant community in the heart of Pittsburgh's northern suburbs" (or other statement, if a new one is written).

- STRATEGY 2: Inventory and assess all communications channels the community currently participates in, and decide which to continue, which to discontinue and what to improve.

- STRATEGY 3: Identify McCandless'

goal for level of public involvement and create new opportunities for citizens.

- STRATEGY 4: Enhance the volunteer experience - make volunteering for McCandless more appealing and rewarding.

## Other Important points

• Residents likely haven't forgotten that one much-discussed issue in town has been that of a potential Community Center. This was highly debated by the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee decided to start with the step of creating an Activities Advisory Committee to further consider what new community recreation programs, activities and events the Town wants to sponsor. From that point the Activities Advisory Committee will continue to gather data on space needs to better understand what space is needed. A decision-making template and additional information about community centers are provided in the report Appendix.

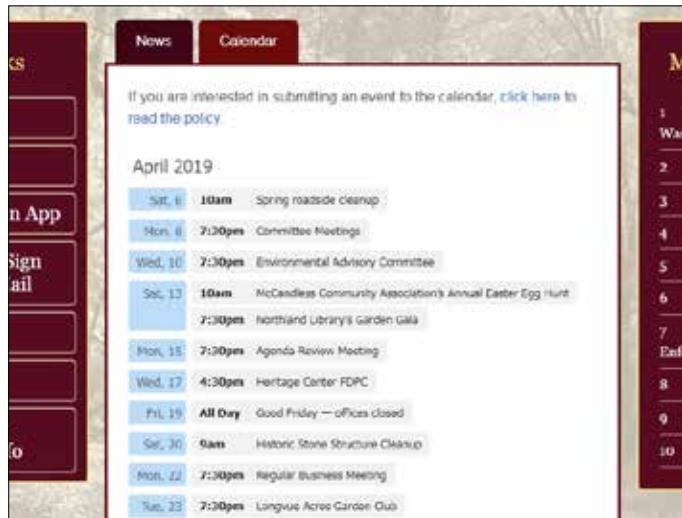
• Several matters that were not selected as Key Issues are also touched on in the Other Topics chapter of the report, including Technology, Housing, Property Maintenance and Planning and Zoning.

The draft was developed in collaboration with the steering committee based on input collected from the community via: two drop-in public meetings, a booth at Community Day, a community quality of life questionnaire, key stakeholder interviews, and a focus group with transportation planners. Members of the Town Council, Environmental Advisory Committee, Planning Commission and the Town's professional staff assisted. The authors and collaborators for this report also wish to remember the admirable contributions made by steering committee member Brian Moreth, who died Sept. 25, 2018.

*Special thank you to Town Land Use Administrator Bruce Betty and Elaine Kramer of Pashek+MTR for providing this update*

# WHAT'S NEW IN TOWN NEWS?

## Community calendar created



If you are interested in submitting an event to the calendar, click here to read the policy.

April 2019

Date	Time	Event
Sat, 6	10am	Spring roadside cleanup
Mon, 8	7:30pm	Committee Meetings
Wed, 10	7:30pm	Environmental Advisory Committee
Sat, 13	10am	McCandless Community Association's Annual Easter Egg Hunt
	7:30pm	Northland Library's Garden Gala
Mon, 15	7:30pm	Agenda Review Meeting
Wed, 17	4:30pm	Heritage Center FDPIC
Fri, 19	All Day	Good Friday — offices closed
Sat, 20	9am	Historic Stone Structure Cleanup
Mon, 22	7:30pm	Regular Business Meeting
Tue, 23	7:30pm	Longmeadow Garden Club

Residents, local non-profits and government entities now can submit events to the Town calendar on the Town website and Savvy Citizen.

On January 28, 2019, Town Council approved a policy for the use of this “community calendar,” with the belief that it will further the mission statement of the Town.

The calendar can be viewed on the homepage of the Town’s website (via the central “Calendar” tab) or at the Savvy Citizen website. The policy for submission of an event can be found on the calendar, under the Quick Links sidebar, under the How Do I? menu and under the Resident Info tab.

## Town seeking “fitness court” at Devlin Park



The Town has received a grant from the National Fitness Campaign (NFC) for the installation of a “fitness court” adjacent to the Lorraine G. Rogers Soccer Fields at Devlin Park.

The “court” is an outdoor bodyweight circuit-training system features a series of full-body exercises that can be completed in just seven minutes. Thirty pieces of equipment are set up in seven different stations where users use their body weight to exercise with rather than using barbells or other weights. Up to 28 people can use the court at a time.

This is not the first time the Town has had a fitness court through NFC — in the 1980s, the Town worked with NFC

## Online service/complaint forms



Valarie Temple  
Secretary, Department of Public Works

### Complaint and Service Request Forms

Check out the links below to find webforms for submitting complaints and/or service requests related to Code Enforcement (structures in poor condition, grass/weeds that are too high, debris on properties), the Department of Public Works (pothole patching, information on paving/salting/plowing) and traffic issues (this form is not for police emergencies, but for issues such as speeding, etc.).

- [Code Enforcement Complaint Form](#)
- [Public Works Service Request](#)
- [Traffic Complaint Form](#)

### Submit Comments or Questions

Have an issue to report? Looking to save time and avoid having to make a phone call?

On the Town’s website ([www.townofmccandless.org](http://www.townofmccandless.org)), you can find webforms for submitting complaints and/or service requests related to Code Enforcement (structures in poor condition, grass/weeds that are too high, debris on properties), the Department of Public Works (pothole patching, information on paving/salting/plowing) and traffic issues (this form is not for police emergencies, but for issues such as speeding, etc.).

The forms may be found at the Contact Us button (found under the “Quick Links” sidebar on the left side of the home page) as well as under the “How Do I?” menu under the “Report ...” heading.

and Wells Fargo Bank to install an earlier iteration. This court was in the same location proposed for the new court.

The Town is working to meet with potential sponsors from the corporate and institutional sectors to assist with the creation of this future asset. You can assist! Help us raise the funds this project needs. For more information, contact [jbojarski@townofmccandless.org](mailto:jbojarski@townofmccandless.org).

Stay tuned for more information on this project!

# Why I like working in local government ...

## Thoughts from a newbie

### Sandra Bauer

*Title:* Zoning/Land Use secretary

*Length of Service:* 5 months



I grew up in the Country Manor subdivision in McCandless and currently reside in nearby Marshall Township. I received my formal education at the Pennsylvania State University. After college, I met my husband, Brian, and was a stay-at-home mom to my two children for 9 years, after which I embarked on a career with Marshall Township in their Planning Department. In November, I was fortunate enough to join the Town of McCandless staff and I can't imagine doing anything else.

I have always wanted a career that allowed me to make a positive, measurable impact on my community. The working environment in the Zoning Department at Town Hall is very dynamic and collaborative. I never appreciated how much pride that municipal employees take in their work until I began working for local government.

I'm lucky that my work helps to sustain growth in such a vibrant community as McCandless and to me, that's very rewarding.

## Longtime Personnel Assistant honored by Town Council



Town Council on Monday, March 25 honored recently retired Personnel Assistant Dayle Kaufman for her 29 years of service to the Town.

## POLICE PERSPECTIVE

### Neal Corll

*Title:* Patrolman

*Length of Service:* 21 years



I am into my 21st year as a Police Officer with the Town of McCandless. During that span, I have seen many changes within the town and this department. One thing that has not changed is the pride we, as patrolmen, feel towards this department and the town itself.

Working in a town, such as McCandless, provides a unique opportunity to get to know residents and business owners alike. During my time here, I am pleased to reflect upon all the friendships that have grown from just doing my job. An interesting aspect of working in local government is that, at times, the residents may not truly need assistance from a police department, but rather just advise or someone to listen. While this may not be the most exciting part, it can often be one of the most rewarding.

Additionally, I have found through the past two decades, all of the men and women wearing the McCandless Police uniform, regardless of their individual background, have one thing in common — that being the desire to make this community a better place. There is no better place than local government to make a difference.

Ms. Kaufman first started at the Town working as the Public Works Department's first ever administrative assistant. She took on the personnel assistant role about six years later.

Town Manager Toby Cordek (who retired in April) said that Ms. Kaufman had incredible integrity, and was a hard-worker and "perfectionist" — ensuring that paychecks never were missed. Additionally, he said she is a great listener who always lends an ear to employees.

"In this job, it's not just churning out checks ... it's talking to people about births and deaths, marriages and retirements, challenges and successes," Cordek said.

## **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 January 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, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Please check the 2019 Town Calendar, view the Town website at [www.townofmccandless.org](http://www.townofmccandless.org), or call us at 412-364-0616 for more information. Businesses can access forms and a copy of the Town's Rules and Regulations directly from the website.

## **Drop Box 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 5:00 pm on the due date will be considered late and will be subject to the appropriate penalties and interest. Tax payments placed in the drop box or hand delivered before 5:00 pm are accepted as being timely for the following tax deadlines: May 15 (Business Privilege Tax), September 3 (Real Estate Tax at discount), and November 1 (Real Estate Tax at face). 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 2019 Per Capita Tax bill is based on the NASD fiscal year of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The billing procedure in 2019 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)

**Call 412-364-0616 or e-mail [taxoffice@townofmccandless.org](mailto:taxoffice@townofmccandless.org) with any tax questions**

# Real Estate Tax Information



On December 17, 2018, Town Council unanimously approved the 2019 Town Budget keeping the Town millage rate of 1.236 mills (\$123.60 per \$100,000 of assessed value) unchanged for the 2019 calendar year. The North Allegheny School District (NASD) millage is 18.4557 mills for the 2018-19 fiscal year (which runs from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019).

The tax bills (Town and school district on one bill) will be mailed on or about July 1. If you do not receive a tax bill by July 10, 2019, 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 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.

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, 2019 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, 2019, 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 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 2020, 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 the due dates for those two payments. Payments received after the 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 installments are late for any length of time, you will not be eligible for the installment plan the following year.

All tax due dates were outlined in the 2019 Town Calendar, which was mailed to you last December, and are also posted on the Town website.

Please note that failure to pay your tax by December 31 may result in a lien being placed against your property. By law, all NASD real estate taxes that remain unpaid as of December 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 remain due and payable directly to the Town.

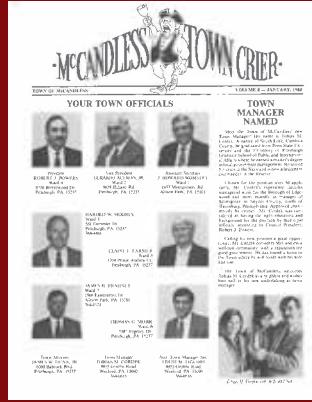
# 2019 Paving Plan

Town Council on Monday, March 25 approved the following roads to be paved this year:

- **Arcadia Drive** from Perry Highway to McKnight Road
- **Bretton Way** from Brittany Place to the turn around
- **Brittany Court** from the turn around to Brittany Place
- **Brittany Place** from the Ross Township line to Hazlett Road
- **Broad Hill Drive** from the Franklin Park line to the turn around
- **Broad Meadow Drive** from Fassinger Lane to Broad Hill Drive
- **Broadlawn Drive** from Woodview Drive to Fassinger Lane
- **Caribou Drive** from the dead end to Carriage Hill Road
- **Chesapeake Avenue** from South Irwin Avenue to the dead end
- **Coventry Drive** from Dolphin Drive to Carriage Hill Road
- **Deer View Point** from Stag Horn Drive to the turn around

- **Doral Circle** from Doral Drive to the turn around
- **Doral Drive** from Olive Street to Olive Street
- **Fallow Court** from the turn around to Stag Horn Drive
- **Harmony Drive** from the dead end to Willoughby Road
- **Harvest Manor Drive** from Broad Meadow Drive to Broad Meadow Drive
- **Hilliard Road** from West Ingomar Road to Ingomar Heights Road
- **King George Court** from the turn around to the Franklin Park line
- **Meadow Crest Drive** from Woodview Drive to Broadlawn Drive
- **Piper Court** from Caribou Drive to the turn around
- **Prince Andrew Court** from the turn around to the Franklin Park line
- **Stag Horn Drive** from Grubbs Road to Deer View Point
- **Woodview Drive** from the turn around to the Franklin Park line

## FROM 1980 TO TODAY



**THANK YOU FOR READING THE 50th EDITION OF THE MCCANDLESS TOWN CRIER. HERE'S TO MANY MORE!**

# ON THE FIRE SIDE

**Starting this year, the McCandless Fire and Rescue Service is publishing a monthly article titled “On the Fire Side,” detailing information about the Town’s three fire companies, the volunteers that staff them and other helpful facts. The article is published in McMail, Facebook and the Town website. See the introductory article below:**

The Town of McCandless is protected from fire and rescue emergencies by a 100% volunteer staff (which means that we are not compensated monetarily) that runs an average of 700 calls for service annually. The Town’s fire protection has three fire companies and four stations located throughout the Town.

It is very important for young men and woman to join the fire companies, so that the youth is kept within the fire service. This way the “tricks of the trade,” techniques and traditions can be passed along to the new generation. The Town of McCandless has started a program called “Project Step-Up,” which is to create a new generation of fire service volunteers. Over the past few years, the number of fire and rescue calls has increased drastically, while the number of new recruits has actually decreased. Volunteer firefighters are in short supply. We are here urging the public to “Step-Up” and help your community as a firefighter, or non-firefighter. Non-firefighters are in demand as well, the fire companies need someone to help type letters, help with the fund-drive, balancing checkbooks, property and vehicle maintenance, and fire prevention details for the public.

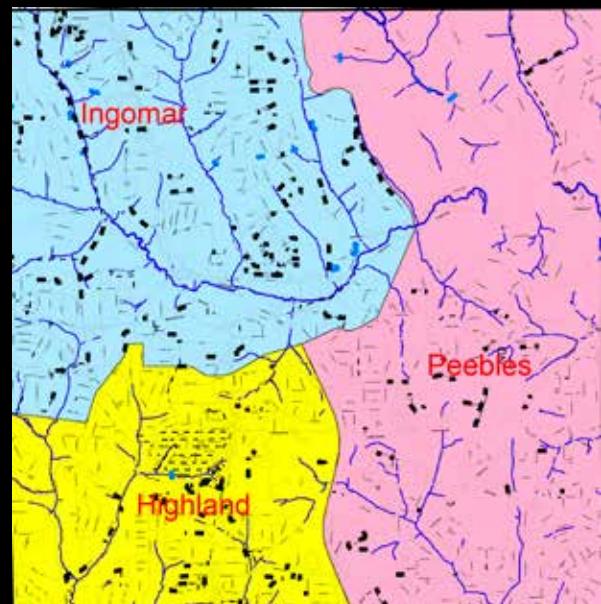
When someone joins one of the 3 fire companies, we offer a “signing bonus” to you with free training – anywhere from basic to advanced firefighting skills, various rescue certifications such as vehicle rescue, rope and water rescue, emergency medical training, hazardous materials training. A full physical exam after the required probation and fire academy classes. If you qualify – FREE college tuition through



CCAC and the FireVest program. Recently added to our recruitment and retention program is a local tax credit at the end of the year.

As a reward for their duties the Town of McCandless sponsors a number of appreciation events every year such as a golf outing for the volunteers. They also treat the families of the volunteers to a Kennywood day or Pirate baseball game, and at the end of the year, there is an appreciation dinner banquet to show the volunteers that they are very important to our community.

The heat is still on! “Step-up.” Get involved, and be rewarded in the knowledge that you will be part of an elite crew that provides a vital service to the Town and its residents. We hope to see you someday. For more information on the fire stations or becoming a volunteer firefighter, call Daniel Stack, Fire Marshal for the Town of McCandless, at 412-364-0616.



# Stormwater News



*Below is recent status of the six projects on which we are working to bring greater stormwater management to the Highland Valley watershed (headwaters of Lowries Run):*

**Streambank Restoration Project** – The contract was awarded to C. Crump in October 2018. Crump promptly ordered project materials. Project coordination started with a preconstruction site walk of the existing conditions of the stream and surrounding properties on January 7, 2019.

A preconstruction meeting was held with Crump and PVE (the Town's stormwater engineer) on January 16 to review the contractors schedule and plan of work. PVE then issued supplemental plans and photos from this site walk to the contractor to further clarify the plans. Crump began the work on this project starting January 23.

Each day a brief site meeting was held with PVE to discuss any conflicts or coordination items. This site meeting was able to quickly and efficiently resolve any questions or clarifications the contractor had for that day's work. Each of these site meetings were documented with photos and a summary by the Daily Construction Inspection Reports.

The daily site inspections created an open communication channel for coordination between the Town, engineer, contractor, and homeowners that allowed all entities to be as informed as necessary. This channel was used at many points along the project that permitted the contractor to continue with work without causing a delay or cost implications.

Crump completed work on February 25 and removed all excess materials and machinery offsite at that time. The semi-final inspection was conducted on February 26. PVE took photos of before and after the restoration project along one portion of the stream. A final site inspection and

report will be generated once the site achieves adequate vegetation. This final inspection is expected to occur in the spring, once the weather permits.

**Harmony Drive Stormwater Control System**

— PVE is preparing easements for check dams which will bring stormwater from Harmony Drive to Highland Road in a much more controlled fashion. This work will link the Harmony Road Drive Stormwater collection system upstream and the Highland Road storm sewer system downstream that will run parallel to Allegheny County's Highland Road.

**Highland Road Storm Sewer** – Allegheny County Public Works is preparing an agreement for the following: 1) Tie-in the remaining inlets along this section of Highland Road. This work would be done by County forces and all labor, materials, and equipment will be provided by the County. 2) The County will also complete all of the milling and paving work that will need done for both the work the County does and the work that the township does. 3) The County will replace any line striping that needs to be replaced along this section of Highland Road. The County also previously noted that it will not charge us for a highway occupancy permit. Our work will be scheduled in conjunction with County.

**Trolley Court Detention Basin** — Our storm pipe watershed improvement plan and Iroquois segments of this comprehensive watershed enhancement program are done.

**Harmony Drive Drainage** — In-street retention will allow managed runoff to drain into the expanded and reconfigured Trolley Court detention facility. Public Works initiated work in March.

Calling all school-age kids in the North Allegheny School District

## **GJ Aufman Jr. Joint Recreation Program 2019**

**Games!**



**Sports!**

**Monday, June 10, 2019 through Friday, July 3rd  
8:45 a.m. to noon.**

*Two program sites to choose from:*

*Hosack Elementary School & Bradford Woods Elementary School*

## **Arts & Crafts**



## **Special Activities**

- \$135 (lunch not included)
- Participants must have completed the first grade
- Registration information will be sent home with students, and also will be available at [www.townofmcandless.org](http://www.townofmcandless.org)

**Sponsored by the Joint Recreation Board of Bradford Woods, Franklin Park, Marshall and McCandless**

## **MORE EVENTS TO LOOK FOR ...**

- **Kit's Birthday Sleepover, May 18, 6:30 pm at Heritage Center (registration required, \$20 fee)**
- **Voices from the Attic, June 12, 6:30 pm at Heritage Center**
- **McCandless Community Association's Movies in the Park, June 15, at dusk in Devlin Park**
- **Marketing the Presidency, July 18, 7 pm at Heritage Center**
- **McCandless Community Association's Movies in the Park, July 20, at dusk in Devlin Park**
- **Old Economy Village event, August 8, 7 p.m. at Heritage Center**
- **McCandless Community Association's Movies in the Park, August 17, at dusk in Devlin Park**

**For more information on these events (including costs and registration, in some cases), go to [www.townofmcandless.org](http://www.townofmcandless.org) and check out the "Calendar" tab**

## **THE 19TH ANNUAL TOWN OF MCCANDELLS COMMUNITY DAY**



**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 14  
12:15 TO 9 P.M.**

**PARADE, FIREWORKS,  
FOOD, RIDES, VENDORS**

**PERFORMANCE BY  
CHRIS JAMISON OF  
TV'S "THE VOICE"**

*Thank you to Dave Hochendorfer for the photo*

**The 2nd anniversary event of the  
McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center**



**Saturday, May 18 from 1 to 4 p.m.**

**Featuring ...**

**Touch-a-truck  
Military displays  
'Recyclable' art show  
Light refreshments**



# NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY'S SEMI-ANNUAL SPRING BOOK SALE



**Friday**  
**May 3**  
**9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Saturday**  
**May 4**  
**9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Sunday**  
**May 5**  
**1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**(\$5 Bag Sale...Northland  
provides the bag!)**

Sale is located on the lower level  
of the library.

## Care to plant a tree?

The Town of McCandless is in the midst of its **tree planting program** to encourage residents and businesses to report the planting of trees on their property.

This will allow for more tree canopy cover in the Town, helping to reduce stormwater runoff (this also reduces stormwater pollution because trees take up nutrients and pollutants through their root systems).

The Town will tabulate the number of trees planted within a 5-year period (starting in March 2018) to determine how much sediment has been removed from its stormwater (with a little help from the state DEP guidelines).

If you have planted a tree, please send an e-mail to **ms4@townofmccandless.org** to report your planting (be sure to include your address and the date you planted the tree).



# CONTACT SHEET

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## Town Hall Hours (Mon-Fri, except holidays)

Administration/Tax Office ..... 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Building/Zoning/Fire Marshal ..... 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Public Works ..... 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Police Administration ..... 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
(NOTE: An officer can be reached 24 hours a day)

## Town Hall Contacts

**Main Number**  
412-364-0616  
412-364-5066 (fax)

**Extension list**

Administration .....	Ext. 0
Building/Fire Marshal .....	Ext. 128
Heritage Center .....	Ext. 118
Manager's Office .....	Ext. 120
Planning and Zoning .....	Ext. 129
Public Works .....	Ext. 184
Trash and Recycling .....	Ext. 110
Tax Office .....	Ext. 127

## Police Administration

412-369-7992

*(Please note, if you have an emergency or require the response of an officer, you **MUST** call 911)*

## E-mail addresses

**administration@townofmccandless.org**

*For general inquiries*

**eac@townofmccandless.org**

*For the Environmental Advisory Committee*

**firemarshal@townofmccandless.org**

*Questions for the Fire Marshal*

**heritagecenter@townofmccandless.org**

*For McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center*

**ms4@townofmccandless.org**

*For Municipal Separate Storm Sewer questions*

**policeadministration@townofmccandless.org**

*For non-emergency Police questions*

**public.works@townofmccandless.org**

*For Public Works questions (i.e., plowing, paving, etc)*

**recycleit@townofmccandless.org**

*For residential recycling questions*

**taxoffice@townofmccandless.org**

*For tax-related questions*

**zoning@townofmccandless.org**

*For building and zoning questions*

**Web:** [www.townofmccandless.org](http://www.townofmccandless.org)



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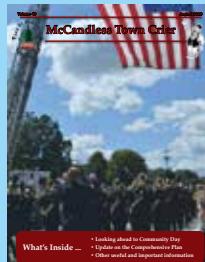
**The Town's website:**  
[www.townofmccandless.org](http://www.townofmccandless.org)  
— Features news, events, meeting agendas, minutes, helpful links, as well as a “community calendar”



**The Town's Facebook page:**  
[www.facebook.com/townofmccandless](https://www.facebook.com/townofmccandless)

**The Police Dept. Facebook:**  
[www.facebook.com/McCandlessPoliceDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/McCandlessPoliceDepartment)

All Town Council meetings (as well as other informational videos) are available on the Town's **YouTube** channel. This can be found under the “Quick Links” sidebar on the home page of the Town website.



**The Town Crier** newsletter/magazine comes to you directly by mail in April and August, and also is available on the Town's website (some back issues are available, too)



**McMail™ (e-newsletter)** comes out once per month. News and events will be sent directly to your inbox! Sign up on the Town's website (look for the sign-up under the “Quick Links” sidebar of the home page).



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Available at  
<https://savvycitizenapp.com>  
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