



McCandless Town Crier



- Update on deer management
- National Night Out is Aug. 3
- Community Day is Sept. 11

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Keystone Collections Group

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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.

- **Meetings of the Town Council:** Second and fourth Mondays of the month
- **Planning Commission Meeting:** First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- **Zoning Hearing Board Meeting:** Fourth Wednesday of the month
- **Activities Advisory Committee:** First Monday of the month
- **Environmental Advisory Committee:** Second Wednesday of the month
- **Heritage Center FDPC:** Third Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.
- **Technology Advisory Committee:** First Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Town receives Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence

The Town of McCandless is a recipient of the 2021 Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence.

The state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) in April announced that the Town was one of ten municipalities in the state to receive this award.

The Town was recognized for its long-term communications overhaul, which included Facebook pages for the Town and its police department, a YouTube channel to broadcast public meetings and other events, the Savvy Citizen mobile app, upgrades to the website, the creation of the Technology Advisory Committee, the McCandless and Me engagement suite, the new Town Instagram account and the Town's renewed partnership with the North Allegheny School District to host an informational cable channel.

"Thank you for the hard work and vision from the collaboration of our citizens, council and administration and Technology Advisory Committee to move our community forward toward more effective communication and transparency," said Town Council President Kim Zachary.

The Town also received this award in 2013 for our partnership with Ohio Township to create a new, automated waste collection program.

McCandless is a Banner Community once again



For the ninth year in a row, the Town of McCandless has been named a Banner Community by the Allegheny League of Municipalities.

The Town is one of 16 municipalities who have been a part of the Banner Community initiative since its inception in 2013.

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

Public Works Superintendent Mark Sabina retires after 51 years



Public Works Superintendent **Mark Sabina** has retired after 51 years working for the Town. His last day was February 25.

At age 19, Mark began working for the Town on February 2, 1970 as a laborer and became superintendent in 1980. He has said what he has enjoyed most about his career with McCandless is the challenge of getting done what needed to be done and doing it well. Mark spent 33 years as a Medic and 2 additional years serving as an EMT with the McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority. He was an integral part of making every Community Day a success since that event started in 2001.

His plans upon retirement are to spend time with his 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He plans to work on his property, fish off of his boat and hunt when he can. He also plans to take up golfing with his wife, Faye, as well. The Town recognizes his valuable contributions over the years and wishes him well in his retirement.

The new Public Works Superintendent is **Jeff Schoeneman**, who has worked at the Town since 2017 as the code enforcement officer. He attended school at the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He currently holds airframe, power plant, FCC, and radar licenses, and within the past year has attained building inspector credentials. Jeff has extensive construction management, capital projects planning and implementation experience including preparing plans, specifications and bidding documents for maintenance and construction projects.



Jeff lives in McCandless with his wife, and he has two adult children and two grandchildren.

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3!



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Town of McCandless Police Department is proud to present National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. at McCandless Town Hall (9955 Grubbs Road).

Kids can bring their bicycles (and helmets too) for a free Bicycle Rodeo and take this opportunity to dress up as their favorite first responder. There will be free hot dogs and plenty of giveaways and raffles as well as a live broadcast from Bob FM. The night will culminate with a Movie in the Park at dusk hosted by the McCandless Community Association



Deer Management Update

A lot has been happening on the deer management front since last summer ...

Overpopulation of Deer presentation

Held on February 16, 2021, this Zoom event featured a panel of experts discussing the overpopulation of deer in the area and how you can help manage them in our community.

Deer feeding ordinance

On March 8, 2021, Town Council adopted an ordinance tentatively identified Ordinance No. 1513, amending the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless at Article 701, Animals, to regulate the feeding of deer within the Town. The ordinance does **not** affect what residents plant in their yards or the use of things like bird feeders — it solely prohibits the deliberate feeding of deer.

Suburban Whitetail Management to conduct bow hunting program

On April 12, 2021, Town Council unanimously approved entering into an agreement with Suburban Whitetail Management to conduct a bow hunting program beginning in the fall of 2021.

Over the next few months, representatives from Suburban Whitetail will be contacting property owners regarding using their property as an archery hunting location. They also are seeking local hunters. If you have any questions, reach out to deermanagement@townofmccandless.org and/or suburbanwhitetailpa@gmail.com.

For more details on deer management, visit <https://mccandlessandme.com/oh-deer>.

Spring roadside cleanup was a big success



A very special thank you to the more than 100 volunteers who helped out at the spring roadside cleanup on Saturday, April 10. Our “litter getters” filled nearly 200 bags with trash from various roads in McCandless. This was the most volunteers and most bags filled for this event since it started in 2018.



Groups who helped out included the Town’s Environmental Advisory Committee and its litter subgroup (who are the primary organizers for the event), Boy Scout Troops 344 and 935, PA Rep. Rob Mercuri and his family, PA Sen. Lindsey Williams and her staff, and McCandless Democratic Committee. Additionally, thank you to the Town of McCandless Police Department for providing protection for volunteers working on busy roads and to Town of McCandless Public Works for picking up bags throughout the event.

The next cleanup will be held this fall.



COMMUNITY DAY RETURNS ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 11



The Town of McCandless will hold a scaled-back Community Day on Saturday, September 11.

McCandless Town Trot 5K and Fun Run will take place at 9 a.m. at North Allegheny Intermediate

The Frank J. Farina Car Cruise will be from 2 to 6 p.m. at North Allegheny Intermediate

The McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center will be open from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Starting around 6:30 p.m., there will be food trucks and music at McCandless Town Hall/Devlin Park. We also will take time to honor first responders and veterans. The evening will end with fireworks around 8:15 p.m.

For more details in the coming weeks, check out www.townofmccandless.org.

Why I like working in local government ...

Thoughts from a newbie

Nick Mance

Title: Management Services

Administrator

Length of Service: 5 months

I love working in local government because I love seeing the impact of the work that I do on a daily basis. I am also inspired by those around me who have also dedicated their careers to public service and have taught me what I know about how the gears of government operate.

I am extremely fortunate to have begun my government career here in McCandless, a community that I am strongly connected to and have spent most of my life thus far. I love our team and the citizens who get involved in public service on the ground level with our boards and committees. I believe that a highly involved citizenry is the lifeblood of any community, and I think that McCandless is fortunate to have so many people wanting to donate their time and efforts to their community.

The internal operations of McCandless and other surrounding communities in Allegheny County is fascinating to me, and I look forward to expanding my knowledge, helping my fellow citizens, and growing into my role in being one of the people entrusted with the Town's operations. Most of my life has been spent in McCandless and I look forward to continuing my local government journey in a community that has given me so much.



POLICE PERSPECTIVE

Mike Cavaliere

Title: Patrolman

Length of Service: 2 years

I have been a Police Officer since 2008 after graduating from the Allegheny County Police Academy. I have worked for three different departments and enjoy working for the McCandless Police Department for several reasons.



It is nice to have a rotating schedule where I have the opportunity to work each of the three shifts (daylight, afternoon and overnights). Some departments have their officers work a steady shift with the same days off for a year at a time which, in my opinion, comes with unwanted consequences.

In this town, I interact with the public more while working daylight and afternoon shifts and handle a wide variety of 911 calls gaining experiences that I had not had before.

I like that I'm allowed to use my discretion to handle problems in a manner in which I see fit that brings the best resolution to all involved. Not every encounter with the public needs to result in a citation or arrest; sometimes we can resolve problems just by communicating with all parties involved.

It's nice that we get to see the good in people typically on a daily basis. Most of the community here, in my experience, is supportive of what we are trying to do and that helps us serve them in return.

Be a volunteer

Volunteers throughout the Town of McCandless enhance the quality of life for all of our residents by sharing their time and talents with our programs and events.

The Activities Advisory Committee (AAC) is seeking people who are willing to volunteer and make a difference. Would you consider becoming a volunteer?

To sign up, go to www.townofmccandless.org/about/webforms/make-difference-volunteer

Info from the Tax Office

Real Estate Tax Highlights

On December 21, 2020, Town Council unanimously approved the 2021 Town Budget keeping the Town millage rate of 1.236 mills (\$123.60 per \$100,000 of assessed value) for the fifth consecutive year. The North Allegheny School District (NASD) millage is 19.1408 mills for the 2020-21 fiscal year which runs from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

The Town of McCandless and North Allegheny School District real estate taxes are billed together and will be mailed on or about July 1. It is the responsibility of the property owner to notify the tax office in the case of mortgage refinance, payoff, or other situation that would change the mailing address for the tax bill. All real estate taxes are due on or before the established due dates regardless of whether a tax bill is received by the property owner. If you do not escrow and you do not receive a tax bill by July 10, 2021, please contact our office immediately at 412-364-0616 and we will send you a new bill.

Please note that in January 2021 Town Council appointed Maiello, Brungo, & Maiello, LLP as the delinquent tax collector for the Town of McCandless. All existing delinquent property tax accounts are in the process of being turned over to this delinquent collector. In the future, Town of McCandless and North Allegheny School District taxes that remain unpaid after December 31st each year must be turned over to the delinquent collector.

Programs available that may help reduce your real estate tax taxes:

Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion

Taxpayers who have applied for and been approved for the Allegheny County Act 50 Homestead/Farmstead exclusion as of April 30th, qualify for a homestead credit on their North Allegheny School District real estate taxes. Also, these qualified homeowners may also choose to pay their Town of

McCandless/North Allegheny School District real estate taxes in three installments. Contact Allegheny County or visit the Allegheny County website for the Homestead/Farmstead application and/or to check the current Homestead status of your property.

Act 77 Senior Citizen Tax Relief

Taxpayers who have applied for and been approved for the Allegheny County Act 77 Senior Citizen Tax Relief Program are also eligible for a 30% reduction in their Town assessed value. Information and applications are available through Allegheny County Real Estate for homeowners who have owned and occupied a primary residence in Allegheny County continuously for the past 10 years and who meet other age and income requirements.

PA Department of Revenue Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

Pennsylvania also offers a Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program providing rebates on property tax or rent paid the previous year by income-eligible seniors and people with disabilities. Homeowners/renters must apply annually and meet certain age and income eligibility criteria. This program is handled by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. Forms and assistance are available online and at no cost from the Department of Revenue district offices, local Area Agencies on Aging, senior centers, and state legislators' offices.

What is Per Capita Tax?

This is a North Allegheny School District Tax that applies to any person over the age of 21 who resides in the Town for even 1 day during the school district fiscal year (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021). The tax is \$10 per year. For property owners who reside at their property, this tax is a line item on your real estate tax bill that reflects the assumption that there are 2 adults residing at your home. 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. Additional adults in each household, and renters over the age of 21 receive a separate Per Capita Tax bill. If you own rental property in the Town, you are required to provide the names of any individuals living at your property. A Landlord-Tenant Listing form can be found on the Town's website, www.townofmccandless.org or by calling 412-364-0616.

Business Privilege Tax Highlights

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. Property owners with rental income are considered businesses. Temporary businesses such as commercial construction contractors and seasonal vendors are also subject to this tax. This is a Town tax, and the rate remains at 1 mill or \$1.00 per \$1,000 of gross volume of business. If you are registering a business in the Town, please view the Town website at www.townofmccandless.org for forms and a copy of the Town's Rules and Regulations or call us at 412-364-0616 for more information. Note that the 2021 tax filing deadline is **May 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

Earned Income and Net Profits Tax Highlights

As of this writing, the deadline to submit your 2020 local Earned Income Tax (EIT) return to the Keystone Collections Group has NOT been extended beyond the April 15, 2021 due date. For updated information or questions regarding local EIT, please visit the Keystone Collections Group website, www.KeystoneeCollects.com, or contact Keystone's Taxpayer Services Department at (888) 328-0565.

Please remember, the Town is unable to accept EIT payments at Town Hall; All forms and payments should be forwarded directly to the Keystone Collections Group.

2021 Paving Plan

The following streets have been announced to be paved this year:

- **Allante Court** from Turn Around to Olde Villa
- **Allison Avenue** from Coyne to Menold
- **Arden Drive** from Sample to Turn Around
- **Bramble Lane** from Turn Around to Hazlett
- **Brilikim Drive** from Concord to Turn Around
- **Calais Drive** from Sloop to Turn Around
- **Cottingham Drive** from Babcock to Turn Around
- **Coyne Avenue** from Ferguson to Allison
- **Cumberland Road** from ER Entrance to Peebles Road
- **Dormar Drive** from Dormar to Hazlett
- **Dormar Court** from Brittany to Turn Around
- **Eastview Drive** from Sample to Sample
- **Elm Street** from Maple to Knoll
- **Hubbard Road** from Duncan to Sample
- **Knoll Street** to Peebles to Elm
- **Krepp Court** from Ingomar to Turn Around
- **Locust Street** from Peebles to Dead End

- **Maple Street** from Knoll to Locust
- **Meadow Oaks Drive** from Duncan Ave to Turn Around
- **Memorial Drive** from Perry Hwy to Perry Hwy
- **Monroe Street** from Roosevelt Blvd to Dead End
- **Oakcrest Court** from Meadow Oaks to Turn Around
- **Old Perry Highway #1** from Perry Hwy to Perry Hwy
- **Olde Villa Drive** from Babcock to Olde Villa
- **Patricia Drive** from Hazlett to Dor Mar
- **Pine Heights Place** from Pine Line to Turn Around
- **Pine Line Drive** from Harmony to Willoughby
- **Ridgeview Drive** from Rinaman to Rinaman
- **Sloop Road (Lower)** from Wittmer to Highland
- **Valley Road** from Ingomar to Highland
- **Vivian Drive** from Hazlett to Turn Around
- **Wendy View Drive** from Peebles to Turn Around
- **Willoughby Road** from Turn Around to Sloop
- **Willow Drive** from Rinaman to Dead End

For paving FAQs, updates and to ask paving questions, go to <https://mccandlessandme.com/2021-paving-program>

Town launches new Instagram account



In February, we launched of the Town of McCandless official Instagram account! Check us out, give us a follow to stay engaged and up-to-date with what's going on in our community.

<https://www.instagram.com/townofmccandless/>



Officers honored for life-saving efforts

On May 13, Allegheny County Councilwoman Cindy Kirk recognized seven McCandless Police Officers for life-saving efforts that have taken place over the last year and a half.

Officers honored were:

- Officer David Machesney
- Officer Michael Cavaliere
- Officer Neal Corll
- Officer Carl Yeaney
- Officer Richard Waite
- Officer Jason Evey
- Officer Eric Margolin



"We want to thank you and appreciate you," Kirk said.

The event was done in honor of Police Memorial Week.

"I want you to know I appreciate your efforts and I think our community does, too," said Police Chief Ryan Hawk.

These sentiments were echoed by others present at the event.

"I think these instances show quick thinking, decisive action and protecting the residents of the community," said Town Councilman David Smith.

"I think you all exemplify the desire to serve, and I thank you," said Town Manager Bob Grimm.



Citizen award of recognition

Town Council on June 20, 2020 passed Resolution 10 of 2020, establishing an award of recognition program for residents, businesses and groups who have made significant contributions to the Town of McCandless.

Want to nominate someone or see who has received this award in the past? Go to www.townofmccandless.org/about/webforms/citizen-award-recognition.

PREVIOUS PEOPLE AND GROUPS WHO HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED INCLUDE:

- **Lynn Appman**
- **Don Michelli**
- **Dave Minard**
- **North Hills Ebony Women**
- **Jim Northrup**
- **Dr. John R. Orie**

Heritage Center seeks volunteers



The McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center is seeking volunteers to assist in working weekly shifts.

If you are interested or want more information, send an e-mail to heritagecenter@townofmccandless.org.

Want to get up and move? Check out the Fitness Court®

In 2020, the Town of McCandless became home to a brand new, innovative Fitness Court® (one of the first in Pennsylvania) designed to make fitness free and accessible to all. The National Fitness Campaign (NFC) designed the court and provided a partial grant, and UPMC Passavant stepped up to the plate to serve as the major sponsor. The Fitness Court® is located in the Town Hall Recreation Complex, adjacent to the Lorraine G. Rogers soccer fields and Ingomar Road. It is a 32-foot-by-35-foot court containing seven stations, 30 pieces of bodyweight training equipment and has the capacity to accommodate up to 28 people at a time. The Fitness Court® is designed to provide a full body workout in only seven minutes.



Autism Awareness Stickers for homes and vehicles



The McCandless Police Department, McCandless Fire and Rescue Service, and the McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority have produced an autism awareness sticker to alert emergency responders of the presence of a person with autism. The sticker should be placed on the lower right side of a vehicle's back window and/or on the front door of a residence.

In order to get one of these stickers, you must fill out the **Town Resident Information Program (TRIP) form** (available at www.townofmccandless.org/police-department) and turn it in at the McCandless Police Department (9955 Grubbs Road, on the lower level). For more information, contact the department at 412-369-7992 or by e-mail at policeadministration@townofmccandless.org.



Northland Public Library, as part of its mission to enable, encourage, and empower lifelong learning and discovery, provides access to a variety of programs, resources and materials for library card holders! If you don't have a library card, stop by the customer service desk at the library to get one and open a world of possibilities!

Summer Reading programs for children, teens and adults!

Northland's popular Summer Reading programs encourage continued access and interest in reading throughout the summer months! Track your reads, set goals and then go beyond the pages with virtual program offerings to supplement curated reading lists. Check out Northland's website for more information!

Northland Bundles

Are you searching for something to read, watch, or listen to... but don't know what? Need some ideas on what to read, watch or listen with your child? Older kids and teens - need some help discovering a new interest or expanding your knowledge on a favorite subject? Then try a **Northland Bundle!** Let us know what you're interested in and our library staff will create a bundle of library materials for you to check out! Simply fill out the form located on Northland's website – for **Adult Bundles** go to www.northlandlibrary.org/adults/northland-bundles/ and for **Children and Teens** go to www.northlandlibrary.org/children-teen/northland-bundles/.

If you have any questions, please contact the Adult Services staff at NorthlandAdults@einetwork.net or the Children and Teen Services staff at NorthlandKids@einetwork.net.

Adult Virtual Book Discussions

Do you love reading nonfiction? Are you interested in books about various mysteries of the mind? Read a good book and just need to tell someone about it? We've got you covered on all accounts with our variety of Adult Virtual Book Discussions. Go to www.northlandlibrary.org/programs/adults-program-events/book-discussion-groups/ to discover all of our Virtual Book Discussions!

Education Resources

Scholastic Teachables is your one stop shop for all things education featuring printables, lessons, mini-books, and more! These **teacher created lesson plans** and activity sheets mean content you'll love from a source you can trust. You can also **customize** your own crossword puzzles, word searches, bingo sheets and flash cards! **Ready-made collections** are designed to accommodate learning requirements for all students. Search by grade, subject, type, or theme and get started today! To access Teachables, you must have a Northland Library Card.

Tutor.com gives students online help from real tutors every day from 12 pm to 12 am! Live Homework Help offers online tutoring for grades K to 12 and college level students in English, Math, Science and Social Studies.

Game Night

Looking for a fun way to enjoy a night in with your family or friends? Check out Northland's expansive list of board games. We have games for all ages, skill levels and interests.

LET'S TALK ABOUT OPEN BURNING

"Open" recreational fires only are permitted with a permit issued through the Fire Marshal's office. The permit costs \$25 and must be applied for at least 24 hours in advance of the burn. These fires cannot be more than 3 ft x 3 ft x 3 ft, and must be at least 25 feet from any structure, house, shed, barn, fence, pedestrian or recreation area, roadway or utility.

Recreational fires that are "contained" (as in, NOT open) are allowed without a permit. These fires must be in approved, non-combustible, contained exterior fireplace. These fireplaces should not be within 15 feet of a structure.

HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL EXAMPLES ...



This is an example of an "open" fire – it is not contained in anyway, top or the sides. **This fire requires a \$25 permit** – and is good for one time only.



ously stated to protect your property as well as your neighbors property.

This is an example of a "contained" outdoor fireplace – it has walls, as well as a mesh lid that acts as a spark arrestor to prevent embers from flying into the air. This fire does NOT require a permit – and we ask that you adhere to the safety regulations previ-

SOME NOTES ON FIREWORK LAWS AND SAFETY

What fireworks can you buy?

Pennsylvanians can purchase "consumer fireworks," which contain up to 50 milligrams of explosive material. This includes firecrackers, Roman candles, and bottle rockets, among others.

Anything with more than 50 milligrams of explosives (such as the professional-grade fireworks you would see at a sports game or public festival) still are off-limits to the average consumer and require special licensing or permits.

Where can you shoot them off?

There are strict rules about where you can legally use the aerial fireworks that were made available in 2017. Pennsylvania State Police restrictions include:

- You must be more than 150 feet away from any "occupied structure" — defined as "any struc-

ture, vehicle or place adapted for overnight accommodation" or business — whether any people are present at the time.

- You cannot set them off on public or private property without express permission of the owner.
- You cannot set them off from, within or toward a building or vehicle.
- You cannot set them off if you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

As always, standard tips apply for staying safe during the festivities:

- Pay attention to weather conditions. Wind or dry spells can make fireworks more dangerous.
- Know the rules to make sure you're not violating any federal, state or local ordinances.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby in case of fire.
- Never try to fix a malfunctioning firework. Re-lighting or handling them can cause injury

Stormwater Updates

Stormwater management and related issues continue to be a high priority in McCandless and many nearby communities. Providing timely updates and information on stormwater projects, issues, potential solutions and education will be included in future issues of this year's McMail communications. In addition, the Town website already includes information that readers can access under "Resident Info - MS4/Stormwater Management."

Significant efforts and budget dollars are required to meet the unfunded mandates of the federal Clean Water Act that is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's "MS4" (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer) Program. Stormwater control and water quality issues are just two of the key areas of focus. The Town's 2021 budget provides for over \$1.5M in stormwater investments, the majority of which is required to be compliant under MS4.

With the expectation that MS4 requirements will become more stringent and it is imperative to address the Town's recurrent flooding issues, it is more important than ever that resources are dedicated to fund both compliance and proactive, long-term solutions to existing problems. Town Council recently created an Ad Hoc Stormwater Management Sub-Committee to focus extra efforts on this important topic. A short list of current efforts the Town Staff and Sub-Committee are engaged in include:

1. Exploring funding sources to meet MS4 requirements and undertake much needed stormwater flood control and water quality projects
2. Inventorying, inspecting, maintenance activities and upgrade assessments for all existing stormwater basins
3. Identification and assessment of all areas of the Town that experience flood-related issues (NOTE: There is an online Complaint Form on the Town's website where residents can report MS4 related issues like "flooding.")
4. Participation with the North Hills Council of Governments (COG) and EPA in an update of the Pine Creek Watershed Implementation Plan and continued participation in the COG's Stormwater Committee.
5. Town Manager Bob Grimm is actively working with adjacent communities to address cross-boundary stormwater problems

Future articles will focus on specific projects, actions and efforts that are planned or ongoing. Residents are invited to suggest specific stormwater management areas of interest by e-mailing ms4@townofmccandless.org.

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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

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| 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)*

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For McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center

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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)

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