



McCandless Town Crier



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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.

- **Public Safety, Services, Public Works, Recreation Committee Meetings:** First Monday of the month
- **Zoning and Finance 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 Thursday of the month
- **Environmental Advisory Committee:** Second Wednesday of the month

Get savvy ... with the Savvy Citizen app!



McCandless residents now can get information on Town events and goings-on quickly and easily with the Savvy Citizen mobile app.

The app was developed by Management Science Associates Inc. of Pittsburgh, and launched in April in Richland Township. It also is being used in Pine, Marshall, Indiana, West Deer and Harrison Townships.

The app is **free-of-charge** for residents.

In addition to being able to sign up for alerts from McCandless, residents can opt-in for alerts and info from the other communities that are participating in the app (*regional synergy, por favor*).

Savvy Citizen is available for Android devices and Apple devices, but if you don't have a smartphone, you can choose to sign up as a regular computer user and receive alerts through e-mail or text.

Sign up for the app at <https://savvycitizenapp.com>. Make sure to specify that you are a McCandless resident. Have fun!

OTHER WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED WITH THE TOWN OF MCCANDLESS



www.townofmccandless.org
(news, events, meeting agendas,
minutes, links)



www.facebook.com/townofmccandless
(news, events, agendas, links, other
helpful information)

McMail™ (e-newsletter) comes out once per month. News and events will be sent directly to your inbox! Sign up at on the Town's website (look for the sign-up on the right side of the home page).



The **Town Crier** (yes, that's what you are reading now) comes to you directly by mail in April and August, and also is available on the Town's website (some back issues, too)



All Town Council meetings are recorded and placed on the McCandless **YouTube channel** the morning after the meetings take place. Other informational videos are published on the channel, as well. Go to the Town website and look for the "Meeting Videos" link under the Popular Pages column on the left side of the homepage. There, you will find links to recent meetings as well as a link to the Town's YouTube channel (where all videos the Town has published can be found).

McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center grand opening was May 20

The joy and enthusiasm was evident among the crowd of about 200 who attended the grand opening of our beautiful center. Overall, about 300 people, young and old, came to learn about our history and culture through the collection of artifacts and documents that Joe Bullick has collected over the decades. These pictures really tell the story. Thanks to everyone who came to the event and had fun.



WQED's Rick Sebak was on hand to witness the grand opening.



Joe Bullick (the original owner of much of the collection) cut the ribbon.



Checking out the bricks on the "Pathway to the Past" before heading inside.



A McCandless Police display and a schoolhouse setup is in the back side of the Center.



Got a question? Joe might know the answer.



The guys in uniform on the left keep watch of the patrons on the right.



"The teacher isn't in right now, leave us a message on the chalkboard."



Members of the Town's volunteer fire departments helped out at the opening.



"Weigh yourself, in the music, the moment, you own it, you better never let it go..."

The heritage center is open Wednesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Check out www.townofmccandless.org (or other Town media) for events and programs at the Center.

Manager's Message

"A Home and a Future for our Heritage"

It was heartwarming to see so many people take part in the May 20 opening of the McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center on Armed Forces Day. The display of antique military vehicles served as a segue to the military artifacts donated or on loan in the Heritage Center. And the large flag hung over Ingomar Road by the Ingomar and Highland Volunteer Fire Companies evoked a surge of patriotism as we sang our national anthem.

The construction of the Heritage Center demonstrates what can happen when people embrace an all-too-rare combination of generosity and humility. Over many years, local historian Joe Bullick single-handedly amassed many items that exemplify our heritage. This unique collection is now displayed for education and posterity. Joe's story and devotion to being a one-man historical society have inspired many who came forward to share their time, talent and money to make this preservation possible. This outpouring of unselfish community spirit forged an amazing team with the Town Public Works crew and Beattie Career Center students to prepare the site and construct the building that itself exudes history.

The building of the Heritage Center is reminiscent of the legendary Amish barn-raising — which occurs when a family is in need. The building itself reflects history, with its design that combines the look of the Ingomar and Peebles one-room school houses.

It's not unusual for Town employees to build a significant structure — picnic pavilions with restrooms and the multiple-use concession, announcing booths, stage and restroom facility at Vestal Field to their credit. But, it is unique to be able to utilize their craftsmanship in constructing a replica one-room school house to display our heritage ... and mentor high school students along the way. Beattie students will be able to return, perhaps with their children or grandchildren, and say "I helped build this."

As the need for this facility presented itself, the wisdom and foresight of the 2014 Town Council to rescue Joe's collection is evident. Their magnanimity in providing a home for artifacts from around the western North Hills further embodies the unselfish spirit sparked by Joe Bullick.

Below is a brief summary of the Center's actual costs from August 2014 through December 2016 for design, site preparation and construction. You can find more information in a spreadsheet on the website, and even greater detail in Town budgets since 2014.

298,347.44 (design, building construction and site preparation)

— **62,377.51** (cash donations through May 20, 2017)

\$235,969.93 (total payments to vendors and suppliers)

In-house personnel costs (already budgeted for) were **\$298,281.44**

Operating costs are anticipated to be \$27,700 this year, which includes display setup and volunteer training. This amounts to 0.16% of the Town's 2017 budget. With the number of volunteers who continue to step forward, no personnel costs to "staff" the Center are budgeted. There is no admission fee. Monetary donations are being accepted. Soon, fundraising events will help to further minimize operating costs and future maintenance. There also still is room for memorial bricks to be bought on our Pathway to the Past.

Programs and events are being developed, and school field trips organized. Group tours, such as class reunions and local clubs, already are popular and more are expected. New items are being donated and exhibits will be rotated, which will keep the collection fresh.

So please stop by. Also watch in Town media for special programs. Come and see what one man and the community around him has assembled — a home and future for our heritage.

Tobias M. Cordek
Town Manager



Highlights from the opioid forum

Just the beginning . . .



Brian Dempsey of the DEA speaks to the crowd

On April 11, the Town of McCandless (in conjunction with the FBI, North Allegheny School District and CCAC North) held a public forum to discuss the opioid crisis.

More than 150 people attended the event, which took place at CCAC North. A variety of experts spoke at the forum.

Brian Dempsey with the DEA said that 80 percent of heroin users started with prescription opioid medications. He also noted that 53,000 people in the U.S. died of drug overdoses in 2016 (for the entire length of the Vietnam War, 55,000 Americans were killed in combat).

Kelly Wesolosky of the FBI discussed the H.O.P.E. initiative (Heroin Outreach Prevention and Education). Her presentation included PSA videos produced by students at North Allegheny and Avonworth. Displaying a map of overdoses by zip code, she noted, "Drugs do not discriminate."

Dr. Michael Lynch, medical director of the Pittsburgh Poison Center, showed a simulated overdose and revival using Narcan. Lynch said some people accuse emergency responders who use Narcan of enabling addicts. To an extent, Lynch said that is true: "We're enabling people to not die."

Chico Ficerai of the Six Steps to Sanity (a ministry geared toward families dealing with addiction) discussed her story: "What you are seeing is the face of a mother who has a heroin addict." Her middle son became addicted after a series of injuries and surgeries. Today, Ficerai said her son is in recovery.

McCandless Police Chief David DiSanti said, "We can't arrest our way out of" this opioid epidemic. In 2012, McCandless police responded to 13 overdose calls. In 2016, police responded to 42 overdose calls in McCandless. DiSanti said his officers already responded to 16 overdose calls by April 2017.

Ashley Potts, an addiction recovery specialist with Allegheny Health Network, spoke about her experience with addiction (having taken her first drink of alcohol at age 9 and taking oxycontin for the first time at age 13). She said being addicted is like being "a corpse walking through the world."

The event also included a drug takeback sponsored by the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office. Just one hour into the event, a large garbage bag had been filled with unused and expired drugs.

The event was an eye-opening experience. Moving forward, it is everyone's job to learn more and do more about this crisis. With everyone taking personal accountability, it will be defeated.



Deputy Joe Cirigliano of the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office collected drugs at the event

“Developing” News

Here you'll find the latest news on projects under construction within the community:



McCandless Crossing East: INPAX and AdVenture have broken ground on their 33,000 square-foot office building to be located near the Fairfield Inn and Suites. The building is set to include a personal, self-defense and gun safety training facility with indoor shooting range and retail space. The Fairfield Inn and Suites has opened. Old Navy (after a slow start) now reports that this store is their regional leader in sales.

McCandless Crossing West: Emiliano's (located in front of Lowe's at Cumberland and McKnight) nears completion with a tentative opening to be announced. Town Council on July 17 approved North Point Development's "Stonecrest of Pittsburgh," an assisted living/memory care facility, on the eastern side of Duncan Avenue West near LA Fitness.

SSB Bank (to be located at Route 19 and Casa Grande) is well underway with its interior work.

St. Alexis Church is making significant progress on construction of its new sanctuary and bell tower.

Pine Creek - Route 19 Intersection and Corridor Improvements: This project has been completed.

LEAF AND YARD WASTE PICKUP REMINDER

Although the warm days of summer are still in full swing, it'll soon be time to think about fall leaves and yard waste.

This year's Town leaf pickup begins Monday, Oct. 16, and continues through Wednesday, Nov. 22. Yard waste collection will continue through Friday, December 1.

A detailed postcard reminder will be mailed in September.

LEARN ABOUT OUR TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS ...

What are some of your favorite movies?



Kim Zachary, Ward 1



1. "Like Water for Chocolate"
Exemplifies the conflict between responsibility and personal freedom
2. "Swiss Army Man"
Lots of wisdom
3. "Avatar"
A new look at an old problem from the other side

Jerry Aufman, Ward 2



1. "Gone With the Wind"
The acting and the plot are great (as is the book it is based on)
2. "Patton"
The theme really resonates
3. "The Godfather"
I like the storyline and the acting — Marlon Brando, enough said

Steve Mertz, Ward 3



1. "Jurassic Park"
2. "Pirates of the Caribbean"

I'm not the biggest movie fan. I like the Discovery Channel.

Joan Powers, Ward 4



1. "Pretty Woman"
2. "Mrs. Doubtfire"
3. "Dirty Dancing"

I enjoy movies that are light and make me feel happy after I have watched them.

Greg Walkauskas, Ward 5



1. "The Passion of the Christ"
The ultimate love story
2. "Chariots of Fire"
An inspirational Olympic sports story
3. "Sound of Music"
Great music and intrigue set in scenic Austria during its annexation by Hitler

Ralph LeDonne, Ward 6



1. "The Manchurian Candidate"
The way it played out really made you think
2. "The African Queen"
A story about guts and courage ... amidst all sorts of danger
3. "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan"
One of the most interesting sci-fi flicks

Bill McKim, Ward 7



1. "Doctor Zhivago"
Great screenplay, great cinematography
2. "Saving Private Ryan"
Just a very good movie — the pace of the movie, the study of World War II
3. "Casablanca"
An all-time great movie; romantic. Another World War II study

Why I like working in local government ...

Thoughts from a newbie

Ashley Fintz

Title: Accounting Assistant

Age: 23

Years of Service: 1 month

I started my position with the Town of McCandless a mere month ago, but this already is one of the best places I ever could have imagined working for.

I had previously worked in the banking sector, and found my way to local government by recommendation from family and friends. I had never previously considered working in the public sector throughout my undergraduate and post-undergraduate career, but I am so glad I finally ended up here.

I have been able to dive into my role hands-on and start extensive projects that will use our accounting software to its fullest extent. I am thankful that I have been given the opportunity to jump directly into my role and learn by doing and researching. I love to learn new things and my position with the Town has given me that right from the start.

I feel that my work has direct purpose given the power of the local government, which makes this a very rewarding position. I also enjoy getting to hear from the community and am excited to get involved with community events.

Overall, while I never thought I would be in the public sector, I am so happy that I took a position with the Town.



POLICE PERSPECTIVE

Mike Metzger

Title: Patrolman

Age: 47

Years of Service: 13



I have been in law enforcement for the past twenty four years and served in the United States Navy for five years prior to my law enforcement career. I started my police career with the City of Pittsburgh Police. I worked in the Hill District area of the City, in the capacity of patrol and in the plain clothes street response unit. I finished my career with the City of Pittsburgh as a bicycle officer in the Shadyside and Oakland area of the City. I gained a vast knowledge of policing in high crime areas and community policing while serving in the bicycle unit. I decided to make a career move to join the McCandless Police Department in 2004. I consider this move to be one of my best choices in life. The reason is the community. I quickly learned how special this community was and within a year, I moved into McCandless and started my family.

One of the major benefits of working for local government and living in the community is that I have a vested interest for the betterment of this Town. I started the bicycle unit for McCandless Police Department in 2006. I have taken great pride in teaching children bicycle safety in North Allegheny school district and summer programs. Community policing is the key to building the future of our great community. Chief DiSanti has furthered his community policing vision by purchasing various items for children including police coloring books, police car key chains, McCandless police cups, and police pens. I would like to end with a story. We all have good days and bad days, police officers are no different. I was working the evening shift and was having a bad day. I decided to patrol on my bicycle in McCandless Crossing and I started handing out coloring books, pens, and police car key chains to children walking with their parents. The happiness and joy I received from the children and their parents changed my day and the whole week. I realized that community policing will have a great impact for this police department, our local government and our community. I look forward to playing a major role in this vision.



Rege Ebner: Certified Public Finance Officer

Congratulations to Assistant Town Manager Rege Ebner!

Just recently, he became one of only three currently active Certified Public Finance Officers (CPFO) in Pennsylvania. There are 493 active CFPOs in the U.S. and Canada.

At the end of 2016, Ebner passed the fifth and final exam of the CPFO program that is offered by the Government Finance Officers Association. The topics of the exams are Operating and Capital Budgeting; Treasury and Investment Management; Debt Management; Retirement &

Benefits, Risk Management, and Procurement; and Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting.

Candidates for this certification have seven years to pass these five exams. Rege passed all five in only a year and a half.

"It almost feels like I'm starting a new career without leaving my office. I come to work with a renewed sense of purpose," Ebner said.

17TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, 2017

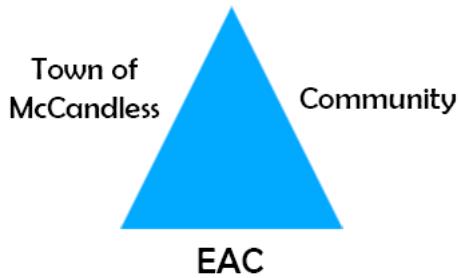
**BEGINS WITH THE
PARADE AT 12:15**

**FINISHES WITH
FIREWORKS AT 9**

**IN BETWEEN?
TONS OF OTHER
STUFF — FOOD,
VENDORS, RIDES,
CAR CRUISE, KID'S
ACTIVITIES, AND
MUSICAL AND
OTHER ACTS!**

Check out www.townofmccandless.org for a full schedule of events and other information. See you at Community Day!

Environmental tips from the Environmental Advisory Committee



The local environment involves three entities: the Town of McCandless, Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC), and the People of McCandless. We are all stewards of our community.

The Town of McCandless provides stewardship by the services it provides for the community of McCandless. This is accomplished by our Town Manager, Town Council, Police, Sanitary Authority, Public Works, Volunteer Fire Companies, and the many volunteers on boards and committees.

The recently established EAC provides stewardship by determining ways to maintain the environment. They recommend and advise Town Council of ways to improve the environment.

These are a few of the current initiatives :

- Greenspace inventory (map and inventory of all green, open and park space in the Town)

- Development of walking and hiking trails
- Providing environmental tips and checklists
- Visiting businesses throughout McCandless to ensure they are following recycling requirements

The residents of McCandless are stewards also. Many provide stewardship and don't realize they are doing so. So how can the community in McCandless enhance the environment? Here are a few suggestions:

1. Ensure you are using the recycling opportunities the Town provides through Waste Management.
2. Drainage and clean streets is a dual responsibility. The Public Works Department maintains drainage through street cleaning and maintenance of roads and systems.
3. Residents' responsibilities include:
 - When mowing, do not discharge your clippings in the street. Pick them up and dispose of them properly.
 - During periods of heavy rain, Public Works can be overwhelmed with calls for clogged drainage basin covers. Assist them by keeping the basin covers in your neighborhood clear of debris to prevent street flooding.

And now, a few words about saving the honeybees ...



The die-off of America's honeybee colonies — which are disappearing in droves because of parasites, pesticides, poor nutrition and disease — leaves beekeepers scrambling to salvage the vital insects. Experts say the task of solving the honeybee problem isn't isolated to beekeepers. A few changes to home patios and gardens can lend honeybees a much-needed assist.

Last year, reportedly a third of the nation's honeybee colonies died. This doesn't necessarily mean fewer bees. Beekeepers can salvage a dead colony, but it comes with labor and production costs.

Bees pollinate one out of every three bites of American food and \$15 billion worth of crops annually. Planting specific flowers and herbs to create a bee-friendly yard could be your best option.

1. Plant pollinator-friendly flowers

Honeybees help transfer pollen from plant to plant for reproduction. Planting a bee-friendly garden of "pollinator-friendly" flowers and herbs for bees to forage can be a game-changer. The National Honey Board (yes, this actually exists) recommends plants native to your area.

Choose a sunny, not-so-breezy area. Plant your flowers and herbs in a place with enough sun to allow pollinators to grow, but also windless enough to not blow away delicate-winged pollinators.

2. Set out water

Bees need water too. The Honey Board suggests setting out a "bee bath" in the form of a plate of water. A shallow container with marbles or rocks for bees to land also would work. Another option is a small bird bath or a decorative rock with spots where rainwater can collect. Bees use water to regulate their temperature, help with digestion and dilute stored honey.



3. Watch the chemicals

Consider the pollinators when using pesticides and insecticides in your garden. Pulling weeds by hand can help, and introducing other insects could help fend off pests.

If you do decide to use chemicals, follow the instructions carefully on the package. People should apply the chemicals early in the morning when bees and other pollinators aren't around. Also, don't spray them in other places where pollinators may land.



PROPERTY TAX HIGHLIGHTS



- The Town tax rate for the 2017 calendar year is 1.236 mills (\$123.60 per \$100,000 of assessed value), a decrease of 4.6% from 2016 and the second lowest tax rate in Allegheny County.
- The North Allegheny School District tax rate for the 2017-18 fiscal year (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) is 18.0011 mills (\$1,800.11 per \$100,000 of assessed value), the same rate that was in effect for the 2016-17 fiscal year.
- The combined Town/NASD tax bills were mailed July 1, 2017, with the following deadlines:
 - September 1, 2017 to take advantage of the 2% discount. Payment must be delivered in person by 7 pm or post-marked by the U.S. Postal Service by this date to be considered timely.
 - November 1, 2017 to avoid the 10% penalty. The same terms as above apply regarding receipt of payment.
 - December 31, 2017 to avoid additional collection fees and the possibility of a lien being placed against the property.
- If you have been approved by Allegheny County for an Act 77 Senior Citizen Abatement, the 30% reduction in the assessed value of your Town only taxes has been calculated in your bill.
- If you were approved by Allegheny County for an Act 1 Homestead Exclusion as of April 27, 2017, then the reduction in the assessed value of your NASD only taxes appears as a separate line item on your bill.
- Installment Payment Plan – If you have qualified for the Homestead Exclusion as of April

27, 2017, then you are also eligible to take advantage of the 3-payment installment plan offered by both the Town and NASD. Your tax bill will show the amount and due date of the first installment. Payment must be made subject to the same terms as above regarding receipt of payment. If your first payment is made in a timely manner, you will receive 2 additional bills with the amounts and due dates for your second and third payments. If your second or third installment payment is made after the deadline, subject to the same payment terms as above, you will be charged a 10% penalty.

- Payment of delinquent real estate taxes – If your taxes are not paid in full by December 31, 2017, you may be subject to a lien against your property. In addition, we are required to send your delinquent NASD taxes to their delinquent collector, Maiello, Brungo and Maiello, for collection. Your delinquent Town taxes will continue to be due and payable to the Town.

If you do not escrow your taxes and have not yet received a 2017 tax bill, please contact our office at 412-364-0616. 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.

INFO ON OTHER TAXES ...

PER CAPITA TAX HIGHLIGHTS:

- This is an NASD tax, and the rate remains at \$10 per year.
- The tax applies to any person over the age of 21 who resided in the Town for even 1 day during the school district fiscal year (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018).
- For property owners who reside at their property, there 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 contacted us previously in writing to notify us that there is only 1 adult residing at your home, then your real estate tax bill will reflect only 1 adult.
- Additional adults in each household, and renters over the age of 21, receive a separate bill for their per capita tax. If you happen to receive a bill and are not over the age of 21, please note your date of birth on your bill and return it to us.
- If you own a rental property, you are required to provide the Town with 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.

EARNED INCOME AND NET PROFITS TAX HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Town and NASD tax rates for 2017 remained at 0.5% each.
- Your employer is required by law to withhold this tax on your behalf and forward it to the collector appointed by the Town and NASD. If you are self-employed and have earned income or net profits greater than \$12,000, you must make quarterly payments yourself.
- The appointed collector for the Town and NASD continues to be Keystone Collections Group. Their contact information is as follows:
 - o 546 Wendel Road, Irwin, PA 15642
 - o 724-978-0300
 - o www.keystonecollects.com
- Please direct any questions regarding this tax to Keystone Collections Group.

LOCAL SERVICES TAX HIGHLIGHTS:

- This is a Town tax, and the rate remains at \$52 per year (\$1 per week for each week you work in the Town).
- Your employer is required by law to withhold this tax on your behalf on a pro-rata basis and forward it to the collector appointed by the Town. Self-employed individuals are required to pay the tax in quarterly installments.
- The appointed collector for the Town continues to be Keystone Collections Group.

BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX HIGHLIGHTS:

- This is a Town tax, and the rate remains at 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 gross volume of business).
- The tax applies to anyone who has a business located in the Town, whether at your home or at a specific commercial location.
- More information, including the Town's Rules and Regulations, can be found on the Town's website, www.townofmccandless.org.

TAX PAYMENT DROP BOX:

For your convenience, there is a drop box located in a pillar outside the main entrance to Town Hall. This drop box is emptied on a daily basis. You can utilize this drop box at any time. Payments made on a due date for any tax must be placed in the drop box prior to 7 pm on that date. Town staff empties the drop box at that time, and any payments received after that time are considered late.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

You can find additional information on the above taxes at:

- www.townofmccandless.org or 412-364-0616.
- www.keystonecollects.com or 724-978-0300.
- www.dced.pa.gov.

Town Manager's Message: After the floods



On June 15th and 16th, storms of short duration, but great intensity, hit the Town. Some areas were hit harder than others. Our police, volunteer fire and public works departments all responded admirably, as we are accustomed to them doing. Residents, neighbors and businesses pitched in to help those most affected with time, energy, sweat and money. Public Works personnel helped to clean debris on Friday the 16th, then on Monday the 19th moved to inspect and clear all storm control facilities and inlets throughout the Town. Allegheny County cleared debris in and around their facilities. Town forces answered the call of anyone who let us know that they needed help to remove items or debris placed along the street, if possible.

The Town had Waste Management place dumpsters on the Town Hall parking lot for those who could bring their debris to a collection point. Public Works brought a sizeable shed that had moved several properties downstream to this site for disposal. Investigation of damage reports and requests for assistance and advice is just about complete. Public Works Superintendent Mark Sabina, Land Use Administrator Bruce Betty and Town stormwater consultant Andy Banfield of PVE Engineers continue to help individuals with questions and see if any drainage systems and streams have been altered by these storms. Follow up on potential col-

laborative work with Allegheny County on County and Town stormwater facilities in the area around Highland Road and its intersection with Sloop Road continues.

Residents affected by these storms attended Town Council's June 26 business meeting. Some extended their appreciation for all

the help received and ask questions. Mark, Bruce and Andy joined me in answering questions and providing information about these storms and how the Town has worked diligently over the last 40 years to control stormwater.

Today's techniques to manage stormwater differ greatly in many ways from those used in the past. Yet, some methods used previously are returning. McCandless developed steadily from World War II to the late 1970s. Stormwater inlets on curbed streets carry water through pipes to streams as expediently as possible. With the passage of Pennsylvania's Storm Water Management Act in 1978, McCandless didn't wait for the state to issue regulations to begin to manage stormwater in every subdivision, business or institutional development. These regulations have evolved with the advancement of engineering design. The Town maintains over 60 stormwater detention facilities. The private sector and institutions utilize a similar number. The Town has also installed, required developers and partnered with institutions to install regional stormwater control facilities such as dams along Highland Road below CCAC, on North Allegheny School District property below Carson Middle School and LaRoche College's front yard. All of these are examples of innovation and cooperation which

serve to manage uncontrolled stormwater generated by growth that had no such controls. Each of these does its part to control stormwater in the areas that were most heavily affected two weeks ago.

Over the past 10 years, we have promulgated the use of rain barrels, rain gardens and gentle contouring of land (swales) on existing properties and those being developed, large and small, to nudge stormwater control as close as possible to where stormwater originates. We created, with the help of the Audobon Society, a total of five rain gardens which also store runoff along the Lorraine G. Rogers soccer complex parking lot and the Town Heritage Center. We recently partnered with PennDOT to install a rain garden and open sustainable stormwater channels along Pine Creek Road. All of these are harbingers of the next area of focus — water quality in addition to stormwater control.

We now are about to enter yet another phase of water runoff management. To meet federal EPA requirements to improve water quality, PADEP will permit municipalities under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program to begin removing and preventing sediment accumulation in streams. Town staff and engineers have been working for over a year to update our watershed maps, and identify areas to target in our watersheds where we can meet the DEP requirement to reduce sediment and phosphorus in streams by 10% over the next 5 years. Our 5 year program of potential improvements in our four watersheds were presented at an open house on July 24.

The public is able to review and comment on the plans for watershed improvement through August 25. More info is on the next page.





Here are a few upcoming events at Northland Public Library

NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION: "THE HIDDEN MESSAGE"

August 31 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

In face-to-face communication, body language accounts for more than two thirds of the impact of your message. It is always more emotionally revealing and always more emotionally accurate than what we say. In this session, we will learn ways to enhance body language as well as how to understand the hidden messages sent by others. You may register online, in person at the adult reference desk or by calling 412-366-8100, extension 113.

HOW AN IDEA BECOMES A BOOK

September 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Join fantasy novelist and short fiction writer Frederic S. Durbin in an exploration of the writing journey from the dreaming stage through idea generation, drafting, revision, seeking feedback, manuscript completion, and publication--how it can work, how to keep at it, and some techniques and tips that may make the journey easier. You may register online, in person at the adult reference desk or by calling 412-366-8100, extension 113.

SEMI-ANNUAL BOOK SALE

October 6 and 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and October 8 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Paperbacks, hardcovers, children's books, CDs, etc., will be up for grabs. Sunday will feature the famous \$5 bag sale.

ONGOING:

TASTY TRUCKS @ NORTHLAND

In September, look for them each Thursday

The food trucks are located in the upper parking lot. They accept cash and all major credits cards, and will be open until 6 p.m. or as supplies last given the variability of patron support and limited storage capacity of food trucks. The event benefits Northland Public Library Foundation.

LIBRARY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

These generally happen on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Multiple computer classes are held each month. Register online, in person, or by calling 412-366-8100 X 131

Northland Public Library literally hosts multiple events, classes and meetings per day. As such, this is only a small sampling of their calendar. To see a full listing, go to www.northlandlibrary.org.

Pollutant Reduction Plan comment period ends August 25

The Town of McCandless has prepared a pollutant reduction plan (PRP) for each Town watershed to comply with a new PADEP requirement for the upcoming 2018 to 2023 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. The PRPs outline potential actions and projects that reduce pollution caused by sediment and/or nutrients in watershed streams.

The PRPs will be available for review and written comments will be accepted in person or by mail at Town Hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon-Fri, July 24 through August 25, 2017, at Administration, 9955 Grubbs Road, Wexford, PA 15090 or by e-mail at public.works@townofmcandless.org, zoning@townofmcandless.org or administration@townofmcandless.org. Please indicate in the subject line "Town of McCandless PRP Comments."

To read the plans and to watch a video of the general presentation from the July 24 PRP open house, go to www.townofmcandless.org and look for the item under the "What's New" section.



Thanks for making the
Summer Rec program a
success. See you next year!



Chief's Corner

After much thought, prayer, reflection, receiving input from my officers and getting a feel for our department and what we stand for, you will see a new slogan on the police vehicles. This slogan is "A Calling to Serve." I believe from my entrance interviews with the officers and collecting input, that it best exemplifies our feelings and commitment to serve our community in a good way.

Police officers make a special commitment and dedication to their life's work and I feel the great officers I have here feel that same way. You will see our slogan proudly displayed on the police cruisers.

As part of our new image as the Town of McCandless Police Department, we hope that it will help us continue to bond with the wonderful community we serve.

I continue to evaluate our department and do everything I can to enhance and improve our service to you.

Looking to the future, I would like more specialization in the department. We want to continue working any way we can with every single child in the community to enhance their safety and have them grow up healthy and happy.

I recently attended the 104th Pennsylvania Chiefs' of Police Training and Education Conference, where I have the pleasure of serving on the Executive Board as well as perform chaplain duties for the chiefs who attend this conference. I consider it both a privilege and honor to pray with and for the American police officer during these tumultuous times in law enforcement across our country. As leaders in our community, I believe leadership starts at the top with living a life of integrity 24/7. A question that I recently asked of our police candidates, related to how leaders need to be examples in their communities of people who consider it a privilege to serve others.

The conference also brought to light the rapid changes in law enforcement involving dynamics and extensive expectations of officers. You can be assured that we take great pride in keeping up our department by being the most professional we can be and striving to utilize the latest technological equipment possible to service you. Going forward, we will always strive to be a department you can be proud of and one that reflects the great citizens of this wonderful town. That means that we will remain open-minded, willing to change for the better and take positive strides toward making us a better police department. We will never remain complacent, we will first and foremost deliver our service to you with respect, fairness and trustworthiness. We greatly value the positive bond we have with our good community. That is what I expect from my team.

As always, thank you for your support and please don't forget to stop and visit with me and my staff at our Community Day Booth on September 9, 2017. This is a great opportunity for you to meet our officers as well as celebrate this wonderful community. We have some exciting things planned for the children so bring your family and say hello. I always enjoy meeting and talking with all the good people in this wonderful town. I wish you well as you enjoy the last few weeks of summer and I look forward to seeing you on September 9th.

— *Chief David R. DiSanti Sr.*



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES

We are your neighbors. We stand behind you in line at the store. Our kids play on the same soccer and baseball teams. Yet many of our residents never consider that fire and rescue services in McCandless are completely volunteer.

From fires to vehicle accidents to flooding – and everything in between – we're proud to serve our community in its moments of need.

But we can't serve the community without YOU!

Join us:

We're always in need of more volunteers to help others. We're looking for new members who want to make a difference in the lives of your friends and neighbors. Whether you have an interest in fighting fires, safely driving our firefighters to emergency scenes, or assisting with administrative needs (accounting, grant writing, reporting, etc.), we have fulfilling opportunities for you. Join us today!

Donate:

We rely in part on the generosity of our residents to help fund our everyday expenses. From paying our utility bills, to fueling our vehicles, to purchasing equipment that will keep our firefighters and residents safe, your financial contribution makes a significant impact on the safety of our entire community. Please donate today!

Thank you for your continued support!

— Your McCandless Volunteer Fire Companies



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Peebles District VFC



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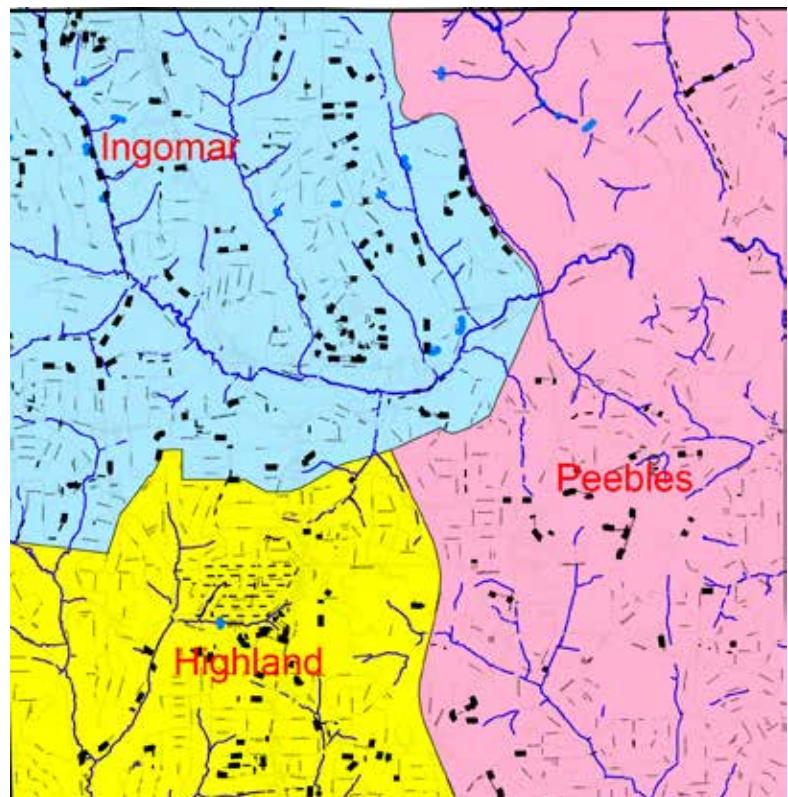


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Town of McCandless FIRE DISTRICT MAP



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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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Building/Fire Marshal	Ext. 128
Heritage Center	Ext. 300
Manager's Office	Ext. 120
Planning and Zoning	Ext. 129
Public Works	Ext. 184
Trash and Recycling	Ext. 110 or 118
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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CONGRATULATIONS JERRY AUFMAN!

Town Council President Gerard J. Aufman Jr. received two awards in July from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners.

Aufman was named the Western Pennsylvania Township Commissioner of the Year, and also was honored for his 44 years of service as a Town Council member.

Aufman will be retiring at the end of 2017.