

McCandless Town Crier



What's Inside ...

- Looking ahead to Community Day
- Update on the Comprehensive Plan
- 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 Thursday of the month
- **Environmental Advisory Committee:** Second Wednesday of the month
- **Heritage Center FDPC:** Third Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Implementable Comprehensive Plan

The Current Status

The Town of McCandless Implementable Comprehensive Plan Phase II is under way.

The Town's planning consultant Pashek+MTR was selected from a competitive group of consultants who responded to the Town's request for proposal (RFP) for an implementable comprehensive plan. The RFP included a requirement that the contractor evaluate a need for a community center. Pashek+MTR was chosen because of their experience conducting comprehensive plans, particularly implementable comprehensive plans and their experience with Community Centers.

This type of comprehensive plan incorporates months of community input. Pashek "kicked-off" the plan by receiving public input at a booth at Community Day 2017. A steering committee comprised of Town residents and Town officials was appointed to guide the comprehensive planning process.

Pashek+MTR also received input from an online questionnaire; conducted 21 key person interviews; facilitated two community public meetings; and presented a summary of events to the Planning Commission at a public meeting. The steering committee held "pop-up" events at Northland Public Library and Whole Foods. The information from those events was given to Pashek+MTR and assimilated into their public input reports. This information was presented to the steering committee for review and affirmation of key issues. Based on public input and steering committee decisions, the consultant and Town Council prioritized six key issues.

According to the contract with Pashek (plus a little extra), there will be two levels of planning effort for those issues. Pashek is referring to these planning efforts as Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 1 will be the most in depth and provide the most detail.

Key Issues – Based on the many layers of public input described above, the Steering Committee, Planning Commission, the consultant and Town Council blended their thoughts on key issues into the following:

TIER I

Two key issues will get the most amount of planning effort in Phase II and will be referred to as **Tier I Key Issues**:

- **Active Transportation and Connectivity** – walking and biking safety to destinations in the Town and beyond.
- **Community Gathering Space** – An assessment of facilities and space utilization in the area to help determine the support for and what type of facility might be proposed

TIER II

Four additional Key Issues will be developed in less detail than the above issues, **Tier II Key Issues**:

- **Redevelopment** – Focusing on Southern Route 19 corridor and the Blazier Drive site.
- **Greenspace corridors** – How we can protect and possibly use those sites for future generations, and other recommendations to make the community more sustainable.
- **Community identity and public engagement** – A two-pronged approach, one dealing with the Town's image and thoughts on additional opportunities for community engagement
- **Recreation programs and special events** – A review of services and events, and recommendations to fill gaps in offerings based on comparable communities.

TIER III

Additional issues arose in the public input process; **Tier III Key Issues** are:

- Traffic congestion
- Internet connectivity and other technology issues
- Public transit
- Property maintenance

Pashek will meet with the steering committee on September 11 to "drill down" on these issues and begin to develop solutions, strategies, and costs for these items.

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

TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE



This edition of the Town Crier shows how far we have come in what we do and how we talk about it.

Our Heritage Center opened May 19 last year on Armed Forces Day. We perhaps have started a tradition of celebrating the Center's anniversary on the day we honor those who serve and protect our great country. The stories that emerge around the temporary and permanent displays reveal local heroes which inspire us, awaken memories and touch our hearts. Please stop into the Heritage Center to see the latest temporary exhibit, a chronology of wedding dresses dating from the turn of the 20th century to the 1960s on display. Community Day (being held on September 8 this year) always is a special time at the "HC." This year is no exception, complete with blacksmith demonstrations.

Another significant anniversary is Northland Library's 50th. Northland's well-deserved reputation in excellence exceeds its multi-municipal boundaries. Its collection, information technology and vast offerings of programs are enlivened by its caring, professional staff.

We don't plan to ever stop publishing information about how seriously we take stormwater management — on a large scale down to what each and every one of us can do on our own properties. Our latest focus carries out federal and state initiatives in water quality. We currently are addressing 10 projects in various locations, utilizing a variety of techniques to keep us out of harm's way.

Nature brought more precipitation than usual in late winter through spring and into summer, challenging us to complete storm drainage work on 7.25 miles of Town streets connected to our 2018 paving program. As that work nears completion, paving has begun and will continue to the end of September at the earliest. We remain fortunate that we can perform this heavy work and pave our roads without incurring debt.

Our Environmental Advisory Committee embarks regularly in new avenues and bolsters Town staff in areas such as managing greenspace, exploring trail locations, tree planting, recycling, road cleanups and many more as we not only document current sustainable practices, but explore new ventures of sustainability.

Please enjoy other features we have added about the employees and volunteers who serve you, "developing" news, public safety and how we communicate with you. Have a great remaining summer and 2018!

— **Toby Cordek**
Town Manager

The McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center



Hours of Operation

The Center's operating hours are:

Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm

Thursday: 10 am to 4 pm

Friday: 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday: 1 pm to 4 pm

Sunday: 1 pm to 4 pm

Office hours available by appointment

Come check out our current rotating exhibit:
“Here Comes the Bride.”

This is a display that is centered around vintage wedding gowns from various decades in the 20th century. Additionally, you will find old wedding photos from local couples and a variety of vintage wedding paraphernalia.

The display will be up through Community Day and the rest of September.



Speaking of Community Day, the Center will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. that day (September 8). A blacksmithing demonstration will be taking place outside the Center that day at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. (and, of course, that stretch of Ingomar Road is a great place to watch the Community Day parade from.)



The Center is located on Aufman Lane (off Grubbs Road between Town Hall and the McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority).

Be on the lookout for events and other information at www.townofmccandless.org/mccandless-northern-allegeny-heritage-center

For more information, call 412-364-0616 Ext. 118 or e-mail heritagecenter@townofmccandless.org.

“Developing” News

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



McCandless Crossing West: “Stonecrest of Pittsburgh” has its assisted living/memory care facility is currently erecting steel. Concrete slabs are being poured for “Atria at McCandless” (formerly known as McCandless Senior Living). Steel column and beam installation has begun.

McCandless Crossing East: Site work and construction of the office building which is to contain the INPAX Training Academy and up to three additional tenants nears completion. The fitness center portion is completed and has received a permit for occupancy only for those with INPAX memberships.

Terrace Place at Vincentian: Framing of walls is underway and almost under roof at the proposed 90-unit independent senior living facility located at the intersection of Kummer Road and Babcock Boulevard on the site of the former Regency Nursing home.

Signal work and paving on McKnight: Best case scenario for everything to be complete would be

mid-August. PennDOT notes this could extend to the end of August.

Kummer Road bike shop: This barn-shaped building located north of the intersection with Ingomar Road is doing trim work and awaiting water service.

Babcock Boulevard Corridor Sidewalk Potential Intermodel Grant Project: Traffic counts have been taken at Babcock Boulevard and Corporate Drive and are being evaluated to determine if any signal warrants are met at this intersection. We are seeking an update from McCandless Corporate Center on plans it may have for remaining undeveloped property and its potential impact on the installation of a signal here.

Devlin Park work: Dugout construction, backstop and extension of protective fencing are complete. Play ball!

Wall Park Valley Trail: We await word on our DCNR planning grant application for this proposed project.

LEAF AND YARD WASTE PICKUP REMINDER

**THIS YEAR'S TOWN LEAF
PICKUP BEGINS MON-
DAY, OCTOBER 15, AND
CONTINUES THROUGH
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30.
YARD WASTE COLLECTION
ALSO WILL CONTINUE
THROUGH FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 30.**

**A DETAILED POSTCARD
REMINDER WILL BE
MAILED IN SEPTEMBER.**



WHAT'S NEW IN TOWN NEWS?

Sheetz zoning amendment voted down



Town Council on July 23 voted 4-3 to deny an application for a zoning text amendment filed by Sheetz Inc. that would have amended the conditional use criteria for service stations to permit up to two service stations in the RC (Residential Commercial) Zoning District to be located within 1,500 feet of each other only when located at signalized intersections.

Sheetz Inc. requested the change because it has an interest in moving its gas station and convenience store across Perry Highway from its current location. On rare occasions, the Town receives requests such as this from a potential property owner or developer to change the Town's zoning code to allow for a proposed use they have in mind.

In the RC (Residential Commercial) Zoning District, a service station is a conditional use. This means the Town's Zoning Code

— specifically Article 1328 — lists conditions that must be met for a service station in the RC District, and also provides for additional conditions that Town Council might deem necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Prior to the vote, Town Council on April 23 voted to hold a public hearing on the matter. This hearing was held on June 25. Before the hearing occurred, the proposal was reviewed by the Allegheny County Planning Division and received further review by the Town's Planning Commission. Following the public hearing, Council discussed the text amendment at its July 9 Zoning Committee meeting.

First annual “Officer(s) of the Year” named

Officer Michael Cheberenchick and Officer Michael Metzger were presented with the first annual “Officer of the Year” award named in honor of Officer Albert Devlin who lost his life in the line of duty on January 8, 1973 while serving as a McCandless Police Officer.

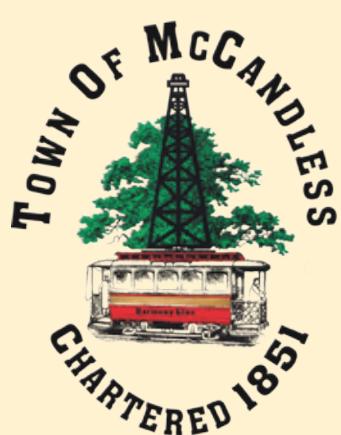
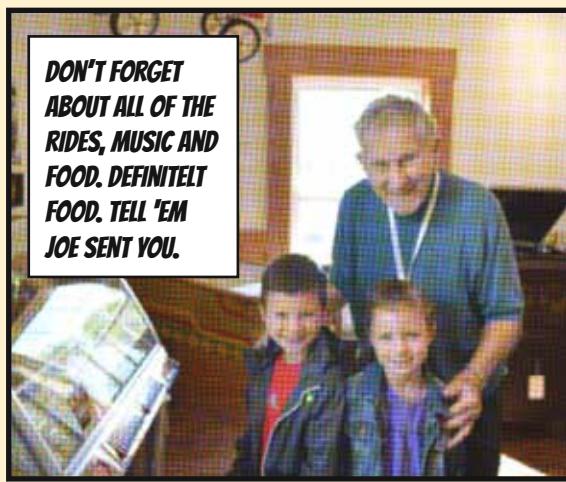
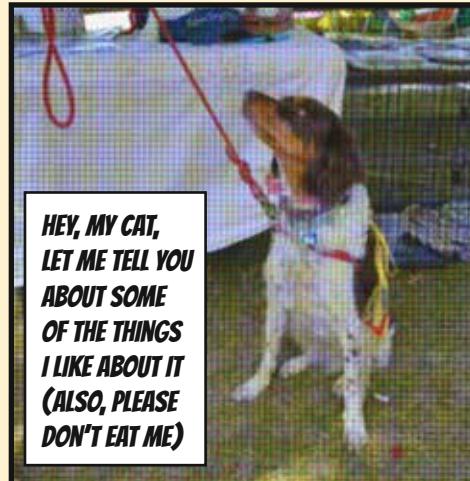
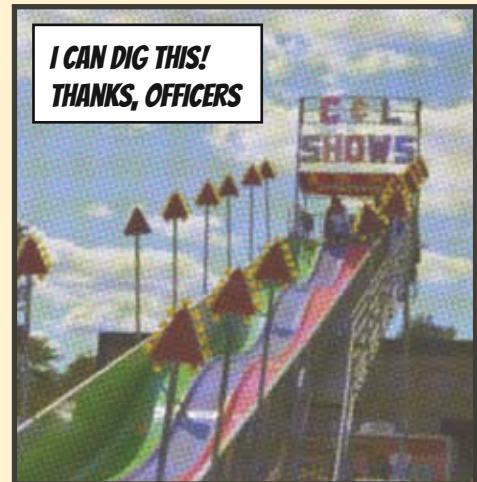
At the presentation at the April 23 Town Council meeting, Chief Dave DiSanti dedicated the award to all the officers who have served here over the years. In attendance was Officer Devlin's son, Al Jr., who was 10 years old at the time of his father's death and is now serving as an intake guard at the Allegheny County Jail.

This year's selection was from the uniformed patrol division, and the candidates were recom-



mended by the Command Staff for their dedication to duty, proactivity, going above and beyond the normal daily duties, and a dedication to the community and the department. Their loyalty is extremely appreciated. Congratulations to both officers.

IT'S COMMUNITY DAY



SATURDAY, SEPT. 8, 2018

Why I like working in local government ...

VIEW FROM THE FRONT DESK

Malinda Kennedy

Title: Fire/Building secretary

Years of Service: 19

I have been an employee at the Town for the past 19 years. I have learned many things over the years working for the Building and Fire Department. It's fascinating to learn how a development is created, like our new one at McCandless Crossing. To actually help the empty land move through the steps of permitting, building, inspecting, occupancies and building openings is amazing. Looking at the finished product and knowing that I was part of that process is very fulfilling.

One of my favorite parts of my job over the years has been the Town of McCandless Community Day. It's great to be able to meet the people we serve every day. The last few years, I've been honored to work at the Junior Firefighter Challenge. It's really rewarding watching the kids participating in the challenge and trying to beat the top time. They all get to have fun — especially using the firehose and saving the teddy bear — while learning about the job of a firefighter and fire safety.

Working at the Town of McCandless has been a wonderful experience and my department is like a family where everyone is willing to help each other out. We are here to help you too, so if you have any questions please let us know.



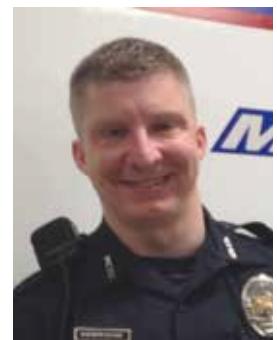
POLICE PERSPECTIVE

Michael Cheberenchick

Title: Patrolman

Years of Service: 18

My career with the Town of McCandless Police Department began eighteen years ago, a span for which I look back on with pride and honor. Prior to this, I had spent two years as an officer with both Baldwin Borough and Hanover Township. Additionally, I also serve as a Crisis and Hostage Negotiator with the North Hills Special Response Team.



Having come from a family steeped in law enforcement tradition, I have a profound respect for the position, one that comes with a host of challenges and rewards.

Working for local government is, at its very core, working for a community. It allows you to be responsive, to be adaptive, to the needs of community for which you serve. Being a catalyst for positive change, being ready to render assistance to those in need, being in a position to bolster positive community relations, all of it begins at the very fundamental level of local governance. For those of us who have chosen such an endeavor, local government is the most natural place of origin for such lofty goals.

The entirety of my professional life has been working at the local level, and as the McCandless Police Department and I move to implement Chief DiSanti's vision for the future of this department, it is something that I will continue to do with pride, for many years to come.

Town Council honors longtime employee



Town Council on May 21 honored employee Elaine Bell for her nearly 30 years of service to the Town.

Bell, who held the position of finance assistant, retired at the end of May.

"Elaine has been a terrific help to the taxpayers of the Town," said Council Vice President Greg Walkauskas.

Bell began at the Town as the administrative assistant to the fire marshal and building inspector. While at the Town, she completed her bachelor's degree in accounting from LaRoche College, and eventually obtained the finance assistant position.

In addition to her finance role, Town Manager Toby Cordek noted that Bell has served as an initial trouble-shooter for any technical or computer problems that might occur in the office. Cordek also noted her excellent attendance, saying that the only time he can recall her taking sick time was when she tripped over her dog and broke her wrist.

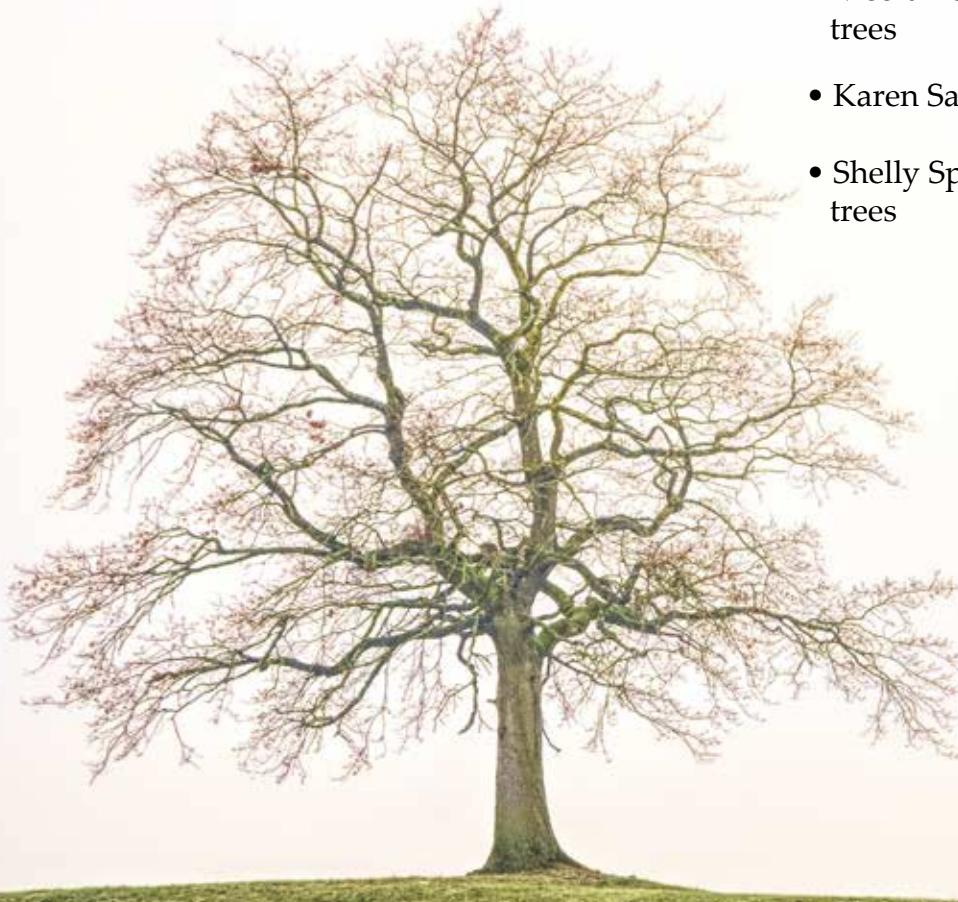
"Elaine, you are a person of integrity and efficiency, and she is a dedicated person who we trust and I trust explicitly," Cordek said.

Town of McCandless Tree Planting Program

The Town has started a tree planting program to encourage residents and businesses to report the planting of trees on their property (thereby allowing for more tree canopy cover in the Town, helping to reduce stormwater runoff).

The program began March 1 and will run until 2023. Here are some people who recently have planted and reported trees to the Town:

- Ken Allhouse of Powers Drive, 20 trees
- George and Mary Anna Bigelow of Eastview Drive, 1 tree
- Kirk Bish of Wyngold Drive, 1 tree
- Dan Franjko of Grubbs Road, 2 trees
- Scott Huston of Ferguson Road, 2 trees
- John Iannone of Courtney Place, 1 tree
- Andrea and Roger Jackson of Cromwell Drive, 1 tree
- Bill and Cindy Kirk of Ridgeview Drive, 6 trees
- Lamar Oliver of Old Kummer Road, 2 trees
- Meera Ramakrishna of Oxbridge Drive, 4 trees
- Karen Sanguigni of Brittany Place, 2 trees
- Shelly Sponholz of Country Manor Lane, 2 trees
- Kim Zachary of Grubbs Road, 1 tree
- Susan Zikos of Edelweiss Drive, 8 trees



Best Feeds has heard of our program, and the store generously has offered a discount to any McCandless resident who is buying trees for this program. Thank you for your help! For more info, call the store at 412-487-5802.

If you plant trees on your property during this period, please let us know. Tell us your address and how many trees you planted at ms4@townofmccandless.org.

Spring roadside cleanup a success

Thank you to the nearly 30 volunteers who made the 2018 McCandless roadside cleanup, held on Saturday, April 21, possible. The cleanup focused on roads and areas near Pine Creek.

The crew divided up into four teams and collected more than 60 bags of trash. In addition to the basic trash found on the road, here were some of the odder things found:

- Random car parts
- 2 old road signs
- A couple orange construction barrels
- Many nuts and bolts used in road construction
- One tire
- A pile of wood flooring
- One coal shovel
- One hockey stick
- The remnants from a large fast food meal



- One unopened beer can
- And ... one dirty diaper

Again, a thank you to all who came together and made this happen!

Want to make a difference again? Check out the item below about a cleanup date this fall!

The Town of McCandless WANTS YOU

**Roadside cleanup Saturday, Oct. 13
from 10 a.m. to noon**

Volunteers should wear sturdy shoes, as well as long sleeves and long pants. Child volunteers must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers should meet at Town Hall (9955 Grubbs Road) by 9:30 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served before everyone breaks out.



If you are interested in volunteering and helping out that day, please contact 412-364-0616 Ext. 118 or eac@townofmccandless.org

Lets talk about taxes in McCandless



REAL ESTATE TAX HIGHLIGHTS

The Town tax rate for the 2018 calendar year is 1.236 mills (\$123.60 per \$100,000 of assessed value), the same rate as in 2017 and the second lowest tax rate in Allegheny County.

The North Allegheny School District tax rate for the 2018-19 fiscal year (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019) is 18.4557 mills (\$1,845.57 per \$100,000 of assessed value), an increase of 2.5% over the 2017-18 fiscal year.

The combined Town/NASD tax bills were mailed July 2, 2018, with the following deadlines:

- September 4, 2018 to take advantage of the 2% discount. Payment must be delivered in person by 7 pm or postmarked by the US Postal Service by this date to be considered timely.
- November 2, 2018 to avoid the 10% penalty. The same terms as above apply regarding receipt of payment.
- December 31, 2018 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 30, 2018, 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 30, 2018, 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. In addition, if either the second or third payment is more than 10 days late, or both payments are late for any period of time, you will be disqualified from the Installment Payment Plan for 2019.

Payment of delinquent real estate taxes – If your taxes are not paid in full by December 31, 2018, 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 2018 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.

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, 2018 through June 30, 2019).

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 2018 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:

- 546 Wendel Road, Irwin, PA 15642
- 724-978-0300
- 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 or taxoffice@townofmccandless.org.
- www.keystonecollects.com or 724-978-0300.
- www.dced.pa.gov.

Think it's hard to get rid of your old TVs? **NOT ANYMORE!!!**

As a part of the contract with Waste Management, residents have a convenient opportunity to dispose of **Household Hazardous Waste** — such as cleaners, chemicals and automotive products — and **E-Waste** — such as old computers, televisions and other electronics.

The **At Your Door HHW and E-Waste Collection** program allows residents to easily dispose of these often difficult-to-recycle items.

How to participate...

First, you have to schedule your collection. There are 3 ways to do this:

1. Go to www.WMAtYourDoor.com
2. Call 1-800-449-7587 (Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time)
3. E-mail AtYourDoor@WM.com

The call center operators will guide you through the steps toward a safe and successful collection. You will be asked several questions, including your address and the type and amount of materials available for the pick up. You will be provided a convenient collection date and information about where to place the kit for collection. A kit will be sent to your home in plenty of time for you to gather and pack your materials.

The collection kit includes an instruction sheet and other items to help pack and secure your household generated special materials. Please read the instruction sheet included in the kit.

On the scheduled date, the customer service technician will collect materials directly from your home. They will sort and pack the materials for proper transportation, recycling and disposal. Participants will receive a postage-paid survey card to complete and mail back to help track the program.

Got more stuff than will fit in the kit? Don't worry.

Remember, this service will be available year-round, and **the cost is included in your regular trash bill**. Just schedule another collection! Small quantities may be combined with your neighbors. Call center representatives are available from Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET at 1-800-449-7587. Leave a message after hours, weekends and holidays. E-mail the call center: AtYourDoor@WM.com.

Acceptable and Unacceptable materials for At Your Door HHW and E-Waste collection

Two categories of acceptable materials

Must be placed INSIDE the kit

Automotive products:

- Antifreeze
- Brake fluid
- Cleaner
- Hydraulic fluid
- Transmission fluid
- Motor oil
- Oil filter
- Polish
- Wax
- Gasoline
- Diesel fuel

Paint products

- Latex
- Oil-based
- Thinner
- Artist's paint
- Spray paint
- Stain
- Sealer
- Caulk

Household cleaners

- Ammonia
- Cleaning compounds
- Floor stripper

Acceptable materials for OUTSIDE the kit

Vehicle batteries (up to 4)

Fluorescent tubes and CFLs (up to 10, placed inside their original sheaths or taped together)

Televisions (one at a time)

One computer system

(one each of the following: CPU/tower, monitor, keyboard, mouse, desktop printer)

Electronics with circuit boards (CD Rom, VCRs, cell phones, DVD/CD/

tape players, related cords) — up to 25 pounds

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- Items that are improperly packaged for transport
- Biological waste
- Construction materials
- Smoke detectors
- Unknown materials
- Pressurized cylinders
- Ammunition
- Leaking containers
- Items in containers over 5 gallons
- Commercial products
- E-cigarettes
- All medicines
- Empty containers
- Asbestos
- Tires
- Radioactive materials
- Fire extinguishers
- Explosives
- Unlabeled containers
- Business supplies from homes
- Trash, including bulky items

Waste Management will NOT collect any materials in unlabeled or leaking containers. If you have questions about proper disposal methods for non-acceptable items, commercial chemicals or hazardous materials in containers larger than five gallons in size, please contact the call center at 1-800-449-7587.

RECYCLING REMINDERS

Plastic grocery bags — useful tool or brightly-colored nuisance?

Waste Management, the Town's current trash and recycling contractor, is asking residents to remember to not put plastic bags in their recycling bins. The plastic film that these popular bags are made of can get caught in the machinery at the recycling processing plant and stop the plant's operations cold.

However, Waste Management also is advising that these bags can be recycled. Just take them to a retailer that has a receptacle for plastic bags. Here in McCandless, some of the stores that take these bags include Giant Eagle, Trader Joes, Target, Lowe's and Dicks.



Also, feel free to engage in reusing. These bags can make great mini trash bags for those little trash cans you have in your bathrooms and offices. Not to mention, your canine friends will appreciate you following the law and bringing a couple bags on your daily walk together to ... you know ...

IS IT RECYCLABLE OR NOT?

YES, RECYCLABLE

These items easily can be recycled in your **blue-top** cart

Metal items

- Food cans
- Beer and soft drink cans

Plastic items

- Plastic containers #1-5 and 7
- Laundry soap and bleach containers
- Baby wipe containers
- Food containers including yogurt cups, cottage cheese, margarine tubs, etc.
- Shampoo and conditioner bottles

Glass items

- Beverage bottles and food jars (all colors)

Paper items

- Corrugated and pressed cardboard
- Paperboard boxes (cereal, shoes, etc.)
- Waxed paperboard cartons (milk, juice, etc.)
- Office paper, computer paper (if shredded, must be in a translucent plastic bag)
- Magazines, newspaper, etc.
- Junk mail (envelopes included)
- Catalogs, phone books, paperback books
- Paper bags



PREP WORK

Before putting items in your cart ...

- Rinse out all metal, plastic, glass and paper food containers/ cartons (remove any remaining food or grease)
- Flatten, cut or tear boxes
- DO NOT put newspapers, magazines, etc. in plastic bags
- DO, however, put shredded paper in plastic bags (these are the only plastic bags that should be placed in your cart)

NOT RECYCLABLE

These items **CANNOT** be placed in your **blue-top** cart

Metal items

- Loose can lids
- Clothes hangers
- Scrap metal, screws, nails
- Cans still containing food
- Aerosol cans
- Aluminum foil, pie pans

Plastic items

- Plastic #6 (Styrofoam or polystyrene)
- Styrofoam peanuts and blocks
- Plastic plant pots
- Foam plastic egg cartons
- Plastic and bubble wrap
- Plastic bags (see above article)

Glass items

- Broken glass (including light bulbs, mirrors, dishes, drinking glasses and window glass)
- Pyrex or tempered glass

Paper items

- Pizza boxes
- Waxed paper
- Take-out food containers

GRASS CLIPPINGS: DON'T DUMP THEM IN THE CREEK OR THE STREET

Over the years, residents who abut streams have used grass clippings and leaves as mulch on stream banks or used the streams as a conduit to dispose of grass clippings and leaves.

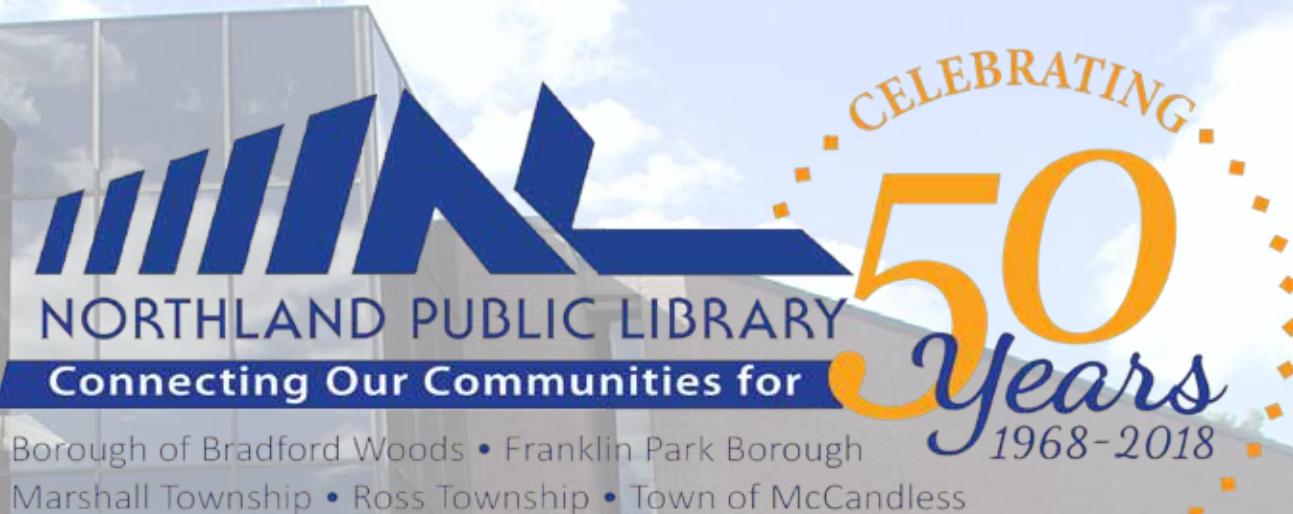
Additionally, some residents may just let their grass clippings fall onto a public street.

In addition to being a violation of state law and local ordinance, both of these practices are harmful to the health of streams and stormwater drainage systems.

Rather than viewing grass clippings and leaves as waste, they can be a commodity. The Town participates in a composting program that turns your leaves into useful compost.

If you want to make your own compost using your grass clippings, the Town website has a recipe for creating good compost. Go to www.townofmccandless.org and access "Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste" under the Resident Info tab.

If you choose to dispose of grass clippings, yard waste containers are provided by the Town's trash hauler, Waste Management. They can be contacted at 1-800-866-4460. If you do not have a yard waste container, you can buy compostable bags at your local home improvement or hardware store.



Congratulations on Northland Public Library reaching 50 years!

300 Cumberland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
www.northlandlibrary.org — 412-366-8100

On the importance of calling 911

Strengthening our Partnership for Community Safety

We value our partnership with the residents of this Town. You have been extremely supportive and responsive in helping us to serve you efficiently. I want to ask for your assistance with something very important, and that is the use of 911 for dispatching the police. We are asking that you please be our partner in spreading the word that the appropriate place to call for police service is the Allegheny County 911 Dispatch Center.

You are to use **911** for any fire, police, or EMS emergency service that you may need. There is a non-emergency number which is **412-473-3056**, and should be used for non-emergency and non-life-threatening situations, such as barking dog complaints or general questions. Please DO NOT call the police station when you need the police to respond to an incident.

Several years ago, 911 was created to streamline the dispatching of all emergency responders by developing 911 Dispatch Centers across the country. The Allegheny County 911 Dispatch Center dispatches ALL calls for police, fire and EMS in Allegheny County by prioritizing calls so that true emergencies always receive priority over non-emergency calls. In an effort to make sure we do not miss any request for service, we have been trying ever since to re-train residents to use the County 911 Dispatch Center for ANY police assistance. In spite of our recurring efforts, people are still calling or leaving messages at the police station when they need police assistance, which

is delaying our response and in some cases, they are calling the station even for emergencies. The police station is not equipped with the proper dispatching phones and if you call the station, we have to direct you to hang-up and dial the County 911 Dispatch Center. The County 911 Dispatch Center has many features in place to facilitate proper emergency response such as call recording/tracking, number identification and officer tracking so that police response is expedited most efficiently.

Please know that you are always welcome to come to the police station when you need advice or to file a report. The police department is always open and there is always an officer assigned to take walk-in reports. If the police station appears unattended after normal business hours, there is a wall phone in the lobby that directly calls into the County 911 Dispatch Center. The dispatcher will contact the appropriate officer to respond to assist you at the station. We do have a voicemail system at the station, but sometimes it takes the officers hours before they are able to retrieve those messages because they are generally out in the community responding to calls, where their service is most needed.

— *David R. DiSanti Sr.*
Chief of Police



Be our partner and help us get the word out that all calls for police response should go to the Allegheny County 911 Dispatch Center and please encourage others to do the same!

911 for emergencies
412-473-3056 for any other police calls

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



Highland VFD



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412-366-3473



Ingomar VFC



@IngomarFire



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412-364-3571



Peebles District VFC



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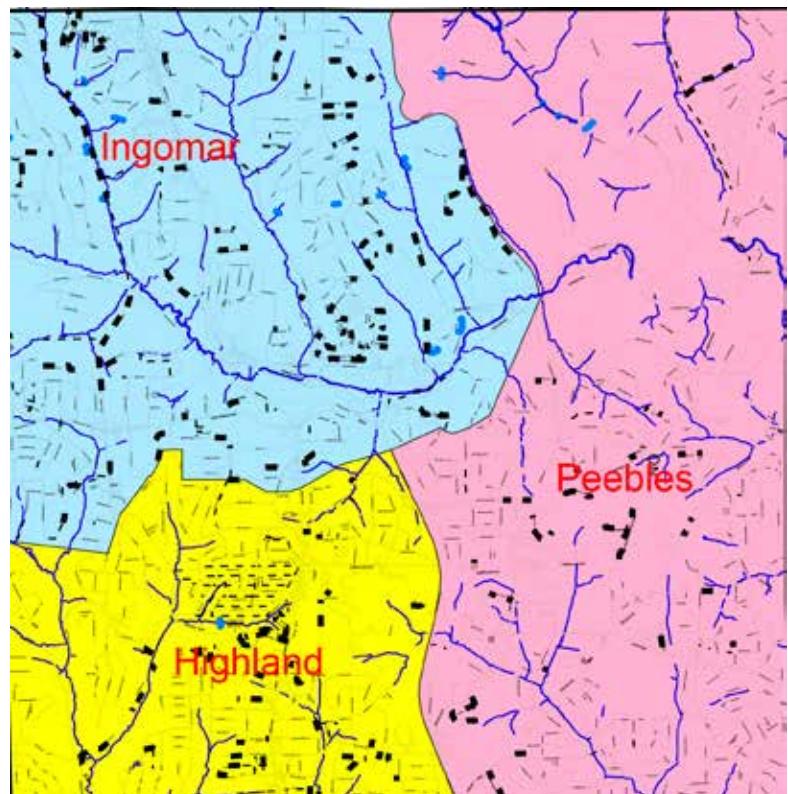


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Town of McCandless FIRE DISTRICT MAP



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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

Administration	Ext. 0
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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firemarshal@townofmccandless.org

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For McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center
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For Municipal Separate Storm Sewer questions
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For non-emergency Police questions

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For residential recycling questions

taxoffice@townofmccandless.org

For tax-related questions

zoning@townofmccandless.org

For building and zoning questions

Web: www.townofmccandless.org



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CARE TO STAY IN TOUCH?



The Town's website:
www.townofmccandless.org
— Features news, events, meeting agendas, minutes, helpful links



The Town's Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/townofmccandless
— News, events, agendas, links, other helpful information



All Town Council meetings (as well as other informational videos) are available on the Town's [YouTube channel](#). Look for links and other info on this by clicking on "Meeting Videos" under the Popular Pages sidebar on the Town's 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, 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 on the right side of the home page).



The Savvy Citizen app:
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https://savvycitizenapp.com](https://savvycitizenapp.com)
— Available for Apple and Android smartphones, as well as regular computer users. Get news and events quickly and easily