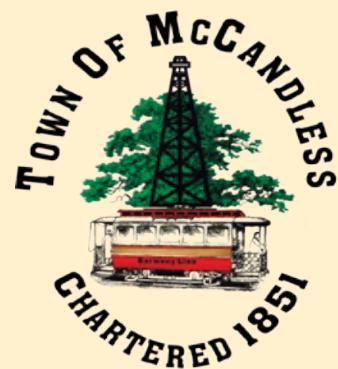
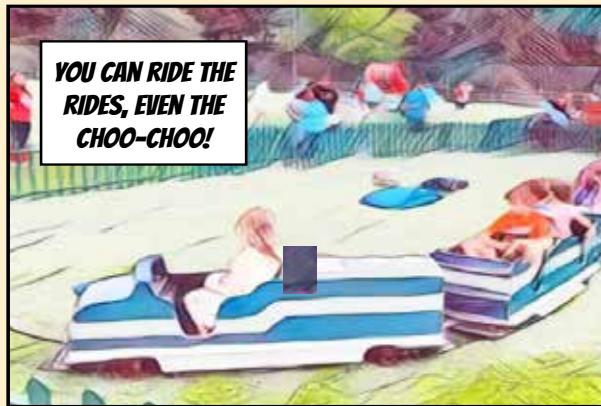
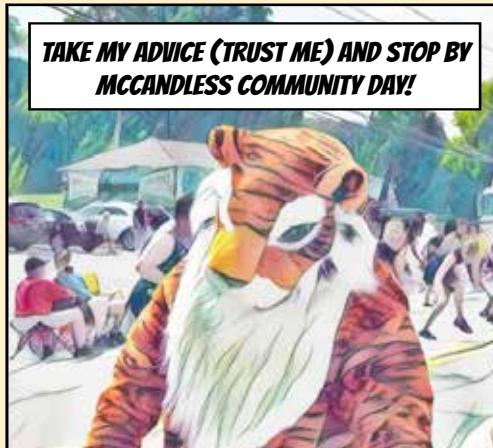




McCandless Town Crier



**COMMUNITY DAY IS SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14 FROM 4 TO 8 PM AT
MCCANDLESS TOWN HALL**

TOWN OF McCANDLESS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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www.townofmccandless.org

TOWN OF McCANDLESS COUNCIL

Doug Arlow, Ward 1

Jack Casey, Ward 2

Nick Giorgetti, Ward 3

Jason Singer, Ward 4

Joe Wall, Ward 5

Don Hart, Ward 6

Trish Cloonan, Ward 7

Trisha Greathouse, Assistant Town Manager

Stephen Korbel, Town Attorney

Ryan Hawk, Chief of Police

Brad Iannuzzi, Public Works Superintendent

R. J. Susko, Planning and Development Admin.

Jeff Wissner, Fire Marshal

OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION

Highland VFD Non-Emergency

412-366-3473

Ingomar VFC Main Station Non-Emergency

412-364-3571

Ingomar VFC North Station Non-Emergency

724-935-5131

Peebles District VFC Non-Emergency

412-364-2112

McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority

412-367-5883

McCandless Township Sewer Authority (MTSA)

412-366-2700

West View Water Authority

412-931-3292

Waste Management

1-800-866-4460

Keystone Collections Group

724-978-0300

Northland Public Library

412-366-8100

Town named a Banner Community



The Town of McCandless once again has been recognized as a Banner Community by the Allegeny League of Municipalities.

The Banner Community program, now in its 12th year, recognizes municipalities that have focused their operations on professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability, and proactive communications.

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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
- **Environmental Advisory Committee:** Second Wednesday of the month
- **Heritage Center FDPC:** Third Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.
- **Personnel Board:** Fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Town Manager steps down, search is on for new manager



Town Manager Brian O'Malley has stepped down to accept the job of township manager at Richland Township. Town Council voted to accept his resignation May 20.

"After much reflection and consideration, I believe this is the right step for both personal and professional reasons," O'Malley said.

He started at McCandless in September 2022, and said he is proud of the progress that has taken place over that time.

"From sidewalk improvements, zoning improvements, park improvements, and to fostering a sense of unity among residents, our collective efforts have contributed to making McCandless an even better place to live and work," he said.

Jason Dailey and Chris Lochner are serving as interim managers while Town Council conducts its search for a permanent manager.

The grass may or may not always be greener, but we still can do our part to help

2023-2024 Environmental Advisory Committee student member Architha Kamath wrote this essay

You might have heard the phrase, "The grass is greener on the other side." While that line may be accurate for certain aspects of life, it does not necessarily represent actual grass— specifically, the grass here in McCandless. For many of us, McCandless Township appears quite spotless; we don't often look outside our car windows to think, "Wow! This town has some cleaning up to do!" Yet, this vision of a pristine environment is often blurred. Our assumption that we live in a clean, healthy environment masks the reality of dirty roads and hidden litter around us.

On April 20th, 2024, I, alongside many McCandless volunteers, was privileged to attend our annual Roadside Clean Up. Joined by fellow Pittsburgh residents and high schoolers, I was just as curious to discover what was so unclean about McCandless. As my group proceeded outside the town hall, we immediately found a collection of plastic water bottles, nicotine vapes, car parts, and cigarette butts. Through time, we continued to find trash bur-

ied under layers of mud or hidden amongst the branches of smaller bushes. Our goal to complete our trail was lengthy — with every step we took, a new pile of distributed garbage arose. After around an hour or so of completing this work, we learned that we could not cover as much ground as we had hoped. Random magazines were dumped in puddles, and tiny trash was left on sidewalks. Nonetheless, we persisted in filling as many garbage bags as possible. What upset me was that much of the trash we found had not appeared recently. Various plastics had found themselves intertwined with flowers and grass.

My belief that McCandless was a town free from environmental degradation was encountered by piles of evidence enclosed within a black bag. As we finally came to an end, I looked back at the green grass now glowing beneath the morning sun. There was no doubt that McCandless was probably one of the "better" towns when it came to being clean, yet we were still able to find trash everywhere. Our efforts to

keep McCandless clean were certainly being seen, but there was still much work.

Like many McCandless residents, I fell victim to believing that the grass was greener than it actually was. Although you may not have hours each day to research littering or pick up trash along the street, consider where you put your garbage and why. Can it be recycled? Can you reuse it? The first step towards cleaning up our town are not roadside clean-ups; they are individual efforts made by residents. We cannot remove all litter from McCandless in one night, but with enough help, we might be able to make large strides. Perhaps one day if we continue to keep our ponds, lakes, parks, roads, trees, and sidewalks clean, then we can have the grass that is greener on the other side. Until then, we keep cleaning!



Town gets \$142K grant for North Meadow sidewalk and \$100K grant for park development

The Town of McCandless will receive \$142,418 for construction of new sidewalks and ADA ramps along North Meadow Drive.

The funding comes from a state Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant.

“This grant will allow the Town to continue towards a more walkable, safer, and healthier community by filling a vital gap in sidewalk infrastructure,” said Town Council Vice President Jack Casey.

MTF grants are administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and may be used for the development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development.

Additionally, the Commonwealth Financing Authority has awarded the Town \$98,931 from the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program to the Town of McCandless for the Parks Master Site Development Plan and Town Trail Feasibility Study.

The funding will be used to assess the Town’s existing park and recreation facilities for usage, accessibility, orientation, and safety.

“The creation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will work in conjunction with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan

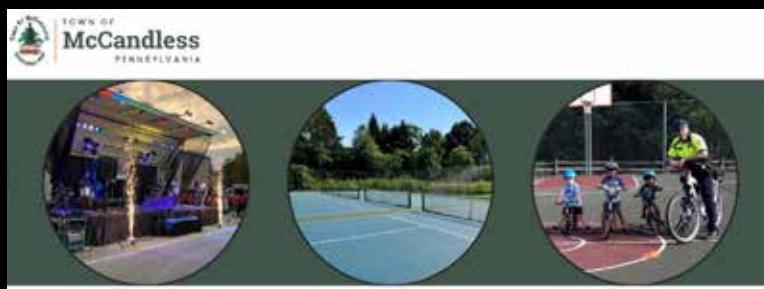
that focused heavily with trail and walkability planning. This funding will help the Town properly budget and plan appropriately for the future,” said Council President Jason Singer.

Additionally, all five existing park sites will garner input from the community including residents, facility users and athletic associations as to what is missing and needed, seeking opportunities for non-sport related, family oriented recreational opportunities.

“This project will evaluate properties within the Town to assess any available property acquisition options to see if the Town can provide additional recreational opportunities within walking distance to more McCandless residents,” said Council Vice President Jack Casey.

The project also will provide the groundwork for the Town to develop a community-wide trail network to connect Town parks, North Park and other community destinations. We also will look for connection opportunities to the existing trails, Harmony Trail and the Rachel Carson Trail, assisting with developing the community-wide and county-wide trail network and connectivity.

Thank you to State Rep. Arvind Venkat, State Sen. Lindsey Williams, Governor Josh Shapiro, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Commonwealth Financing Authority and Gateway Engineers for their technical assistance in completing the grant application.



The website features a navigation bar with links for Home, About, Parks, Recreation, Events, News, and Contact. A search bar is also present. The main content area includes sections for 'What You Need to Know Before Setting Up Your New Account' and 'Parks and Recreation Catalog'.

Want to sign up for an activity?

Book time on the pickleball court?

Rent a pavilion?

You can do it online!

Go to <https://secure.rec1.com/PA/mccandless-pa/catalog>

Local tax quick guide



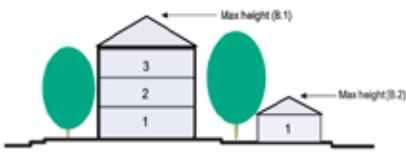
| Tax | Basis | Important Dates | Collector |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Town of McCandless Real Estate Tax | 1.236 mills or \$123.60 per \$100,000 of Assessed Value | Billed Annually July 1. Discount period ends August 31. | Town of McCandless 412-364-0616 |
| North Allegheny School District Real Estate Tax | 19.74 mills or \$1,974 per \$100,000 of Assessed Value | Billed Annually July 1. Discount period ends August 31. | Town of McCandless 412-364-0616 |
| Allegheny County Real Estate Tax | 4.730 mills or \$473.00 per \$100,000 of Assessed Value | Billed Annually February 1. Discount period ends March 31. | Allegheny County Treasurer 412-350-4100 |
| Town of McCandless Business Privilege Tax | 1 mill or \$1.00 per \$1,000 of gross receipts | Due May 15th | Town of McCandless 412-364-0616 |
| Town of McCandless and North Allegheny School District Earned Income Tax (EIT) | 1/2% Town 1/2% School | Pay Quarterly unless Employer Withholds | Keystone Collections Group 724-978-0300 |
| Town of McCandless Local Services Tax (LST) | \$52.00 Annually | Pay Quarterly unless Employer Withholds | Keystone Collections Group 724-978-0300 |
| Town of McCandless Delinquent Real Estate Tax | Tax, Penalty, Costs & Interest | Due Immediately | MBM Collections 412-242-9615 |
| North Allegheny School District Delinquent Real Estate Tax | Tax, Penalty, Costs & Interest | Due Immediately | MBM Collections 412-242-9615 |
| North Allegheny School District Delinquent Per Capita Tax | Tax and Penalty | Due Immediately | Town of McCandless 412-364-0616 |

BUILDING PERMITS MADE EASIER

VERY LOW DENSITY NEIGHBORHOOD R-VL

BUILDING CONFIGURATION

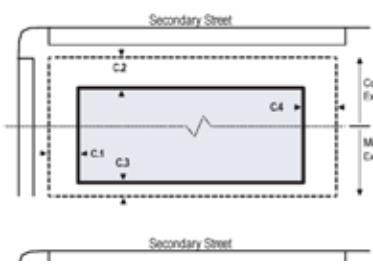
- The following diagram illustrates the Principal and Accessory Building Height standards in the table (B).



SETBACKS

- The following diagram illustrates the Principal and Accessory Building Build-to Area and Setback standards in the table (C & D).

Lot Line:
Principal Setback:  minimum
Accessory Setback:  minimum



For the average person, having to fill out a building permit for work done on their property can be an intimidating thing — especially if it is your first time.

To alleviate this, the Town's building and planning department has put together a guide to help potential applicants understand the documents and information required by the Town's permit review process.

This guide contains basic submission requirements and the most common topics of review when applying for a building and/or zoning permit from the Town of McCandless, such as setbacks, allowable height, and stormwater management requirements. This information is not exhaustive and other building or zoning code requirements may apply to your project depending on factors such as zoning district, zoning use, topography, environmental features present on the site, age of building and accessibility requirements, etc.

The guide may be found online at www.townofmccandless.org/217/Building-Planning (look for "Permit Submissions Guidelines Packet" along the left sidebar).

IT'S NOT JUST A BARREL: IT'S A RAIN BARREL!

WHAT IS A RAIN BARREL?

Rain Barrels are an environmentally friendly way to minimize water usage (and reduce a homeowner's water cost) during warmer months.

Rain Barrels act as an effective stormwater management solution, they collect runoff from rooftops that can be used for other things, such as watering the lawn, flowers, or washing patio furniture.

HOW WILL IT HELP WITH STORM SEWERS?

Using a rain barrel reduces the volume of water that needs to be treated through storm drains, minimizing localized flooding and erosion. Re-using this harvested rainwater for home use eliminates 100 percent of toxins, solids, metals, and pathogens that would have reached downstream water bodies through the storm sewer.

WHERE WILL I PLACE MY RAIN BARREL?

Attached to a home's downspout, rain barrels work by delivering water through the force of gravity. Rainwater from the roof's surface collects in the rain barrel. A hose attached to a nozzle in the barrel allows this water to be re-used for outdoor watering needs.

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN INSTALLING A RAIN BARREL:

1. Locate your rain barrel on level and stable ground.
2. Ensure your rain barrel is watertight and has a smooth interior surface.
3. Empty the water in your rain barrel weekly to eliminate the chances of attracting mosquitos and other bugs.
4. Disconnect your rain barrel to prevent freezing during winter months.
5. DO NOT collect the run-off from tar and gravel, asbestos shingle, or treated cedar shake rooftops.



2024 Paving Program

Town Council approved the following paving plan for this year:

AMBER COURT
BAYARD COURT
BENNINGTON LANE
BENNINGTON WOODS DRIVE
BLAZE COURT
CANDLE RIDGE DRIVE
CHASE PLACE
CONCORD DRIVE
DUBONNET COURT
EAST ARCADIA DRIVE
HARMONY DRIVE #1
HIGHMEADOW ROAD
INGOMAR HEIGHTS ROAD
LAKE MARSHALL DRIVE
MEINERT ROAD
ONEIDA AVENUE
PEMBROKE COURT
SEMINOLE AVENUE
STRATFORD COURT



McCandless/Northern Allegheny
Heritage & Cultural Center

Wed-Fri 10-4
Sat-Sun 1-4

Join us for Third Thursday Talks

Friends of the McCandless/Northern Allegheny
Heritage and Cultural Center on Facebook!

TOWN CONTACT SHEET

Main Number

412-364-0616

412-364-5066 (fax)

Extension list

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Administration | Ext. 0 |
| Building/Fire Marshal | Ext. 128 |
| Parks and Rec | Ext. 124 |
| 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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eac@townofmccandless.org

For the Environmental Advisory Committee

firemarshal@townofmccandless.org

Questions for the Fire Marshal

heritagecenter@townofmccandless.org

For McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center

ms4@townofmccandless.org

For Municipal Separate Storm Sewer questions

policeadministration@townofmccandless.org

For non-emergency Police questions

public.works@townofmccandless.org

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

recycleit@townofmccandless.org

For residential recycling questions

taxoffice@townofmccandless.org

For tax-related questions

zoning@townofmccandless.org

For building and zoning questions

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

The Town of McCandless is protected by three volunteer fire companies operating out of four stations located throughout the Town. The fire companies provide fire suppression, rescue, and EMS support services. The fire companies respond to approximately 1,000 fire and rescue calls and 700 EMS calls annually.

Over the years, the number of fire and rescue calls have increased, while the number of new recruits has decreased. Volunteer firefighters are always needed. If you have ever thought about becoming a firefighter, there is no better time to Step Up and join our ranks.

We provide everything. The protective gear, the training, and the experience of a lifetime.

So, what are you waiting for:

Be part of the tradition...

Be part of the excitement...

Be part of the community...

Be a volunteer firefighter!

For more information on becoming a firefighter, contact any of our fire companies:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Highland Volunteer Fire Company | 412-366-3443 | https://www.hIGHLANDfire.org/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ingomar Volunteer Fire Company | 412-364-3571 | https://www.INGOMARfire.com |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peebles Volunteer Fire Company | 412-364-2112 | https://peeblesfire.org/index.html |





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Thank you Joanne!



Town Council on March 25 recognized retiring receptionist Joanne Steigerwald with an official proclamation. For 19 years, Joanne was the face of the front desk at Town Hall. A life-long McCandless resident, she always has been able to provide customer service with a personal touch.