

# •McCANDLESS TOWN CRIER•



TOWN OF McCANDLESS

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## Council Highlights

**JANUARY 26** A public service award was presented to Donald T. King for dedicated service to McCandless Township Sanitary Authority from 1-1-76 to 12-31-80.

Gerald Stirling's resignation as councilman was accepted, effective 1-31-81.

A public service award was presented to Edward Stein for dedicated service to McCandless Industrial Development Authority from 1969-1980.

Thomas M. Lechner was appointed to McCandless Industrial Development Authority with term to start immediately and expire 1st Monday in January, 1986.

Town Council, Town Manager, Administrative Assistant, and Chief of Police were appointed to the Educational Service Agency of the Town of McCandless Board. This agency permits the Town to avoid paying unemployment compensation to school crossing guards during the summer months.

Richard Wagner was appointed Town of McCandless Fire Marshal.

Ordinance No. 813 was adopted permitting morticians as a principal use in C-5 zoning classification.

Ordinance No. 814 was adopted establishing fire lanes at Royal Manor Apts.

The Town entered into an agreement with Animal Protection Service, Inc. for animal control service (dogcatcher) during 1981.

The Town entered into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for snow and ice control service on Rochester Road for balance of 1980-81 season.

Council announced that mulch from Christmas trees can be obtained at Town Hall.

**FEBRUARY 23** Elaine F. Farmer was appointed Councilwoman for the 3rd Ward with her term to start immediately and expire 1st Monday of January, 1984.

Ronald G. Rice was appointed to the Town of McCandless Personnel Board with the term to start immediately and expire December 31, 1984.

Ordinance No. 815 was adopted rezoning property owned by Ingomar Volunteer Fire Company at Old Perry Highway and Route 19 from R2 to Institutional.

A site plan was approved for Ambassador Travel, Duncan Avenue.

The Town entered into an agreement with Franklin Park, Bradford Woods, and Marshall Township revising the contribution factor for the Summer Recreation Program.

**MARCH 23** Ordinance No. 816, Deed Transfer Tax, was adopted to redefine the term document.

The final site plan/plot request of F.R.A. Associates, Park Place, adjacent to Ingomar Road was approved.

**APRIL 27** The site plan for North Park Lounge, Babcock Boulevard, was approved.

The subdivision known as Colonial Meadows, Grubbs Road, was approved.

The site plan for Ingomar Volunteer Fire Company substation, Old Perry Highway and Perry Highway, was approved.

A contract was awarded to Budget Uniform & Linen Service for supplying uniforms to the Public Works Department.

**MAY 18** A site plan for Coiffures by Eileen, Perry Highway and Old Perry Highway, was approved.

A site plan of Camelot Coal Company for an additional Rinaman Commons office building was approved.

Ordinance No. 818 was adopted establishing various yard depths from R-1 (single family residential) and R-2 (one and two-family residential) zoned property.

A contract was awarded to McCrackin-Sturman Ford for the purchase of four police vehicles at a purchase price of \$29,704.

Ordinance No. 819, an ordinance adopting the revised editions of the BOCA Building Code and BOCA Fire Code and other recommended changes, was adopted.

## NEW FIRE STATION

Town Council has approved a new satellite station for the Ingomar Volunteer Fire Company. Construction will begin soon at the intersection of Old Perry Highway and Perry Highway at the top of Pine Creek Hill. When completed, the station will provide service to businesses and residents in the Town's northern area more quickly.

Residents interested in joining the fire company are asked to call Ingomar President Gerard J. Aufman, Jr., (364-1814) or Fire Chief, Charles Keil (364-5124) for membership applications.

## Driver Sight Obstruction Unlawful

The Police Department would again wish to remind property owners they are responsible for the proper maintenance and trimming of trees, shrubs and other foliage which may obstruct a driver's view of other traffic, especially near intersections.

The Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, Section 6112, calls for a fine of \$10.00 per day for each day that a sight obstruction problem is not corrected. The Police Department will notify a property owner that a sight obstruction exists and allow seven days for it to be corrected before the owner is cited.

If you know of a street or intersection where the view is obstructed by trees or other growth, please notify the Police Department and they will advise the owner of his responsibility and take measures to correct the problem.

# Documents Available

Copies of the following are available at the Town Hall:

ZONING MAP .....	COST \$ 1.50
ZONING CODE .....	COST \$10.00
NORTH HILLS MAP .....	COST \$ 2.00
LIEN & TAX LETTERS .....	COST \$ 3.00
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN .....	COST \$10.00
XEROX COPIES OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, \$1.00 MINIMUM CHARGE OR 10¢ PER PAGE; WHICHEVER IS GREATER.	

# Fire Marshal Appointed

In January, Council approved the appointment of Richard Wagner as Fire Marshal of McCandless. Rich has a broad background, education and experience in fire prevention and interpretation of ordinances relative to safety and building codes. He has been busy inspecting commercial buildings and institutions for compliance with Town and State Codes. He reports his visits have been welcomed by owners and occupants. Although his primary duties do not include inspection of

single-family dwellings, Rich will visit residences of this type, upon request, to offer advice on fire prevention/protection in the home by calling the Fire Marshal's office at 364-0616.

Rich recommends residents place "TOT-FINDER" stickers on windows of rooms occupied by children, elderly and handicapped persons. (Stickers are available, at no cost, at the Town Hall or any of the Town's three fire companies.) Firemen look for these "indicators" immediately when arriving at the scene of a fire. The Fire Marshal asks all residents to display house numbers in a conspicuous manner. Numerals on mailboxes or on front of residences are recommended.

# Building Permit Information

**WHEN PERMIT IS REQUIRED:** It is unlawful to construct, enlarge, alter or demolish a structure; or change the occupancy of a building or structure requiring greater strength, exitway or sanitary provisions; or to change to

another use; or to install or alter any equipment for which provision is made or the installation of which is regulated by code, without first filing an application with the building official in writing and obtaining the required permit.

**WHEN PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED:** Ordinary repairs to structures may be made without application or notice to the building official; but such repairs shall not include the cutting away of any wall, partition or portion thereof, the removal or cutting of any structural beam or bearing support, or the removal or change of any required means of egress, or rearrangement of parts of

# Police Warn Against Discharging Firearms

Recently there have been several complaints received by the Police Department regarding vandalism caused by BB guns, pellet guns, air rifles and similar type weapons. In addition, there have been several injuries reported; these being caused by youths in the area using these types of weapons.

The Police Department wishes to inform all parents that the discharging of any type of firearm which includes BB and pellet type guns is prohibited in the Town of McCandless. A fine of up to \$100.00 can be levied against anyone violating the firearm ordinance or persons under the age of eighteen can be charged with a violation under the Crimes Code of Pennsylvania.

The Police Department is making you aware of this information so that the use and availability of these types of weapons can be controlled by the parents.

Any parent having any questions regarding BB guns, pellet guns or air rifles can contact the Police Department at 364-2250.

a structure affecting the exitway requirements; nor shall ordinary repairs include addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any standpipe, water supply, sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping, electric wiring or mechanical or other work affecting public health or general safety.

Residents are reminded that a permit is required for: inground swimming pools, tennis courts, parking lots, signs—8 sq. ft. or larger, fireplaces and any type of fences. Permits are *not* required for patios on grade or portable buildings—100 sq. ft. or less—without a paved floor.

# Devlin Memorial Park



A recreation area adjacent to the Town Hall was provided for use by McCandless residents. It includes tennis and basketball courts; a children's playground and ballfield. Use of the ballfield is by permit only. (Two Little League associations have permits for its use through mid-July.)

Rules governing the use of Devlin Memorial Park include:

1. Application for ballfield permits must be submitted to the Town Manager's office. Definite playing schedules are required and must be submitted at that time. No blanket type requests will be considered.
2. Facilities are not available for use by profit-making organizations.
3. The ballfield is for McCandless residents use free of charge.
4. Gambling, including sale of tickets of chance and solicitation of donations in exchange for a ticket of admission are prohibited on Town property. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or drugs is also prohibited.
5. All debris must be removed immediately following the use of any facility.
6. Facilities are available from 8 AM until dark.

## Dep't of Public Works "Doings"

Last winter's weather kept D.P.W. personnel very busy controlling snow and ice on 82 miles of Town roads and 13 miles of State roads. Over 3,800 tons of rock salt (sodium chloride), 30 tons of calcium chloride and 700 tons of cinders were used in clearing and controlling ice and snow. Cost for manpower, material and equipment approximated \$170,500. The Town expects a State reimbursement of about \$11,000 for work done on State roads.

Planned road maintenance in 1981 includes the reconstruction of 1 mile of roads and resurfacing of 3 miles. This work will be done by outside contractors. D.P.W. crews will continue to patch potholes and repair berms.

Two new diesel-powered 10-12 ton dump trucks were acquired in June, replacing equipment purchased in 1976. The new trucks are expected to use less than one-half the amount of fuel as those replaced. A 1968 backhoe/loader was also replaced by a new Case 680-G.

## TAX INFORMATION

**REAL ESTATE**—Town of McCandless and North Allegheny School District 1981 Real Estate Tax statements will be mailed July 1st to each property owner. If you are a new owner, as of the current year, and do not receive a statement by July 15th, please contact Mrs. Audrey Graper at the Town Hall from 9 AM to 5 PM—phone 364-0616.

Terms for payment of taxes are: July 1 to September 1—2% discount is allowed; September 2 to November 1—face amount due; November 2 to May 3—10% penalty is added. A lien is placed on property if taxes are unpaid. If you desire a receipt, enclose the entire statement along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. All taxes are due and payable to: Town of McCandless, 9955 Grubbs Road, Wexford, PA 15090.

**WAGE TAX**—Taxes on Gross Earnings are due quarterly.

- 1st Quarter—Jan. 1 thru Mar. 31—Date due, Apr. 30
- 2nd Quarter—Apr. 1 thru June 30—Date due, July 31
- 3rd Quarter—July 1 thru Sept. 30—Date due, Oct. 31
- 4th Quarter—Oct. 1 thru Dec. 31—Date due, Jan. 31

Final card is mailed December 31st and payment is due at the Wage Tax Office by April 15th. All W-2 Forms or copy of Federal Income Tax return indicating gross earnings must be attached to the card or shown. If taxes are not paid on a quarterly basis by the due date, a 1/2% penalty for each month and 6% per annum interest will be added to the amount due for each quarter.

Wage Tax Office is open Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5PM. On due dates—only—the office is also open from 6:30 PM to 9 PM. Wage tax checks should be made payable to: Town of McCandless EIT.

## REMINDERS TO RESIDENTS

Outdoor burning is banned by an Allegheny County Health Department law which prohibits burning that emits smoke and odors directly into the open air. This includes burning of wood, cardboard, leaves, rubbish and other combustible debris. Violators can be fined up to \$1000 for each violation. Permits can be obtained by calling 578-8111.

Fire hydrants must be visible and unobstructed at all times. It is unlawful to grade or landscape in close proximity to hydrants. Hedges, shrubs and plants cannot be placed in a manner as to obscure a hydrant or impair its operation. Each hydrant location is now being inspected by the Town Fire Marshal to assure compliance.

# Town of McCandless 1981 Community Attitude Survey

The Town Administration's every effort is to provide essential community services. Your opinion is important in evaluating, improving and expanding these services.

Please take a moment to complete this questionnaire and return it as soon as possible. Results will be published in the next "Town Crier" issue.

## 1. HOW DO YOU RATE THE FOLLOWING? (If no opinion, omit rating).

### SERVICE:

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Response to Residents .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Code Enforcement .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police Protection .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic Law Enforcement .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic Control (Special Events) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Crossing Guards .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Protection .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ambulance Service .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street Maintenance .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snow & Ice Control .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sewer Service .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garbage & Rubbish Collection .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog & Cat Control .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation Facilities .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summer Recreation Program .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town Crier Newsletter .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 2. SHOULD THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF LAND USE BE INCREASED OR DEVELOPED IN THE TOWN?

(If no opinion—leave blank.)

### LAND USE:

	YES	NO
Single Family Units .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Townhouse Units .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multifamily, Multistory Units .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small Neighborhood Shopping Areas .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical & Dental Facilities .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional Service Facilities .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major Commercial Shopping Center .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light Industrial .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

YES      NO

## 3. (a) ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF MORE TAX SUPPORTED SERVICES?

DESCRIBE \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. (b) WOULD YOU BE IN FAVOR OF INCREASING THE TEN MIL REAL ESTATE TAX, OR $\frac{1}{2}\%$ EARNED INCOME TAX TO SUPPORT THESE SERVICES?

REAL ESTATE TAX

EARNED INCOME TAX

4. WHICH PUBLICATION DO YOU RELY UPON FOR TOWN NEWS?

Post Gazette

Press

News Record

School News

Town Crier

5. SHOULD THE FREQUENCY OF "TOWN CRIER" NEWSLETTER BE...

Increased

Remain Same

Decreased

6. FOR WHAT LOCAL TRIPS IS THE FAMILY CAR MOST USED? (Check one)

SCHOOL

WORK

SHOPPING

OTHER

CHILDREN ACTIVITIES (SCOUTS, LITTLE LEAGUE, ETC.)

7. HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU LIVED IN THE TOWN OF McCANDLESS?

Under 2

2-5

6-10

11-20

Over 20

8. WHAT WAS THE PRIMARY REASON YOU SELECTED THE TOWN OF McCANDLESS FOR RESIDENCE?

Residents

School System

Homes

Taxes

Local Government

Other \_\_\_\_\_

9. IS THE REASON FOR SELECTING McCANDLESS STILL A VALID ONE TODAY?

Yes

No

No Opinion

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\*\*\*THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION\*\*\*

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**Town of McCandless**  
9955 Grubbs Road  
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# Town of McCandless Schedule of Meetings

## July thru December, 1981

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### JULY

- 2nd— McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
- 6th— Public Safety, Public Works, Services, Recreation Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 7th— Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 13th— Zoning and Finance Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 23rd— Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.
- 27th— Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### AUGUST

- 3rd— Public Safety, Public Works, Services, Recreation Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 4th— Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 6th— McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
- 10th— Zoning and Finance Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 24th— Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 27th— Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER

- 1st— Public Safety, Public Works, Services and Recreation Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 1st— Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 3rd— McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
- 14th— Zoning and Finance Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 24th— Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.
- 28th— Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### OCTOBER

- 1st— McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
- 5th— Public Safety, Public Works, Services and Recreation Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 6th— Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 12th— Zoning and Finance Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 22nd— Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.
- 26th— Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

- 2nd— Public Safety, Public Works, Services and Recreation Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 4th— Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 5th— McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
- 9th— Zoning and Finance Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 23rd— Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 24th— Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.

### DECEMBER

- 1st— Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 3rd— McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
- 7th— Public Safety, Public Works, Services and Recreation Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 14th— Zoning and Finance Committee Meetings, 7:00 p.m.
- 21st— Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 22nd— Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.

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