

McCANDLESS TOWN CRIER

TOWN OF McCANDLESS

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Manager's Message

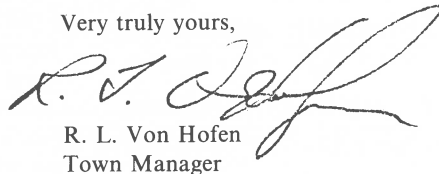
Dear Resident:

The 1982 Budget as submitted is a balanced budget based on the same Real Estate Tax as 1981 (10 mills) and the same Earned Income Tax as 1981 (1/2%). For 1982, the Town will enact a one mill Business Privilege Tax to provide sufficient funds to run the general affairs of the Town and to avoid a property tax increase. Because of high interest rates, development in McCandless was very slow in 1981 and prevented certain revenues from increasing as it had in the past.

The Town Council and Administration are determined to provide you, the residents of the Town, with the most efficient, courteous, and best trained and equipped police force we can afford. Our three fire companies are well equipped and staffed by well trained and dedicated volunteers. Our Department of Public Works is providing the necessary snow and ice control service along with maintaining our streets and drainage systems.

Ours is a Town of progress, and it is through a team effort that a great number of municipal programs have been started, are in operation, or are on the drawing boards. That team is composed of you, the citizens of McCandless, joined by the administrative staff and your elected officials. With your help and understanding, 1982 promises to be one of the most outstanding years for your Town Government.

Very truly yours,



R. L. Von Hofen
Town Manager

YOUR COUNCIL

The Town is run under an elected seven member council. Council members are elected for four year terms. This year three members were elected in wards 2, 4, and 6.

The Town Manager is appointed by Council as an administrative officer. Council is the decision and law making body of the Town.

The Town operates under a Home Rule Charter adopted in 1975. Council members are available for your recommendations and suggestions.

Council members represent a variety of professions including two engineers, two teachers, one lawyer, one real estate person, and one manufacturer's representative. The Council probably is one of the best educated bodies of government in the state. One member has a doctor of jurisprudence, four members have master degrees, and all seven members have bachelor degrees.

VOTING DISTRICTS

Following are polling locations by ward and district:

ELECTION DISTRICTS (WARD)	VOTING DISTRICT	POLLING PLACE AND ADDRESS
01	01	9955 Grubbs Rd., McCandless Town Hall
01	02	9600 Babcock Blvd., Beattie School
02	01	Old Perry Highway, St. Alexis School Hall
02	02	Ingomar & Harmony, Equibank, Lower Level
03	01	Ingomar Rd., Ingomar Elem. School
03	02	Pine Creek Rd., Y.M.C.A.
04	01	8711 Old Perry Highway, Espe School
04	02	8169 Perry Highway, Northmont U.P. Church
05	01	311 Cumberland Rd., St. John's Luth. Church
05	02	500 Cumberland Rd., McKnight Elem. School
06	01	8625 Peebles Rd., Peebles School
06	02	Peebles & Duncan Ave., U.P. Church
07	01	9600 Babcock Blvd., Beattie School
07	02	Peebles & Duncan Ave., U.P. Church

Service Acknowledged

Four veteran Ingomar Volunteer Firemen were presented certificates by The Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs and Allegheny County. The Department of Community Affairs Certificate of Appreciation and the County Certificate of Achievement were based on at least 25 years of service and the man must still be active in the fire company. Those members receiving awards were: Kenneth Vierling, 34 years service; Lyman Suiter, 29 years service; Carl Moninder, 25 years service; and Gerard J. Aufman, Jr., 25 years service. The Town of McCandless also wishes to thank these men for their service to the community.

Council Highlights - 1981

JUNE 22, 1981 — Ordinance #820, amending the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless, Article 123, "Authorities, Boards and Commissions"; Article 139, "Personnel Code"; Article 305, "Peddler; Transient Vendors"; Article 701, "Animals"; and, Article 901, "Street Excavations" was adopted.

The site plan request for the Mitchell Realty Building located at the intersection of Neuhart Boulevard and Old Perry Highway was approved.

The simple subdivision request of S.T. Kerr was approved for his property located on Reichold Road.

The simple subdivision request of John Backovski for his property located at the corner of Oneida and Highland Road was approved.

Ordinance #821, changing the name of a portion of Broadlawn Drive to Fassinger Lane was adopted.

JULY 27, 1981 — Ordinance #822, establishing a new zoning district known as C-8 (general office and limited retail district) was adopted.

The simple subdivision request of Carol Vierling and David and Susan Rowley for their property located on Bellcrest Road was approved.

Labor contracts were approved between the Town of McCandless and Local 249 General Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers for the Police Lieutenants and for Police Persons for the calendar year 1981.

AUGUST 24, 1981 — Ordinance #823, amending the flood plain regulations contained in Part 13, the Planning and Zoning Code, and Part 17, the Building Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless was adopted.

Ordinance #824 was adopted, rezoning the property of Alfred E. Thomson, III from R-2 (one and two family residential) and C-7 (general office) to C-8 (general office and limited retail district) for the property located on McKnight Road between West Arcadia and Cumberland Road.

Ordinance #825, increasing the debt of the Town of McCandless by \$40,000 for the purchase of a Pierce 1,000 GPM pumper fire truck for Peebles Volunteer Fire Company was adopted.

The agreement between the Town of McCandless and Vogel Disposal Service, Inc. for solid waste removal, at a standard monthly charge of \$5.25, was extended for the 1982 calendar year.

Resolution #3 of the 1981 Series was adopted wherein the Town of McCandless agrees to provide snow and ice control on the following State roads: Perrymont Road, Arcadia Drive, Sloop Road, Pine Creek Road, Richard Road, Reichold Road, Cumberland Road, Grubbs Road and the section of Rochester Road located in the Town of McCandless.

A Contract was entered into between the Town of McCandless and Local 636 General Warehousemen and Employees' Union for the Public Works Department beginning May 1, 1981 and expire April 30, 1983.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1981 — Ordinance #826, increasing the debt of the Town of McCandless by \$255,000 for the purpose of constructing a fire substation located on Old Perry Highway near Route 19, Wexford, PA for the Ingomar Volunteer Fire Company, was adopted.

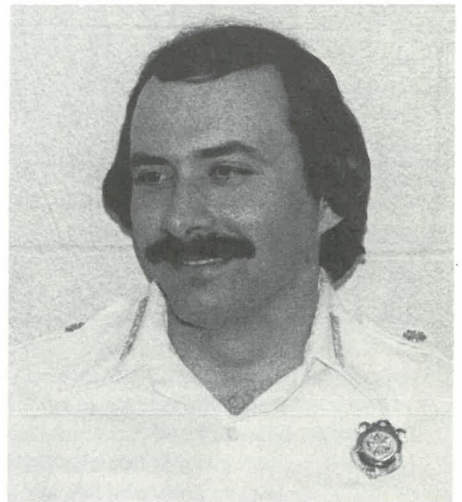
OCTOBER 26, 1981 — Resolution #4 of the 1981 Series was adopted, joining the Municipal Risk Management Corporation for self-insurance on workmen's compensation.

Ordinance #827, amending the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless, Part 13, concerning definition of groups, building permits and rezoning of property was adopted.

The preliminary subdivision request of John Bardonner was approved for his property located on Meadow Oaks Drive.

The site plan request of Walter Roth was approved for his property located on Duncan Avenue to construct a single family dwelling.

Fire Marshall Recommendations



Richard F. Wagner

Now that winter has returned, Richard Wagner — McCandless Fire Marshal — reminds all residents:

SMOKE DETECTORS — Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers should be in every household. **INSURANCE** — To obtain lower fire insurance rates, make sure the Town of McCandless is shown on the policy.

HYDRANTS — If a hydrant is on your property, please clear a 2 foot clearance around it, plus a small path leading to it so that it is visible and accessible to firemen.

FIREPLACES AND STOVES — The Fire Marshal suggests that you do not store cordwood in garages and porches; nor stacked against your house. Never burn garbage or plastic. Both create hazardous creosote deposits in chimneys. Finally, fire safety in your home:

1. Never smoke in bed.
2. Always keep matches out of reach of little children.
3. Adequate wiring is a **must!** Never overload electrical circuits.
4. Accumulation of grease on a stove can cause a fire.
5. Avoid using flammable liquids for home cleaning jobs.
6. Clean out things you no longer use, and dispose of them!
7. Do not store paints and other combustibles near the furnace.
8. **NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN HOME ALONE!**

Sometimes fire breaks out in spite of all precautions. If fire strikes, you'll need to do these two things **FAST**.

1. **GET EVERYBODY OUT OF THE HOUSE.**
2. **CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT 364-2214**

Road Responsibility Reminder

Maintenance of many roads and streets within the Town are the responsibility of PennDot and Allegheny County. State roads are: Cumberland, Rochester, Sample, Sloop, Ferguson, Perrymont, Pine Creek, Reichold, Rinaman, Richard, Grubbs, Ingomar, McKnight, Peebles, Perry Highway and Arcadia Drive (Route 19 to McKnight Road). County roads are: Kummer, Thompson Run, Highland and all roads in North Park; plus, Duncan Avenue (Ferguson Road to Town line) and Babcock Blvd. (McKnight Road to Duncan Avenue). Any questions or complaints should be directed to PennDot at 565-2586 or 364-2122; or, Allegheny County at 355-5902 or 931-2517.

NOTE: See "Council Highlights" for State roads for which McCandless DPW has snow and ice control responsibility.

CABLE TELEVISION

Centre Video has installed or scheduled construction of underground cable in the following plans: Brooke Park Manor, Talleybrooke, Executive Estates, Glen Ingomar, Pinewood, Heatherton, Briarwood, Franklin Towne, Perrysville and Greybrooke. The Greybrooke Plan is in both Ross Township and McCandless. Therefore, construction work will be scheduled in conjunction with Ross Township. If you have any problems due to this installation, contact the Town for assistance.

Horses and Livestock

New residents are advised that a property area of 5 acres is required to own a horse or any other type of farm animal. Residents currently maintaining horses or livestock on properties of less than 5 acres are doing so under a "grandfather clause" in Town ordinances and may not increase the number of animals maintained.

Persons riding horses in the Town are reminded that open areas, in all probability, are private property and owners are sensitive to trespassing.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS - 1982

JANUARY

Jan. 1	New Years Day, Town Office Closed
Jan. 4	Reorganization Meeting, Public Safety, Public Works, Services, Recreation Committees, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Zoning & Finance Committees, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1	Public Safety, Public Works, Services, Recreation Committees, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Zoning & Finance Committees, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Presidents Day Observed, Town Offices Closed
Feb. 22	Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH

Mar. 1	Public Safety, Public Works, Services, Recreation Committees, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 2	Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 4	McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 8	Zoning & Finance Committees, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 22	Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 25	Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL

April 1	McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
April 5	Public Safety, Public Works, Services, Recreation Committees, 7:30 p.m.
April 6	Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
April 9	Good Friday, Town Office Closed
April 12	Zoning & Finance Committees, 7:30 p.m.
April 22	Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.
April 26	Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

MAY

May 3	Public Safety, Public Works, Services, Recreation Committees, 7:30 p.m.
May 4	Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
May 6	McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
May 10	Zoning & Finance Committees, 7:30 p.m.
May 24	Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
May 27	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
May 31	Memorial Day, Town Office Closed

JUNE

June 1	Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
June 3	McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
June 7	Public Safety, Public Works, Services, Recreation Committees, 7:30 p.m.
June 14	Zoning & Finance Committees, 7:30 p.m.
June 24	Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.
June 28	Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

FEW SERVE MANY

The magnitude of "internal" services required to conduct municipal business of a town the size of McCandless is quite large. The smallness of our Town Hall staff gives testimony to their efficiency and above average organization. All Town business is conducted by only 9 full-time and 2 part-time personnel. This is far below the average of those office employees in most municipalities of comparable size.



FRONT ROW L TO R - Mary Kovacsics, Barbara Curry, Marolyn Shaw, Kathleen Hackworth.
BACK ROW L TO R - Audrey Graper, Gwen Spahr, Dolores Rice.

Transient Vendor Permits

A 1954 ordinance was established which requires transient vendors to obtain permits for conducting business within the Town. It applies to those persons, partnerships, corporations, etc., who conduct business door-to-door or in any other manner where the vendor does not have a residence or place of business within the Town's geographical area. "Conducting business" means conducting retail sales of goods, wares or merchandise on the street or in the homes of the Town including solicitations and taking of orders. This includes work commonly done by peddlers, hawkers, auctioneers, hucksters or other door-to-door salesmen. Sales of milk, milk products and bakery products are not affected by the ordinance.

A permit is required, but no fee is charged for the issuance of permits to farmers selling their own products; to persons selling goods solely for charitable or religious purposes; or for those engaged in interstate sales. All other transient vendors are required to pay a license fee of \$2.00 per day, \$5.00 per month, or \$25.00 per year.

Vendors must carry valid permit at all times when conducting business and conduct business only from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. They shall not deposit waste or refuse on streets, alleys or any private or public property within the Town; nor, shall they be stopped or parked for a longer time than necessary to conduct business.

Permits are nontransferable and an individual permit is required for each person.

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 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.

ATTITUDE SURVEY

Response to the "Attitude Survey" in our last issue was very gratifying. To those residents who took the time to answer and return their surveys, we say, "Thanks".

Analysis of the survey answers presented some definite opinions, including:

STREET MAINTENANCE... 27% of respondents considered it "Poor". Residents should be reminded that all arteries of travel are not McCandless DPW's responsibility.

NOTE: Maintenance of many roads and streets in the Town are the responsibility of PennDot and Allegheny County. (See "Council Highlights" for State roads for which McCandless has snow and ice control responsibility.)

DOG AND CAT CONTROL... With 38% rating the service "Poor", need of improvement is shown. Control of pets is principally the responsibility of owners. McCandless Ordinances do dictate that dogs must be licensed; have rabies inoculations; and, not permitted off owner's property unless on a leash. (The latter not only protects other residents and their property, but safe-guards against pets being a traffic hazard or being injured by vehicles.) Flagrant disregard for ordinances should be reported!

RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS... Although only 10% indicated dissatisfaction, the Town Manager feels it sufficient enough to find out why some residents do feel this way. Mr. Von Hofen would appreciate being advised of specific areas of concern from those who feel they received less than satisfactory response. You can address letters to him at the Town Hall.

LAND USE... 91% of respondents want land use restricted to single family units, and strongly indicate displeasure for commercial use.

TAX SUPPORTED SERVICES... 90% do not favor more services if tax support is necessary.

RESIDENCY IN McCANDLESS... 78% of respondents have resided in the Town for 6

years or more; 58% having lived here 11 to over 20 years. This indicates a very stable community with a healthy growth-rate. Of equal importance, 69% feel their reasons for choosing McCandless are still valid.

Survey Summary

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Response to Residents	44	203	91	38
Code Enforcement	20	175	91	44
Police Protection	103	262	75	25
Traffic Law Enforcement	47	235	104	44
Traffic Control (Special Events)	59	216	59	8
School Crossing Guards	120	236	25	6
Fire Protection	151	227	47	6
Ambulance Service	189	181	23	8
Street Maintenance	55	168	146	136
Snow & Ice Control	108	207	118	56
Sewer Service	66	244	61	35
Garbage & Rubbish Collection	131	237	88	26
Dog & Cat Control	35	107	100	148
Library	327	138	11	4
Recreation Facilities	81	185	80	50
Summer Recreation Program	55	142	67	28
Town Crier Newsletter	72	258	70	15

Should the following types of Land Use be increased or developed in the Town?

LAND USE:	YES	NO
Single Family Units	392	37
Townhouse Units	166	242
Multifamily, Multistory Units	60	361
Small Neighborhood Shopping Areas	155	265
Medical & Dental Facilities	231	180
Professional Service Facilities	202	188
Major Commercial Shopping Center	100	343
Light Industrial	105	322

Are you in favor of more tax supported services?

YES (37) NO (352)

Would you be in favor of increasing the ten mil real estate tax or 1/2% Earned Income tax to support these services?

Real Estate	Earned Income
NO (117) V Tax (25)	V Tax (113)

Which publication do you rely upon for Town news?

Post Gazette (86) Press (248) News Record (271)
 School News (110) Town Crier (155)

Should the frequency of "Town Crier" newsletter be

Increased (135) Remain the same (264) Decreased (36)

For what local trips is the family car most used?

School (16) Work (236) Shopping (318)
 Children Activities (35) Other (32)

How many years have you lived in the Town of McCandless?

Under 2 (34) 2-5 (80) 6-10 (99) 11-20 (127) Over 20 (164)

What was the primary reason you selected the Town of McCandless for residence?

Residents (51) School System (215) Homes (250)
 Taxes (50) Local Government (19)

Is the reason for selecting McCandless still a valid one today?

YES (330) NO (107) NO OPINION (39)

POLICE REPORT

Crime Prevention Programs — In an effort to make the public more aware of ways to deter crime, the Police Department is now formulating plans to enlarge its "Crime Prevention Programs". At the present time Police Officers are available to speak to groups on the subject of burglary prevention. Etch-A-Pens, for permanently marking personal property are available upon request by any resident at the Police Desk as part of an "Operation Identification Program".

The contemplated new programs are designed to create shared roles with the community, as resident participation is essential to effective programs. This participation must go beyond citizens acting as witnesses to crimes that have already occurred. New programs developed will enable the Police Department to bring crime problems to the community's attention when "community eyes and ears" will be useful.

Individuals or groups are urged to contact the Police Department with any ideas or suggestion to help develop effective

programs of crime prevention. Gary Anderson is currently designated as the Crime Prevention Officer. Anyone with questions or suggestions concerning crime prevention can contact him at the central Police Department phone number.

Youth-Aid — The department has on-going youth-aid programs under the direction of Officer James Miller. His activities include speaking at student meetings on subjects such as: Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety, Drugs and Alcohol, Criminal Mischief and Retail Theft. His presentations, in conjunction with school programs, utilize films and literature to accent regulations, laws and safety practices. Officer Miller also takes part in Town and School District's summer recreation programs giving talks on bicycle safety and inspecting bicycles for safe operation.

Tours of the Police Department by youth groups and organizations can be arranged by contacting Officer Miller at the central Police Department phone number.



JAMES MILLER



GARY ANDERSON

REFUSE COLLECTION

Rubbish and garbage is collected weekly, Monday through Friday. When a mid-week holiday occurs, removal is delayed until the following day. When this occurs, residents are asked to place refuse at curb-side the day following the holiday. The collector will make an effort to double-up on collections this day to return to the normal schedule as quickly as possible.

Refuse should be placed for collection no earlier than 7 p.m. the day prior to scheduled pick-up. (Some place it out days before it is to be removed.) Containers to be re-used by residents should be removed from the curb no later than 7:30 p.m. on the day of the pick-up. Trash bags should be tied tightly and all containers covered. Eye-sores and litter scattered by animals can be avoided if all residents cooperate.

Monthly charge for curb pick-up will be \$5.25 beginning January 1, 1982. All other charges will remain the same.



TOWN OF McCANDLESS

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