

# McCANDLESS TOWN CRIER.

TOWN OF McCANDLESS

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## Manager's Message

The year 1985 is witnessing more significant events in several aspects of town government which will make the town a safer and easier place in which to travel. Other internal changes will make the town's administration more efficient. The contents of this issue of the TOWN CRIER elaborate on these changes, improvements, and day-to-day operation of the town.

It was indeed a pleasure to witness the activation of the traffic signal at the intersection of Babcock, Wildwood and Ingomar Roads in North Park on Thursday, May 30, 1985. When the signal was initially activated, an automatic feeling of control materialized over this juncture of heavily trafficked roads. A thirty-day test period will extend through the month of June during which time phasing of the lights will be synchronized.

Another safety-related project will be undertaken by PennDOT this year

on Pine Creek Hill. Work on this portion of Route 19 includes a medial barrier from the intersection at Pine Creek Road and Route 19 to a point near the entrance of Old Perry Highway as well as lane-widening and resignalization at the Pine Creek Road intersection.

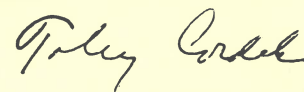
In this area of public works, the town's growth necessitated the purchase of an additional dump truck for an eighth snow and ice control route. In this issue you will also find that the town's most extensively planned annual road construction and rehabilitation program is underway.

Nearly all homes in the town who have cable television service have received their converters for the various new station offerings available. Our service now parallels that in other areas around Pittsburgh.

A new feature which we have added in this issue parodies current popular interest in little known facts. Hopefully, "Town Trivia" will provide some knowledge about the town's history, plus present a little entertainment.

Also, to engender community spirit, please be creative and participate in the logo and motto contest which will continue until October 15, 1985. All public and private school teachers are encouraged to have their classes submit entries.

A good deal of other helpful and interesting community news is presented in this expanded issue of the TOWN CRIER. Please read it, save it and have a good summer.



Tobias M. Cordek

## "Good Samaritans"

The May 31st storm which created a network of tornadoes to our north devastating homes in many communities gave the town and members of its volunteer fire companies an opportunity to lend a helping hand. In the words of Public Works Superintendent Mark Sabina, "The overall destruction was worse than anything you can imagine from television." Members of the McCandless Public Works Department and Highland and Ingomar Fire Companies followed Mr. Sabina to the Evans City area on June 3-7 to assist in the cleanup of the storm's aftermath. The town's assistance focused largely on the removal of debris and fallen trees which has blocked roadways.



Interestingly, although we viewed our help as a charitable act, the region was declared a federal disaster area and the use of our labor and equipment will be reimbursed by the federal government. Nevertheless, the look on the faces of those we helped was an unforgettable personal reward.

## Council Highlights — 1984

### DECEMBER 17, 1984

Resolution No. 22, establishing the amount when competitive bidding shall not be required for contracts for labor, materials, supplies or services, was adopted.

Ordinance No. 896, amending Ordinance No. 895 reappropriating certain monies for fiscal year 1984, was adopted.

Ordinance No. 897, fixing the real estate tax at 10 mills and approving the town budget for 1985, was adopted.

The following preliminary plat plans were approved with contingencies: Precision Equities (Woodbury Plan of Lots Phase I), Quaker Highlands, Inc. (54 single-family lots on Grubbs Road) and Clyde Watford (Clyde Watford Plan of Lots #2).

The subdivision request of Raymond J. Austin to establish five lots from an existing lot on Golfside Drive was approved.

Harry E. Lyon was reappointed to the Planning Commission for a four-year term commencing January 1, 1985 and ending December 31, 1988.

Resolution No. 23, authorizing the Council President and Town Manager to sign a traffic signal maintenance agreement with PennDOT for the signal at the Babcock Blvd. and Ingomar and Wildwood Roads intersection, was adopted.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and McCandless Police Lieutenants' Unit for the 1985 calendar year was approved.

The following reappointments were made: Harold L. Shafer - Personnel Board (January 1, 1985 - December 31, 1987), Elaine F. Farmer - Northland Public Library Authority (January 1, 1985 - December 31, 1989), Robert Swinderman - Industrial Development Authority (January 1, 1985 - December 31, 1989) and A. Linn Weigel - McCandless/Franklin Park Ambulance Authority (January 1, 1985 - December 31, 1989).



## Town Developments

The Town of McCandless continues to undergo change with several new developments in various stages of construction. There is substantial work being done on the Hickory Hills development that will ultimately culminate in Arthur Drive being a complete route to Rinaman Road with the addition of another 196 units. This project is seen as the last phase.

The Town has also approved several new subdivisions. One, is the Woodbury Plan of Lots located on Twin Hill Road off Meinert Road. The first phase of this subdivision contains 54 lots and is being developed by Precision Equities, Inc.

The Knob Hill Plan of Lots on Meinert Road, developed by Charles Bernhard, continues to progress. The roadway is currently being installed. There are 56 lots within this subdivision.

Country Manor Plan of Lots, on Rinaman Road, is being ambitiously developed by Austin Contracting with several dwellings already constructed and occupied. Country Manor contains 74 lots.

Pine Run Plan of Lots off Thompson Run Road, developed by Raymond Smith, continues to move along with several dwellings under construction. The roads have been paved, within the development, and it is expected that the development will be a beautiful amenity to the community.

The Forest Trails Plan of Lots, located on Richard Road, is well into developmental stages with several dwellings occupied. Precision Equities is the developer of this fine plan of lots.

Forest Oaks Townhouse development, a joint undertaking of Austin Contracting and First Service Corporation, is taking shape with one townhouse well under construction and a second started.

The North Meadows Complex, located on North Meadows across from the Wexford Shopping Center, is planned to be developed this summer by Cardinal Industries. They expect to erect 76 apartments on their property. This development entails the extension of North Meadows Drive with an intersection to Forest Oaks Drive.

## Town Trivia

Here's a chance for all long-time residents and newcomers to test your knowledge about McCandless. Here goes!

1. In what year was McCandless founded?
2. For whom was McCandless named?
3. How many operating oil wells did McCandless have in 1916?
4. What was McCandless' first industry?
5. When was the first police department established, and how many members did it have?
6. How many police officers does the present police department have?
7. When was the first fire department founded? How about the second and the third?
8. How many names has McCandless been known by since it was incorporated?

(How did you do? Answers are on inside back page.)

## Council Highlights *(Continued)*

Resolution No. 24, setting dates of various meetings of Town Council and other Town Agencies was adopted.

John C. Murphy was reappointed to the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority for a term commencing January 1, 1985 and ending December 31, 1989.

### JANUARY 14, 1985

Frederick W. Kieshauer was reappointed to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 1987.

### JANUARY 28, 1985

Various Public Hearings were held for rezoning requests. Formal action will be taken at the Council's Regular Business Meeting of February 25, 1985.

The request of St. Alexis Church to extend the time constraints on the R-6 zoning for the Alexis Manor housing for the elderly to February 28, 1986 was approved.

The site plan submitted by Kentucky Fried Chicken to erect a fast-food outlet within the Pine Creek Shopping Center was approved.

Resolution No. 1 (of the 1985 Series), for the proposed land development of the Parkmont Estates Plan of Lots sewage planning module was adopted.

Resolution No. 2, approving the planning module for land development for the Golfside Drive Plan of Lots, was adopted.

The simple subdivision request of Raymond J. Austin for property located off Grubbs Road was approved.

Resolutions No. 3 and 4, approving the planning modules of land development for the North Park Place Plan of Lots and the Towne Square North Plan of Lots respectively were adopted.

### FEBRUARY 25, 1985

Councilman Moores, Chairman of the Public Works Committee presented an award to Paul Stahl for over 30 years of service as an employee of the Public Works Department. Awards were also presented by Councilman Aufman, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee to: Patrick B. McCabe for 31 years of service as a member and Chief of the McCandless Police Department; to Kenneth Vierling, for 31 years of service as an employee of the Public Works Department and member of the Police Department; and, to Charles P. Toth, for 31 years as a member and Lieutenant of the Police Department. The gentlemen also received restaurant gift certificates.

A Public Hearing on a proposed Ordinance vacating the southernmost part of Caribou Drive as a public street will be acted upon at the Council's Regular Business Meeting of March 25th.

A Public Hearing on a proposed Ordinance vacating the southernmost part of Post Road as a public street will be acted upon at the Council's Regular Business Meeting of March 25th.

Resolution No. 5, supporting continuance of the Federal General Revenue Sharing Program was adopted.

A request to rezone property on Perry Highway from R-2 (one and two-family residential) to C-7 (office building district) was denied. A similar request for property on East Arcadia was also denied.

Ordinance No. 898, changing the use district from R-2 (one and two-family residential) to C-1 (commercial recreation) for property located at the corner of Ingomar and Grubbs Roads, was adopted.

The final plat plan submission for the Woodbury Plan of Lots located at Twin Hill Road Extension was approved.

Resolution No. 6, approving the planning module of land development for the Woodbury Plan of Lots #1, was adopted.

The final plat plan for the Parkmont Estates Plan of Lots located off Grubbs Road was approved.

Resolution No. 7, amending the official plan of sanitary sewers of McCandless Township for the Alexis Manor elderly housing, was adopted.

The request for simple subdivision for property on Grubbs Road facing the Town Hall, was approved.

Resolution No. 8, authorizing the Council President and Town Manager to submit a letter of intent for a recreation grant from the Department of Community Affairs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on behalf of the Town of McCandless, was adopted.

### MARCH 25, 1985

A letter of resignation by 7th Ward Councilman James H. Brahney was accepted.

Kate R. Dewey was appointed as a member of Council for the 7th Ward to the unexpired term of James H. Brahney with the term to start immediately and expire the first Monday of January 1988. The Oath of Office was administered by Judge Harry Montgomery.



## Council Highlights *(Continued)*

Ordinances No. 899 and No. 900, vacating as public streets the southernmost portions of Caribou Drive and Post Road, respectively, were adopted.

The approval of a site plan for addition to an autobody shop on Thompson Run Road was denied.

Resignations of George Russell and F.W. Kieshauer from the Zoning Hearing Board were accepted. Donald L. Tanner and Hayes C. Stover were appointed as their replacements with terms to begin March 28, 1985 and expire December 31, 1987.

Council will recommend to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that Patrick B. McCabe be appointed to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator of the Town of McCandless with this appointment to be effective immediately upon the approval of the Governor.

Ordinance No. 901, restricting the weight of vehicles traveling on Grubbs and Reichold Roads to 10 tons, was adopted.

A contract was awarded to Allegheny Ford Truck Sales, Inc. for one diesel powered dump truck, complete with body, for \$35,892.00.

Resolution No. 9, naming Saturday, April 27, 1985, "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Day" in the Town of McCandless, was adopted. The Town has participated in "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Day" since its inception.

Town Attorney Dunn reported that the two Town Ordinances on door-to-door solicitation were upheld by both the Federal District Court and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Therefore, the ordinance which limits such solicitation to daylight hours is legal and enforceable.

Residents citing the damage to property caused by deer were invited to return to the next Council Regular Business Meeting at which time a member of the Game Commission will be invited to attend.

### APRIL 22, 1985

The annual fire service awards were presented to members of the Town's three volunteer fire companies with Council's words of appreciation. They were presented to: Chief Charles Kiel (Ingomar Volunteer Fire Company), Chief Rick Donaldson (Highland Volunteer Fire Company) and to Peebles Volunteer Fire Company Chief, Jim Arthur.

A Public Hearing was held on an ordinance changing the use district from C-3 (highway commercial) to R-2 (one and two family residential) for property on Casa Grande Drive. Formal action will be taken on the request for enactment at the Council's Regular Business Meeting on May 28, 1985.

A Public Hearing was held on a tentative ordinance modifying and changing the zoning code, land development code and site plan sections of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless. Formal action will be taken at the Council's next Regular Business Meeting May 28, 1985.

Game Commissioner Dale Hockenberry was present to discuss measures to control deer population damaging property within the town. Because of Town Ordinances prohibiting hunting and discharge of firearms the only positive recourse would lie in controlled hunting within North Park. Mr. Hockenberry will discuss the possibility with the County Commissioners.

Land development submissions of Cardinal Industries, Inc. and Albert Benedetti for property located on North Meadows Drive were approved.

Resolution No. 10, amending the official plan of sanitary sewers of McCandless Township for the North Meadows Plan, was adopted.

The final plat plan submission or the Clyde Watford Plan of Lots #2 was approved with contingencies.

The conditional use request of Clyde Watford to establish 13 duplexes on the Clyde Watford Plan of Lots #2 was approved.

The revised subdivision for three lots located on Fox Road was approved. The plan contains a notation that there will be no further subdivision.

Northern Industries, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, was awarded a contract for the reconstruction and resurfacing of certain town roads at an estimated cost of \$1,183,703.00. The work involves 8.5 miles of roads.

Ordinance No. 902, accepting as a town road and right-of-way, Forest Oaks Drive (Plan I) and the stormwater drainage system and easements therefor, was adopted.

Ordinance No. 903, accepting all roads and rights-of-ways in the Villa of North Park Phase I as town roads and rights-of-ways and the stormwater drainage system and easements therefor, was adopted.

Ordinance No. 904, accepting as town road and right-of-way, Wendy Drive in the Andy Acres Plan of Lots and the stormwater drainage system and easement therefor, was adopted.

## New Ballfields Dedicated

Through the generosity and community spirit of the Vincentian Sisters of Charity, McCandless youngsters now have an enlarged area for tee-ball, softball and baseball. Named the Vincentian Sports Complex, the ground was made available under a 99 year \$1.00 lease. Over 200 girls and boys — ages 6 to 15 years — will participate in McCandless Athletic Association activities.

The Town of McCandless made a \$20,000 grant to the association for property improvements, fencing, seeding, etc. The town also provided funds to the Ingomar Athletic Association for additional lighting and fencing, and graded the access road to their ballfield.



*Ribbon cutting ceremony at the Vincentian Sports Complex (left to right): Councilman Womsley, Larry Croyle, Sister Theresita, Sister Mary Prudentia, Town Manager Tobias Cordek and Tom Purvis.*

## New Council Member

Kate R. Dewey has been appointed as a member of Council for the 7th Ward to the unexpired term of James H. Brahney. Her term was effective March 25, 1985 and expires the first Monday of January, 1986.

Mrs. Dewey is presently the Director of the Allegheny County Child Abuse Task Force, Pittsburgh. She has a M.S.W. from Rutgers University, where she majored in Social Work Administration and a B.A., Secondary Education from Rider College, where she majored in History, Economics and Political Science. Mrs. Dewey is also past president of the Greystone Civic Association. She is currently Executive Director of Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania.



*Kate R. Dewey — newest Council member.*

# Service Awards Presented



*Councilman Aufman and Patrick B. McCabe (31 years as a member and Chief of the McCandless Police Department).*



*Councilman Aufman and Charles P. Toth (31 years as a member and Lieutenant of the McCandless Police Department).*



*Receiving awards for over 20 years of service to the Town of McCandless were (left to right): Officer Richard Pezich, Officer James Osborne, J. Paul Richter (Public Works Department), John Nash (Public Works Department Foreman), Floyd Skala (Public Works Department) and Lt. Ralph LeDonne.*



*Councilman Moores and Paul Stahl (over 30 years of service as an employee of the Public Works Department).*



*Councilman Aufman and Kenneth Vierling (31 years as a member of the Public Works Department and McCandless Police Department).*



## Items of Interest

**Dumping** — Since the closing of the North Park Transfer Station, roadsides and vacant lots have become depositories of trash and debris. This not only creates eye-sores, but also creates a hazard to health and breeding grounds for rodents. The town refuse collector — Mazarro Disposal Service — accepts virtually all household refuse including unwanted appliances and furniture. There is little or no reason to dispose of unwanted materials in any other way. If you are in doubt about any material being acceptable, please call Mazzaro at 771-2828.

**Autumn Leaves** — It seems pretty distant now, but all too soon the green leaves of summer will turn multi-colored and fall from the trees. Then, they must be disposed of. The easiest way is to bag them and put them at curbside to be picked up with your regular trash on pick-up day. Please don't attempt to burn them as it violates the law and constitutes a fire hazard. Also, do not sweep them into the street as leaves clog storm-drains and catch-basins. Let Mazarro do away with your leaves. After all, "Disposal" is their middle name.

**Fireworks Illegal** — Fireworks are synonymous with the 4th of July. But, only licensed use is permitted! It is unlawful for any person to store; to offer for sale; sell at retail; or, USE or EXPLODE any firework within the Town of McCandless. A town ordinance encompasses all devices of combustible or explosive composition, including "sparklers". It states that the fire marshal shall seize, take, remove, or cause to remove — at the expense of the owner — all fireworks held in violation. For each offense: A \$300.00 fine under the Town Fire Code.

**Open Burning** — Burning trash and other materials outdoors violates town and county laws. The burning of rubbish, trash, garbage, materials made of or coated with rubber, plastic or petroleum-based materials, paper, wood, hay, straw, weeds or litter is prohibited to be kindled or maintained by any type of bonfire or any such fire. Under County Codes, violators can be fined \$1,000 for each offense and, \$300.00 for each offense under the Town Fire Code.

**Zoning Board** — Two new members have been appointed to the Zoning Board; Don Tanner (former councilman until 1984) to a term from March 3, 1985 to December 31, 1986; and, Hayes Stover to a term from March 28, 1985 to December 31, 1987.

**Cable TV** — Centre Video is now distributing converters to all McCandless cable subscribers between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. The devices will enable subscribers to receive 12 additional channels at no extra cost. One free converter is provided to each subscriber. Additional services or converters will be provided at an additional charge. Basic cable service now costs residents \$7.00 per month. When Centre Video is able to provide the additional channels

## DPW Doings

**Winter's Woes** — The winter of 1984-1985 took a lot out of all of us. And, it took a lot out of the Town of McCandless...to the tune of \$248,000. That's what it cost to reduce and/or eliminate hazardous road conditions within the town. DPW crews were called out a total of 69 times from November 1st to April 30th (with 2,870 hours overtime) plowing and spreading 5,600 tons of salt, 1,000 tons of cinders and 30 tons of calcium chloride.

**Road Improvement Program** — The Town of McCandless got an early start on the 1985 road program, asking bids before most municipalities advertised theirs. Northern Industries' bid of \$1,183,000 was accepted and work began at the end of April. As a result, 39 roads — totalling 8.3 miles of rehabilitation — should be completed by the end of July. The following roads are included in this year's program: (Note - "P" indicates Milling and Resurfacing. "C" indicates Complete Reconstruction. "R" indicates Resurfacing.)

P - Avon Court	P - Edwood Road	C - Rustic Road
C - Bauer Drive	C - Forest Avenue	P - Ryland Drive
C - Birch Avenue	C - Gass Road	P - Remington Drive
C - Blum Road	P - Glenbrook Drive	P - Santa Rosa Lane
C - Brookshire Drive	P - Haugh Drive	R - Seneca Avenue
P - Casa Grande Drive	C - Iroquois Avenue	P - S. Irwin Avenue
C - Chippewa Avenue	P - Judy Ann Place	P - Tierra Place
C - Conestoga Court	C - Moccasin Trail	R - Tomahawk Trail
C - Covered Wagon Court	R - Neuhart Boulevard	C - Wagon Wheel Trail
P - Demmler Court	C - Nixon Road	C - West Moccasin Trail
P - Demmler Drive	C - Pine Road	C - West Sandle Avenue
C - East Moccasin Trail	C - Pontiac Avenue	P - Winchester Drive
P - Edwood Court	P - Ridgemont Road	P - Wyngold Drive

**Weight Limit** — PennDOT has placed a 10-ton weight restriction on Grubbs Road, Richard Road, Rinaman Road, Pine Creek Road (from Rinaman Road to Route 19) and Reichold Road. The only exceptions are buses, emergency, maintenance and refuse vehicles. The roads were reconstructed by PennDOT and Grubbs and Reichold Roads were taken over by the Town of McCandless. The town also expects to take over Rinaman Road this year.

**Clean-up Day** — Coordinated by DPW Foreman John Nash, "Keep America Beautiful Day" clean up was performed by Girl Scout Brownie Troops 1131, 1721, 548 and 793. Participants received badges and certificates for their volunteer efforts.

**New Vehicle** — Town Council has approved the purchase of an additional truck. Expected to be delivered before Fall, it will be used for an additional ice and snow control route. The department will then be responsible for all state roads within the town except Route 19 and McKnight Road.

to residents within the town, the basic cost will be increased to \$8.00 per month.

**Rubbish Removal** — The sight of rubbish strewn in yards and streets by "adventure-some" animals is not only an eye-sore, but encourages the presence of rodents. Trash should not be placed at curbside more than 48-hours prior to scheduled pickup. Even then, it is subject to being torn open unless it is an animal-proof container. The best way to overcome this problem is by placing the trash at curbside the night before it is to be collected. For the appearance of the community — and the health of its residents — we are all asked to cooperate.

**Abandoned Rights-of-Way** — The Town of McCandless has several rights-of-ways that were never formally accepted by the town. Typically, they appear as 12 to 20 ft. wide alley ways, located principally within the Indian Village Plans, as well as elsewhere within the town. From time to time residents have asked whether or not they may do something on these rights-of-ways. As a matter of policy, the town considers an abandoned right-of-way as shared equally by the two abutting property owners. Therefore, those rights-of-ways would be split in half with each resident having the opportunity to maintain their respective

half. These rights-of-ways may be built upon for small sheds, etc. They may also be planted with trees, shrubs, etc. Should any resident have a question concerning the use of rights-of-ways, within their neighborhoods, they are free to call the Zoning Office at 364-0616 for assistance.

**Emergency Management Coordinator** — Council has recommended to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that Police Chief Patrick B. McCabe be appointed to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator of the Town of McCandless. The appointment will be effective immediately upon the approval of the Governor.

**Town Hall Modifications** — To further comply with the Federal Government of the Office of Revenue Sharing, modifications are being made to the Town Hall to assist the handicapped. An elevator will be installed between the lobby and first floor to eliminate the need of using the stairs. Alterations will also be made to facilitate the use of lower and upper level men's and women's restrooms. With these modifications ALL McCandless residents will be able to attend town meetings and functions.

# Police Report

**School Zones** — Police inform all residents that a new 15 MPH speed limit is now in effect prior to school starting time, at recess, and at dismissal time in all school areas. Signs are posted with times in which the 15 MPH speed limit is in effect.



**DUI** — McCandless police are now equipped with a new device for determining the amount of alcohol consumed by those suspected of driving while under the influence of alcohol. It is the Dreger Model 7010, and replaces the legally questionable Breathalyzer. All McCandless police are qualified in its use. Emphasis is placed upon the results of blood tests performed in area hospitals, at the requests of officers, in determining reasonable evidence for issuing a citation.

**Driver Sight Obstruction** — Residents are reminded that foliage and shrubs interfering with drivers' clear sight of roadways and intersections violates Pennsylvania Motor Codes. It is the responsibility of property owners to see that such conditions are not permitted to exist. If necessary, the police department will notify offending owners who will then have seven (7) days to correct the condition. If not corrected, owners can be cited and fined \$10.00 per day until the obstruction is removed.

**Alarms** — Residents with burglar alarms installed in their homes should notify the police department of the name and phone number of a neighbor or relative with keys to their homes so that malfunctioning alarms can be turned-off during their absence. This is particularly important when leaving on vacations or other extended periods of time.

**Traffic Signal** — A new traffic signal has been installed at the intersection of Babcock Blvd. and Wildwood and Ingomar Roads. A test period — monitoring traffic flow and turn movements — will determine ultimate timing sequences. This intersection is now under much greater control. Never-the-less,

caution still must be exercised, particularly throughout the test period which is expected to run through June.

**Summer Reminders** — Riding trail bikes and recreational vehicles (3 and 4 wheeled) is a pleasant summer pastime. But, unless ridden on one's property or with the written permission of a property owner, it is also illegal. The permission must be on the rider's person and submitted to a police officer if requested. Also, it is illegal to discharge any firearm within the Town of McCandless. The ordinance also includes BB and pellet guns. A fine of \$100.00 can be levied against anyone violating the firearm ordinance and a person under the age of 18 can be charged with a violation under Crime Codes of Pennsylvania.

**Finally** — Chief Patrick McCabe states, "I can't emphasize enough the value of being a good neighbor in the prevention of crime! This means being watchful over your neighbors' property as well as your own. This is particularly true during summer months when screened doors are left open or unlocked; garages are left open when running short errands; or, ladders, tools, toys and equipment left out overnight. Please, report any activity you feel is suspicious to the police. Your call will result in prompt response. Remember that NO call to the police department is considered unimportant. But, NOT calling can jeopardize all! Being a "good neighbor" will protect property and the personal safety of all those in your neighborhood."

## Logo and Motto Contest

If you're interested in changing the current sign, "Town of McCandless" seen when entering the town, here's your chance to design a new one — a logo to be used on signs, letterheads, and town vehicles. You see logos and mottos (slogans) on advertisements for banks, auto makers and appliance manufacturers, to name a few. Now, design one for the Town of McCandless! One "hint": We are looking for a modern, contemporary look. But, traditional "coat-of-arms" style will

be considered. The town's current motto or slogan is, "McCandless, A Planned Community."

# Welcome

## Town of McCANDLESS

Submit your logo design and motto on 8½" x 11" paper or card stock, with color or black and white, to the Town Manager, Tobias Cordek. Town residents of all ages are eligible to participate. A \$50.00 Savings Bond and Award Certificate will be presented to the winner at a future Town Council meeting. Entries must be received at the Town Hall no later than October 15, 1985 to be eligible. Only the amount of time and imagination you wish to devote will limit the number of entries.

## Uh, Oh . . . ESP!

Just up ahead a car is parked. Suddenly you see them . . . two black strips on the road. ESP is on the job! ESP (Excessive Speed Preventer) is used by the McCandless Police Department to control speeding on town roads. It's an extremely accurate vehicular speed monitoring device. Accurate, because it is activated by the vehicle being monitored. Accurate because of procedures used by the police officers. Space between the activating strips is measured with a tape certified by the Department of Weights and Measures. A McCandless police car (with a speedometer certified accurate by an agency approved by the Pennsylvania State Police) is then driven across the strips and reading it is compared with that of the ESP monitor. It is only then, the speed of oncoming vehicles is monitored. ESP is accurate. It's legal. And, it's used to promote safety on town roads and streets. Stay alert and drive carefully.



## Fire Marshal Report

**Fire Index Cards** — Each time an emergency fire call comes into the communications center, a Fire Index Card is referred to. The cards contain information of the fire company to notify; locations of the fire hydrants closest to the structure involved; and, whether handicapped persons are residents. All residents — new and old — are advised to notify the fire marshal if anyone in their homes is crippled, blind, paraplegic or handicapped in any way. This information will then be placed on file for referral in case of emergency. Residents may also obtain "IC" decals from the fire marshal to place on windows and doors indentifying sleeping rooms of these household members. ("Tot Saver" decals are also available to identify bedrooms of children in the house.)



**Smoke Detectors** — All existing multi-family dwelling must have a minimum of one approved electric and battery powered ionization-type smoke detector to sense visible and invisible particles of combustion installed in each unit. New single-family residences, and those where major remodeling was done or rooms added, must also have a minimum of one detector. (The fire marshal recommends TWO detectors for all homes: One, on the basement-side of the kitchen door and one in the sleeping area.)

**Fire Prevention Week** — Although Fire Prevention Week is observed in October, all residents are urged to begin observing it now! Fire prevention begins with logic. Here are but a few things you can do to make your home more safe from the chance of a fire occurring: Don't smoke in bed. Never use flammable materials for home cleaning jobs. Dispose of unused, un-needed items. Store fuels in approved containers in a well ventilated area (preferably outdoors). Keep matches out of childrens' reach. Keep stove surfaces and exhausts clean of grease deposits. Never overload electrical circuits. And, **INSTALL**

**SMOKE DETECTORS.** Now, is also a good time to check chimneys and flues for obstructions and to have furnaces checked by a qualified serviceman.

**Safety Inspection** — All residents and businesses can request a safety inspection by the fire marshal. For an appointment, please call Fire Marshal Richard Wagner at 364-0616.

## Town Trivia Answers

1. McCandless was incorporated as a 2nd Class Township in 1851.
2. It was named for Wilson McCandless, a lawyer, who handled the separation from Pine Township. He was appointed Judge, by President Buchanan, in 1859.
3. There were 150 operating wells in 1916. Today, only one operating off Richard Road remains.
4. A saw and grist mill, built along Pine Creek in 1800 by Philip Sarver, was the first industry.
5. The police department (consisting of one officer, Frank Raup) was established in 1929.
6. The police department now has 27 officers.
7. Highland Volunteer Fireman's Association was founded in March, 1927. Ingomar Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 (originally part of Franklin Park Fire Department) was founded in July, 1927. Peebles District Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1944.
8. McCandless has been known by three (3) names since its incorporation. Surprised? It was incorporated as McCandless Township and became the Town of McCandless, a home rule municipality, in 1975. Then, for one day only (March 15, 1975) by resolution of council, it was named, "Greenwillow" commemorating the Pittsburgh area's premiere of Frank Loesser's musical play. Performed by the North Star Players, proceeds went to the North Allegheny Scholarship Fund, the Thomas E. Carson Student Loan Fund and to the American International Student Loan Fund. Then, after that one day, the name reverted to the present, "Town of McCandless".

## New Computer

A new state-of-the-art technology computer (IBM Model 36) is now installed in the Town Hall. Replacing a CADO model, it has much greater information storage capacity and permits faster retrieval of data.

The highly versatile computer has 11 terminals and 3 printers in the administrative, accounting, wage tax and real estate tax offices and building inspection, public works and police departments. Some of the ultimate functions include: payroll, accounts payable and receivable, police administration, zoning and fire administration, inventory, fixed assets and budgets. Personnel training is now in progress with all programs to be implemented in 12 months.

Purchase of the computer — at a greatly reduced cost — was made possible by "piggy-backing" on a state contract.



Assistant Town Manager Edith Liguori (standing) with Julia Cleva, Key computer operator.

## Neither Rain nor Snow nor . . .

No, we're not writing about the Postal Service. We're referring to the McCandless School Crossing Guards. Every school day — no matter the weather — these ladies are on duty controlling traffic so that students can go to and from school safely. It's nice to know when children leave for school each day, they're still in good hands. . . come rain or shine.



Lt. Charles P. Toth with School Crossing Guards (left to right): Loretta Cummings, Eileen Funston, Ann Kallmyer, Mildred Harting, Blanche Seidel, Clara Osterwise and Angeline Sciullo.

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# **Town of McCandless**

## **Meeting Schedule - Boards and Commissions**

### **(All Meetings Begin 7:30 PM)**

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#### **1st MONDAY EACH MONTH**

Public Safety Committee  
Services Committee  
Public Works Committee  
Recreation Committee  
EXCEPTION: September, 1st Tuesday

#### **1st TUESDAY EACH MONTH**

Planning Commission  
EXCEPTION: November, 1st Wednesday

#### **1st THURSDAY EACH MONTH**

Sanitary Authority

#### **2nd MONDAY EACH MONTH**

Zoning Committee  
Finance Committee

#### **4th MONDAY EACH MONTH**

Council Business Meeting  
EXCEPTION: December, 3rd Monday

#### **4th THURSDAY EACH MONTH**

Zoning Hearing Board  
EXCEPTION: November, 4th Tuesday

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## **Holidays - Town Offices Closed**

July 4th - Independence Day  
September 2nd - Labor Day  
November 5th - Election Day

November 28th - Thanksgiving Day  
December 24th - Christmas Eve  
December 25th - Christmas Day

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