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TOWN OF McCANDLESS

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## GYPSY MOTHS... The War Goes On!

McCandless elected officials and administrators are continuing active roles in programs combating the threat gypsy moths pose to the Town's valuable tree coverage. The Town maintains its portion within funding guidelines with the DER (Department of Environmental Resources) and Allegheny County. An important element of the effort is Town personnel investigation of areas with egg-mass infestation within the Town.

The gypsy moth peril is very real. Every homeowner should join in the Town's effort to alleviate and ultimately control the damage gypsy moths cause. Unfortunately, many homeowners do not realize they have gypsy moth infestation until they see caterpillars, which are active from April through mid-June, or the damage they do. There are several ways to reduce their numbers and resultant damage:

**Remove Resting Sites** — The caterpillars like to rest in dark, dry spots during the day. They also use these places to form cocoons, after which females will emerge and lay eggs close by. Anything a caterpillar can crawl under near moth food becomes resting sites. These "hot spots" include: Tree houses, stacked firewood and lumber, old tires, rock piles and utility buildings. The locations also provide protection from their natural enemies such as birds, wasps, reptiles, amphibians, ants, beetles and spiders.

**Destroy Caterpillars and Egg Masses** — Each female moth or egg mass destroyed eliminates an average of 500 from next year's population. Females are flightless and crawl from their pupation sites to mate and lay eggs. Look for the white females and the buff-colored, thumb-sized egg masses they lay beginning in late June. Carry a spoon and a jar or a tin can half full of strong detergent as you search loose bark and other dry sheltered areas. Scrape any moths, caterpillars or egg masses found into the solution and let it stand for a day or two be-

fore discarding. Do not merely scrape them onto the ground as this will not kill them.

There are several EPA registered insecticides on the market which are effective in moth control. Do not use home remedies to paint or spray on egg masses — especially petroleum based substances like oil, tar, grease or creosote. These and other household ingredients can soak through thin tree bark and kill living tissue. Mechanical barriers are also available. They are wrapped around tree trunks (sticky side out) and trap caterpillars for removal with a spoon. The best method is making a barrier by using a piece of burlap. Form a "skirt" by tying it around a tree trunk leaving enough material to overhang loosely. Look under the flap every day or two and remove caterpillars using the spoon and jar method.

**Maintain Plants** — Sick or stressed plants are easy prey for gypsy moths. Maintaining healthy plants will tend to reduce severity of infestation. Watering, fertilizing and pruning should be done periodically. When establishing or adding to landscaping, ask nursery personnel for those least "appetizing" to gypsy moths. A few trees such as tulip, poplar, dogwood, and white ash are immune to severe attacks. However, most trees fall somewhere in between.

Aerial spraying was done to combat gypsy moths in heavily infested parts of McCandless. Some areas were not covered because residents did not want their properties included in the program, or the degree of moth infestation did not warrant aerial spraying. (Spraying is conducted when an area has 250 or more egg masses per acre.) An evaluation will be conducted to determine areas to be included in the May, 1992 spraying program. Residents should begin to look for egg masses in July, and notify the Town Hall by letter, by August 15th so that their properties may be inspected in the egg mass study being conducted in the late summer and fall.

## "InfoLine" In The Offing



"InfoLine," a resident-service of the Town of McCandless is in its last stages of preparation. It is an automated system designed to provide citizens with free 24-hour, 7-day-a-week taped information. The recorded messages answer the questions most frequently asked by McCandless residents. "InfoLine" is not designed to replace person-to-person contact, but rather to offer residents the convenience of 24-hour-a-day availability of information.

"InfoLine" will provide Town residents with information on subjects ranging from "Animal Control" to "Zoning" and everything in between. There will be virtually no phase of Town government about which information will be lacking.

Residents will be notified when the information service is available. Listings of subjects and instructions will be made available at that time.

## Flood Insurance

"I never thought it could happen". Those words were heard many times following damaging rains that swept over North Hills communities on May 30th, 1986. Many victims had no flood insurance which added to their tragic losses.

The Town of McCandless adopted measures in 1980 to safeguard property from flooding. At that time, limits of the Federal Flood Insurance increased from \$35,000 up to \$185,000 for McCandless residents. In addition to this property coverage, contents coverage increased from \$10,000 to \$60,000. Increases for small businesses and other classes of structures were also made available.

Town of McCandless officials strongly recommend that anyone living in a flood-prone area make application to obtain needed insurance as soon as possible. Maps showing these flood plain areas may be seen at the Town Hall during regular business hours.

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# RECYCLING UPDATE



## Bountiful Harvest

AMAZING! MIND-BOGGLING! UN-IMAGINABLE! Yes, it was all those descriptive terms and more: PHASE I of McCandless' Recycling Program's "harvest of recyclable materials." During the first three months of the program — October, November and December of 1990 — over 497,000 pounds were collected. And, to prove this was not the result of the program's newness and the enthusiasm it generated, over 467,000 pounds were collected during the first three months of 1991. The six-month total came to nearly one-million pounds of steel, aluminum, glass and plastic. That, in today's jargon, is "totally awesome." The "harvest" broke down as follows:

Materials Recovered	Percent 1990	Percent 1991
Tin/Steel	20%	25%
Clear Glass	44%	38%
Green Glass	13%	13%
Brown Glass	9%	10%
Aluminum	6%	5%
Plastic	8%	9%

Although it is nice to sit back and reflect upon numbers, there is much more to contemplate. Think for a moment of the space nearly 1,000,000 pounds of recyclables would occupy. That's how much space was saved at a landfill site. This helps to extend the landfill's use and, hopefully, indicates that recycling could one day eliminate such waste of the earth's limited surface. It also means that nearly one million pounds of raw materials were being conserved while new products were being manufactured with less energy being used. And, as an extra bonus, jobs were created in the newly-emerging recycling industry.

## McCandless' Designated Recyclables

Town Council chose the following materials to be separated and commingled in containers supplied to residents: **Aluminum, Clear and Colored Glass, Steel and Bi-Metal Cans, and Plastic Soda Pop, Milk, and Similar Beverage Containers.** All other materials should be placed in bags or trash containers for general trash pick up. This includes: pie and cake pans, TV dinner trays, detergent and shampoo bottles and bleach bottles. NOTE 1 — The

Town Refuse Collector will no longer accept recyclables bagged in plastic bags beginning June 1, 1991. They must be loosely commingled in containers provided for that purpose. When bagged, the collector has no way of determining what is being collected; they take up valuable space in collection vehicles; and, cause operational problems associated with the removal of these items from bags at the separation site. NOTE 2 — The Town's refuse collector points out a problem they consider to be quite serious. The following is quoted from a letter received by the Town Manager. "The problem concerns used hypodermic syringes, typically insulin syringes generated by diabetics. We have encountered these both in household trash, as well as in recycling. Improperly prepared, they belong in neither. Properly prepared, they can be placed in the household trash. We recommend placing them in an opaque plastic container (orange juice containers from the refrigerated section are a good example) with the lid tightly closed, and placed inside of a trash bag and in the trash. This generally keeps them unexposed during the collection and disposal process. Already in 1991, we have had 4 employees with needle sticks." They added their appreciation for any help they receive in curbing this serious problem.

## Everybody Participates

Multiple unit dwellings, commercial establishments and institutions all participate in McCandless' recycling program. Multiple dwelling households must separate the following for recycling: Clear and colored glass, Aluminum and Bi-metal Cans, and Plastic Beverage Containers used for Soda Pop, Juice and Milk. Commercial establishments and institutions must separate the following for recycling: Office Papers, Corrugated Papers and Aluminum Cans. They make arrangements with their trash haulers for the separation and collection of recyclable materials. Owners of these properties are responsible for reporting the amounts of recyclables collected to the Town. Town officials assisted in developing recycling programs for multiple unit dwellings, commercial establishments and institutions.

## Another Challenge — Another Goal!

The success of McCandless' recycling program is proof of what commitment to a cause can accomplish. It should also provide an incentive to pursue other goals directed to the reduction of waste and problems associated with its removal and disposal.

A look at bags of refuse waiting to be picked up is convincing evidence that we are indeed a "throw away society." Trash bags are filled to capacity and stacked one upon another. Unwanted furniture and appliances, once proudly placed in the center of family activity, await the same fate as a scrap of trash. Here then, is an excellent starting place to further reduce waste materials.

Does each family unit reducing its trash by one bagful per week suggest much in the way of alleviating trash disposal problems? If each McCandless household (estimated at nearly 11,000) eliminated one bag of trash weekly, 572,000 bags of refuse would **not** be taken to landfills per year. Reducing the need of space for this much waste material would contribute greatly to extending the useful life of landfills. Imagine! **That kind of saving would result from every family unit reducing its waste output by only one (1) bag per week.**

There are many other ways in which materials requiring disposal can be reduced:

- Avoid the purchase of bulky disposable items.
- Pass on magazines, books, and catalogs to neighbors, hospitals and nursing homes.
- Buy products in reusable containers or in simple packaging. Remember, the more ornate the package, the more its cost is reflected in the price you pay for the product.
- Reuse as many containers and packages as you can. Plastic containers can be used for food storage, glass jars for nails, tacks, etc.
- Reuse plastic bags, boxes and wrapping paper. Wrapping paper and gift boxes are a great waste. Most could be saved and reused on other occasions.
- Take your own paper bags to the store when grocery shopping or accept biodegradable plastic bags at the checkout counter.
- Buy beverages in reusable containers.
- Give outgrown clothing to friends, or donate to a local charity.
- Try repairs before considering replacement of equipment, tools, appliances, TV's or lawn mowers.
- Donate broken or unwanted appliances to charitable organizations or find out if a nearby vocational school can use them for student training.
- Offer furniture and household items no longer needed to college students, and friends, or donate to a charity.

Each resident could make an impact on reducing waste generated in our community. If the goal of waste reduction is undertaken with the same determination that recycling was, the goal is attainable.



## Northland Library Activities

Many special activities are scheduled at the Northland Public Library during summer and fall months. Programs scheduled for pre-school and school students include:

**Wild About Reading** — Rewards grade school students with awards for reading up to four books. At the conclusion of the program participants receive passes to the Carnegie, a free paperback book, and a certificate for a free waffle cone, plus more. Dates for the program are from June 12th through August 17th.

**Storytelling** — Summer storytelling for children ages 6 and older, held on Wednesdays, July 10th through August 14th, 10:15 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.



**Read-To-Me Club** — For parents with children who are not yet reading on their own. It offers families the opportunity to read together. Upon completion of the program, children will receive a poster and Certificate of Participation, and passes to the Carnegie. Their names will also be inscribed on the library's Read-To-Me Honor Roll.

**Pre-School Films** — Films for pre-schoolers will be shown on Tuesdays at 10:15 A.M. and 1:15 P.M., July 9th through August 13th.

**Volunteer Fair** — Non-profit organizations from the North Hills area will be present on Saturday, September 7th and 14th, from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. to discuss volunteer opportunities. September 7th will be targeted toward adults; September 14th will be geared to children. The Fair is designed to provide individuals with information they need to choose a volunteer position.

**Used Book Sale** — Thousands of books, records, tapes and comic books — most priced between ten cents and one dollar — will be available during the fall book sale the weekend of October 11, 12, and 13, 1991. There will be a limit of twelve items on October 11th for this evening (6:30 to 8:30 P.M.) only. Sales will continue on Saturday, October 12th from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:30 P.M.

**Library Lottery** — Students in grades 7 through 12, with a current Northland card, are eligible to win prizes in the Library Lottery. Each time a participant reads a book and answers one question about it, he or she receives a ballot which is submitted to possibly win a prize. The more ballots submitted, the greater chance there is to win. Prizes include: A hockey stick autographed by the Penguins, gift certificates, theatre tickets, dinner for two at an area restaurant and a video recording session. Instant winners will also be awarded daily by local businesses.

For more information on these or other library programs, please call 366-8100.



## Down The Drain

What you can't see can hurt you, your neighbors and the Town. The "what" is water — rain water to be exact!

Two types of sewers are installed throughout the Town of McCandless. One, is a system of sanitary sewers carrying waste water (toilets, baths, utility sinks, floor drains, etc.) from houses and buildings. The other type is storm sewers that carry **surface water** from gutters and downspouts, driveway drains, patio and yard drains, etc. When surface water is diverted from storm sewers into sanitary sewers overloading occurs, which leads to big problems.

Problems occur because sanitary sewers, capable of handling waste water generated in the Town, cannot accommodate the additional volumes of surface water causing them to overload. When this happens, sewage can back up into basements of homes. It also overtaxes pumping stations and sewage treatment plants, seriously disrupting their normal operation.

Besides being absorbed directly into the ground, surface water should go to one of two places: (1) directly into a storm sewer, or (2) into a yard sump. Because it is easier and cheaper to connect downspouts and drains to sanitary sewers and vent pipes, some homeowners and plumbers install storm water drains in this manner. The practice is, however, illegal!

Many homeowners are unaware of illegal hook-ups on their properties. Residents can check their's in the following ways:

1. Follow the roof downspouts to ground level. If any enter the vent pipe, they are

## Save The Wildflowers . . . Please!



The wildflowers seen along McCandless roadways just didn't grow there. They were planted by the Town for the enjoyment of all its residents. Unfortunately, some people admired them so much, they have uprooted many for replanting. Their efforts have, however, went for naught because wildflowers cannot be replanted. Those uprooted were doomed to die. So please, admire the flowers, but leave them along the roadside for everyone to enjoy.

illegal and must be changed. (The vent pipe is normally outside, close to the house. It is made of clay, plastic caste iron and has a perforated metal cap.)

2. Run water from a hose into a roof gutter. If the water can be heard through the vent pipe cap, it is connected improperly. (The same method of detection and determination can be made by running water into driveway drains. Locating illegal hook-ups professionally usually involves blowing smoke into a manhole or sanitary sewer and observe smoke emerging from downspouts or storm drains. Dye may also be introduced into the storm water collection system and observed being discharged into a sanitary sewer outlet when hooked up illegally.

Town Council determined that the most efficient and effective means of eliminating illegal storm water and surface water connections to its sanitary sewer system is through a program of dye and/or smoke testing of the properties in the Town of McCandless by a registered and licensed plumber. This test is performed at the time of sale, transfer, assignment mortgaging or refinancing of such properties. Ordinance No. 1049 mandates an official statement from the Town Manager stating that there are no illegal storm or surface water connections into the sanitary sewer system on the specific property being sold, transferred, assigned, mortgages or refinanced.

All persons contemplating disposing or refinancing of property within the Town should obtain full information on this ordinance before making a transaction.

## Why An Ordinance?

It isn't something that occurs in McCandless every day. Nor, does it always result in property loss or injury. It's unfortunate, however, that lack of concern sometimes contributes to the incident. This carelessness involves pet owners permitting their animals to run-at-large.

Motorists react differently when startled by an animal darting onto a roadway. There are really no good courses of action. Veering into another traffic lane is one choice. Another is to stop suddenly and risk a rear-end collision. Still another is to strike the animal. Whatever the course of action — whatever the outcome — if not for someone's disregard for a Town Ordinance, the incident would not have occurred.



The foregoing stresses the importance of the Town's Ordinance regarding pets. The number of resident complaints concerning pets gives evidence of the ordinance being violated. A new amended ordinance provides for the regulation of dogs, cats and other animals; prohibiting the creation and commission of a nuisance; and, provides a penalty for the same. Among other things, it prohibits a pet from defecating on the property of another while being exercised by its owner. Pets must be kept on a leash when off an owner's property. Also, they must be either tethered or in an enclosure while on an owner's property. Dogs must also receive rabies inoculations annually.

## Contacting DPW



Residents wishing to contact the Department of Public Works can do so by dialing direct at 367-0181. This will preclude delays going through the switchboard.

Calls are usually answered personally during normal working hours. After working hours, or when the telephone is unattended, a phone answering system automatically records all calls. Calls are then answered as quickly as possible.

When a call to the DPW is of an emergency nature and the phone is unattended, the caller should then call the Police Department at 364-2250. The DPW Superintendent or a Foreman will then be contacted by the police.

## COUNCIL H

### APRIL 23, 1990

A public hearing was held on an ordinance tentatively identified as Ordinance No. 1030 amending parts of the Building Code of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless. The Town is currently using the 1987 edition of the BOCA Building Code. We update the code every three years when the new one is published.

Ordinance No. 1030 was adopted authorizing the borrowing of \$1.75 million for temporary financing of transportation improvements in the Town. The borrowed money will provide improvements on Duncan Avenue, Duncan Avenue Extension, Cumberland Road, and Babcock Blvd. and will not result in any increased taxation.

A contract was awarded to Jamis Systems, Inc. for installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Thompson Run, Hazlett, and Red Coach Roads at a cost of \$36,231.

Shaul Equipment and Supply Co. was awarded a contract for one tractor/loader/backhoe combination at a net cost of \$18,244 with trade-in, and the purchase of Option #1, 12" heavy duty trenching bucket at a cost of \$500.00.

Wine Construction, Inc. was awarded a contract for the reconstruction and resurfacing of certain Town roads at an estimated cost of \$806,644.34.

Smardt Equipment, Inc. was awarded a contract for two Ford Model 710 leaf loaders at a cost of \$49,880. (The Town will be receiving state funding for this purchase.)

### MAY 29, 1990

Resolution No. 5 was adopted authorizing the Council President and Town Manager to sign a reimbursement agreement among the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Allegheny County and the Town of McCandless for transportation improvements to be performed on various state routes without limitations. It was noted that this is part of the state requirement for a transportation district.

Resolution No. 7, amending Resolution No. 18 of the 1987 Series, revising the paving and grading specifications of the Town of McCandless was adopted. Plastic pipe of a certain or equivalent grade will now be permitted to be used in place of concrete pipe.

The following contracts were awarded: Guttman Oil Co. (diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline). Allegheny Foundry Co. (cast iron frames and grates). Parkedge Excavating (equipment rental with operator). Davison Sand & Gravel Co. (rip rap). Coco Trucking Inc. (gravel). Davison Sand & Gravel Co. (limestone). Keystone Concrete Pipe Co. (reinforced concrete pipe). Northern Industries, Inc. (ID-2 binder course and ID-2 wearing course). Russell Standard Corporation (cold patch).

Resolution No. 8, amending Resolution No. 19 of 1989, was adopted establishing various Town fees and charges.

Because the Northland Public Library Authority Board's meeting dates conflicted with his commitments to attend other meetings, Gerard J. Aufman, Jr. resigned from the Authority. Thomas G. Mohr was appointed to the Board with his term to begin immediately and expire December 31, 1994.

Resolution No. 9 was adopted authorizing the Council President, Town Manager and Chief of Police to sign a Municipal Police Cooperative Agreement with other North Hills municipalities of the North Hills Drug Task Force. The Town officials were also authorized to sign a Police Cooperative Agreement with other North Hills municipalities for participation of the Town of McCandless Police Department in a drug task force.

Ordinance No. 1033 was adopted controlling dust pollution in the Town of McCandless.

### JUNE 25, 1990

A contract was awarded to S. A. Adams Electrical Construction for the purchase of a Liebert Series 300 10 KVA three phase uninterruptible power system at a cost of \$18,350.

Ordinance No. 1034 established the Louise Street water district in the Town of McCandless, authorizing the installation of water lines in the said district, and authorizing the assessment of abutting property owners.

Preliminary and final plat submissions of Charles W. Andre for a subdivision located on Kind Drive was approved with the contingency that there will be no further subdivision of the property.

Ordinance No. 1035 was adopted taking over and accepting as Town roads the roads in the Country Manor Plan of Lots.

### JULY 24, 1990

David P. Mann was appointed as a police officer on the Town of McCandless police department effective August 14, 1990.

## Your Town

### WARD 4

Robert J. Powers, President  
8756 Breezewood Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

### WARD 2

Gerard J. Aufman, Jr. V. Pres.  
9629 Hilliard Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

### WARD 6

Thomas G. Mohr  
1341 Regency Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

### WARD 1

Roger A. A  
8247 Coac  
Allison Par



# IGHLIGHTS

## AUGUST 27, 1990

Resolution No. 10 was adopted authorizing an increase in the credit limit on the Town's Visa charge, from \$1000 to \$2500. It was noted that this was not a blank check and that all expenses are approved each month.

Resolution No. 11, authorizing the filing of an application for funds in the amount of \$100,000 with the Allegheny County Department of Development for the Wittmer Road Drainage Project was adopted.

Resolution No. 12 authorized the filing of an application for funds in the amount of \$9000 with the Allegheny County Department of Development for a Porta Printer and Dialing Machine for the Handicapped.

Resolution No. 13 was adopted agreeing to enter into a maintenance agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the replacement of a stormwater system within the right-of-way of Perrymont Road.

The Town Manager was appointed as the Town's representative to the Allegheny County Recycling Committee. A comment was made stating that it was an honor to have the Town Manager serve on the seven member committee.

Resolution No. 15 was adopted, adopting the Allegheny County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Resolution No. 14, stating the Town of McCandless agrees to adhere to the rules, regulations and training standards established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the training provisions of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Act, Act 120 of 1974, was adopted.

## n Council

### WARD 1

Clifford C. Campbell  
1601 Montgomery Road  
Allison Park, PA 15101

### WARD 3

Harry E. Lyon  
242 Sunset Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

### WARD 5

William R. Griffith  
9040 Perry Knoll Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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Anderson  
Court  
PA 15101

wherein the Town receives money from the state each year which is allocated to the Police Pension Fund and the nonuniformed Employees Pension Fund.

The Town Manager was authorized to sell a used 1988 Dodge Diplomat police car to Clare Hitrick, the highest responsible bidder, for \$3250.99.

The simple subdivision request of William K. Wrenshall, III for property located off McCutchen Avenue was approved.

## NOVEMBER 26, 1990

The Town Manager was authorized to sell two used Dodge Diplomat police cars to James Goodwin, the highest responsible bidder, for \$821.00 each.

The simple subdivision request of Chambers Vukich Associates for property located on Blazier Drive was approved.

Robert J. Amelio's simple subdivision request for property located on West Ingomar Road was approved. It was noted that a revision was adding the metes and bounds to the remainder of Camelot, that the purpose of this request was to provide the subdivision which includes the structure belonging to the Camelot Plan of Lots.

After much discussion, the simple subdivision request of Cecelia A. Kittering of a two story brick and aluminum duplex located on Elaine Drive was approved.

## SEPTEMBER 24, 1990

Ordinance No. 1036 was adopted by amending Ordinance 704 (Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless) prohibiting parking by establishing a fire lane along both sides of Forest Oaks Drive and the northern side of Forest Edge Court.

Ordinance No. 1037, rescinding Ordinance No. 940, which imposed a 16 ton weight limit on the old Perry Highway Bridge, was adopted as the weight limit is no longer necessary since bridge repairs were made.

The following contracts were awarded: International Salt Company (rock salt); Sal Chemical Co., Inc. (calcium chloride Type I flake); Calcium Chloride Sales, Inc. (liquid calcium chloride); and, Duquesne Light Company (cinders).

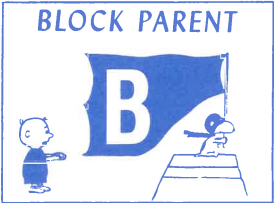
## OCTOBER 22, 1990

October, being Fire Prevention Month, was an appropriate time to acknowledge the service of the Town's fire companies in making it a safer place in which to live, and to recognize some individual services to the community. 5 YEARS (Peebles Fire Co.) Dennis DiGiacoma, Sr., Dennis DiGiacoma, Jr., Scott Jacobs, William Schaefer, and Kevin Schweiger. (Highland Fire Co.) Carl Pierson. 10 YEARS (Peebles Fire Co.) Whit Cadman, P. J. Nye, Greg Potts, and Homer Wane. (Ingomar Fire Co.) James Elser and Scott Fanks. (Highland Fire Co.) Robert Jeke, William Legler and Kenneth Paytas. 15 YEARS (Peebles Fire Co.) Jeff Berneberg, (Ingomar Fire Co.) David Didinger and Greg Quatchak.

Resolution No. 16 was adopted authorizing the allocation of general municipal pension system aid. This is a standard procedure

# Block Parent Program

A program to assist in child safety has been in effect in McCandless for about 20 years. Called the Block Parent Program, it's endorsed by Acting Police Chief Ralph LeDonne and administered by Youth Aid Officer James Miller.



The program is based upon parents, in areas where school children go to and from bus stops, volunteering their homes as places of refuge and protection in cases of emergency. Such emergencies may be: sudden illness, menacing by dogs, bad falls, bullies or, strangers in the area. Children are instructed that in emergencies, they can go to a volunteer house displaying a "Block Parent" poster with confidence. Block Parent instructions, plus Police Department and School telephone numbers are printed on the reverse side of each poster.

Since volunteer homes are the backbone of this child safety program, parents are being asked to participate. Those interested are requested to call Officer Miller at 364-2250. (Parents already in the program can call for new posters if they are needed.)

# "Peddlers; Transient Vendors" Ordinance

An ordinance was adopted to better regulate practices of peddlers and transient vendors doing business in the Town of McCandless. The ordinance addresses concern for vendors operating in Town's rights-of-way as well as ample regulations being in place for a vendor operating on commercial property. Peddlers (hucksters) may not conduct sales of goods including solicitations or taking of orders whether verbal or written no closer than 10 feet off of the paved cartway, and are prohibited from conducting business on any portion of any Town right-of-way and must have written notarized permission from the property owner.

Permit fees have been increased to fifty dollars (\$50.00) a day or two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per year. Also, those doing business in the Town are subject to the same business privilege tax paid by all other businesses. They must also report the volume of business done in the Town when leaving for another location.

## This 'n That

**Fire Hydrants** — The Town Fire Marshal would like to remind residents that any fire hydrant on their property should be easily seen and easily accessible. This means that any shrubs, bushes and/or over-growth completely or partially obscuring a hydrant should be trimmed accordingly.

**House Identification** — House numbers should be clearly visible on both sides of mail boxes and/or prominently displayed on house fronts. The latter is particularly important where mail boxes are placed remotely from houses. Emergency personnel depend upon quick identification of residences when responding to calls.



**Open Burning** — Summer can be one of the busiest times for volunteer firemen because of the brush fires they are called upon to extinguish. Many are caused by outdoor burning. The practice can be destructive, dangerous, a nuisance to neighbors, but of great importance: **IT IS AGAINST THE LAW!** Town of McCandless and Allegheny County Ordinances ban the burning of trash and other materials that emit smoke directly into the open air. This includes the open burning of trash, wood, paper, cardboard, leaves, rubbish and debris. Under County Air Pollution Codes, a violator can be fined up to \$1,000 for each offense and \$300 for each offense under the Town Fire Code.



**Winter Scorecard** — Although winter's snowfall was less than average, it still required manpower and resources to keep Town roads and streets safe to travel. Department of Public Works crews were called upon 54 times to salt, cinder and/or plow, requiring 1,539 regular time manhours and 882 overtime hours. Materials used included: 4,040 tons of salt at a cost of \$104,554 and 4,755 gallons of liquid calcium chloride costing \$2,567.

**Maintenance Garage** — Construction is well underway on an addition to the Department of Public Works garage located adjacent to the Town Hall. When completed, in August or September, it will double the area now used for storage of vehicles and equipment maintenance of all Town vehicles and equipment.

## Council Highlights (Continued)

The site plan application of North Hills Passavant Hospital for expansion of the hospital and professional building and a new office/storage facility was approved.

Ordinance No. 1038 was adopted establishing a no parking zone on both sides of Arcadia Drive from its intersection with Perry Highway eastwardly for a distance of 470 feet.

Ordinance No. 1039, restricting the weight of various vehicles traveling on Old Perry Highway from its intersection with McKnight Road across from Pine Creek Plaza to its intersection with Perry Highway at or near the Ingomar Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 substation to ten (10) tons, was adopted.

A contract was awarded to Traffic Systems & Services for the installation of a traffic signal upgrade at the intersection of Cumberland Road and Perry Highway at a cost of \$61,985.00.

### DECEMBER 17, 1990

Ordinance No. 1040 was adopted setting the Real Estate Tax rate for 1991 and other revenue sources and setting certain appropriations for the 1991 calendar year. It was stated that there would be no Real Estate Tax increase in 1991.

Ordinance No. 1041, amending Ordinance No. 1020 appropriating certain monies for fiscal year 1990, was adopted.

Council made the following reappointments: Thomas M. Lechner to the McCandless Industrial Development Authority with the term to commence January 1, 1991 and expire December 31, 1995; and Harold L. Shafer to the Town of McCandless Personnel Board with the term to commence January 1, 1991 and expire December 31, 1993.

The request of Michael K. Redman for the proposed construction of a six-bay self-serve car wash to be located at 1400 Wildwood Road was approved with contingencies.

Council made the following reappointments: Hayes C. Stover to the Town of McCandless Zoning Hearing Board with the term to commence January 1, 1991 and expire December 31, 1993; John P. Auld to the McCandless Franklin Park Ambulance Authority with the term to commence January 1, 1991 and expire December 31, 1995; and John D. Braught to the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority with the term to commence January 1, 1991 and expire December 31, 1995.

### JANUARY 28, 1991

The site plan application of LaRoche College for construction of a sports and fitness center and President's house was approved contingent upon LaRoche College being committed to a traffic study to be conducted after the construction has been completed for six months and with the knowledge LaRoche College may be asked to provide additional road improvements.

Ordinance No. 1036, establishing a fire lane on Forest Oaks Drive and Forest Edge Court, was rescinded with the adoption of Ordinance No. 1043. Ordinance No. 1044 was then adopted establishing a no parking zone on both sides of Forest Oaks Drive for its entire length, and along the northern outer side of Forest Edge Court for its entire length.

### FEBRUARY 25, 1991

The request of McBell Realty for a three lot subdivision of property located on Blazier Drive was approved.

An extension of the land development time constraints for property located off Perry Highway until February 24, 1992, requested by Northway Christian Community, was approved.

Ordinance No. 1045, establishing a fire lane at the Community College North facility located at 8701 Perry Highway, was adopted.

Ordinance No. 1046 established a stop sign at the intersection of Kummer Road and Green Brier Drive.

The Town Manager stated that residents should receive a rebate for the sale of recyclable materials sold on bills received for the next quarter.

### MARCH 4, 1991

Ordinance No. 1048 was adopted charging and assessing the cost of the installation of water lines in the Louise Street Water District on the owners of properties abutting the said water lines by an equal assessment (\$20.25 on a front foot basis); directing the collection of said assessments; and, providing for the filing of municipal claims. A public hearing was held on the ordinance on February 25th.

Ordinance No. 1049, requiring dye and/or smoke testing of downspouts and stormwater systems at the time of sale, transfer, assignment, mortgaging or refinancing of any real estate property in the Town of McCandless, was adopted. A public hearing was held on this ordinance on February 25th.

Resolution No. 6 was adopted commending all the men and women of our armed forces serving in Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf.

### APRIL 22, 1991

Ordinance No. 1053 was adopted authorizing the construction of an addition to the Town of McCandless Public Works building and award contracts for the same. Contracts were awarded to: Platts Brothers, Inc., general contractor (\$535,500); Matuszak Electric, electrical contract (\$77,108); W. G. Tomko & Son, plumbing contract (\$42,600); Knoechel Heating Company, heating, ventilating and air conditioning contract (\$71,756); and, All-Systems Fire Protection Co., installation of fire sprinkler systems (\$28,782).

Ordinance No. 1055 amending Article 305 of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless entitled, "Peddlers; Transient Vendors." (See separate article in this issue of the Town Crier.)



## Police Report



**Crime Prevention** — Sit back and relax. It's summertime and, as the words of a favorite song go, "The livin' is easy."

But while you enjoy the warmth and comfort of the season, and all its attendant activities, McCandless Crime Prevention Officer, Detective Gary Anderson reminds all residents that warm weather can also mean increased criminal activity. And, those who prey on the unwary look forward to many opportunities the careless may present.

Doors, windows and garages left unlocked while running errands are open invitations to sneak burglars. Tools and equipment left outdoors can be taken very quickly by roving thieves. Partially open car windows makes auto theft from parking lots more easily perpetrated. Leaving on vacation without notifying the police department of your intended absence will mean your home is less protected than it should be.

McCandless police officers don't want anything to lessen summer's pleasures, so they advise all residents to exercise care in preventing crime in our neighborhoods. Prevent the loss of personal property by taking extra care in making homes as crime-proof as possible. Also, be even more alert in noticing persons or activities

suspicious in nature. If you do, call the Police Department immediately at 364-2250. Nothing is too seemingly unimportant to report. It's a very key element in effective crime prevention. Be careful of your property and watchful of your neighbor's. Then enjoy a summer you'll long remember with only the most pleasant of memories.

**Sight Obstruction** — Police Chief Ralph LeDonne wishes to remind all property owners of their responsibility that motorists' line-of-sight is not obstructed by foliage of trees, bushes, shrubs or other growths on their property. Overgrowths can pose a real safety problem to drivers and pedestrians and, unfortunately, it is a recurring problem and an increasing insurance liability. Anyone knowing of a street or intersection where the view of traffic or pedestrians is obstructed by trees or other growths is asked to notify the police department. They will advise the owner of their responsibility and allow ten (10) days for the condition to be corrected. If the property owner fails to do, the Town will clear the obstruction and charge the owner for the costs involved.

The Town's codified ordinances call for a fine of up to \$300.00 per day for each day a sight obstruction is not corrected. Please do your part in making McCandless a safer community in which to live.

**Pavilion Reservations** — Picnic pavilions at Devlin and Wall Memorial Parks can be reserved by McCandless residents or groups of residents by obtaining a permit at the Town Hall. This will give a permit holder exclusive use of the facility on the date specified. A \$50.00 deposit is required when obtaining a permit. This may be refunded depending upon the condition of the pavilion after use. At times when the facilities are not being used by a permit holder, the pavilions can be used by any resident.

**Recreation Program** — Summer recreation programs are conducted at Espe, Hosack, and Bradford Woods Elementary Schools, Carson and Ingomar Middle Schools, and Warrendale Park. (Swimming lessons are conducted in the North Allegheny High School.) Program notices and registration forms are distributed in all schools. Students may participate at any location of their choice. Those not signed up prior to the ending of the school term may do so at any recreation center.

**Noise** — Complaints about noise is high on the list of residents' calls to the Town Hall. Many are about early morning noise upsetting the tranquility of a neighborhood. Although thinking as a good neighbor — and acting like a good neighbor — should preclude the necessity of complaints, a Town ordinance was enacted to regulate noise. It prohibits all unnecessary noise before 9:00 A.M. prevailing time. The time constraint is still early enough to get a headstart on the day and contribute to good relationship in the neighborhood.

**Gulf War** — *Pride, shared by the entire community, for McCandless residents who served in Operation Desert Storm is reflected in the Resolution adopted by Town Council on June 24th. It recognizes their dedication to duty and willing sacrifice to serve their country.*

*To make sure this honor is long remembered, Council will send each participant a personal copy of the Resolution. Family members are asked to submit names of residents who served in the Gulf War to the Town Council at the Town Hall.*

## This 'n That



**Fireworks Illegal** — Those old enough to remember the "old fashioned" 4th of July celebrations may also remember the hazards of severe burns and other injuries all from handling fireworks. Laws have now been passed to make celebrating our nation's independence a safe and joyous occasion. Town of McCandless ordinances make it illegal to sell at retail, or USE or EXPLODE any firework within the Town. This ordinance encompasses all devices of combustible or explosive composition, including "sparklers." Violators are subject to fines of \$300.00 for each offense under the Town Fire Code.

**Leaf Disposal** — This is a reminder that leaves are no longer picked up by the Town's refuse collector. They are removed by Department of Public Works crews when leaves are raked to curbside. The pickup service runs Monday through Friday from October 21st through November 30th. (Leaves will not be picked up on the following Town-scheduled holidays: November 5th and 28th.) Residents living on State, County, Town collector and



private roads where traffic, vehicle speed or lack of curbs precludes the use of leaf loading equipment must bag leaves for pickup. (Biodegradable bags, designed for this purpose, are available at the Town Hall or through the Lions Club in bundles of 25 bags at a cost of 15¢ each.) Pick up is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, November 2, 9, 16 and 23. Starting time is 7:00 A.M. on each day. Residents can call the Town Hall (364-0616) or Public Works (367-0181) if they are unsure whether or not their leaves should be bagged.

**Have a Safe  
and Happy**



# Road Improvement Program

The good state-of-being of the roads and streets in McCandless is the result of ongoing, comprehensive maintenance programs. This year, 38 roadways are scheduled for improvements.

Wine Construction, Inc. received this year's contract for the project. The cost estimate is \$806,644.34. Scheduled roads and streets include:



STREET	FROM	TO	STREET	FROM	TO
Aldenford Drive	Whitley Drive	E. Arcadia Drive	Lincoln Blvd.	Dead End	Harmony Pkwy.
Amaryllis Drive	Aldenford Drive	Glenellen Drive	Locust Road	Kaylor Road	Parking Lot
Bellcrest Road	West Ingomar	Pine Creek	Louise Street	Perrymont Road	East Sandle Ave.
Crest Road	Reichold Road	Westvue Drive	Louisville Drive	N. Florence Drive	Highland Road
Crest Road	Kaylor Road	Manor Road	Madison Place	Turn Around	Madison Street
Cromwell Drive	Cumberland Road	Guenevere Drive	Madison Street	Lincoln Blvd.	Madison Street
E. Arcadia Drive	Dead End	McKnight Road	Manor Road	Crest Road	Locust Road
Foxcroft Lane	Ferguson Road	Turn Around	Menold Drive	Post Road	Wallace Road
Glen Manor Road	Highland Road	Dead End	N. Florence Drive	Turn Around	Plan Line
Glenellen Drive	Dead End	E. Arcadia Drive	Old Perry Hwy.	House #10136	Perry Highway
Grubbs Road	Reichold Road	Town Line	Pannier Road	Cumberland Road	Guenevere Drive
Guenevere Drive	Cumberland Road	Perry Highway	Plateau Drive	Cumberland Road	Rosalind Drive
Harmony Drive	Dead End	Woodland Road	Post Road	Ferguson Road	Turn Around
Heather Place	Plateau Drive	Lancelot Road	Rinaman Road	Willow Drive	Blum Avenue
Hillvue Lane	NAIHS	Perry Highway	Rosalind Road	Glenellen Drive	Lancelot Drive
Kaylor Road	Locust Road	Harmony Road	Saginaw Drive	Cumberland Road	Guenevere Drive
Lancelot Drive	Cumberland Road	Turn Around	Terrace Drive	Harmony Pkwy.	Highland Road
Landau Court	Landau Drive	Turn Around	Westvue Drive	Crest Road	Landau Road
Landau Drive	Reichold Drive	Westvue Drive	Whitley Drive	Babcock Blvd.	Glenellen Drive

While street and road improvements are underway, the Department of Public Works personnel will replace or install over 6,000 feet of storm drain pipe within the Town.

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