



Town of McCandless

2018 Calendar

Town Directory

TOWN HALL 412-364-0616
 Administration Ext. 0
 Building/Fire Office Ext. 128
 Planning and Zoning Ext. 129
 Public Works Department Ext. 184
 Tax Office Ext. 127

POLICE EMERGENCY 911
 Police Administration 412-369-7992

FIRE EMERGENCY 911
 Highland Non-Emergency 412-366-3473
 Ingomar Main Station Non-Emergency 412-364-3571
 Ingomar North Station Non-Emergency 724-935-5131
 Peebles Non-Emergency 412-364-2112

AMBULANCE EMERGENCY 911
 McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority 412-367-5883

McCandless Township Sanitary Authority (MTSA)

Administrative Offices 412-366-2700
 Billing Department 412-366-8481
 Development 412-366-3420

WEST VIEW WATER AUTHORITY 412-931-3292

NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY 412-366-8100

KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS GROUP 724-978-0300

WASTE MANAGEMENT (Trash and Recycling) 1-800-866-4460

LOCAL/COUNTY
 County Representative Cindy Kirk 412-350-6530
 District Judge The Honorable William K. Wagner 412-366-2221

STATE LEGISLATORS
 State Representative Mike Turzai (28th District) 412-369-2230
 State Senator Randy Vulakovich (40th District) 412-487-6600

U.S. CONGRESS
 Congressman Keith Rothfus (12th District) 412-837-1361

McCandless Town Hall
 9955 Grubbs Road
 Wexford, PA 15090

www.townofmccandless.org

Hours of Operation

Administrative/Tax Offices:

Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Police Department:

Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 (NOTE: an officer can be reached 24 hours a day)

Building/Zoning/Fire Marshal:

Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Public Works:

Mon-Fri 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center:

Wed-Fri 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
 Sat-Sun 1 to 4 p.m.

Town Parks:

Annually from April 1 to November 1



Check us out on the 'Book

@townofmccandless
 @McCandlessPoliceDepartment



Town Council

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 ward7@townofmccandless.org
 724-443-7598

LeDonne's decades of service to McCandless come to an end



Ralph LeDonne in 2017

in local schools, with topics ranging from pedestrian and bicycle safety to combatting drug use and delinquency. He was a driving force behind the Block Parent program.

Mr. LeDonne was promoted to lieutenant in 1973, and was given command of a patrol shift. He was responsible for the school crossing guards and the operation of the dispatch center.

In 1987, he was promoted to Chief of Police, a position from which he retired from in 1997.

A lifelong McCandless resident, Mr. LeDonne was elected to Town Council in 2005, representing Ward 6.

He served as the chairman of the Recreation Committee and Services Committee. He currently serves as chairman of the Public Safety Committee.

We wish him well as his council term concludes, and thank him for his many years of selfless service.

At the end of 2017, Ralph LeDonne will be capping off 45 years of service to the Town of McCandless.

Mr. LeDonne's work here started in 1964, when he joined the McCandless Police Department as a patrol officer.

He served as the department's juvenile officer for several years. Mr. LeDonne presented numerous programs

in local schools, with topics ranging from pedestrian and bicycle safety to combatting drug use and delinquency. He was a driving force behind the Block Parent program.



Ralph LeDonne in 1987

Councilman Jerry Aufman retires after 44 years



Jerry Aufman in 1984

When Gerard J. Aufman Jr. was sworn into McCandless Town Council in January 1974, he thought he only would serve for 8 years.

"I never thought I'd stay this long," Mr. Aufman said. "But there was always something I wanted to see achieved or get accomplished."

As the President of the Ingomar Volunteer Fire Company, he had some concerns regarding road and safety issues within the Town. This is what initially drove him to run for Council.

Mr. Aufman, who represented Ward 2, was appointed to the Recreation Committee, with a task of convincing the board of commissioners to build what we now know as "Devlin Park."

Mr. Aufman applied for and was awarded a matching grant from the state Department of Community Affairs totaling \$25,000. The Town chose to match the award in services, having the Public Works Department construct the picnic shelter, playground, baseball/softball field and basketball and tennis courts.

In addition to building Devlin Park, Mr. Aufman also had a hand in acquiring property for Vestal Park, its expansion and amassing 200 total acres of recreation land and greenspace.

Beyond his duties as Chairman of the Recreation Committee, he made safety and roads a priority by seeing to it that 26 miles of Town roads were methodically modernized without raising taxes or borrowing money.

He later served as Council Vice President for many years. In 2015, he became Council President.

"I would, without a doubt, do it all over again. It's been very rewarding to see the Town grow and acquire property for future generations, prevent flooding of roads by stormwater management and build roads properly and keep them maintained. We do this while having one of the lowest tax rates in the county. That's quite a feat," Mr. Aufman said.

In July 2017, Mr. Aufman was named the Western Pennsylvania Township Commissioner of the Year by the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, and also was honored by the association for his decades of service as a Town Council member.

Many thanks to you, Mr. Aufman, for your decades of dedicated service!

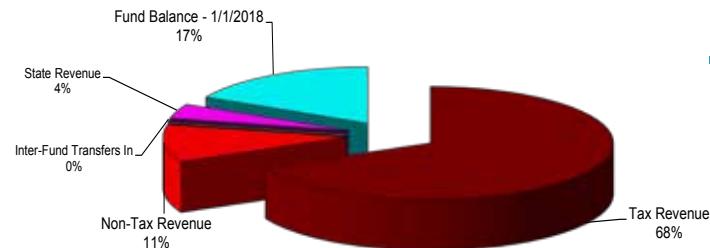


Jerry Aufman in 2017

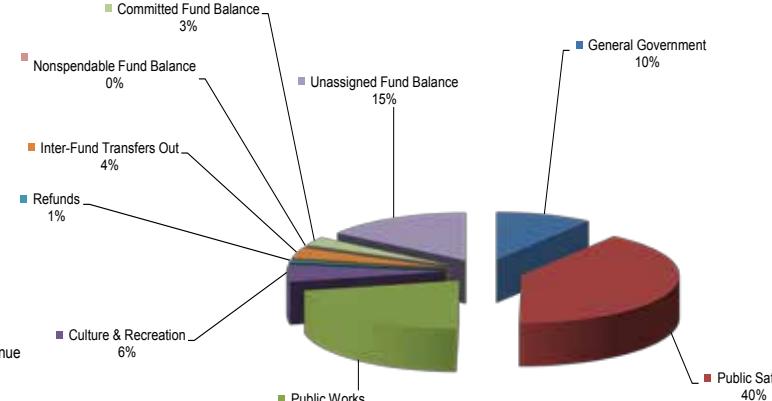
2018 Town of McCandless Proposed Budget

REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	ASSESSMENT FUND	STATE HIGHWAY AID FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Tax Revenue	12,287,000	0	0	0	0	12,287,000
Non-Tax Revenue	1,936,700	5,700	22,000	7,000	1,600	1,973,000
Inter-Fund Transfers In	0	0	1,771,300	0	0	1,771,300
Assessments	0	124,700	0	65,000	0	189,700
Federal Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Revenue	755,800	0	0	0	886,800	1,642,600
Fund Balance 1/1/2017	3,134,687	372,659	4,264,074	782,198	0	8,553,618
TOTAL	18,114,187	503,059	6,057,374	854,198	888,400	26,417,218
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	1,805,300	0	95,000	0	0	1,900,300
Public Safety	7,299,000	0	0	0	0	7,299,000
Public Works	3,874,300	81,000	4,086,400	391,000	0	8,432,700
Culture & Recreation	1,042,700	0	125,000	0	0	1,167,700
Refunds	137,000	0	0	0	0	137,000
Inter-Fund Transfers Out	668,200	124,700	0	0	888,400	1,681,300
<i>Fund Balance 12/31/2017:</i>						
Nonspendable	30,000	0	0	0	0	30,000
Committed Fund Balance	510,000	297,359	1,750,974	463,198	0	3,021,531
Unassigned Fund Balance	2,747,687	0	0	0	0	2,747,687
TOTAL	18,114,187	503,059	6,057,374	854,198	888,400	26,417,218

Revenues



Expenditures



Handy environmental tips from the Environmental Advisory Committee

Conserve energy by turning down the thermostat a couple of degrees in the house and on the water heater, and turning off unused lights and computers.

Not only will this lower your energy bills, but energy production from coal, oil and natural gas is one of the leading causes of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change.

December 2017

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January

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	1 New Year's Day (Offices Closed) <i>Refuse/Recycling collection will be one day later this week</i>	2 Town Council's Organization Mtg 8:00 Christmas Tree Recy- cling Pickup begins	3 Planning Commission 7:30	4	5	6
7 Orthodox Christmas Day	8 Zoning and Finance Committee Meetings 7:30	9	10 Environmental Advisory Committee 7:30	11	12	13
14 Orthodox New Year	15 MLK Day (Offices Open) Agenda Review Mtg 7:30 <i>4th quarter Earned Income Tax deadline</i>	16	17	18	19 Christmas Tree Recycling Pickup ends	20 JVS Environmental E-Waste Collection Event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
21	22 Council's Regular Business Meeting 7:30	23	24	25 Zoning Hearing Board 7:30	26	27
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Get the facts about your taxes

Business Privilege Tax

The tax return and payment are due on May 15 by 7 p.m. The tax office will accept returns as timely if postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before the due date. All returns postmarked after the due date will be considered late and subject to penalty and interest.

Local Service Tax

Keystone Collections Group collects the local services tax for the Town. This tax applies to any individual who works in the Town at any time during the calendar year, and the rate is \$52 per calendar year.

The tax is withheld by employers and forwarded on a quarterly basis. If you are self-employed or receive compensation for which taxes are not withheld, then you should forward \$13 per quarter.

Earned Income and Net Profits Tax

Keystone Collections Group collects the earned income and net profits tax for both the Town and the North Allegheny School District for all residents of McCandless. The tax is based on salaries, wages, and net profits earned throughout the year, and is due and payable in quarterly installments.

You can contact Keystone by phone: 724-978-0300; mail: 546 Wendel Road, Irwin, PA 15642; or online: keystonecollects.com.

Under the law, employers are required to have Certificate of Residence forms on file for their employees. When filling out the form, please note that the Town of McCandless PSD code is 710704.

Per Capita Tax

The Town also collects the per capita tax for the

North Allegheny School District. This tax applies to all residents of the Town of McCandless over the age of 21. The rate is \$10 per person, per fiscal year, which runs from July 1 through June 30.

The tax for the 2018–2019 school year will be included on your real estate tax bill if you own and occupy a home in the Town. Renters will receive a separate bill in early July.

Real Estate Tax

The Town collects the real estate tax for both the municipality and the North Allegheny School District for all properties located within the confines of the Town. The tax is calculated by multiplying the tax rate by the assessed value of your home or property.

It is important that you pay your tax by the due dates below, even if you have filed an appeal with Allegheny County. Once a deadline passes, the higher amount must be paid, even if you win your appeal. In addition, failure to pay your tax by December 31 may result in a lien being placed against your property.

Drop Box Procedures

Please note that tax payments placed in the drop box or hand delivered before 7 p.m. are accepted as being timely for the following tax deadlines: May 15 (Business Privilege Tax), September 4 (Real Estate Tax at discount), and November 2 (Real Estate Tax at face).

2018 Real Estate Tax Due Dates:

- July 2: Real estate tax bills for 2018 will be mailed
- September 4: Last day to pay 2018 real estate taxes at the 2% discount amount (tax office open until 7 p.m.)



- November 2: Last day to pay 2018 real estate taxes at the face amount (tax office open until 7 p.m.)
- December 31: Last day to pay 2018 real estate taxes before they become delinquent

If you choose to take advantage of the installment payment program, the due dates for 2017 follow:

- September 4: First installment due
- November 2: Second installment due
- December 31: Third installment due

Landlord Tenant Listing

Are you aware that if you are a landlord, you are required to disclose the following information? Pursuant to Section 329.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless and Act 511 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all owners of rental property within the Town of McCandless shall submit the name and address of all persons occupying such property within 15 days of occupancy. The list shall include all tenants, regardless of whether their names appear on the lease. The Tenant Listing form is available at townofmccandless.org.

More tips from the Environmental Advisory Committee

Burn dry wood in your fireplace.

Wet wood burns incompletely and releases more pollutants into the air. Not only does this smoke end up drifting toward your neighbors, but it can settle around your own house and be drawn back into your home. Respiratory diseases (like asthma) are a serious and growing health threat, and tiny particulates and pollution in wood smoke are among the causes.

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4	5 Public Safety, Services, Public Works, Recreation Committee Meetings 7:30	6 Planning Commission 7:30	7	8	9	10
11	12 Zoning and Finance Committee Meetings 7:30	13	14 Valentine's Day 15 Environmental Advisory Committee 7:30	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day (Offices Closed) 	20	21	22 Zoning Hearing Board 7:30	23	24
25	26 Council's Regular Business Meeting 7:30	27	28			

Town of McCandless Tree Planting Program

The Town of McCandless is initiating a tree planting program in 2018 to encourage residents and businesses to report the planting of trees on their property.

This will allow for more tree canopy cover in the Town, helping to reduce stormwater runoff (actions like these also reduce stormwater pollution because trees take up nutrients and pollutants through their root systems).

The Town will tabulate the number of trees planted within a 5-year period (starting March 1, 2018) to determine how much sediment has been removed from its stormwater (with a little help from the state DEP guidelines).

Long story short, if you are thinking of planting trees on your property, try to hold off until March. If you just can't wait (the allure of placing saplings in the ground can be intoxicating to some), start the planting now, but don't finish turning the soil until March 1 — then it counts!

If you plant trees during the 5-year period, send an e-mail to ms4@townofmccandless.org to report your good deed.



The EAC loves this page (so here's some more tips)

In winter/spring cleaning, use the least hazardous product to do the job; assess your needs and read the labels.

Especially in winter months, your house is closed and more airtight. Toxic products can concentrate fumes in the air you breathe and harm your health. Young children can be especially vulnerable to these effects. Water down your drain also carries residues from your home, and many harsh household chemicals are not removed by sewage treatment or septic systems.

Instead of harsh chemicals, consider using safer cleaning products such as baking soda and vinegar. Use baking soda to scrub. Vinegar makes good window cleaner (mix 1/4 cup with 1 quart warm water).

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				1 Opening Day for Park Pavilion Permits	2	3
4	5	6 Planning Commission 7:30	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins <i>Turn the clock ahead one hour, and remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms</i>	12 Council's Committee Meetings 7:30 Yard Waste collection begins	13	14 Environmental Advisory Committee 7:30	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 
18	19 Agenda Review Meeting 7:30	20 First Day of Spring 	21	22 Zoning Hearing Board 7:30	23	24
25	26 Council's Regular Business Meeting 7:30	27	28	29	30 Good Friday (Offices Closed) First Day of Passover	31

Welcome aboard, K9 Officer Joy!



Please welcome to the Town of McCandless Police Department its brand new K9 officer, Joy. He is a German Shepherd from Holland. Sgt. Bryan Madden is Joy's handler.

Joy's first day on the job was Monday, November 13, 2017. He underwent about 12 weeks of training, including six weeks with Sgt. Madden.

With Joy on board, he will be able to assist the department with things such as drug searches, finding missing persons and seeking crime suspects. Additionally, Joy is all set to visit schools and do other community policing initiatives.

The Environmental Advisory Committee officially recognizes that spring has sprung (really, what can we say except you're welcome?)

That means it's time to think about mowing your lawn again (sorry). Service your power equipment, lawnmower, grass trimmer, and/or leaf and grass blower. Change the oil, replace the spark plugs and change the air filters. This will make your equipment run more efficiently and reduce pollutants.

If you need a general relaxation tip (and who doesn't), try watching the sun set sometime. During April, the sun sets roughly between 7:45 and 8:15 p.m. (to boost your mood, keep track and recognize that we gain more than an hour of daylight through the month of April.)

Chief DiSanti welcomes Joy on his first day on duty



Joy trains with Sgt. Madden



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April

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1 Easter Sunday 	2	3 Planning Commission 7:30	4	5	6	7
8	9 Council's Committee Meetings 7:30	10	11 Environmental Advisory Committee 7:30	12	13	14
15	16 Agenda Review Meeting 7:30	17 <i>Final 2017 Earned Income Tax due</i> <i>1st quarter Earned Income Tax deadline</i>	18	19	20	21
22 Earth Day 	23 Council's Regular Business Meeting 7:30	24	25	26 Zoning Hearing Board 7:30	27	28
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Care to stay in touch?

Count all the ways you can keep up with what is going on in the Town of McCandless



The Town's website:

www.townofmccandless.org

- Features news, events, meeting agendas, minutes, helpful links



The Town's Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/townofmccandless

- News, events, agendas, links, other helpful information



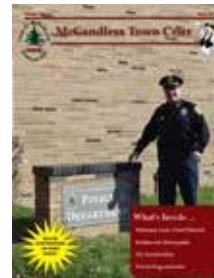
All Town Council meetings are recorded and placed on the McCandless [YouTube channel](#) the morning after the meetings take place.

Other informational videos are published on the channel, as well. Go to the Town website and look for the "Meeting Videos" link under the Popular Pages column on the left side of the homepage. There, you will find links to recent meetings as well as a link to the Town's YouTube channel (where all videos the Town has published can be found).

Ever think about alternatives to lawn chemicals? The EAC has

If you use a lawn service, do they have an organic alternative to the normal products that they apply to your lawn? Many do, but you have to ask that they use an organic method to treat your lawn. Check their websites or talk to the technician when they make their next application.

If you treat your own lawn, purchase the organic products instead of the ones with pesticides and other chemicals that are dangerous to the environment. They may be a bit more expensive, but what is the price of the well-being of your children, pets and our environment?



The [Town Crier](#) newsletter/magazine comes to you directly by mail in April and August, and also is available on the Town's website (some back issues, too)



[McCMail™](#) (e-newsletter) comes out once per month. News and events will be sent directly to your inbox! Sign up on the Town's website (look for the sign-up on the right side of the home page).



The Savvy Citizen app:

Available at

<https://savvycitizenapp.com>

- Available for Apple and Android smartphones, as well as regular computer users. Get news and events quickly and easily (and you can opt in to get news from some other local municipalities if you choose)

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		1 Planning Commission 7:30	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Environmental Advisory Committee 7:30	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14 Council's Committee Meetings 7:30	15 First Day of Ramadan <i>Deadline to file and pay 2018 Business Privilege Tax is 7 p.m.</i>	16	17	18	19 Armed Forces Day
20	21 Council's Regular Business Meeting 7:30	22	23	24 Zoning Hearing Board 7:30	25	26
27	28  Memorial Day (Offices Closed) <i>Refuse/Recycling collection will be one day later this week</i>	29	30	31		

IS IT RECYCLABLE, OR NOT?



PIZZA BOXES

NOT RECYCLABLE

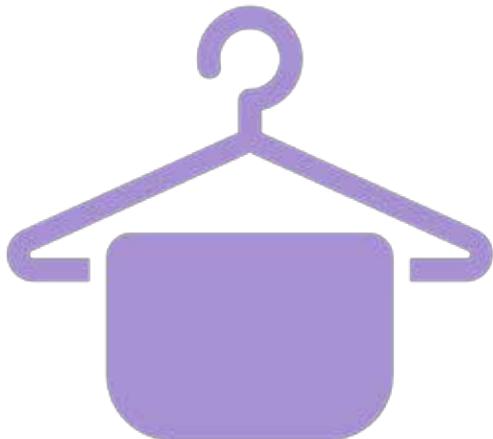
Pizza boxes are contaminated by grease (sweet, liquid gold grease, but grease nonetheless).



PYREX DISHES

NOT RECYCLABLE

These have been tempered to withstand the heat of an oven. This process makes these dishes unrecyclable.



PLASTIC HANGERS

NOT RECYCLABLE

It can be hard to tell exactly what plastic these hangers are made of, so they generally are not considered to be recyclable. The key is to reuse these. Additionally, many dry cleaners will collect them if you have them.



PAPER COFFEE CUPS

NOT RECYCLABLE

The most common types have a “low density polyethylene plastic” coating inside (which keeps the cup from falling apart, but prevents it from being recycled).



HARDCOVER BOOKS

RECYCLABLE

However, you have to remove the covers and the binding, which is a process not for the faint of heart. I encourage you to sell or donate your old books instead.

Making it easier to get rid of stuff, brought to you by the McCandless EAC

There is no dumping permitted in McCandless unless the property owner gives you specific permission and/or it is a permitted dumping site. So, how can we be more diligent when discarding debris from projects?

1. You can hire a private hauler to take debris away. This includes the waste hauler contracted by the Town (currently Waste Management). There may be additional fees involved in using the contracted hauler.
2. You can haul the debris yourself to an authorized site that accepts the type of materials you are disposing.
3. You can donate materials that still are useful to different organizations.

Also, June? This is the month to go strawberry picking (manganese!)

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3	4	5 Planning Commission 7:30	6	7	8	9
10	11 Council's Committee Meetings 7:30	12	13 Environmental Advisory Committee 7:30	14 Flag Day	15	16
17 Father's Day	18 Agenda Review Meeting 7:30	19	20	21 First Day of Summer 	22	23
24	25 Council's Regular Business Meeting 7:30	26	27	28 Zoning Hearing Board 7:30	29	30

The McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center

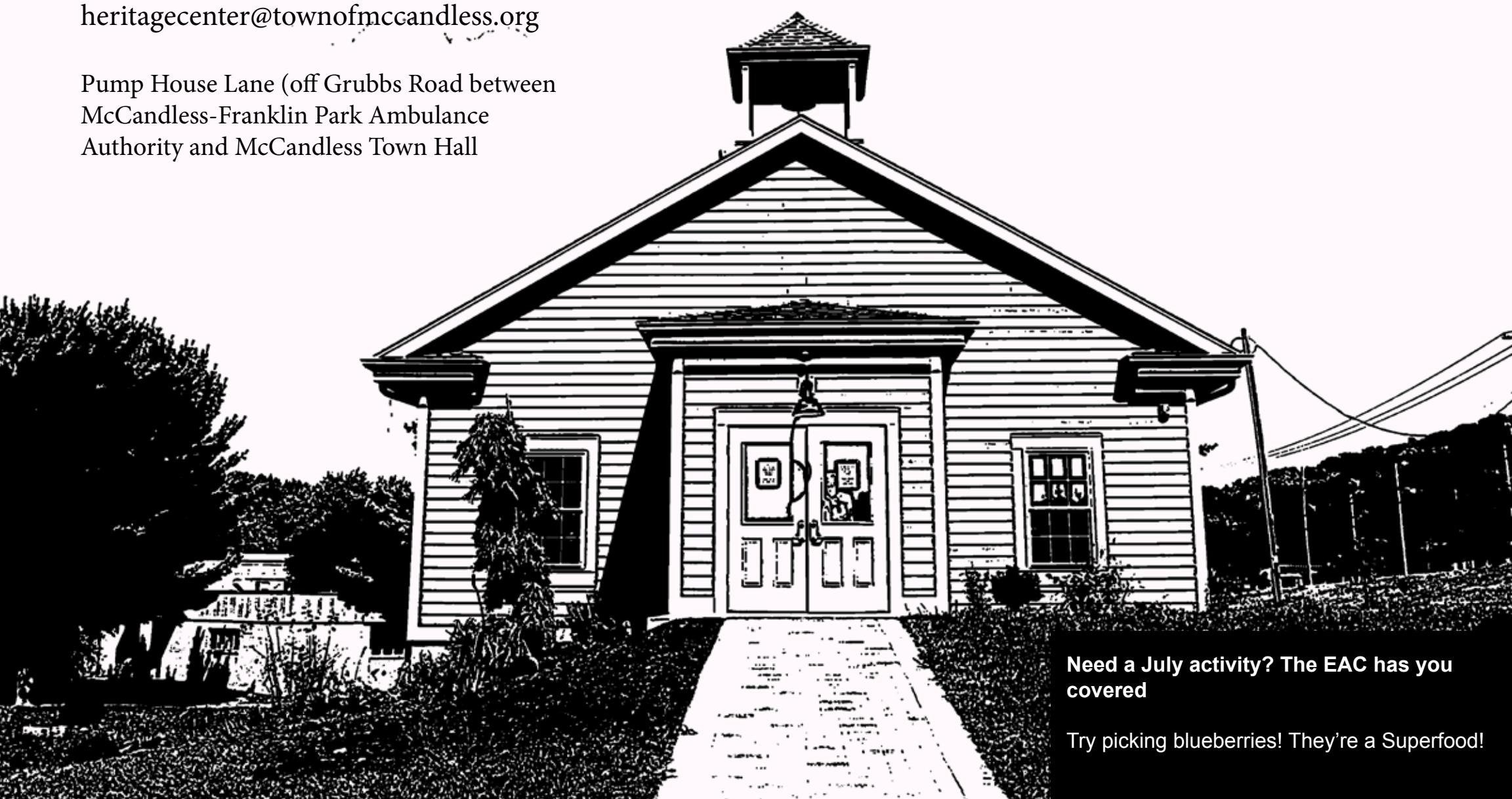
Wed, Thur, Fri — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sat, Sun — 1 to 4 p.m.

412-364-0616 Ext. 300

heritagecenter@townofmccandless.org

Pump House Lane (off Grubbs Road between
McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance
Authority and McCandless Town Hall



Need a July activity? The EAC has you covered

Try picking blueberries! They're a Superfood!

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1	2	3 Planning Commission 7:30	4 Independence Day (Offices Closed) <i>Refuse/Recycling collection will be one day later for the rest of the week</i>	5	6	7
8	9 Council's Committee Meetings 7:30	10	11 Environmental Advisory Committee 7:30	12	13	14
15	16 Agenda Review Meeting 7:30 <i>2nd quarter Earned Income Tax deadline</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Council's Regular Business Meeting 7:30	24	25	26 Zoning Hearing Board 7:30	27	28
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When do I need a building permit?

A building permit is required for the following: Shed over 100 square feet, in-ground pool, above-ground pool, hot tub (see above-ground pool requirements), covered patio/deck, enclosed/covered porch, open deck, covered deck, fence, shed/barn, retaining wall between 4 feet and 6 feet, detached garage, addition/renovations, new residential single-family dwelling, temporary structures, waterproofing/french drain, new driveway.

Permits are also required for multi-family dwellings, additions/renovations, satellite dishes over 37 inches, towers, signs, commercial building, commercial additions/renovations, demolition residential/commercial. Please call the building department at 412-364-0616 Ext. 128, for permit requirements.

My trash/recycling was not picked up. Who should I call?

Contact Waste Management at 1-800-866-4460. If you are experiencing ongoing issues related to trash and recycling, contact the Town at 412-364-0616.

Who do I contact regarding dye testing in McCandless?

Residents must contact the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority (MTSA) at 412-366-2700 to schedule and have dye testing performed on their property.

What is the millage (tax) rate for the Town, County and School District?

Town of McCandless: 1.236 mills
Allegheny County: 4.73 mills
NA School District: 18.0011 mills

A mill generates \$1 in tax for every \$1,000 of a property's assessed value.

When must an accident be reported to the police?

All accidents should be reported; however, it is not a requirement. Accidents

involving death, personal injury, or if one or more vehicles cannot be driven from the scene under its own power, must be reported to the police department in the jurisdiction where the accident occurred. Fender-bender type accidents in which there are no injuries and in which the vehicles are operable are not required to be reported; however, your insurance provider may require a police report. Rule of thumb would be to report all accidents in McCandless to the police.

When is trick-or-treating?

Halloween trick-or-treating is *always* held on October 31, from 6–8 p.m.

Recycling = Good (so says the EAC)

How do you recycle these funky things?

Plastic bags: Many local retailers (Giant Eagle, Target, Trader Joes, Dicks, Lowes, etc.) accept plastic bags for recycling.

Batteries: You can recycle your old batteries at any Batteries Plus Bulbs stores in the area. Additionally, Lowes accepts rechargeable batteries.

Cardboard boxes: Cardboard boxes can be recycled and used over and over again. Additionally, the Town provides containers for recycling cardboard in the lower parking lot of Town Hall.

Televisions: Check out the At Your Door HHW and E-Waste collection from Waste Management (look up "Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste" under General Information on the Town's website).

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THE 18TH ANNUAL TOWN OF MCCANDLESS COMMUNITY DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

DON'T MISS OUT, CHECK IT OUT!

Just a fun side note, the Environmental Advisory Committee will have a booth at Community Day (also, here are some more tips)

Avoid unnecessary engine idling. Turn off your vehicle engine when parked for more than 30 seconds, waiting in lines or for passengers.

When you leave your car or truck running while it's parked or sitting still, the engine produces air pollution. This pollution contributes to problems like smog and global warming, besides being harmful to health. It is more gas-efficient to turn off most warmed-up vehicles than to idle for more than 30 seconds.

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2	3 Labor Day (Offices Closed) <i>Refuse/Recycling collection will be one day later this week</i>	4 Planning Commission 7:30 <i>Deadline to pay 2018 Real Estate Tax @ discount is 7 pm</i>	5	6	7	8 18th annual Community Day 
9 Rosh Hashanah begins	10 Council's Committee Meetings 7:30	11 Patriot Day	12 Environmental Advisory Committee 7:30	13	14	15
16	17 Agenda Review Meeting 7:30	18 Yom Kippur	19	20	21	22 First Day of Autumn 
23	24 Council's Regular Business Meeting 7:30	25	26	27 Zoning Hearing Board 7:30	28	29
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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES

We are your neighbors. We stand behind you in line at the store. Our kids play on the same soccer and baseball teams. Yet many of our residents never consider that fire and rescue services in McCandless are completely volunteer.

From fires to vehicle accidents to flooding – and everything in between – we're proud to serve our community in its moments of need.

But we can't serve the community without YOU!

Join us:

We're always in need of more volunteers to help others. We're looking for new members who want to make a difference in the lives of your friends and neighbors. Whether you have an interest in fighting fires, safely driving our firefighters to emergency scenes, or assisting with administrative needs (accounting, grant writing, reporting, etc.), we have fulfilling opportunities for you. Join us today!

Donate:

We rely in part on the generosity of our residents to help fund our everyday expenses. From paying our utility bills, to fueling our vehicles, to purchasing equipment that will keep our firefighters and residents safe, your financial contribution makes a significant impact on the safety of our entire community. Please donate today!

Thank you for your continued support!

— Your McCandless Volunteer Fire Companies



Highland VFD



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highlandfire.org



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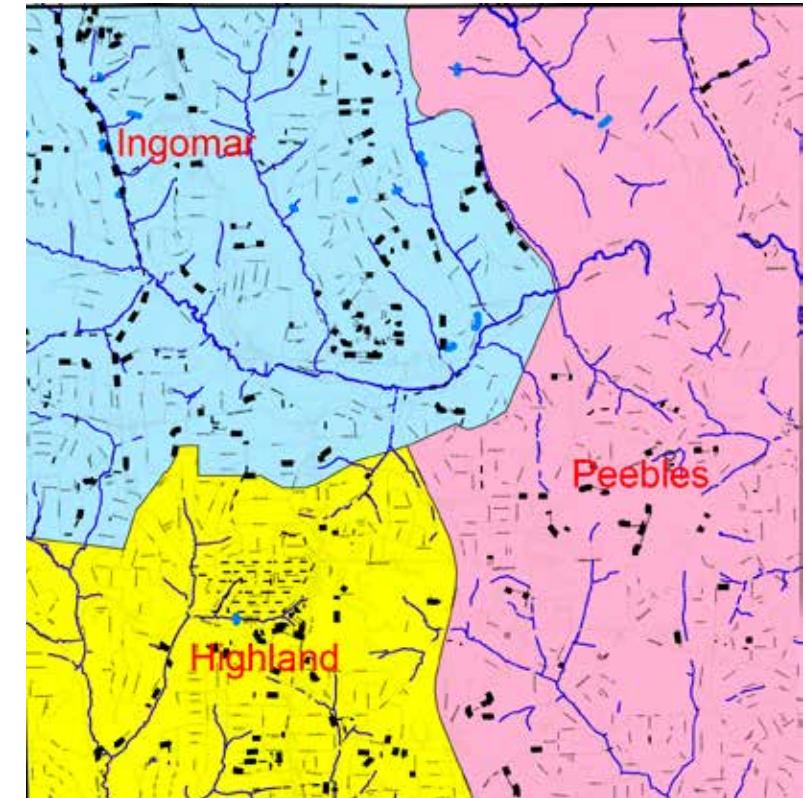
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	1	2 Planning Commission 7:30	3	4	5	6
7	8 Columbus Day (Offices Open) Council's Committee Meetings 7:30	9	10 Environmental Advisory Committee 7:30	11	12	13
14	15 Agenda Review Meeting 7:30 <i>3rd quarter Earned Income Tax deadline</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Council's Regular Business Meeting 7:30	23	24	25 Zoning Hearing Board 7:30	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween 6 to 8 p.m.			





Winter Holiday Safety



HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- !**Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
- !**Nearly half** of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

The EAC? Also thinking about the holidays

There's nothing wrong with beginning to decorate for the holidays in November (right?). If you are using electric power for outdoor decorations, use a timer to conserve energy. LED lights use less energy than the older type lights. And, think about this — did you know you can take this further and purchase solar powered holiday lights for outside use?

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



Source: National Fire Prevention Association

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4 Daylight Savings Time Ends <i>Turn the clock back one hour, and remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms</i>	5	6 Election Day (Offices Closed) 	7 Planning Commission 7:30	8	9	10
11 Veteran's Day	12 Council's Committee Meetings 7:30	13	14 Environmental Advisory Committee 7:30	15 Zoning Hearing Board 7:30	16	17
18	19 Agenda Review Meeting 7:30	20	21	22  Thanksgiving Day (Offices Closed) <i>Refuse/Recycling collection will be one day later for the rest of this week</i>	23 (Offices Closed)	24
25	26 Council's Regular Business Meeting 7:30	27	28	29	30 Last day for yard waste collection	

Snow happens

The Town of McCandless snow and ice control program provides for the salting and plowing of snow from streets within the Town. This vital maintenance service is performed on 110 miles of Town roads and 20.12 miles of state owned roads. This state road mileage encompasses all state roads in the Town with the exception of Route 19 and McKnight Road, but includes their ramps. Public Works Department crews also offer plowing to approximately 18 miles of private roads in times of heavy snowfall (6"+ accumulation) upon request.

One last bit of advice from the Environmental Advisory Committee

When camping or skiing, prevent pollution. Take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but tracks.

Growing numbers of people are using wild lands, and the pollution they leave behind can add up, damaging habitats and reducing the beauty of the area you came to enjoy. Pack out all trash; don't litter. Dispose of human waste properly. Use designated trails to preserve the beauty of parks and wild lands. Do not drive off-road vehicles through streams or rivers.

Don't let sidewalks be full of snow

All sidewalks must be cleared in a reasonable amount of time as circumstances permit, preferably within 24-hours after a snowfall. Please use caution when moving snow and help those who may have health problems or are not able-bodied. In addition, please do not shovel or blow snow from the sidewalk to the street.

Avoiding being caught up snow creek without a shovel

The policy for snow and ice control within the Town is as follows:

- Bare pavement maintenance will be provided whenever possible on all contracted state roads, Town roads, and roads in new developments that will become Town roads (after these same roads are paved and houses are occupied by residents), divided into 9 routes that are prioritized by volume and steepness.
- Fire department entrances and ambulance authority entrances shall be salted and/or plowed when work is accomplished in each snow and ice control route.
- Private roads (non-Town roads having two or more residences) shall be plowed after the above services are performed, whenever six inches (6") or more of snow is accumulated. Due to the nature of these private roads, plowing will be done only at the request of residents along these roads.
- A form entitled "Request & Release for Plowing of Private Road" is available for property owners on private roads requesting plowing assistance from the Town. **ALL** property owners on a private road must sign the release. Plowing will only be done after an accumulation of six or more inches of snow and after all public roads have been cleared.

Severe road conditions prompt some drivers to leave their vehicles on Town Streets. Vehicles parked on streets during such conditions make some operations extremely difficult and jeopardize the safety of motorists and vehicles. Vehicles must be parked off-street as soon as possible so the Town can conduct its snow operations effectively.

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9	10 Council's Committee Meetings 7:30	11	12 Environmental Advisory Committee 7:30	13	14	15
16	17 Council's Regular Business Meeting 7:30	18	19	20 Zoning Hearing Board 7:30	21 First Day of Winter 	22
23	24 Christmas Eve (Offices Closed)	25 Christmas Day  (Offices Closed)	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28 <i>Deadline to pay 2018 Real Estate Tax @ penalty is 7 p.m.</i>	29
30	31 New Year's Eve	<i>Refuse/Recycling collection will be one day later this week</i>				



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