

McCandless Town Crier



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SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The year 2001 is a special time for the Town of McCandless. In 1851, Judge Wilson McCandless received permission for McCandless to be established by an Act of the State Legislature. Significant aspects of our history originate from the Harmony trolley line, oil production, farming and our evolution of settlement. To preserve this history, a sesquicentennial committee has been established to gather information on McCandless' past, and share it with all residents in the form of a commemorative book.

The McCandless Town Council will host a community day to celebrate our sesquicentennial on Saturday, September 8, 2001, with a rain date of September 15, 2001. A 5K run/bike race (duathlon) will begin the day. This event will be coordinated by the

McCandless Rotary Club. Contact Ken Allshouse at (412) 364-4452 for more information.

The Town is also celebrating the 75th anniversaries of Ingomar Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 and Highland Firefighters Association, which occur in 2002. For this joint celebration, our volunteer fire service is hosting a parade beginning at noon featuring the North Allegheny Marching Band, numerous fire apparatus, and other Town and community groups. The parade route will follow Blazier Drive, Ingomar and Grubbs Roads. It will lead into our community day activities and events at the Town Hall facilities on Grubbs Road.

This all-day celebration will include various booths from local organiza-

tions, historical displays of McCandless, crafts, food, and children's activities. If you've been longing to ride a hot air balloon, pet (or ride) a pony, or eat some delicious victuals, here's your chance. There will be entertainment during the day including the Dick Tady Orchestra, Rhubarb, North Star Kids, Sweet Adelines, Larry Richert from KDKA and more is being planned. The end of the day will be sparked by a fireworks display adjacent to the Town Hall.

Plan to celebrate this special day with friends and neighbors. It is sure to be a memorable event to commemorate this historic year for our Town.

Happy 150th Anniversary, McCandless!

TOWN COUNCIL ENACTS EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

All residents of the Town of McCandless and North Allegheny School District are subject to the Earned Income and Net Profits tax. The current tax rate is one-half of one percent for the Town and one-half of one percent for the School District, for a total of one percent. The Town of McCandless acts as tax collector for both the Town and the School District, with the School District portion of the tax being forwarded as collected.

On April 23, Town Council held a public hearing to receive comments and input on a proposed ordinance to establish a credit on the first \$5,000 of earnings for all residents of the Town, retroactive to January 1 of this year.

On Monday, May 21, Town Council passed this ordinance. The credit will apply only to the one-half of one percent Town tax. During this Business Meeting, Town Council adopted a resolution to exempt McCandless residents earning \$5,000 or less per year from the requirement that they file and pay on a quarterly basis.

The impact of this legislation is as follows:

- If you are a McCandless resident earning \$5,000 or less in a given tax year, you are not required to file or make payments on a quarterly basis. You are, how-

ever, still required to file a final return by April 15 of the following year and pay the 0.5% North Allegheny School District tax at that time. If your employer withholds the full 1% tax for the Town and the School District, you can claim your Town credit at the time you file your final return.

- If you are a McCandless resident earning over \$5,000 in a given tax year, you are able to claim a credit of \$25 (0.5% of \$5,000) at the time you file your final return. If you owe tax with your return, you can deduct \$25 from your payment.

TOWN ADOPTS REVISED SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

On December 19, 1994, Town Council of the Town of McCandless adopted Ordinance No. 1134, which established a Senior Citizen Property Tax Relief Program pursuant to Act 77 of 1993. The program went into effect on January 1, 1995, and allowed qualified homeowners to pay Town of McCandless real estate tax based on their 1993 assessed property value (which would have been approximately 20-25% of market value under the county's former assessment system). The Town program followed the guidelines established by Allegheny County, and application for consideration was made directly to the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office.

This program continued relatively unchanged through 2000, when the countywide property revaluation project resulted in properties being assessed at their full market value. Along with changes to address the increased assessments, County Council, pursuant to Act 85 of 2000, also passed an ordinance to ease restrictions to the requirements to qualify for the program to allow more senior and disabled homeowners to participate. On April 23, 2001, Town Council adopted Ordinance No. 1241, which updated the Town's Senior Citizen Property Tax Relief Program to again mirror the criteria established by Allegheny County. The changes are

effective January 1, 2001, and the new requirements to qualify are as follows:

- The applicant must have owned and occupied a primary residence in Allegheny County continuously for the past 10 years. Applicants are no longer required to have lived in McCandless for that time period. A property owner who has moved within Allegheny County within the past 10 years, and has continued to own and occupy the new property as a primary residence shall be eligible.

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NOTICE TO LOCAL CRAFTERS



Please join us for our celebration! There is limited space available for local crafters at the sesquicentennial celebration of the Town of McCandless.

Time & Place: September 8, 2001, rain date September 15, 2001, at the McCandless municipal complex, 9955 Grubbs Road, Wexford, Pennsylvania.

Size & Price of Booth: Booths will be 10' x 10' in size. Rental cost per booth is \$50.00 without electricity and \$60.00 with electricity. If you own a booth, you are welcome to use it. In this instance, rental space is \$25.00 without electricity, \$35.00 with electricity. Please indicate size of your booth.

You can begin setting up your booth/crafts at 8:00 a.m. the day of the event. Booths will be open until dark.

We hope you will take part in this special event. Please complete the application below and return it with your check made payable to the Town of McCandless no later than June 29, 2001. Both should be mailed to the Town of McCandless, Attn: 150th Anniversary Committee, 9955 Grubbs Road, Wexford, PA 15090.

APPLICATION - CRAFT BOOTH

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Type of Craft _____

Using our Booth? Yes _____ No _____

Providing Own Booth? Yes _____ No _____ Size _____

Electricity Needed? Yes _____ No _____



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- The applicant must: (a) be age 60 or older, or if married either spouse must be age 60 or older, (b) be a widow or widower age 50 to 60, or (c) be permanently disabled and age 18 to 60. Applicants must meet the required age by December 31, 2001 to qualify for tax relief in 2001.
- The applicant must have total household income of \$30,000 or less. For calculating income, applicants should use only 50% of your Social Security Benefit, SSI, and Railroad Retirement Benefits (except Medicare benefits).

This program entitles all qualified applicants in the Town of McCandless to a 25% discount on their Town real estate tax for each year they are eligible. The Town offers an additional 2% discount if the 2001 tax is paid in full by September 4.

Application must be made directly to the Allegheny County Treasurer's office, and the deadline to apply for 2001 is June 30. To obtain an application, or if you have any questions regarding the form, you can call the Treasurer's office directly at (412) 350-4100 or toll free at 1-866-282-8297. You can also pick up an application at the McCandless Town Hall.

Garbage, Garbage, Garbage

I put an old couch out for collection with my rubbish; the rubbish was taken, the couch was not. Why didn't the hauler take the couch; they always did before?

What are the time regulations on rubbish collection? The truck went down my street at 5:00 a.m. and woke me up.

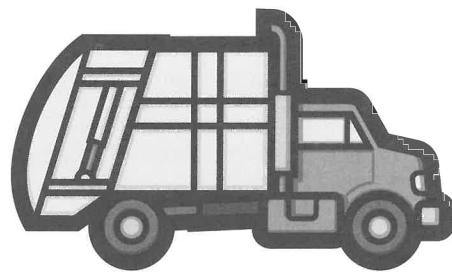
Rubbish pickup day on my street is Monday. It's Wednesday and my neighbor has his rubbish out. What can be done about this?

These are typical questions raised by residents who telephone the Town Hall.

To avoid furniture/appliances being left behind the day of collection, we ask the residents to telephone the hauler 24 hours prior to collection and notify them what is being put out. In this way another truck, not the one that collects the rubbish, is dispatched on the day of collection to pickup the furniture/appliance. The telephone number to call is (412) 931-1078 or (724) 625-1511.

All garbage collection shall take place between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Containers for pickup should not be placed at the curb or collection point before 7:00 p.m. the day prior to collection and returned to the home storage location as soon as possible the day of collection.



MEETING DATES

June, July, August

	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>
<i>Public Safety, Services, Public Works, Recreation Committee Meetings</i>	4	2	6
<i>Planning Commission Meeting</i>	5	3	7
<i>Zoning & Finance Committee Meetings</i>	11	9	13
<i>Council's Regular Business Meeting</i>	18	23	27
<i>Zoning Hearing Board Meeting</i>	28	26	23

All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held in the McCandless Town Hall.

Road and Traffic Corner

- Town Council at its May Public Works Committee Meeting tentatively approved the 2001 road program. Award of a contract was made at Council's May 21 Regular Business Meeting. Work will commence approximately 30 days after award of the contract and will be completed during the current construction season. Roads included in this year's program are: Anderson Road, Berwick Court, Blazier Drive, Brant Avenue, Breezewood Drive,

- East Barkhurst Drive, East Road, Elm Street, Emery Drive, Hedwig Drive, Knoll Street, Locust Street, Magellan Drive, Maple Street, McCutcheon Avenue, Old Kummer Road, Orchard Road, Pallas Drive, Parkview Drive, Ridgewood Drive, Robinson Road, Sandalwood Lane, Saratoga Drive, Shirley Drive, Southvale Road, Stuyvesant Road and West Barkhurst Drive.
- A "No Left Turn" has been established from Forest Avenue onto

Gloria Street. The traffic signal at the top of Gloria Street has been extended to allow for additional traffic movement from Gloria onto Route 19.

- The traffic signal at Babcock Boulevard and Duncan Avenue is being extended for left turns from Babcock onto Duncan.
- Approximately 500 feet of Old Kummer Road at Ingomar Road will be relocated onto Kummer Road this summer.

Rights-of-Way Reminders

With the advent of the construction season, Town officials remind residents of the rules of rights-of-way.

Each road in the Town of McCandless has a right-of-way ranging from 33 feet (for older roads) to 50 feet for newer roads.

As a general rule, using the 50-foot example, the right-of-way extends 25 feet to each side from the center of the paved road.

Since the paved width of many roads in the Town is 24 feet (or 12 feet to each side from the center), this means that the unpaved right-of-way in front of many residential properties is 13 feet.

The Town has the right to use this land and has the right to allow utilities to be installed, repaired or upgraded anywhere in those areas. In practice, the Town requests that all residents follow the guidelines established in Section 1313.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless, as follows: "No trees, bushes, shrubs or hedges may be planted or allowed to grow so that any part is closer than three feet from the curb or the edge of an uncurbed pavement, or allowed to infringe on the clear-sight triangle required by the Land Development and Subdivision Regulations. Nothing may be placed or planted closer than three feet from the curb or the edge of an uncurbed pavement or within the clear-sight

triangle." Fences must be placed outside of the right-of-way on private property and require a building permit.

If maintenance is required on your street, crews are authorized to dig up any plantings or objects that may interfere with their work with no obligation to replace them.

Deer Management Program Continues to Work

Active hunters participated in the deer culling program during 2000, which was in its fourth year. The year long program utilized qualified bow and arrow users only. There were 153 deer harvested, 139 of which were doe and 14 antlered deer. One thousand two hundred forty seven pounds (1,247 lbs.) of venison was contributed to the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank for needy families.

The sponsor of the program was Whitetail Management Associates North; the McCandless police provided project coordination. The operation continues to be a success by all accounts, and serves as a model by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Shrubs are starting to make a comeback in and around North Park.



WANTED

The historical committee for the Town of McCandless' sesquicentennial celebration is inviting residents to share any old photos and reminiscences they have of the Town's history. Many changes have taken place in McCandless' 150 years and we would be honored to preserve these memories by making a copy of your photos to display in our commemorative historical book and/or photo display at the Town celebration. Please contact Joseph Bullick at (724) 935-1854 or the Town Hall at (412) 364-0616, ext. 120, as soon as possible, to share this history with all the residents of McCandless.



In 1851 this man was considered a "distinguished personality from his cradle to his grave". There was a magnetism in him that made him practically invincible before courts, juries and popular assemblies. Who was he? He was the man responsible for establishing the Town of McCandless—Judge Wilson McCandless. Find out more about him and our 150 years of history in the McCandless commemorative book and display which will be available this summer.

In Memoriam Raymond J. Austin

In his words Raymond J. Austin was an imagineer. It's not important whether he created that term or Disney did. Ray's imagination spawned signature developments throughout the northern tier of McCandless. County Manor, Rustin Acres, Deer Crossing and Breckenridge exemplify the quality of housing and property layout that Ray sought to achieve. We appreciate and enjoy the legacy of fine neighborhoods Ray has left our community.

Would you like to be a part of the McCandless commemorative book? The book will be filled with the history of McCandless from its early days to the present. It will be printed as a keepsake of the sesquicentennial celebration, will be sold at the Town celebration on September 8, 2001, and included in the time capsule that will be assembled. Patrons and sponsors will be listed in the book for a donation of \$15.00 and \$25.00. Donations of \$50.00 and above will be highlighted. Please use the form below to send in with your contribution. Be a part of McCandless' history in 2001!

All proceeds will go towards supporting the publishing of the book and the day's activities. Contributions are tax deductible.

NAME(S) (as they will appear in the book) _____

ADDRESS: _____

DONATION:



Patron (\$15.00)



Sponsor (\$25.00)

Amount \$ _____



Donor (\$50.00)

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The Summer Recreation Program is for resident school age students in the North Allegheny School District. The program is sponsored and funded by the joint municipalities of McCandless, Bradford Woods, Franklin Park and Marshall.

The program begins Monday, June 18, 2001, and ends Friday, July 13, 2001. All centers will be closed on July 4th. The program is offered between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 12:00 noon, with no provisions for lunch.

The program includes team sports, group recreation, and arts and crafts. Participants must have completed first grade. There is an \$8.00 charge for service and the insurance program, which insurance supplements any present accident insurance policy held by the family and has a \$50.00 deductible.

The centers are located at the following sites:

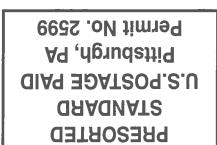
Bradford Woods Elementary School
Ingomar Middle School
Carson Middle School

Marshall Middle School
Warrendale Park
Hosack Elementary School

Registration forms will be sent home with the school children the last week of school.

Have the kids come join in the fun!

Address Correction Requested



TOWN OF McCANDLESS
9955 Grubbs Road
Wexford, PA 15090-9645