



# McCandless Town Crier

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## THE FUTURE OF AUTOMATED REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION IS NEARLY HERE

Change is inevitable, unless you are standing in front of a vending machine. A recent television commercial traces the metamorphosis of communications technology through falling dominos made of evolving equipment from the telephone to the Model T Ford and the ubiquitous cell phone. The solid waste industry now embraces technology in the delivery of this essential function of our culture that for so long has been performed by or through municipal governments.

Automated trash and recycling collection has hit the streets of towns and cities throughout the country and those of our neighbors in Cranberry (see picture), Pine and Marshall Townships. About three years ago, the North



Hills Council of Governments, which prepares refuse and recycling specifications for most of its members including McCandless, met with representatives of the solid waste industry who responded as potential bidders on our current solid waste and recycling collection and disposal contract. Those companies described the trend toward automation in their industry. They related that at any one time about one-fourth to one-third of their work force was injured. Garbage workers sustain a variety of injuries mostly to their joints and their backs from lifting an average of about 16 tons per day, reminiscent of the country and western song recorded by Tennessee Ernie Ford about the abbreviated and hazardous lives of coal miners. Despite our economic downturn, such jobs still go for want.

Manufacturers find new and innovative ways every day to perfect the science of reusing our resources. Many things that have been used can be reused or recycled and remade. Our list of items to recycle has expanded greatly since recycling was mandated by the State of Pennsylvania in 1990. We now recycle:

- all paper products (i.e., newspapers, magazines, office paper, junk mail {including envelopes})

- corrugated cardboard (torn or cut to fit in recycling cart)
- paperboard (i.e., cereal boxes, tissue boxes)
- telephone books
- paperback books, hardback books provided binding is removed (throw binding in trash)
- food and beverage cans
- empty aerosol cans
- clean aluminum foil and foil products
- plastic and styrofoam containers with #1-#7 on bottom
- bundled plastic bags
- clear, brown, amber and green glass bottles and food jars (rinse and remove labels that come off easily)

The containers we use to carry our recyclables to the curb are wearing out and are undersized for the amount that we can be recycling. Twenty years ago, municipalities in California recycled about 15 percent of what they put at the curb, throwing away the other 85 percent. Today those numbers are reversed. We currently recycle about 15 percent of what we take to the curb. As evidenced in neighboring communities and around the country, we can do more.

Simultaneously, 20 years ago when the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enacted mandatory recycling, it also required haulers to pay a \$2.00 per ton tipping fee when they dispose of our trash. From that tipping fee, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) manages a grant program to fund recycling initiatives undertaken by municipalities around the State. Recycling equipment and containers can be funded through this program.

In 2008 PADEP notified municipalities that funding was set to expire. With the industry having notified us that our community, like Pine, Marshall and Cranberry, is an ideal candidate for automated collection, we researched deeply into the best practices in automated solid waste recycling collection. This type of service calls for the use of a wheeled recycling cart and a trash cart. We plan to deploy 65 gallon carts as the standard. They are only 1-1/4" wider and 2-3/8" deeper than a typical 32 gallon trash can. A 95 gallon cart will be offered as an option to each household for weekly yard waste pickup.

The Town filed for grant funding for this program in June 2008 expecting to be notified about funding by June

of 2009. Last year's wrangling in Harrisburg over the state budget delayed funding notification until February 2010. At that point the Town staff resumed research and refinement of the most convenient and sensible way to convert to automated trash and recycling pickup.

**How it Works.** The larger lidded and wheeled 65 gallon recycling container will allow for greater capacity and ease of recycling. All recyclables can be comingled loosely in the container. Newspapers do not have to be tied but can be placed in brown paper bags for consumer convenience. Cardboard will have to be cut or torn to fit the dimensions of the container. The standard size of the trash container will also be 65 gallons. A smaller 35 gallon size will be available to those who have a documented medical reason to use the smaller cart.

We place the recycling container, trash containers and, if we choose, one yard waste container about a foot or so apart at the end of our driveway or some flatter area along our property frontage. Trash and recycling pickup remains weekly. Yard waste will be picked up weekly, April through November. Yard waste consists of twigs, trimmings, limbs up to 3" in diameter that fit inside the container with the lid down, old plants (with dirt knocked off) and leaves. There will be no *need to tie or bag items*. Also, grass clippings may now be recycled but not thrown away as trash. The Town will continue bulk **leaf** recycling pickup from the fourth Monday in October through the Wednesday before Thanksgiving using leaf machines or leaf bags as usual.

We will continue to place all recyclable materials in the recycling containers, without any need to separate them. Occasional overflow bags will be taken away by the hauler, especially after holidays or special events such as graduation parties. Lidded containers virtually eliminate the use of garage bags which are susceptible to invasion by animals. If you find that your current container is too small or too large, the Town's hauler will deliver a different one to your home. Residents can exchange containers once per year at no cost. Container swaps beyond once a year will cost \$10.

**Large Items.** Currently, the hauler has to guess how many large items, such as sofas or other furniture or appliances, we may dispose of and build it into the bid price. We plan to use a call-in system to notify the hauler of a large item pickup. A set price will be added to the next bill. Typical prices are as follows:

- A couch, TV, mattress or like item: \$8.00
- Washer, stove or refrigerator (refrigerant removed): \$10.00
- A large volume pick-up equal to (5) 95-gallon carts such as for a garage/attic cleanout or a move-in or move-out: \$15.00

Most retailers will take appliances for recycling when they deliver replacement items.

#### Answers to some questions that may arise.

- **Will my collection day change?** The Town does not expect any significant change in the collection schedule. However, the schedule may compress with the higher collection rate of automated equipment.
- **Will residents be able to subscribe to backyard service?** Backyard service will be available for an additional fee, just as it is now.
- **Will the Town continue its Christmas tree collection?** We will continue to collect and recycle the Christmas trees as we currently do.
- **What will happen to my old garbage containers?** We may use our old containers for storage, sell or give them away. The hauler will collect and recycle them simply by residents inserting them in the new recycling container or putting them empty curbside.
- **When it snows where do I put my containers at the curb?** You may place the containers at the curb on top of snow, as you do now. The mechanical lift on the hauler's truck has a wide range and can lift the containers from those areas. Snow is usually not a deterrent to local communities adjacent to the Town and communities in the northern U.S. and Canada who use this system.
- **How will garbage be collected on private lanes, with multiple homes on them?** Private lanes will be collected much like they are today. The carts will be used in most cases. If the large truck cannot maneuver on a private lane or residents on a private road do not want the large truck to use their road over concern of damage to it, a driver in a smaller vehicle will collect the refuse, recyclables and yard waste at each home, manually.
- **How do I store the containers?** The footprint (the floor space occupied by the containers) for the automated containers is not much more than that of regular household cans. The footprint for the 35 gallon container is identical to most current garbage cans. The 65 and 95 gallon containers require a slightly larger area. These two sizes take up several more inches of vertical space.
- **Can the containers be stored outside?** Containers can be stored outside, however, some developments have restrictions against outside storage and residents should abide by those covenants.
- **What happens to the containers if I move?** The containers are the property of the Town and are assigned to your address. Leave the container at the residence for the next owner.
- **How maneuverable are the carts?** The carts have optimal sized wheels and are well balanced making them easy to handle by most everyone, even on hills. Special provisions will be made for those with a medical reason.

- **How long do carts last?** They're pretty tough and generally last 15-20 years.
- **Who fixes my broken or damaged cart?** The hauler does, after notification.

• **HOW WILL THIS SYSTEM AFFECT THE PRICE WE PAY?** We expect the price will remain about the same or decrease a bit initially since we are specifying that the collector use new trucks. Pine and Marshall pay 29¢ less per month than we do now for their standard size container, which is the 65 gallon model. Their service also includes weekly automated yard waste recycling pickup.

The recycling and yard waste containers are funded largely by the grant reimbursement we will receive from the state. The Town will budget the remainder of costs. Further grant funds for increased recycling performance and other merit programs may help to pay for future recycling costs. The cost of the trash cart will be built into our bill over a five year contract period. At the current price of carts, that will amount to about 80-85¢ per month. Automation is expected to reduce costs, especially over time. The cost of manual pickup is expected to exceed that of automated pickup.



L to R: The 95, 65 and 35 gallon carts.

## TAX OFFICE REMINDERS

Please heed the following when considering your tax obligations for 2010:

### Real Estate Tax

On December 21, 2009, Town Council approved a Town millage rate of 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value) for the 2010 calendar year. This rate has been in effect since the 2005 calendar year. The North Allegheny School District has set its millage rate at 19.74 mils (\$19.74 per \$1,000 of assessed value) for the 2010-11 fiscal year (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011).

The tax due dates were outlined in the 2010 Town Calendar, which was mailed to you last December, and are also posted on the Town website. It is important that you pay your tax by the due date, 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. By law, all North Allegheny School District real estate taxes that remain unpaid as of December 31 must be turned over to the delinquent tax collector for the School District (Maiello, Brungo & Maiello, LLP). Town of McCandless delinquent real estate taxes are still due and payable directly to the Town.

The tax bills (Town and School District on one bill) were mailed on July 1. When reviewing your bill, please note the following:

- If you have been approved by Allegheny County for an Act 77 Senior Citizen Abatement, the 30% reduction in your Town assessed value has already been factored into the tax amount that appears on your bill.
- If you have been approved by Allegheny County for a Homestead Exclusion under Act 1 of 2006, also known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, then the \$7,822 reduction in your North Allegheny School District assessed value appears as a separate line item on your bill.
- If you qualified for a Homestead Exclusion, you are also eligible to take advantage of the installment payment plan offered by both the Town and the School District. To elect the installment payment plan option, you should pay the first installment amount listed on the bill by September 1. Payments received after September 1 will be considered timely only if they contain an official U.S. Postal Service postmark of September 1 or earlier. If the first payment is late, you will be disqualified from the installment program for 2010, and you will be subject to payment of your entire tax bill in full subject to the standard deadlines and terms.
- If you choose the installment payment plan option and make your first payment in a timely manner, you will then receive two additional installment bills with due dates for those two payments. Payments received after either of these due dates, subject again to the official postmark, will be charged a penalty of 10%. If your payment is more than ten days late for either of these installments, or

if your payments for both of these installments are late for any period of time, you will not be eligible for the installment plan the following year.

If you have not received a tax bill, please contact our office immediately at (412) 364-0616, and we will send you a new bill. In addition, if the billing address for your real estate tax bill changed after January 1 of this year, you need to notify us immediately. Allegheny County provides us with a billing address as of January 1, but they do not provide us with updates if there is a change after this date. Your billing address may change because you paid off your mortgage and no longer have your taxes escrowed, your mortgage was sold and you have a new escrow agent, or you are the owner but not the occupant of a property and you move to a new address.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 412-364-0616.

#### Earned Income & Net Profits Tax

The tax due dates were outlined in the 2010 Town Calendar, which was mailed to you last December, and are also posted on the Town website. You can also print a tax form by visiting the Town website at [www.townofmccandless.org](http://www.townofmccandless.org). Please remember that you must make quarterly estimated tax payments, even if you are self-employed. The only exception is that anyone earning \$12,000 or less is not required to make quarterly payments.

#### Business Privilege Tax

If you operate a business located in the Town, either out of your home or at a specific commercial location, you are required to file and pay this tax. Please check the 2010 Town Calendar, view the Town website at [www.townofmccandless.org](http://www.townofmccandless.org), or call us at (412) 364-0616 for more information. In addition, the Town has recently revised its Rules and Regulations so that they are more useful to our business community and also comply with recent court rulings. You can print a copy from the Town's website.

#### Per Capita Tax

All residents of the Town over the age of 21 are required to pay this North Allegheny School District tax. The billing procedure in 2010 is the same as that used since 2006. Unless you have

contacted us previously, each residential property will have \$20 added to the real estate tax bill to account for 2 individuals in the household over the age of 21. Additional residents in each household and renters over the age of 21 will be sent a separate bill. If you have only 1 resident in your household over the age of 21, please contact us immediately so that the adjustment can be made. If you have more than 2 residents and do not receive an additional bill, please contact us so that we can add those individuals. If you receive a bill but are not yet 21, please write your month and year of birth on the bill, sign and date it, and return it to us.

Owners of rental properties are required to notify the Town of the move in and move out dates of all tenants.

#### Local Services Tax

Any individual who works in the Town and has earned income and/or net profits of over \$12,000 within the Town is required to pay this tax. The tax rate is \$52 per year, but employees are only liable for the tax for pay periods in which they are employed. Employers are required to withhold the tax on a pro-rata basis based on the number of pay periods in a calendar year (26 if you are paid every 2 weeks, 24 if you are paid twice a month, etc.). Self-employed individuals are required to pay the full \$52 in quarterly installments. The specific details of the Local Services Tax are as follows:

- There is a mandatory low-income exemption if you earn less than \$12,000 in the Town of McCandless in the calendar year. Exemption forms can be found on the Town's website, [www.townofmccandless.org](http://www.townofmccandless.org).
- Employees are able to request an up-front exemption by filing an up-front exemption form. The form must be submitted to both the Town and the employee's employer, and must include a copy of the employee's last pay stubs or W-2 forms from any employment within the Town in the previous calendar year. The exemption certificate verifies that the employee reasonably expects to receive earned income and net profits of less than \$12,000 within the Town for that calendar year. Exemption forms can be found on the Town's website.
- The employee is responsible for paying the LST only for those pay periods in which he/she is employed. The employer is required to withhold on a per-pay-period basis. For example, the Town LST rate is \$52 per year. If you work in every pay period

during the year, earn over \$12,000, and receive a paycheck every two weeks (26 pay periods), you would have \$2 withheld per paycheck. If you are employed for only six months during that year, the total amount withheld would only be \$26, and that would be your total LST obligation to the Town for that year.

➤ Self-employed individuals must pay the full \$52 in quarterly installments of \$13 each, due by the last day of the month following the end of the quarter.

➤ If you are employed by more than one employer in any given pay period, only one employer should be withholding the tax. The priority order of which employer should withhold the tax is as follows: (1) Your primary employer; (2) If you do not have a primary employer, then the employer in the municipality in which you reside; (3) If you do not have a primary employer, and do not work for an employer in the municipality in which you reside, then the employer in the municipality that is closest in miles to the municipality in which you reside.

➤ Your total LST payment for any calendar year should not exceed \$52.

➤ Refunds can be requested if you pay the tax and earn less than \$12,000 in the Town of McCandless in a calendar year, or if you pay more than \$52 in a calendar year. The Town has 75 days from either the date the refund request is received or January 30 of the year after the tax is paid, whichever is later, to issue the refund. Refund forms can be found on the Town's website.

Additional information is available on the Town's website at [www.townofmccandless.org](http://www.townofmccandless.org).

## ACT 32 TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2012

Act 32 of 2008 amended Act 511 of 1965, the Local Tax Enabling Act, by establishing the collection and administration of the local earned income tax on a countywide basis. Residents and businesses in the Town will see changes occur beginning January 1, 2012, when all employers will be required to withhold the local earned income tax from employee wages. In addition, beginning January 1, 2012, there will be only one tax collector serving northern Allegheny County, with the identity and location of that office to be determined by September 15, 2010.

Act 32 establishes 69 tax collection districts of which Allegheny County is divided into four. The Town of McCandless is part of the Allegheny North Tax Collection District (ANTCD). This district consists of the 48 municipalities and 12 school districts, other than the City of Pittsburgh, located north of the Allegheny River and East of the Ohio River. Each municipality and school district has a vote on the Allegheny North Tax Collection Committee. The vote is weighted, based 50% on population and 50% on annual earned income tax revenue collected. The Town's vote is approximately 5.5% of the total for the ANTCD.

Over the course of the next 17 months, we will be keeping you informed of developments regarding who your tax collector will be and how your taxes will be collected. In the interim, you can learn more about Act 32 by visiting the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) website at [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com) (click on "Get Local Gov Support" and then click on "Tax Information").

## Perhaps a little off the sides and the top?

A significant amount of landscaping and tree growth extends into the Town owned street right-of-way on many lots throughout our community. Our regular promulgation in the *Town Crier* asks property owners to keep trees and shrubs back three feet (3') from the curb or behind the sidewalk.

We ask that all property owners inspect their land for any limbs or foliage that hangs closer than three feet behind the curb or sidewalk. Such growth increases homeowner liability and potential to do personal or property damage. We have been notifying residents in the spring who need to trim back to three feet behind the curb or sidewalk prior to paving operations. We will begin sending these notifications in the fall. Also, please trim to a height of 18 feet (18') so that the contractor, Town or other equipment and vehicles may pass safely on the street.

The best time to trim most trees and large shrubs is after September 15. Oak trees should be trimmed after the first frost; November is the best time to work on them. We ask that you have all trimming you have to do completed by November 15 on streets to be paved in the coming year. The Town's contractor will perform any trimming necessary

after that date.

Please keep these areas regularly trimmed to avoid having the Town do this work. Your cooperation in keeping your property in a well-managed and safe condition will benefit you and your community.

## SOME SAFETY REMINDERS

**Vacations** – When on vacation, remember to leave your home appearing as if someone is still at home. Lights and radio on timers will achieve this. Have the lights connected to several different timers to go on and off as they would when you are normally home.

Give a trusted neighbor or relative a key and ask them to check the home frequently. Have them mow the lawn, if necessary, and pickup the newspapers and the mail. An answering machine will keep a burglar guessing if they call looking for a phone to keep ringing.

**Display Your House Number** – The Town has an ordinance that requires street numbers to be prominently displayed on buildings and houses within the Town to ensure emergency services can locate you.

**Personal Safety** – Self-protection means knowing how to avoid being the victim of an attack or robbery by keeping alert for the unexpected and not taking unnecessary chances. It also includes knowing what to do if you are a victim and acting with common sense and cooperating with authorities. The Police Department suggests that you always consider protecting yourself from crime at home, while walking, driving a car or shopping.

**Babysitting Safety** – If you are a babysitter and a minor, your parents should regulate the distance from home you may babysit.

Your parents should know the family for whom you wish to sit. A maximum number of children you may sit should also be established as well as limits on how late you can perform babysitting services. Make sure you know the emergency numbers for police, fire and



ambulance services as well as the poison control center. Get the telephone number and address of where the child's parents will be. Know if a child has any medical problems such as food allergies or asthma. Your parents should be the only people who know you are babysitting. Telling friends about babysitting could let a dangerous person know you'll be alone with children.

## LET THERE BE LIGHTS

Enhancements continue at the Vestal Recreation Complex between Perry Highway (Route 19) and Pine Creek Road. The Ingomar Franklin Park Athletic Association (IFPAA) added lights to a second field while the Town funded the installation of lighting on the parking lot serving the complex along Pine Creek Road. These two projects illuminate the ongoing symbiosis between the Town and IFPAA which continues to result in enhanced play and safety of facility users.

**September 11, 2010**  
**Community Day**  
**Don't miss it!**

A colorful illustration for a community event. At the top is a smiling yellow sun with a face and rays. Below it are three balloons: a large blue one on the left, a pink one on the right, and a green one further to the right. In the foreground, a man with brown hair and a woman with brown hair are smiling. The woman is wearing a pink shirt and a necklace, and she is holding a large, white, fluffy cotton candy. The background is plain white.

# McCANDLESS COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, September 11, 2010

**PARADE** at 12:30 featuring the  
North Allegheny & Northgate  
Marching Bands  
starts at Showcase Cinemas



**CAR CRUISE**

3:00-7:00 p.m. @ Trader Horn Parking Lot

At the McCandless Town Hall Grounds...  
food, games, rides. Our entertainment this year  
features

Blue Grass & Country Pop Group "Well Strung",  
recording artists "Chuck Blasko & The Vogues",  
Michele's Dance Center and the  
Allegheny Brass Band

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**FIREWORKS @ 9:00 p.m.**

# FIRST ANNUAL "McCHILI" COOKOFF

The Town of McCandless is seeking local businesses, individuals or groups to participate in our own homemade version of a Chili Cookoff contest at our Community Day on Saturday, September 11, 2010.

Here are the basics and some guidelines:

- Chili can be made off premises or at the event.
- It can be sold from noon until 9:00 p.m. in four sizes—sample, cup, bowl or take home.
- The prices for each are 50 cents for a sample, \$1.50 a cup, \$3.00 a bowl; take home – chili maker sets the price.
- Those selling their chili will also pay the food vendor fee of \$110.00.
- The entry fee for the contest is \$25.00 if no chili is being sold.
- Awards for first place and second place will be presented based upon the decision of an extinguished panel of judges.
- A People's Choice Award will also be given based on voting done by those who purchased and sampled chili.
- All entrants should bring some means, such as propane, to keep the chili warm/hot.



Please submit a 2010 Community Day vendor form obtainable from our website ([www.townofmccandless.org](http://www.townofmccandless.org)) or the Town Hall if you wish to sell chili. Contest entry forms are also available on our website or at the Town Hall.

## **NORTH PARK LAKE RESTORATION PROJECT IS UNDERWAY**

Allegheny County officials kindly provided the following update regarding North Park Lake:

On June 30, workers removed the first truck-load of sediment from North Park Lake, marking the official start of the project that will spark its rejuvenation. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is coordinating Phase I of the restoration, which required installation of stream diversions and other erosion control features before sediment removal could begin. Allegheny County will oversee Phase II and a site Preparation Contract.

The lake sediment is dried on-site prior to transport; trucks being used are designed to contain any remnants of moisture. The Corps estimates that trucks will make 150 trips a day as they haul sediment out of the lake bed. At that rate, the contractor will remove up to 1500 cubic yards of sediment daily, which roughly equals material stacked a foot high over the area of a football field.

Walkers, runners and cyclists using the lake trail should use extra caution and be aware of their surroundings due to the increased truck traffic related to the project. Motorists in North Park should also pay close attention and watch for additional vehicles and wetland and garden features on the roadways.

Over the past 70 years, North Park Lake has shrunk in size by 15 acres and lost as much



as half of its depth due to silt and sediment buildup. The restoration project will remove an estimated 315,000 cubic yards of sediment from the lake and is scheduled to be completed in May 2011.

For additional project information, visit [www.lrp.usace.army.mil/pm/north\\_park.htm](http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/pm/north_park.htm)

## ***Makeover of Route 19 in the Wexford Flats***

Remember the movie "Groundhog Day"? We've seen repeated versions of roadway improvements proposed for Route 19 in the "Flats" come and go for 30 years. McCandless and the North Pittsburgh Community Development Corporation initiated the plans for safety and traffic improvements with a study in 1980. It is said that "good things come to those who wait". PennDOT recently completed design and acquired land needed to widen Route 19's lanes to 11 feet, insert a 14' center turn lane, lane protections and resignalization at intersections from the top of Pine Creek Hill to the bridge on Route 910 in Pine Township.

Both McCandless and Pine lobbied for sidewalks on both sides of the roadway, reducing landscaping requirements to balance all the work that will be done in the confined space available. The communities partnered with PennDOT to share the cost of sidewalks, land on which to place them and upgrade signal poles. PennDOT intends to let contracts so that construction on the McCandless portion can begin this fall. Work is supposed to be completed on this segment by the fall of 2011. It appears our wait is almost over.

## Developing News

While the rest of the country has experienced a construction recession, a surge of significant development is occurring in the Town of McCandless. UPMC Passavant completed a 207,500 square foot addition which was granted occupancy in February 2010. This significant project created a state of the art oncology and cardiac care center. UPMC Passavant Senior Living Communities is nearing completion of 99 residential units and a 250 person capacity Conference Center on the UPMC Passavant campus. We owe our gratitude to the hospital for completing Cumberland Road from Babcock Boulevard to Peebles Road and signalizing the new intersection with Sample Road. This road has been in the Town Comprehensive Plan since the 1960s. Vincentian Sisters of Charity, now Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, recently completed 65 residential units on Babcock Boulevard. Major renovations at Vincentian Home will result in a very modern nursing and assisted living facility.

Over the past 15 years or so, AdVenture Development acquired 130 acres of property on both sides of McKnight Road to create a mixed use development centered at the intersection of Duncan Avenue and McKnight Road. Approximately 60 acres of land are protected and an additional 11 acres of land adjacent to Wall Park were purchased to be used for trails, wetland enhancement and conservation land as part of the project. Duncan Avenue will extend westward, then turn southward to provide controlled access to the site. Under construction thus far is a Lowe's Home Improvement Center and Fidelity Bank, both expected to open before year's end. An L.A. Fitness health club was approved for land development; a building permit is expected to be issued soon. AdVenture continues to work on plans for a "Town Center" on land on the eastern side of McKnight Road between Cumberland Road and Duncan Avenue.

Wexford Plaza received some good news when healthy lifestyle grocery chain, Whole Foods, announced plans to redevelop a part of the

Plaza in McCandless to open a new store. The land development plans were approved by Town Council and we are awaiting building permit applications



Aerial View of McCandless Crossing West

  
**Look for a demonstration  
of automated trash and  
recycling collection at  
the Town Hall  
grounds on Community Day,  
September 11, following  
the parade.**

## THE NEW BLAZIER DRIVE BRIDGE



Last fall, the Town undertook the design of a significant project on Blazier Drive where it intersects with Pine Creek Road. After being overlooked like most municipal governments for "stimulus funding", we let out a contract to replace the huge (25') metal arch culverts that function as a bridge over Pine Creek with a concrete span. Work started in April and despite some rain delays in mid spring should conclude as this goes to print. The motoring public and retailers in the Pine Creek Plaza will be glad when this connection opens to traffic. Everyone's patience with the inconvenience caused by the necessary detour is greatly appreciated. The sidewalk along the southern side of Pine Creek Road and Blazier Drive now extends across the bridge to the first entrance into the shopping center.

### **A New Bridge for Grubbs Road, too**



PennDOT owns many bridges throughout the Commonwealth. Recently, the state embarked on a vigorous bridge replacement program.

When the Town assumed ownership and maintenance responsibility for Grubbs Road in 1984, PennDOT retained ownership of the bridge that spans Pine Creek between the Town Hall com-

plex and the headquarters of the McCandless Franklin Park Ambulance Authority. PennDOT graciously scheduled this work between Community Day 2009 and 2010. Barring an unforeseen delay, work should conclude by mid August and the bridge reopen to traffic. A detour directed all traffic to the Town Hall and surrounding facilities over McCandless Drive, which was extended eight years ago in anticipation of such a situation.

### **A BIT ABOUT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

Every subdivision, commercial or institutional building and multi-family complex that was built in our Town after 1978 contains stormwater management facilities to control water flow through and when leaving the property. Such facilities have evolved over the years. The Town owns and maintains over 70 facilities that detain and control storm flows. A like amount exist in private developments. New trends move us in the direction of leaving stream channels open while stabilizing them as much as possible, installing rain gardens and other techniques to keep things as natural and controlled at stormwater's point of origin.

### **STORM SEWERS**

From time to time, storm inlets become covered with leaves and other debris creating a potential hazard. While the Town's Public Works Department is always on the lookout for such trouble spots, there are simply too many inlets and culverts in the Town for us to monitor them all constantly. You can help us (and possibly yourself or your neighbor) by cleaning away any debris that could clog any stormwater facility near your property. This is particularly important during spring and summer months when the chance of severe thunderstorms increases. Be sure to move any such material to a location where it will not be washed back into the inlet or culvert! *Residents are also reminded that it is illegal to place grass clippings, etc., where they can be washed onto a road or into a stream. Please do not dump any paint, gasoline, motor oil, animal feces or anything else down a storm sewer.*

# 2010 PAVING PROGRAM



Town Council, at its May 24, 2010 Regular Business Meeting, awarded a contract for reconstruction and resurfacing of various streets to El Grande Industries Inc., the lowest responsible bidder. The contract cost is \$2,085,612.90 and includes the following streets:

STREET NAME	FROM	TO
Brant Avenue	Woodland Road	Dead End
Buckingham Drive	Covington Road	Dead End
Canterbury Drive	Covington Road	Dead End
Chase Place	Turnaround	Concord Drive
Concord Drive	Springfield Road	Turnaround
Covington Place	Old Kummer Road	Center Oak Drive
David Drive	West Arcadia Drive	Old Perry Hwy. #3
Edwood Road	Winnerwood Road	Perrymont Road
Elaine Drive	Hazlett Road	Peebles Road
Griffith Road	Powers Drive	Turnaround
Highmeadow Road	Sample Road	Concord Drive
Kind Drive	Roosevelt Boulevard	Turnarounds
Lamplite Lane	Ryndwood Road	Turnaround
Linden Road	Plan Line	Richard Road
Parkfel Avenue	Perryvista Avenue	Ridgefel Avenue
Perryvista Avenue	Perry Hwy./Rt. 19	Ridgefel Avenue
Pin Oak Drive	Thompson Run Road	Turnaround
Pine Ridge Drive	Blum Avenue	Turnaround
Powers Drive	Ingomar Road	Turnaround
Reichold Road	Grubbs Road	Perry Highway
Ridgefel Avenue	Perryvista Avenue	Parkfel Avenue
Ryndwood Road	Edwood Road	Winnerwood Road
Shady Oak Circle	Shady Oak Drive	Turnaround
Shady Oak Drive	Springfield Drive	Shady Oak Circle
Springfield Drive	Peebles Road	Turnaround
Streamside Drive	Pin Oak Drive	Turnaround
Viewcrest Drive	Springfield Drive	Turnaround
Weller Drive	Perry Hwy./Rt. 19	Linden Road
West Arcadia Drive	Perry Highway	Old Perry Hwy. #3
Winnerwood Road	Edwood Road	Lamplite Lane

The contractor will provide a hand-delivered, written notice two to three days in advance prior to the onset of paving work on the street. We request your patience and apologize for any inconvenience while this work is being accomplished.

## Frequently Used Telephone Numbers and Addresses



### Town of McCandless

9955 Grubbs Road  
Wexford, PA 15090-9644  
[www.townofmccandless.org](http://www.townofmccandless.org)

Administrative Offices ..... 412-364-0616  
Tax Office ..... 412-364-0616  
Zoning Office ..... 412-364-0616  
Building Inspection/Fire Marshal ..... 412-364-0616  
Police Administration ..... 412-369-7992  
Police/Medical Emergency ..... 9 - 1 - 1  
Public Works Department ..... 412-364-0616  
9957 Grubbs Road, Wexford, PA 15090-9644

### McCandless Township Sanitary Authority

418 Arcadia Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237-5506  
[www.mtsaonline.org](http://www.mtsaonline.org)

Administrative Offices ..... 412-366-2700  
Billing Department ..... 412-366-8481  
Field Office ..... 412-364-2119

### Northland Public Library

300 Cumberland Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237-3000  
[www.clpgh.org/ein/northland](http://www.clpgh.org/ein/northland)

Main ..... 412-366-8100  
Hours and Announcements ..... 412-366-8140  
Toll Free ..... 1-888-292-2798  
Dial-A-Story ..... 412-366-1234

### McCandless Franklin Park Ambulance Authority

9925 Grubbs Road  
Wexford, PA 15090-9644  
[www.mfpaa.org](http://www.mfpaa.org)

Mailing Address:  
Box 1, Ingomar, PA 15127-0001  
Emergency ..... 9 - 1 - 1  
Billing ..... 412-367-5883

### McCandless Volunteer Fire Companies

Highland Volunteer Fire Department  
8705 Harold Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
[www.hIGHLANDfire.org](http://www.hIGHLANDfire.org)

Emergency ..... 9 - 1 - 1  
Business Number ..... 412-366-3473

### Ingomar Volunteer Fire Company

9695 Harmony Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
[www.ingomarfire.org](http://www.ingomarfire.org)

Emergency ..... 9 - 1 - 1  
Business Numbers:  
Main Station ..... 412-364-3571  
North Ingomar Station ..... 724-935-5131

### Peebles District Volunteer Fire Company

1391 Duncan Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
[www.peeblesfire.com](http://www.peeblesfire.com)

Emergency ..... 9 - 1 - 1  
Business Number ..... 412-364-2112

### Cable Companies in McCandless

Comcast  
300 Corliss Street OR ..... 825 Beaver Grade Road  
Pgh., PA 15220-4815 ..... Coraopolis, PA 15108  
[www.comcast.com](http://www.comcast.com)

General ..... 412-875-1100  
Service, Repair & Billing ..... 1-800-266-2278  
Sales ..... 412-771-1300

### Consolidated Communications

4008 Gibsonia Road  
Gibsonia, PA 15044  
[www.consolidated.com](http://www.consolidated.com)

General ..... 724-443-9521

### Verizon

[www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)

General ..... 1-800-660-2215

### Waste Management

625 Cherrington Parkway  
Moon Township, PA 15108  
1-800-866-4460

Refuse/recyclables will not be collected on September 6 (Labor Day), November 25 (Thanksgiving Day), and December 25 (Christmas Day). Collection will be one day later in each instance. Dates for yard waste recycling are shown in the Town calendar on each month it is offered.

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