

# •McCANDLESS TOWN CRIER•

TOWN OF McCANDLESS

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## Manager's Message

For those of us involved in the policy-setting and daily administrative affairs of the Town, 1984 was a year of transition. A number of accomplishments and some items of "business as usual" bear reflection:

- To keep our eyes, ears and sometimes our minds occupied we will soon have about 30 TV channels from which to choose, through our recently adopted cable TV contract with Centre Video, our cable provider.
- The refuse hauler, Mazzaro, received the award of a two year contract for garbage collection. Lucky him — and lucky us — this company does a great job! And, the price is \$1.15 per month better than the current contract.
- Fire service policies, procedures, funding and manpower needs were discussed by the Fire Company Steering and Finance Committees throughout the year. Town Council created a Sinking Fund to support the cost of new or revitalized equipment.
- Throughout 1984, regulations regarding the accessibility of the handicapped to public facilities receiving Revenue Sharing funding generated significant attention and prompted planning for policy and facility modifications which must occur by October, 1986.
- A new provider for animal protection services was selected after our previous contractor wound up in the financial doghouse.

- The Town's newly appointed engineering firm, Gateway Engineers, is providing sound expertise in new subdivision inspection and road and engineering projects.
- Fine-tuning of stormwater management regulations promises to assist in the steady, ongoing pace of development, while controls have been enacted to preclude the occurrence of indiscriminate logging.
- Stormwater management is also the focus of intergovernmental scrutiny. Town officials are currently taking part in Allegheny County's North Hills watershed planning.
- The spirit of intergovernmental cooperation will be manifested by June, 1985 when the installation of a traffic signal and road widening project at the Babcock Boulevard, Wildwood and Ingomar Roads intersection should be complete. County, Town and land developer (Radice, Inc.) efforts also produced improvements in the shape of Babcock Boulevard adjacent to the Radice Office Park.
- A substantial road improvement and drainage program including work on stormwater control on Blum Avenue and Winchester Road was completed.

● Custody of Grubbs and Reichold Roads shifted to the Town from Penn DOT following vigor repairs performed by that agency this year. Rinaman Road will become ours after its improvements are complete.

- Community stalwart, Lorraine G. Rogers was memorialized by the dedication of the Town's newly completed soccer fields in her honor.
- Town police officers extinguished the volunteer firemen in the annual Harvest Bowl.

### A look at next year reveals:

- The installation of a new computer system to be used for various administrative functions.
- Consideration is being given to the implementation of the Crime Watch Program.
- Plans for improvements to the intersection of Ingomar, Ingomar Heights, Highland and Brandt School Roads are in progress under County cognizance.
- The largest annual road and drainage improvement ever laid out for the Town.
- A review of zoning, subdivision, and related ordinances reflecting current and pragmatic development principles and concepts.
- Continued intergovernmental efforts in the North Hills through the appointment of an

executive director of the North Hills Council of Governments. Expanded use of County programs including the "sewer vactor" for storm sewer cleaning is anticipated. Regional stormwater management planning will also continue throughout 1985.

- Modifications to Town facilities and policies reviewed during 1984 will occur in the coming year. These include restroom modifications and the installation of ramps and a chair lift at the entrance to the Town Hall and the availability of other equipment to assist the handicapped in the participation of Town government.
- The Town of McCandless continues to prosper with steady development bringing additional growth which helps us keep pace with the current costs of governmental services. As another busy budget season ends and we begin to enjoy the holiday season and plan for next year, let us not forget the many gifts which enable us to look confidently into 1985.



Tobias M. Cordek

## Council Highlights — 1984

### June 4, 1984

A contract was awarded to Northern Industries, the lowest responsible bidder, for the construction and resurfacing of certain Town roads at an estimated total cost of \$742,563.74.

A contract was awarded to Lang Contracting, the lowest responsible bidder, for rental of a rubber tired backhoe with operator at an hourly rate of \$35.00 per hour and a daily rate of \$280.00.

### June 18, 1984

The site plan submission for a three story office building to be located on Perry Highway at Weller Drive, as submitted by J.C. Platts, was unanimously approved.

The site plan submission for a three story office building to be located on Perry Highway at Albemarle Drive as submitted by Frank Pelly, Jr. was approved.

The final plat submission for the Pine Run Plan of Lots located along Thompson Run Road was unanimously approved contingent upon the developer securing the necessary DER permits, establishment of an escrow fund for the potential elimination of the island on Pin Oak Drive, signing of a land development agreement and posting the necessary bonds and letters of credit.

Ordinance #883, establishing three stop signs at the intersection of Carriage Hill Road and Coventry Drive, was adopted.

A contract was awarded to Jim McKain Ford, the lowest responsible bidder, for two 1985 heavy duty four wheel drive pick-up trucks at a total cost of \$19,746.00.

A contract was awarded to Allegheny Ford, the lowest responsible bidder, for one 1985 dump truck at a total cost of \$27,039.00.

### July 23, 1984

Resolution #10 of the 1984 Series, repealing Resolution #7 of 1983 and adopting a deferred compensation plan with ICMA Retirement Corporation and authorizing the execution of agreements relating to said plan, was adopted.

The 1984 State Liquid Fuels Fund Budget was revised.

# CABLE TELEVISION

McCandless entered into an agreement with Centre Video (the local subsidiary of Telecommunications, Inc.) on September 24th to continue cable television service to the Town. The new agreement provides for expansion of services to include at least 24 channels within one year after the signing of the contract, with the capability of carrying up to 54 channels.

Centre Video will have the following channels available within one year: 2, 4, 7 (Wheeling), 9 (Steubenville), 11, 13, 22, 40, 53, 9 (WOR-New York), 17 (WTBS-Atlanta), 6 (Johnstown), and MetroMedia (local meeting information and items of community interest). In addition, they also propose several satellite services: Cable Network News, Time-Weather Channel, MTV (Music TV), USA Network, ESPN and C-Span (Congressional channel). At least three optional paid television must also be available under the new contract. Centre Video plans to offer HBO, Showtime, Cinemax, and the Disney channel in early to mid 1985 along with an anticipated total of 31 channels available.

In order to receive the new expanded service package, a television channel converter will be given to each customer as part of the monthly service charge. Rates for standard service will increase from \$6.50 to \$7.00 per month effective December 1, 1984. It will further increase to \$8.00 per month when expanded service is provided which will include one conventional converter at no extra charge. Each additional outlet will cost \$1.50 plus \$2.50 for each converter rental per month.

Centre Video has ordered a telephone system which will enable them to receive trouble calls, complaints and suggestions more quickly. A standard performance provision in the new contract also provides a 48 hour deadline for repairs to be made to the system when service has been disrupted or discontinued. If such occurrences extend beyond 48 hours, a customer, either individually or through the Town, will receive restored service or pro rata credit on the monthly service billing.

## DPW Data

Reconstruction and/or repaving of 9 miles of Town roads was completed in 1984 according to DPW Superintendent, Mark Sabina. In addition, 1 mile of new storm drains were installed. The 1985 reconstruction program will include approximately 10 miles of Town roads and 1½ miles of storm drains at a cost of \$1.13 million.

Residents are reminded that they can report potholes in Town roads to the DPW by calling 367-0181 at any time. During working hours, department employees will take your call. At all other times, your message will be recorded for prompt attention.

## Council Highlights *(Continued)*

The preliminary and final plat application of a 54 lot subdivision to be known as the Knob Hill Plan of Lots located on Meinert Road as proposed by Bernhard Realty and Sandin Thomas Realty was unanimously approved conditioned upon the signing of a land development agreement and posting of the necessary bonds and letters of credit with a waiver of the sidewalk requirement along Lots 51-54 along Sudberry Drive.

Ordinance #884, establishing a no parking zone on a portion of Ingomar Road from its intersection with Grubbs Road westerly for a distance of 1600 feet, was adopted.

Ordinance #885, establishing a speed limit along the entire length of Grubbs Road of 35 mph, was adopted.

Resolution #11 of the 1984 Series, authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Authority for Improvement of Municipalities of Allegheny County and the execution of an agreement with regard to that acceptance all in relation to the widening of Ingomar and Wildwood Roads located in North Park, Allegheny County, was adopted.

A contract was awarded to Dictaphone Corporation, the lowest responsible bidder, for a multi-channel logging recorder system at a total cost of \$22,745.00

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of McCandless and the Town of McCandless Police Lieutenants Unit for a one year contract beginning January 1, 1984 and expiring December 31, 1984 was entered into.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of McCandless and the Town of McCandless Police Officers Association for a two year contract beginning January 1, 1984 and expiring December 31, 1985 was entered into.

A contract was awarded to Domestique Services, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, for janitorial services for the Town Hall at a cost per month of \$650.00.

Ordinance #886, approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless, was adopted.

Resolution #12 of the 1984 Series, authorizing the submission of an application for a National Community Volunteer Fire Prevention Program Grant, was adopted.

### August 7, 1984

A public hearing was held on an ordinance tentatively identified as Ordinance #891, extending a franchise for a cable television system to Tele-Communications, Inc. for a period of ten years, with provisions for an additional five year extension.

A public hearing was held on an ordinance tentatively identified as Ordinance #890, amending Article 1501 of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless by adopting the 1984 edition of the Basic Fire Prevention Code of the Building Officials Conference of America, with minor modifications, and by amending Article 1701 of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless by adopting the 1984 edition of the Building Code of the Building Officials Conference of America, with minor modifications.

Resolution #13 of the 1984 Series, approving the termination of the existence of the North Allegheny Joint Authority, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, was adopted.

The Town Manager was authorized to sell four police cars to the following highest responsible bidders: Vehicle 1 - J. Kunszak Auto Sales, for 1982 Chevrolet Malibu at a price of \$1,326.51. Vehicle 2 - J. Kunszak Auto Sales, for 1982 Chevrolet Malibu at a price of \$1,661.16. Vehicle 3 - J. Kunszak Auto Sales, for 1982 Chevrolet Malibu at a price of \$1,616.16. Vehicle 4 - T. Balestreire, for 1983 Dodge Diplomat at a price of \$1,501.00.

Ordinance #887, rezoning property located at the northeast corner of Corporate Drive and Babcock Boulevard from R-2 (one and two family residential) to C-7 (general office) per the request of Radice Realty, Inc., was adopted.

Ordinance #888, rezoning property located at Perry Highway and Old Perry Highway adjacent to the Ingomar volunteer fire substation from R-2 (one and two family residential) to I (institutional) as per the request of Northway Christian Church, was unanimously denied.

Ordinance #888, rezoning property located on Hemlock Drive and Peebles Road from R-2 (one and two family residential) to R-3 (multi-family and garden apartment district) per the request of Albert Singer and Ernest Roesler, was unanimously approved contingent upon the developer providing a public sewer system under the operation of McCandless Township Sanitary Authority which will suffice to serve the capacity of the existing Peebles Road lift station and the dwellings to be erected on the property and waiving the Town standards for a 50' right-of-way to facilitate a Town accepted road while permitting the developer to provide a right-of-way 30' in width to accommodate a paved cartway to Town specifications to be accepted as a Town road.

Resolution #14 of the 1984 Series, amending the official plan of sanitary sewers of McCandless Township (1969) for the Knob Hill Plan of Lots, was unanimously approved.

Ordinance #889, regulating the discharge of waste material into sewers of the Town; prohibiting the discharge thereof of wastes which may damage the sewers or other facilities of the Town or of the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority, which may interfere with or pass through the Allegheny County Sanitary sewage treatment process, or which may endanger life, health or safety, or may violate laws, rules or regulations controlling the discharge of sewage and industrial waste as promulgated by the Federal Government, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the County of Allegheny, the Ohio Valley Water Sanitation Commission or by the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority; and providing penalties for violation, was adopted.

Resolution #15 of the 1984 Series, wherein the Town of McCandless, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, agrees to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to provide snow and ice control on certain state roads within the Town of McCandless, was adopted. The roads included in this agreement are as follows: Perrymont Road, Arcadia Drive; Sloop Road; Pine Creek Road; Richard Road; Reichold Road; Cumberland Road; Grubbs Road; Rinaman Road; Rochester Road; Ingomar Road; Babcock Boulevard, from Duncan Avenue to West Ridge Road; and Peebles Road, from McKnight Road to Hemlock Drive.

### September 24, 1984

The Town of McCandless Revenue Sharing Advisory and Grievance Committee was created through the following appointments: Chairman of the Services Committee, the Town Manager

## Council Highlights *(Continued)*

or designee, the Reverend Elwood Leister, Gertrude Aufman, C. Roger Toth and Judy Koehler.

The North Hills Council of Governments was authorized to submit a Community Development Block Grant request on the Town's behalf to the proper officials of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Resolution #16 of the 1984 Series, authorizing the Town's participation in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT), a short term investment agency, was adopted.

The site plan submission of John Bernhard for a three story office building to be known as Babcock Plaza, abutting Babcock Boulevard adjacent to the 7 Eleven convenience store, was unanimously approved.

Ordinance #890, establishing a stop sign at the intersection of Fox Ridge Road and Demmler Drive, was adopted.

Ordinance #891, amending Article 1501 of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless by adopting the 1984 edition of the Basic Fire Prevention Code of the Building Officials Conference of America, with minor modifications, and by amending Article 1701 of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless by adopting the 1984 edition of the Building Code of the Building Officials Conference of America, with minor modifications, was adopted.

Ordinance #892, of the Town of McCandless extending the cable television franchise, was adopted.

A contract was awarded to Mazzaro Coal & Disposal, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, for solid waste collection in the Town of McCandless at a cost per month of \$4.00 for unlimited curb service for calendar years 1985 and 1986.

### October 22, 1984

Resolution #17 of the 1984 Series, ratifying the action of the North Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) which creates a position of full time executive direction, was adopted.

A contract was awarded to International Salt Company, the lowest responsible bidder, for sodium chloride (rock salt) at a price per ton delivered to the Town of McCandless of \$25.40.

A contract was awarded to Coco Trucking, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, for cinders suitable for icy roads at a price per ton F.O.B. supplier's yard of \$8.50 and at a price per ton delivered to the Town of \$11.25.

A contract was awarded to Chemply Division of United Chemicals, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, for  $\text{CACl}_2$  flake at a price per ton F.O.B. supplier's yard of \$205.00 and at a price per ton delivered to the Town of \$210.00.

A contract was awarded to Highway Equipment Company, the lowest responsible bidder meeting or exceeding all specifications with two minor exceptions, for one articulated wheel type loader (hi-lift) at a net price of \$34,000.

Ordinance #893, accepting the following roads as Town roads and rights-of-way: Timbarra Court, Oakridge Drive, Hillcrest Drive and the stormwater drainage system and easements therefor, all within the Oakridge Plan of Lots, contingent upon the receipt of a maintenance bond for same, was adopted.

Ordinance #894, accepting Oakcrest Court as a Town road and the stormwater drainage system and easements therefor, in the Meadow Oaks 11 Plan of Lots, contingent upon the receipt of a maintenance bond for same, was adopted.

### November 5, 1984

A contract was awarded to Borda Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, for the construction of approximately 1,078 lineal feet of storm sewer in and along Blum and Rinaman Roads ranging in size from 15" to 36" at a price of \$45,891.18.

A contract was awarded to John Mancini, the lowest responsible bidder, for the replacement of approximately 576 lineal feet of storm sewer with 48" diameter reinforced concrete pipe on Winchester Drive and private property at a price of \$69,069.

### November 26, 1984

Resolution #18 of the 1984 Series, a resolution eliminating payments into the Police Pension Fund by members of the Police Department, was adopted.

Resolution #19 of the 1984 Series, a resolution creating Fire Apparatus Reserve Fund with accompanying regulations, was adopted.

The final plat submission for the Towne Square North condominium complex located at Peebles Road and Hemlock Drive as submitted by Pelly Custom Homes was unanimously approved contingent upon the Zoning Hearing Board granting necessary front yard setback variances and contingent upon accessibility to the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority public sewer system without an additional lift station.

The final plat submission for a townhouse complex to be known as North Park Place, located at Ridge Road, Three Degree Road and Babcock Boulevard as submitted by Pelly Custom Homes was unanimously approved.

The preliminary site plan submission of Radice North Hills for Parcel G to accommodate a 20,000 sq. ft. office building located at Corporate Drive and Babcock Boulevard was unanimously approved.

The request of Alfred E. Thomson, III for an extension of the land development time constraints for the development of the Arcadia property along McKnight Road until December 19, 1985 was unanimously approved.

The approval of the final plat submission for the Phase III PRD development of Hickory Hills was extended subject to the signing of a land development agreement and posting of proper bonds and escrow in the total amount \$5,000.

Ordinance #895, accepting the following road as a Town road and right-of-way: Blazier Drive and the stormwater drainage system within the boundary of the roadway and easements therefor, from Ingomar Road in a northwesterly direction 2,150 feet, was adopted.

Resolution #20 of the 1984 Series, accepting Rinaman Road as a Town road contingent upon certain work begin performed on Rinaman Road by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation by June 10, 1986, was adopted.

Resolution #21 of the 1984 Series, accepting Reichold Road and Grubbs Road as Town roads, was adopted.

## Fire Prevention & Safety

Fire Marshall, Richard Wagner, has presented fire prevention programs to over 6,000 children and adults this year. His program primarily involved pre-school and elementary school children in the district. In addition, he has instructed Town business and institution personnel in fire preventive practices and demonstrated emergency fire extinguishing and containment.



Fire Marshall Wagner and Highland V.F.D. Firefighter Eileen Zimmerman explain fire engine equipment to preschool children.

Fire prevention is always important in the home. It's even more important to put it in practice during winter months. Here are some "Safety Tips" from the fire marshall:

**Furnaces** - Heating systems need periodic inspection and service to keep them operating efficiently and safely. It will cost a few dollars to have your furnace checked by a qualified heating serviceman, but proper servicing is essential to good service and it may even save your life and that of your family.

**Smoke Detectors** - Since fire grows so quickly and so often happens while people sleep, your family must have the early warning that smoke detectors provide. Protect the sleeping areas and/or basement area. Have a plan of action for escaping from fire ready before an incident should occur. If you become trapped in smoke, crawl low, keeping your head down away from smoke. Cleaner air is nearest the ground.

**Fire Extinguishers** - An "ABC" or multi-purpose fire extinguisher is effective on most small fires in the home. (When purchasing and extinguisher make sure it is stated on the label "re-chargeable".)

**Kerosene Heater Care and Use** • Use only clean water-clear kerosene (1-K). • NEVER add fuel when your heater is operating or hot. • ALWAYS fill the fuel tank OUT-DOORS away from your living area. • ALWAYS use your heater in a well ventilated place to avoid risk of asphyxiation. • Never trim a fiberglass wick and always replace an old wick. • NEVER burn a cotton wick without fuel. • Save your owners manual. It is important that you read and understand and save it to provide valuable information which will help you enjoy trouble-free performance.

**Wood Burners & Chimneys** - Stove connectors, pipes and chimneys should be inspected by competent professionals annually for possible defects that may have developed. • Use short hot fires rather than long smoldering ones. • Never use gasoline, kerosene, charcoal starter or other flammable liquids to start a fire. • Don't burn trash in stoves or fireplaces. • Don't store dry wood near or under stove and be careful of burning embers when tending fire. • Use a metal fireplace screen around your opening. • Use "Tot

Finder" decals to identify children's rooms. Placed on windows (facing outside) and lower part of doors in hallways, they are essential in firefighters locating areas in which a child may be. Decals are free upon request at any fire hall and at the Town Hall. • If a fuse blows, find the cause and replace the fuse with one of the correct size. • Don't overload electrical outlets. • If you have children, turn pot handles so children can't pull them off the stove. • All electrical appliances and tools should have a testing agency label. Have appliances repaired if they aren't working properly.

## A Tip Of The Hat

Many services enjoyed by Town of McCandless residents are given by volunteers. This includes our vital emergency ambulance service. The ultra modern facility on Grubbs Road is manned 24 hours a day to respond to calls with life-supporting state-of-the-art equipment.



DPW Superintendent Mark Sabina checking supplies in Mobile Intensive Care Unit.

One Volunteer is DPW Superintendent, Mark Sabina. A qualified Paramedic, he serves on a regular scheduled basis on his own time. If an emergency should arise and additional manpower is needed while Mark is on his regular job, he has been given permission to give assistance.

So, to Mark, and others serving our community voluntarily, goes the Town Crier's tip of the hat and our thanks!

## It's That Time Again

Now's the time when we listen more closely to weather forecasts and peek out the window apprehensively when arising each morning. Yes, it's snowtime again. And, to McCandless Public Works personnel, it means being on call 24 hours a day to control ice and snow on Town roads and streets, plus some state roads.

Road conditions are monitored by DPW personnel on weekdays from 7:30 AM to 4 PM. McCandless police keep watch on road conditions at all other times, including holidays. When hazardous conditions develop, DPW crews are dispatched to make streets and roads safe to travel. This year, Town trucks are equipped with new hydraulic spreaders to distribute snow and ice melting chemicals and cinders more efficiently and effectively.

Peebles Road and Babcock Blvd. from North Park to Duncan Avenue have been added to roads Town DPW workers will be responsible for. McKnight Road, Perry Highway, roads through North Park and Babcock Blvd. between Duncan Avenue and McKnight Road remain the State and County responsibilities.

## Coordinator Needed

A qualified individual is urgently needed to serve as Town of McCandless Emergency Management Coordinator. The previous coordinator had to relinquish the position because of ill-health.

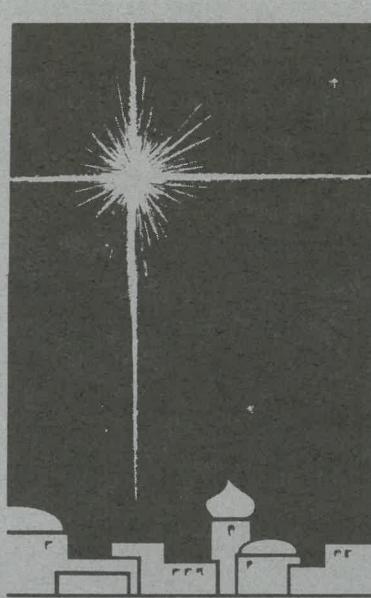
Serving on a volunteer basis, the EM Coordinator will set up plans, within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Emergency Management Program, to deal with natural or man-made disasters within the Town. If such an event occurs, he or she will coordinate activities such as relocating sick or injured and/or the orderly evacuation of our citizens should the need arise. This position is inter-related to others with comparable duties statewide making possible the request for specialized teams to assist in local emergencies.

If you have the background and ability to develop plans and coordinate disaster alleviating services (should the need arise) please send your resume to the Town Hall.

## New Traffic Signal

Traffic congestion will be greatly relieved when a new signal light will be installed at the Wildwood Road and Babcock Boulevard intersection. A resolution passed by council on January 23, 1984 made possible the acceptance of a grant from Authority for Improvements of Municipalities of Allegheny County for this purpose.

Installation and operation of the new traffic signal are expected to be complete by summer.



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This Christmas, look deep into your heart. Re-discover the Star and have a very happy Christmas — just as it was in the beginning.

*Best Holiday Wishes from McCandless Council, Administrators and Town Personnel.*

## Bulletin Board

### 1. Part time positions available

- apply at Pittsburgh Job Service North, Northland Public Library 300 Cumberland Road Pittsburgh, PA 15237 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No fee.

For further information call: 366-3121

### 2. Christmas tree pick-up

- Mazzaro Disposal will pick up your Christmas tree when placed with rubbish on your regular pick-up day.

3. The Town of McCandless is in need of volunteers to serve on the Personnel Board. Applicants should have some background in personnel matters. Resumes will be accepted by the Town Manager.

## Refuse Rate Reduced

McCandless has entered into a new 2 year agreement with Mazzaro Disposal Service for refuse collection within the Town. A reduction in rates from \$5.15 per month to \$4.00 will be effective January 1, 1985. The reduction is the result of Mazzaro no longer hauling materials to a transfer station.

**Senior Citizen Special:** Because senior citizens may have smaller amounts of rubbish (perhaps one bag in a week or 2 week period) Mazzaro has made a special 50¢ per bag available to them. Those qualifying may purchase 50¢ stickers to place on bags when placing bags at curbside for pick-up. Those interested may call Mazzaro at 771-2828.

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STAR*

It was a time when mankind worried and feared. War, plague, pestilence and famine were daily companions. Then the Star appeared bringing hope to those who despaired, courage to the frightened, and contentment to tormented minds.

Things, now, are the same — only the Star is no longer visible. After that night it was broken into billions of fragments and a tiny piece was placed in the hearts of all mankind. The Star, you see, was made of love. The most wondrous gift strong enough to overcome the frailties of life. That's what Christmas is all about. A reminder that we were born with an abundance of love. So much, that we can share it — bestow it — and have an infinite amount remaining.

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# Police Report

Although a formal "Crimewatch" program is being studied, Police Chief Patrick McCabe would like to remind everyone that being aware of any suspicious activity - and promptly reporting it to the police - is the most effective crime deterrent! Something as innocent looking as an automobile repeatedly travelling up and down a street might well be a burglar looking for an opportunity. But, no matter what your concern may be, report it to the police. Your own personal "Observe and Report" program will increase the safety of you and your neighbors.



Youth Officer, James Miller, is concerned with the increased property damage caused by BB guns. These, as well as pellet guns, air rifles and similar weapons are forbidden by ordinance to be fired within Town limits. A fine of up to \$100.00 can be levied against anyone violating the firearms ordinance or persons under the age of eighteen can be charged with a violation under the Crime Codes of Pennsylvania. This information is being made available so that the use and availability of these types of weapons can be controlled by parents.

Auto thefts have increased! Some in broad daylight. The most vulnerable areas are supermarket, department store and theatre parking lots. Many cars are not recovered. They are stolen by "chop shop" operators who quickly dismantle cars and dispose of the parts. Simply locking your car may not deter this kind of auto theft. Alarms, kill switches and other theft-deterring devices - available at auto stores and other retail outlets - should be installed for added safety.

Incidents of rabies have increased at an alarming rate in Pennsylvania. Because of wooded areas in our Town and a large animal population, extreme care should be taken in the presence of wildlife. Pets, if permitted to run-at-large, are also imperilled. An ordinance requires all dogs in McCandless to receive rabies shots every three years. This ordinance is enforced and all owners should obey it for the safety and well-being of pets and the community.

"During the last hectic days of Christmas shopping, thieves are most active," says McCandless Detective, Gary Anderson. Here are some safeguards: 1 - Lock your car ignition and doors and remove keys. Do not hide keys in your car. 2 - Lock all packages in your car trunk and do not leave valuables in the glove compartment. 3 - Park your car in a well-lighted area and remember its location. 4 - Do not leave vehicle registration in your car. Keep it with your drivers license in your wallet. 5 - If articles are stolen from your car, or, if your car is stolen, report it to the police immediately.

Women should also be alert to "purse-snatching". It occurs in parking lots and in stores! To avoid property loss and possible physical harm, women are advised to: 1 - Clutch your bag tightly and carry it close to your body. 2 - Never lay your purse near an open car window, or laid on a store counter. 3 - Be wary of youths or others running past you; following you; or, approaching you in a suspicious manner. 4 - If you are accosted, do not resist. Try to maintain your balance to avoid injury from a fall. Call for help to attract assistance from those nearby. Call the police quickly and supply a thorough description of your assailant (including clothing) and details of stolen articles.

# Earned Income Tax

Final cards for reporting wages earned in 1984 will be mailed December 31st and payment is due by April 15, 1985. Proof of gross earnings must be attached to the card or shown when payment is made. If taxes are not paid on a quarterly basis by the due date, a 1/2% penalty for each month and 6% per annum interest will be added to the amount due for each quarter.

Those who have Town wage taxes deducted by employers are reminded that they, too, must submit proof of earnings when filing final forms. Copies of W-2 Forms, State or Federal tax returns or payroll receipts are recommended to support reported earnings.

Town of McCandless Wage Tax Office is open Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM. On due dates only, the office is also open from 6:30PM to 9PM for taxpayers convenience. Wage tax checks should be made payable to Town of McCandless EIT.

County's most desirable communities with a well-balanced mixture of residences, businesses, educational and health-care facilities is one of which we can all be proud!

The Town of McCandless has grown within a well-defined Development Plan. Administered by elected and appointed officials, the Town has every possible public service, effectively organized and efficiently maintained. A review of McCandless "Then and Now" shows the phrase, "You've come a long way" aptly applies.

	1954	1964	1974	1984
POPULATION*	6,488	14,582	22,404	26,191
AREAS (Miles)	17.2	16.4	16.4	16.4
MILES OF ROADS	40.59	56.66	70.15	97
ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL	1	4	8	11
POLICE PERSONNEL**	6	10+4	23+5	27+5
PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL	8	12	23	21
OPERATING BUDGET (\$)	210,000	467,777	1,858,572	4,236,840
REAL ESTATE TAX (Mills)	5	6	5	10

\*From 1950, 1960, 1970 and 1980 Census, respectively

\*\*Includes non-uniformed personnel.

## Then and Now

Founded in 1851 as a second class township with 1,500 residents, McCandless has grown into a modern municipality with a population of 27,000. The change from a rural community of farms and oil wells into one of Allegheny



## Soccer Fields Dedicated

Town of McCandless' new soccer fields were officially opened on September 10th. Present at the ceremonies were Council President Robert J. Powers, Councilman Thomas G. Mohr, Town Manager Tobias M. Cordek, Assistant Town Manager Edith Liguori and members of the North Allegheny Soccer Club team.

The new facility, named "Lorrain Rodgers Memorial Fields", honors the memory of a McCandless resident who devoted much time and effort to community causes.

To detail Lorrain Rodgers service to worthy causes would take a Town Crier issue to cover. Born in Mankota, Minnesota, she graduated from nursing school in 1937. Prior to moving to McCandless in 1964, she served as an officer and volunteer in community service organizations in Cleveland, Ohio and Donora, Pennsylvania.

Here in McCandless, Mrs. Rodgers became involved in the establishment of recreational facilities, serving as chairperson of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Recreation from 1975 through 1981. Along with Councilman Gerald Aufman, she succeeded in obtaining a matching grant of \$58,698 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs to develop new recreational facilities. She was also deeply involved in negotiations resulting in transfer of private property to the Town which is now known as "Potter Park".

The Pittsburgh Symphony Society, League of Women Voters, Committee for Elderly Concern, Know your Town and Know your Schools Programs, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Parent Faculty Association, North Star Players, Meals on Wheels, Ingomar Garden Club and Womens Guild at Divine Providence Hospital, all, benefited from her services. In January, 1980, the North Hills Jaycees bestowed their highest honor to Mrs. Rodgers by awarding her the Distinguished Service Award.

Mrs. Lorrain Rodgers . . . quite a lady, indeed!



Council President, Robert Powers cuts ceremonial ribbon as Edith Liguori, Ass't. Town Mgr., Councilman Thomas Mohr, Town Mgr. Tobias Cordek and members of N.A. Soccer Club girl's team look on.



Mrs. Lorrain Rodgers

# Building permits

**WHO** - Permits are issued only to property owners. However, a representative of the property owner may pick up the permit application at the Town Hall. In all cases, the permit must be signed by the applicant.

**WHAT** - Building permits are required for all new building projects and for structural alterations, including remodeling, signs, swimming pools, wiring and plumbing and installation of central air conditioning systems.

Permits are usually not required for routine repairs nor for interior remodeling projects which do not involve structural changes.

In cases which require structural alterations, such as room additions, garages, porches, decks or patios, detailed drawings may be

required. These plans may be drawn by the home owner or a contractor, and need not be done by an architect.

In the case of detached structures, such as utility sheds and playhouses, applicants must specify the exact location of the structure on the lot, to insure that the project meets frontage and sideline requirements.

McCandless also enforces the Allegheny County Plumbing Codes.

Building permits are needed for all wiring work. McCandless utilizes a private firm, the Middle Department Inspection Agency or other recognized private agencies to enforce the electrical code. Homeowners must arrange for inspections prior to covering any concealed wiring with paneling or cabinets and again when the project is complete.

Permits are also needed for demolition of structures.

**WHEN** - Permits must be obtained prior to start of work on a project. The Building Inspector will visit the site at various stages of construction, depending on the scope of the project, and its completion. It is up to the homeowner to arrange and schedule inspections. Arrangements for inspections can be made by contacting the Town Hall (364-0616). Those wishing to arrange for inspection of electrical installations should contact the Middle Department Inspection Agency at 935-1558 or 931-3028.

**WHERE** - All permit applications are available at the Town Hall, 9955 Grubbs Road, Wexford 15090 weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**HOW MUCH** - The cost of permits varies according to the nature of the project. Fees include all visits by inspectors, regardless of the number of inspections required. Building permits are valid for one year from the date they are issued.

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS — 1985

### JANUARY

- 1st — New Year's Day, Town Offices closed
- 2nd — Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 3rd — McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
- 7th — Public Safety, Services, Public Works, Recreation Committees, 7:30 p.m.
- 14th — Zoning and Finance Committees, 7:30 p.m.
- 24th — Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.
- 28th — Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- 4th — Public Safety, Services, Public Works, Recreation Committees, 7:30 p.m.
- 5th — Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 7th — McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
- 11th — Zoning and Finance Committees, 7:30 p.m.
- 18th — President's Day, Town Offices closed
- 25th — Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 28th — Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.

### MARCH

- 4th — Public Safety, Services, Public Works, Recreation Committees, 7:30 p.m.
- 5th — Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 7th — McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
- 11th — Zoning and Finance Committees, 7:30 p.m.
- 25th — Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 28th — Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.

### APRIL

- 1st — Public Safety, Services, Public Works, Recreation Committees, 7:30 p.m.
- 2nd — Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 4th — McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
- 5th — Good Friday, Town Offices closed
- 8th — Zoning and Finance Committees, 7:30 p.m.
- 22nd — Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 25th — Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.

### MAY

- 2nd — McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
- 6th — Public Safety, Services, Public Works, Recreation Committees, 7:30 p.m.
- 7th — Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 13th — Zoning and Finance Committees, 7:30 p.m.
- 23rd — Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.
- 27th — Memorial Day, Town Offices closed
- 28th — Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### JUNE

- 3rd — Public Safety, Services, Public Works, Recreation Committees, 7:30 p.m.
- 4th — Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 6th — McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 7:30 p.m.
- 10th — Zoning and Finance Committees, 7:30 p.m.
- 24th — Council's Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 27th — Zoning Hearing Board, 7:30 p.m.
- 27th — McCandless Township Sanitary Authority (July 4th meeting)

## TOWN OF McCANDLESS

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