

# SWISSVALE NEWS

*Swissvale News is Your Community Newspaper*

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2013

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **FISH FRY**  
*Fridays during lent at Fire Station on Irvine  
(See page 4 for more information)*
- **EASTER EGG HUNT**  
*Saturday, March 30, noon at Memorial Park*
- **CLEAN-UP DAY**  
*May (date to be announced) at the borough building*
- **ELECTION DAY (Primary)**  
*May 21 (Primary) November 5 (General)*
- **COMMUNITY DAYS**  
*June 28 & 29 at Dickson Field*
- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
*August 6*
- **HALLOWEEN PARADE**  
*October 26 meet on Roslyn Street*
- **NIGHT OF LIGHTS**  
*December 7, 6 p.m. at the fire station*
- **PARKWAY FLOWER PLANTING**  
*May 5, 9 a.m.*
- **SUNFLOWER GARDEN PLANTING**  
*May (dates to be announced)  
VOLUNTEERS are welcome and needed please  
contact Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder for more  
information or questions 412-271-3811 or email  
MAYORSWISSVALE@AOL.COM*

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Swissvale's 19th annual Easter Egg hunt will take place on Saturday March 30 at noon in Memorial Park. Participants will hunt for eggs and receive prizes. There

will also be some activities for the children along with refreshments and a visit from the Easter Bunny!



Contact Mayor Swartzwelder with questions or to volunteer at [mayorswissvale@aol.com](mailto:mayorswissvale@aol.com).



## SWISSVALE YOUTH



## BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

**REGISTRATION FOR AGES 4-14**  
**FEBRUARY 2ND - 3RD & 9TH - 10TH**  
**FROM 12:00 NOON - 2:00 P.M.**  
**At Swissvale Borough Building**

SWISSVALE HAS BEGUN THE JOURNEY TO CONNECTING  
Get connected. You can find us on

**FACEBOOK:** Swissvale Community

**TWITTER:** [Swissvale Community@SwissvaleTweet](https://twitter.com/SwissvaleCommunity)

**GMAIL:** [swissvalemail@gmail.com](mailto:swissvalemail@gmail.com)

## WANTED:

## CROSSING GUARDS

(Substitute position)

If you would like to apply for a Crossing Guard substitute position or Administrative Assistant Clerk please submit an application to the Borough Secretary. Applications can be picked up at the Borough building.

## WHEN SNOW ACCUMULATES...

Remember Swissvale requires residents to remove snow on sidewalks 24 hours after the snow stops falling.

Be responsible and clear your sidewalks and a path to your mailbox. It's a legal requirement, for safety and liability reasons, but it's also good-neighborliness.

Please observe parking limitations and restrictions on streets and alleyways to simplify snow plowing and removal by borough crews. The less you hold them up, the quicker they can clear the roads.

Be sure to drive slowly and carefully in areas where children and seniors are likely to be afoot, especially school zones, shopping districts, places of worship and playgrounds. Driving conditions can deteriorate quickly and so can your ability to see clearly and keep your vehicle under control.

Check your property for formation of icicles, ice dams and snow packs on the roof. These can fall and cause injury and also trigger expensive structural damage to your home.

Be scrupulously careful with heating devices. They can be lethal. If home heating is a problem, help is available. Contact the borough for advice.



## NEWS FROM THE TAX OFFICE

by Thomas Barr, Tax Collector

Attention Swissvale property owners who have not paid their real estate taxes...please note that all 2012 unpaid borough and school property tax statements will be submitted, to our delinquent collector, in April. Please take a moment to check and make sure your taxes are paid. This also includes the borough garbage fee.

The approximate mailing dates for the 2013 statements, are as follows:

Borough garbage fee ..... 1st week of February

Borough real estate tax..... 1st week of May

School real estate tax..... 1st week of July

Please contact the tax office for the following:

- You do not receive a statement
- You have changed your mailing address

### Any general questions regarding your real estate taxes

The Swissvale real estate tax office is located at 7447 Washington  
Phone 412-351-3342 • fax 412 351-2707.

## LIGHTS AND LOCKS

The chief admonished residents to be careful to lock their homes and cars, especially during the summer months when doors or windows might be left open for ventilation.

Geppert said: "I hate to sound like somebody's schoolmarm, always scolding about this, but it really makes sense to lock up your house and your car to prevent intrusion, theft or worse. Break-in reports take up a lot of time for our officers for response and investigation. These occurrences can be easily prevented by taking a few seconds to secure what's yours."

### **BUSCH BROS. TIRE SERVICE INC.**

1931 Monongahela Ave.  
Swissvale, PA 15218

**412-351-5342**

### **NOVA**

NOVA INSURANCE SERVICES, LLC

All forms of insurance  
412-856-4200

Mark Foerster, Agent

### *Mary Jo's Salon*

**MARY JO MAYDAK**  
Proprietress

7101 Harrison Ave.  
Swissvale, PA 15218 (412) 242-6377

## ACTIVITY NEVER CEASES AT SWISSVALE LIBRARY.

**H**ow old are you? There are activities for preschoolers, older kids and family groups—and it's all free!

Preschool classes (ages 3-5) run on Mondays, at 11 a.m. Every class begins with story time, followed by games and/or crafts. Schedules are available at the desk.

Classes for older children operate on Saturdays at 1 p.m. Games, crafts, cooking, and contests fill our agenda—pick up one at the desk.

If you like to play board games, show up on Mondays, from 4-5:30 p.m. (This class is for school-age kids, and parents.)

Our monthly family nights are designed for family participation, and the dates are the 3rd Fridays at 7 p.m. The January 18th event will be "A Hobbit Happening." (Guess which book you should be reading.) We will play hobbit games and eat hobbit food. The February 15th event will be "A Victorian Night". (Discover how families spent their evenings together before television and computers). On March 15th, we will sew "Pocket Banners", and on April 19th, we will repeat our popular "Go Fish Tournament"—with prizes, of course.

We've sponsored numerous WIZARD Tournaments in recent years (WIZARD is a card game), and the next tournament will begin on Saturday, Feb. 9th, at 7 p.m. It will run for several Saturdays, with small weekly prizes, and a final grand prize, awarded to the players. New players are welcome every week—ages 10 to adult. WIZARD is easy to learn, if not easy to win.

We are in the midst of our 13th annual "Book Bucks" reading program. This is our 9 month project intended to encourage reading among independent readers of all ages. Readers compile reading points, which are exchanged for our currency, "Book Bucks," which is used to buy all manner of items at our annual Auction. You, too, can go home with a bagful of free stuff (games, kits, books, kitchen items, gift cards, etc.)—all you need to do is read. Ask us for the forms, so that you can start collecting your points.



Your online source for  
community news, school events,  
business listings and more.

**ForestHills-RegentSquarePatch**  
<http://foresthills-regentsquare.patch.com>

## JUST A REMINDER:

Swissvale Community Food Pantry distributes on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

Folks can call for further information, 412-351-1802.

## Thomas L. Nied Funeral Home, Inc.

7441 Washington Street • Swissvale, PA 15218  
www.niedfuneralhome.com

**(412) 271-0345 • Fax (412) 271-0592**  
*Charles C. Nied - Supervisor*

Peter C. Nied - Director  
Mark E. Maraugh - Director  
Paula R. Sumpman - Director

*Family owned and operated since 1922*



# Living Spirit MINISTRY

Swissvale United Methodist Church  
7415 Irvine Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15218  
412-351-1802  
www.swissvaleumc.org  
swissvaleumc@verizon.net

*"Easily accessible. No Steps."*

**Come and Rethink  
Church with us.**

**Veltre's Pizza  
Swissvale  
412-271-3244**

*"We Deliver Quality"*

**30th Year  
In Swissvale**



**Swissvale Rotary Club**

Meets Wednesdays at 12:15  
Cafe dez Artz, corner of  
Monongahela & Schoyer

***Interested in joining  
call 412-242-3906***

**McBROOM  
BEER STORE**

Pittsburgh's #1 Distributor  
of Imported & Craft Brewed Beers



412-241-2500  
1200 S. Braddock Ave.  
Regent Square, PA 15218

## SWISSVALE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY

*Every Friday During Lent February 15 & 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29*

The Swissvale Volunteer Fire Department will be holding its annual Lenten Fish Fry at the new fire station at 7400 Irvine Street. Everything is located on one floor so it should prove to be more convenient than years past. They will also be offering free delivery for lunch and dinner. The fish fry will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every Friday during lent. Be sure to stop in and get some good fish and use the opportunity to see the new fire station! You can also phone in your orders for pick up at 412-271-8787 or by fax at 412-271-1451.

### FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE RECOGNITION FOR ATTAINING PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

This past fall, Fire Chief Clyde Wilhelm announced, both departments received new levels of recognition from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner.

The Pennsylvania Fire Service Certification Program certifies participating department's firefighter training levels attained through the National Professional Board of Fire Service Qualifications.

The Volunteer Firefighters have attained a Bronze level certification by demonstrating that at least 50% of the department's active volunteer firefighters have been trained, tested and certified to the level of the National Pro-Board requirements.

The Career Firefighters have increased from Silver to a Gold level certification level by demonstrating that 100% of the department's paid personnel have been trained, tested and certified to the level of the National Pro-Board requirements.

This places the Volunteer Firefighter's certification level in the top 7% of the states 2,488 fire departments. The borough's paid personnel rank in the top 1%.

It takes a serious commitment from a firefighter to attain this standard. Each firefighter must spend hundreds of hours in training to reach this goal. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO ATTAINED THIS LEVEL OF CERTIFICATION!**

### FIRE DEPARTMENT RECIEVES GRANT TO IMPROVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM

The fire department already responds to nearly 1,000 medical emergencies a year and is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health as a BLS/ QRS, which is a Basic Life Support / Quick Response Service. The department recently received a grant from the

Office of the State Fire Commissioner to purchase a heart monitor/ defibrillator, which is a major piece of equipment needed to provide a higher level of service to the community. This year, the fire department will be upgrading its QRS license to become an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Service. Because the department has several Paramedics on staff, in addition to EMTs, this will allow the fire department to provide a higher level of care for serious and critical incidents that improves the chances of survival in cases of heart attacks and other serious medical emergencies.

## SWISSVALE SENIOR CENTER

### LUNCH

**Monday – Friday at 11:45 a.m.**

**\$1.50 donation. Must sign up the day before if you want lunch.**

### HEALTH, WELLNESS, & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Mondays Exercise 12:30-2 p.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Blood Pressure Check 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Wednesdays Exercise 9:30-11 a.m.
- Thursdays Dance Class 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Fridays Exercise 9:30-11 a.m.

#### **Tuesday, January 22—Celebrate National Soup Month**

Lets take the chill off with **Soup**. Join us for a bowl a soup. Cost \$2

#### **Wednesday January 30—CHPK Party**

Chips, Hot Dogs, Pop, and Kraut Party.

Served during nickel bingo at 2 p.m.

Must be signed up by Wednesday January 23

#### **Tuesday February 5, 11 am.—Living Well with Chronic Lung Disease**

If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with emphysema, chronic bronchitis, asthma, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), then this program may help you to understand the illness better and how to live with it.

#### **Tuesday February 12, 10 a.m.—Hugs and Kisses bingo**

Cost \$8 Price includes lunch and 2 bingo boards and specials.

#### **Wednesday March 20 1 p.m.—Nickel Bingo with a Candy Twist**

Only five cents a board to play this bingo...prizes will consist of money along with candy of your choice.

### WEIRD WACKY HOLIDAYS

Friday, January 18—Popcorn Day

Tuesday, January 29—Corn Chip Day

Friday February 15—Gumdrop Day

Monday, February 25—Tortilla Chip Day

Thursday, March 14—Potato Chip Day

Friday, March 22—Toast Day

*Those who come early and enjoy toast as a snack before lunch*

### BOOK CLUB DATES

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month. 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

February – *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

March – *The Last Hours* by Karen White

### MOVIES... MOVIES... MOVIES...

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 10 a.m.

Check for dates and time...

#### **January—Hope Sprigs**

PG- 13 Feeling disconnected in her decades-old marriage, Maeve convinces her skeptical husband to attend a marriage therapy week with a celebrated relationship expert – but now they must shed their inhibitions and learn some new sexual and emotional moves.

#### **February—Trouble with the Curve**

PG-13 Slowed by age and failing eyesight, crack baseball scout Gus Lobel takes his grown daughter along as he checks out the final prospect of his career. Along the way, the two renew their bond, and she catches the eye of a young player-turned-scout.

#### **March—Arbitrage**

R As billionaire Robert Miller struggles to divest his empire before his fraud is brought to light, fate takes a nasty turn. Now desperate and running out of options Miller turns to an unlikely source for help.

### OUTINGS

#### **Gambling Trips to Rivers Casino**

**Mondays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Must be signed up with the OPT E-Purse**

- January 21
- February 18
- March 25



### ENTERPRISE ZONE

*Serving Braddock, North Braddock,  
Rankin & Swissvale*

#### **Assisting in Business Development & Expansion:**

- Enterprise Zone Business Loan Program
- Building Investment Loan Fund
- Enterprise Zone State Tax Credits
- Technical Assistance Grants

*For information regarding the Enterprise  
Zone Corp. of Braddock go to*

***www.ezcb.org*** or call **412-371-6380.**

## BUSINESS ROUND TABLE BREAKFAST

Business owners are invited to join the EDAC committee and Allegheny County representatives to learn about the Facade Grant program. Breakfast and discussion will take place at the Living Spirit Ministry (Irvine St) On Friday February 15 at 7:30-9 a.m. Please call and RSVP to Amanda by February 10 at 412-271-7101.

## READING IS “FUN”DAMENTAL AND SO IS SHARING

Don't have a Nook or a Kindle? Prefer holding a book in your hands when you read? Love to read but don't have any good books on your shelf?

Guess what's coming to Swissvale in the Spring!!

A *Share one/ Take one* neighborhood book box.

Our goal is to place a number of these “library” boxes around the Swissvale community to promote reading and sharing of books. Don't throw a great book away. Put it in your local book box and let others enjoy it too.

Do you have an idea on a good location—please send a recommendation to [SwissvaleMail@gmail.com](mailto:SwissvaleMail@gmail.com). Thanks for participating.



## THE GREEN CORNER Our newest quarterly column.



The goal of the Green Corner is to promote sustainability and Green education and initiatives in the Swissvale Community. Let's become intentionally eco-friendly. We will bring you ideas on how to practice green alternatives in your home and community. We can reduce landfill waste, clean the air, and preserve mother earth by working together.

Our first topic is ***Garbage B Gone***. We hope you all embrace this wonderful community idea. Be a contributor to the cause—Let's become known as the cleanest community in Pittsburgh.

We would love your feedback and input on your “Green” interests, questions, and ideas. Please email us at [SwissvaleMail@gmail.com](mailto:SwissvaleMail@gmail.com).

### ***Garbage B Gone... It only takes one...you..***

Make it a goal to just pick up and discard one piece of trash a day.

If we all did that ...we'd have an immaculate community. And if you are a “trash tosser”, think before you toss that next piece of trash out your window. Toss into a trash container instead.

**Did you know:** (U.S. EPA – Working together for a healthy environment)

Over 230 million tons of garbage are produced annually in the United States—that equals 4.5 pounds per person per day.

Trash provides breeding grounds for rats, cockroaches, and other pests that can, in turn, have negative health effects.

- Clean, trash-free neighborhoods are safer for children to play in.
- Clean communities promote a positive community identity and can result in increased economic development.

Removing trash, weeds and sweeping our sidewalks is the first step in the journey — to create cleaner, safer, healthier, and more economically viable place to live, work, and play. NOW is the time to take action! Join in and become a part of the solution. We can solve it together. Let's start “greening” our neighborhood.

**FYI** We are looking to conduct a “community” cleanup day in the spring. Date to be published on the Swissvale Website, our Community Facebook and we will tweet all followers when the date approaches.

Cleanups show that people who use an area care about its appearance. Crime is less likely to occur when a neighborhood is clean, well lighted, and used frequently by residents and their friends. By reclaiming an abandoned park or playground, eliminating tall weeds and debris from a vacant lot, or sprucing up sidewalks and public spaces along the street, you'll be making our neighborhood less attractive to criminals and more attractive to the community, which makes the community safer.



PO BOX 238  
300 HOLLAND AVENUE  
BRADDOCK, PA 15104

Phone: (412) 271-2407  
Fax: (412) 271-2110

## THE BRADDOCK SALVATION ARMY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 8 & 22**– Community Dinner @ 5:00PM

**February 18**– Office Close in observance of Presidents Day

**February 21**– Food Pantry 10am-12pm

**March 2**– Divisional Men's Bowling Tournament

**March 7-9**– Rummage Sale 9am-2pm

**March 8**– Community Dinner @ 5:00PM

**March 21**– Food Pantry 10am-12pm

**March 22**– Divisional World Services Ingathering @ Camp Allegheny 7:00PM.

**March 24-31**– Holy Week Services (Schedule TBA in next issue)

## JOIN THE ADULT BAND



Anyone wishing to join the adult beginners band call Paulette for more information  
412-298-1486

**Café dez Artz** Wholesomely Creative

1701 Monongahela Avenue  
**412-723-2459**

NEW HOURS

Thursday and Friday 11am - 3pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday (tentative) 9am - 3pm

## A NOTE FROM THE CAPTAINS



Captains Chris & Jenn Blessing

Dear Friends,

It feels good to be in the full swing of things as we begin our 2012 –2013 program year. Many new programs have been added and the excitement has been felt among those we've come in contact with.

We are so thankful to all those who have stepped-up to help us get ready for the new program year. Bill Park and Henry Mitchell continue to work to improve the property. Gateway of Braddock has supplied some very good men who did some much needed painting. Our staff has spent countless hours making sure that everything is ready for all who come into our building to leave with hope and encouragement. Corps Sergeant Major Vearlee Turner has done an exceptional job of assisting us wherever needed. Not to mention her overwhelming prayer support of The Braddock Salvation Army & Braddock community.

We were humbled at the amazing support over the holiday season. From Project Bundle-up, to Thanksgiving and the whole way through our Christmas efforts, our volunteers were second to none.

It is an exciting time in our facility as Elizabeth Moore, a volunteer, has taken on the role of our volunteer coordinator. She has really taken the reins and we look forward to the resources she will bring to our organization.

Thank you for all of your support. We look forward to working with each of you to build our community and change lives.

Warmest Regards,

Captains Chris & Jenn Blessing

**William Penn Jewelers & Watchmakers**  
SINCE 1979

Sales ♦ Custom Designs ♦ Repairs ♦ Appraisals  
Certified Watchmaker, Jeweler & Gemologist

Full service jewelry, watch & clock repair center.  
Repair & restoration of all modern & vintage timepieces.

Rolex, Omega, Movado, Ebel, TagHeuer, Breitling, Raymond Weil, Baume & Mercier, Longines, IWC, Patek Philippe, Cartier, Rado, Girard Perregaux, Piaget, Concord, Vacheron Constantin and many more.

• All work performed on premises. • Jewelry repair while you wait.  
• Minor watch repair while you wait. • Two-year warranty on all work.

1112 S. Braddock Ave., Regent Square 1837 Murray Ave., Squirrel Hill  
**412-247-2747 412-521-7364**

**sedco**  
swissvale economic development corporation

SEDCO is making Swissvale a great place to  
**LIVE, WORK and PLAY** by

- Increasing local investment
- Stabilizing and strengthening neighborhoods
- Revitalizing our commercial district

Interested? Come join us!  
We meet the 4th Monday of each month at  
Word of God School 6:30 p.m.  
Questions - 412-242-3906 or welshe@verizon.net

# THE DIRECTORY

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2013

## **BOROUGH BUILDING**

7560 Roslyn Street  
Swissvale, PA 15218  
412-271-7101  
Monday - Friday:  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## **TAX OFFICE**

7447 Washington Street  
Swissvale, PA 15218  
412-351-3342

Monday - Wednesday  
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Thursday  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## **POLICE CHIEF**

Greg Geppert 412-271-8777  
Police non-emergency 412-473-3056

## **FIRE CHIEF**

Clyde Wilhelm 412-271-3940

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Carmine Russo  
412-271-0350

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Iva Russo  
412-271-6923

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS DATES**

Agenda meeting, 7 p.m.  
last Wednesday of month

Council meeting, 7 p.m.  
first Wednesday of month  
Second floor of borough building



*Swissvale News is Your  
Community Newspaper*

*Let us hear from you*

*Swissvale residents, businesses and  
organizations wishing to publish  
information about community news and  
events in the Swissvale News, or to place  
advertising, should contact:*

*Deneen Swartzwelder*

*Call 412-271-3811 or*

*e-mail mayorswissvale@aol.com*

*Swissvale News is designed and printed by*

*Krohmal's Printing, Inc. / Fastsigns*

*7425 Washington Avenue*

*Pittsburgh, PA 15218*

*412-271-4234*

*kroprint@aol.com.*



**SWISSVALE BOROUGH WEBSITE**

**www.swissvaleborough.com**