

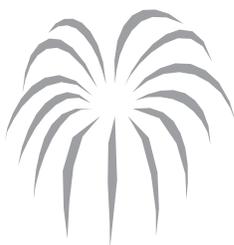


Swissvale NEWS

SWISSVALE COMMUNITY DAYS JUNE 27 & 28

The highlight of summer in Swissvale begins Friday June 27... when the gates of Dickson Field (Schoyer Avenue) open for the annual two-day festival.

**MUSIC! FIREWORKS!!
FUNNEL CAKES!!!
GAMES!!!! FUN!!!!!!**



FRIDAY 6-10 p.m.

6 p.m.GATES OPEN
DJ Dink McCann (all night)

7 p.m.Deflowered *band* (main stage)

SATURDAY 5-10 p.m.

5 p.m.K9 demonstration—Come see our K9 officer
Brando demonstrate with other K9's

6:30 p.m.Mad Hatter *band*

7:45 p.m.Hula hoop contest (win prizes)

8-10 p.m.Zoot Island *band*— Join the Beach
party and Swissvale's own Sal Ventura.
Limbo contest

10 p.m.FIREWORKS by Starfire

The festivities continue on Friday and Saturday:

- Swissvale's favorite DJ Dink McCann will spin the vinyl
- Children's tent includes face painting, sand art, caricature drawing, and tattoos with a twist
- Dunk Tank and Pie throwing booth
- Inflatable bounce house
- Games Galore
- Local Vendors

Swissvale
Farmers Market
Every Saturday
9:00 - 1:00

**GET EXCITED
ABOUT THE NEW
SWISSVALE FARMERS
MARKET**

The Swissvale Farmers Market is in full swing! The new market is being held every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 7 through October 25, at 7421 Church Street (in the lot owned by Word of God Parish, across the street from the CVS).

See more information on page 2

COME JOIN THE FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

SWISSVALE FARMERS MARKET

(continued from cover)

Members of the public from Swissvale and beyond can visit the public market every Saturday for fresh produce, cut flowers, cheeses, kettle corn, pasta, baked goods, specialty tea, chocolate, crafts, art and so much more! There are 24 confirmed vendors who will participate in any given week. We encourage local businesses who may be interested in participating to contact us at swissvalefarmersmarket@gmail.com. Through a one-year agreement with Just Harvest, the market will accept EBT/SNAP benefits, following the model of many of markets in and around Pittsburgh. For the latest information about products, vendors, and special events at the market, visit swissvalefarmersmarket.org or find the Swissvale Farmers Market on Facebook.

“The farmers market will showcase what’s good about Swissvale and is a great way to build community in our neighborhood!” said Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder.

The Swissvale Farmers Market is one of several revitalization projects happening around the borough. The list of community upgrades also includes the makeover of the Washington Street corridor in the business district with new street trees and lamp posts, and a switch to a single-stream recycling program.

“Through efforts like these,” said Mayor Swartzwelder, “Swissvale is investing in its future.”

If you would like to donate or volunteer at the market, please contact the market manager at swissvalefarmersmarket@gmail.com. The market is being supported through donations from the Swissvale Rotary Club, investment from Swissvale Economic Development Corporation (SEDCO), Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), and donations from community members. Borough Council has also pledged a donation, and additional donations are still welcome. The Swissvale Farmers Market is a project of the nonprofit SEDCO.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE WORKS

KENMAWR BRIDGE UPDATE

Borough Officials attended a meeting on May 21 regarding the Kenmawr Bridge with representatives from PA Public Utility Commission, Norfolk Southern Railroad, PennDOT, and Allegheny County. State Representative Paul Costa as well as representatives from Senator Jay Costa’s and Congressman Mike Doyle’s offices were present as well.

PennDOT has agreed to take the lead on the bridge replacement project. However, their timeline for the bridge replacement is tentatively scheduled for 2017-2018. The PUC issued an order for Norfolk Southern Railroad to make repairs to the bridge in an effort to raise the weight limit and to allow it to be maintained a few more years until a new bridge can be built. Those repairs should start this fall.

Although preliminary designs have already been made, a new option is being designed that would allow for the possible expansion of the east busway. This option would require a longer bridge.

The Kenmawr bridge has been a structurally deficient bridge for decades. And now, on Pennsylvania’s 100 point sufficiency scale, it grades at a 2, one of the lowest scores in the state! This bridge is a major artery through our community and has an estimated 15,000 vehicles passing over it daily.

At the meeting, Borough Officials argued that this replacement must happen faster than three or four years from now. PennDOT acknowledged our concerns, but further explained that funding was needed and would probably not be available until that time. Our state and federal representatives agreed with us and said they would support trying to find the funding to expedite the project.

Swissvale would like to thank Representative Paul Costa, Senator Jay Costa and Congressman Mike Doyle for their concern and support in this matter.

WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE UPDATE

PennDOT has ordered Norfolk Southern Railroad (NSR) to remove the sidewalks on the Washington Bridge because the understructure has deteriorated to an unsafe condition. NSR wants to replace only one sidewalk and eliminate the other. Borough officials want both sides replaced as they were. We hope to report a resolution to this in the near future.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AWARDED TO SWISSVALE

Swissvale just received word that we have received another CDBG this year in the amount of \$150,000. This grant will be for the continuation of the streetscape renewal just as was done on Washington Street. This project will involve the other side of Washington Street and Noble Street.

SWISSVALE ONE MILE K9 OFFICER BENEFIT



Join us on Saturday, June 28 for a one mile, dog-friendly, family fun walk to benefit Swiss-

vale's K9 police officer program. In addition to supporting a great cause, this event is a fun way to build community with your neighbors while enjoying a one mile fitness walk during Swissvale's Community Days. Canine Officer Brando will be on hand to lead the pack.

Registration: \$10 per participant / \$5 per dog; proceeds benefit the Swissvale Police Canine fund.

Price increases after June 16. Each participant registered by June 23 will be guaranteed a t-shirt. Each dog registered by June 23 will be guaranteed a special edition dog scarf. T-shirts sizes are available in Youth and Adult sizes.



To find our more information or register online, check out Event Page: <http://www.swissvaleactive.com/>

Not interested or not able to participate, but still desire to make a difference? Consider sponsoring our event! Various sponsorship benefits are available.



Platinum Level - \$300

- Year-long (four issues) advertisement* in the professionally printed Swissvale Community Newsletter.
- Sponsor/Donor name listed on the "Thank you" page of the next Swissvale Community Newsletter.
- Sponsor/Donor name listed on the "Thank you" board during the Community Days' weekend.

Gold Level - \$200

- One advertisement* in the next issue of the professionally printed Swissvale Community Newsletter.
- Sponsor/Donor name listed on the "Thank you" page of the next Swissvale Community Newsletter.
- Sponsor/Donor name listed on the "Thank you" board during the Community Days'; weekend.

Silver Level - \$100

- Sponsor/Donor name listed on the "Thank you" page of the next Swissvale Community Newsletter.
- Sponsor/Donor name listed on the "Thank you" board during the Community Days' weekend.



Donations of any amount are welcomed.

Donate online: runsignup.com/Race/Donate/PA/Pittsburgh/Swissvale1MileK9PoliceBenefit

Contact: Sarah Ansell at sarah@SwissvaleActive.com or Monica Fletcher at monica@SwissvaleActive.com

**Advertisement is approximately the size of a business card and reaches more than 1,000 people. Sponsor/Donor submits the advertisement text and/or artwork.*

The Benefits of FLOWERS and PLANTS

The
Green Corner



There are so many benefits to having fresh flowers on your table, plants in your office, flowers in your yard and your community.

If you are feeling dull and out of sorts. Then jump in the car and drive to your local nursery and buy a beautiful plant or flower basket. You will be amazed at how fast your mood will change.

Check out the many benefits of flowers and plants:

- ❁ Concentration and memory
- ❁ Greatly improves people's moods
- ❁ Reduces stress
- ❁ Help patients to heal faster
- ❁ Improves relationships/compassion
- ❁ Increases energy levels and feelings of vitality
- ❁ Better mental health and a more positive outlook on life
- ❁ Reduce community crime / creates community cohesion
- ❁ Traffic safety / driver satisfaction
- ❁ Stimulate creativity

So the next time you are invited to a friends for dinner. Instead of taking a cake or a bottle of wine, why not take a fresh bouquet of flowers or a potted plant.



*Thank you to our
Garden Club
for the wonderful job
they did planting all the flowers
around Swissvale!*



LADY ORIOLES

Did you know that the Swissvale Softball Association team, the Lady Orioles, are the defending Pittsburgh Mayor's Cup Champions? The teams, made up of girls under 12 and under 15 from Swissvale and Swisshelm Park, play their home games at Dickson field. The teams having winning records as of June 1 and they need your support! Check out their schedules on their facebook page Swissvale Girls Softball Association at <https://www.facebook.com/swissvalesoftball> or contact them at swissvalorioles@gmail.com for more information.





Hebrew Free Loan Association Pittsburgh

AREA NONPROFIT OFFERS LOANS INTEREST FREE

Are you wondering how you are going to afford a home repair this summer? Do you have credit cards or medical bills you are trying to pay off? Are you facing high tuition bills come fall? These are challenges many people grapple with, and there is a local nonprofit able to help with these and other financial needs.

The Hebrew Free Loan Association offers interest-free loans on a nonsectarian basis for all the above circumstances.

“We would welcome Swissvale residents to contact us,” said Aviva Lubowsky, one of the directors at Hebrew Free Loan. “We live in challenging financial times, and we are here to help.”

Other reasons borrowers have requested loans include small business needs, vehicle purchase or repair, adoption, fertility treatment, and weddings or funerals, to name a few. To qualify for a loan through HFLA, you must be a resident of Allegheny County and have a source of income. Loans for higher dollar amounts require a cosigner – another resident of Allegheny County with good credit who is employed and owns a home.

By offering loans instead of charity, Hebrew Free Loan helps people achieve their goals while retaining financial stability and independence. Pittsburgh’s Hebrew Free Loan, which was founded in 1887, is the oldest of 40 such agencies in the United States.

For more information, visit www.hflapgh.org, email mail@hflapgh.org or call 412-422-8868.



Exciting things are happening in Swissvale this year! Join a team of people starting a brand new gospel-centered church in this area. There is room on the launch team for you so join us every Sunday this summer!

**Sunday evenings from June 1 – August 31
6:30-7:30 pm**

Wilkins School Community Center
7604 Charleston Ave. • Swissvale, PA 15218

Childcare available by pre-screened workers.

More info at RiverCityPGH.com or contact Pastor Eric at 412-501-3161

JR's Restaurant and Lounge

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GOOD HOME COOKING

KITCHEN OPEN:

Mon - Fri 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

COLD BEER TO GO

Mary Jo's Salon

MARY JO MAYDAK

Proprietress

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



All forms of insurance

412-856-4200

Mark Foerster, Agent

FAITH COLOR CONSULTING AND DESIGN

Faith Color Consulting and Design is a new interior design and staging business in the area! It is owned and operated by Swissvale residents Erin and Dan Faith. Erin graduated from La Roche College with a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design. Erin is also a member of American Society of Interior Designers. Dan has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Mathematics as well as an Associate’s Degree in Business from Geneva College and works here in Swissvale at Kopp Glass. Together they would like to help Swissvale business owners and residents get started on interior projects, so that the restoration happening on the streets of Swissvale can continue to the interiors. They are happy to donate some time, so please contact them if you are interested at 412-512-7446 or faithcolorconsulting@gmail.com.

SWISSVALE SENIOR CENTER

The Swissvale Senior Center is open on Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Lunch

Served at 11:45 a.m., \$1.50 donation. Must order in advance.

Call 412-731-6125 if interested in lunch or activities listed below.

Health, Wellness, & Social Activities

- Mondays Exercise 9:30 a.m.
Bingo 12:45 p.m.
- Wednesdays Exercise 9:30 a.m.
Nickel Bingo 10:30 a.m.
500 Bid 12:30 p.m.
- Fridays Exercise 9:30 a.m.
Bingo 12:45 p.m.

Monthly Activities

Come join us for a movie, trips and parties, along with a hot meal on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for a \$1.50 donation and advance reservation. There are always activities going on at the senior center stop by and see us!!!!

Book Club

Monthly activities include movies days twice a month, a monthly book club, speakers, and parties.

Need Some Assistance?

We can help with transportation, property tax/rent rebate, or PACE so please stop by. Our office hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Check at the Senior Center for upcoming activities.



WHAT IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT? IT'S AMERICA'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME!

The "31st Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event, has been scheduled for **Tuesday, August 5, 2014.**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods 'celebrate' NNO with a variety of events and activities such as:

- Block parties
- Cookouts
- Visits from local police and fire departments
- Flashlight walks
- Contests
- Youth Programs

NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. Plus, the benefits our community will derive from NNO will most certainly extend well beyond the one night.

If you would like to plan a block party contact Amanda at the Borough office 412-271-7101.



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.***

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Tips for Homeowners

- Keep doors in your home closed and locked including your garage doors. An open door is an invitation.
- Be a good neighbor and alert police to any unusual activity in your neighborhood.
- Plan for vacation by having your mail and newspapers stopped or having a neighbor pick them up. Leave inside lights on timers to create the impression that your house is occupied. Be sure to set your alarm system. Have a lawn service or neighbor mow your lawn.
- Avoid home improvement scams and deception burglaries by taking a proactive approach. Be particularly alert to anyone in your neighborhood looking to perform home repair and asking to gain entry into your home. Ask to see identification and let them know you are going to call and get verification from their company before allowing them inside. If they are legitimate, they won't mind the wait.

Tips for Drivers

- Do not leave valuables or cash in your car. If you must leave items in the car, lock them in the trunk. If you have folding rear seats, make sure those are locked, too.
- Be alert for children playing in neighborhoods and residential areas. Young children may be more concerned about catching a ball that rolls into the street than watching for vehicles coming toward them.
- Drive safely and slowly around parks and playgrounds. More children are out playing during the summer.

Tips for Parents

- Provide a list of phone numbers of neighbors, family, and friends that your child can call in an emergency. Make sure your child knows how to dial 911 and when it is appropriate to do so.
- Know the route your child will take to and from a given location. Remind your child never to take a shortcut or deviate from the agreed-upon route.
- Establish rules for using the internet. Children should have adult supervision when online. Make sure your child knows to never give out personal information on the internet.
- Require your child to check in with a parent before leaving the house and when returning home. Teach your child that there is safety in numbers and that it is best to be with a group of friends when going places without an adult.
- Provide a bike helmet and require your child to wear it as well as brightly colored or reflective clothing.

SWISSVALE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Swissvale Community Food Pantry distributions take place the first and third Thursdays of the month, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Swissvale United Methodist Church—Living Spirit Ministry on 7415 Irvine Street in Swissvale.

This pantry is open to residents of Swissvale, Rankin, Swisshelm Park and Edgewood.

New registrants must have proof of residency. Qualification is based on income and household size.

For information call 412-351-1802.

SWISSVALE MEALS ON WHEELS

Have you heard about Swissvale Meals on Wheels? This independent community organization has been providing meals to homebound elderly and disabled residents in our borough since 1973. Volunteer drivers and helpers deliver nutritious hot meals each weekday. Client cost is \$20 per week. Meals on Wheels receives limited government funding. Private donations are gratefully accepted. Volunteers are always welcomed.

*For more information or to sign up, call Edwin Goldbach:
412-371-2909.*

WINGS OVER SWISSVALE

Swissvale Rotary's 4th annual "Wings Over Swissvale" is set for September 6 at Memorial Park. There are several new additions to the event this year. Times, ticket and more information will be available on the Swissvale Rotary's facebook page ("like" us for updates) and in the next newsletter.

SWISSVALE BOROUGH,
SWISSVALE YOUTH
INITIATIVE
AND WILMERDING YMCA

**Announce FREE
Summer
Recreation Program**

*Safe environment
with caring adults*

*Games • Arts & crafts • Soccer
Summer literacy projects
A fun way to meet new friends!*

The Swissvale Borough,
Swissvale Youth Initiative and
the Wilmerding YMCA are
joining together to provide a great
experience for local children ages
6-12 years old throughout the
Summer at the Swissvale Union
Baptist Church and Les Getz
Memorial Park. Additional funding
through the Swissvale Rotary Club.

Program meets daily 9 a.m.-Noon

- June 16 – 20
- June 23 – 27
- June 30 – July 3*
- July 7 – 11
- July 14 – 18
- July 21 – 25
- July 28 – August 15
- August 18 – 22

***No session on July 4.**

Contact the Wilmerding YMCA at
412-823-9000 or Swissvale Borough
412-271-7101 for more information
or for a registration form.



NEWS FROM THE SWISSVALE LIBRARY
JUNE – AUGUST 2014
SUMMER READING AT THE SWISSVALE LIBRARY

Fizz, Boom, READ!

Summertime brings summer reading and fun to the Swissvale Library. The summer reading program launches June 16 and goes until August 8 and includes programs for kids and adults. With the theme of Fizz, Boom, READ! You can be sure of lots of fun activities at the library this summer.

Parents, sign up your children for crafts, games and classes at the library desk or by phone.

Classes for all ages

Ages 3 – 5: Mondays 11 a.m.
Grades K – 1: Mondays 1 p.m.
Older children: Saturdays 1 p.m.
Activities for teens, adults and families will be on Wednesday evenings and some weekends.

NEW!!! Questyinz Camp

Grades 2-5

Explore what interests you, learn new stuff, win prizes and have snacks!
Fridays 1-2 p.m., June 20 to August 8. If you have a tablet or laptop, you may bring it to use for your quest!

Limit 20 kids for this 8 week session. Sign up at the library desk.

Read a Book and Talk about It!

Discover the fun of reading a good book and then talking all about it with like-minded readers. New members are always welcome to both of the library's book clubs, which meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and the second Thursday of each month at 3 p.m.

The Computer Tutor is in!

Are you afraid of computers? Are you frustrated when you use a computer? Do you want to learn to do useful things online? Carolyn Luck, an Oasis certified computer trainer, visits the library on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Sessions are drop-in, first-come, first-served, and she addresses whatever your issues and questions are. Also register at the library desk for our Wednesday afternoon 2-session classes.

Take a Wise Walk!

Seniors and friends, take a walk, meet new friends, and have some fun at the library's Wise Walk, Mondays at 10:30 a.m., meeting at the Senior Center.

Art at the Library!

The library now displays original paintings by some of our community's best artists. From June 1 through the 30, Dirk Vandenberg will exhibit nature paintings. July's guest artist is stained glass mosaic artist Debbie Jacknin. Nina Sowiski will show landscape and floral photography in August. For information concerning scheduling an exhibit or purchasing artwork, call Francine at 412-518-7097 or email flvandenber@gmail.com.

SWISSVALE LIBRARY

1800 Monongahela Ave

Swissvale PA 15218

412-731-2300

JULYFEST AT SWISSVALE LIBRARY

Folks who treasure hand-made crafts will find a bountiful selection at the annual JulyFest at Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale on July 19.

Sponsored as a fund-raiser by Friends of Swissvale Library, the event will feature unique items by local crafters and artists, plus an array of home-baked brownies, cookies, pecan rolls, and other treats, all reasonably priced.

Picnic-style lunches, including the taco salads that were popular last year, will be sold for just \$2.

“JulyFest keeps growing and has developed quite a following,” says Sharon Ramsey, president of Friends of Swissvale Library. “People find it’s a wonderful opportunity to buy one-of-a-kind things, and a fun day, too.”

“And proceeds support the library, which in so many ways is the center of our community.”

JulyFest will be held on the bottom floor of the library building at 1800 Monongahela Avenue, which also is the location of the Swissvale Senior Center. “There’ll be a lot going on under one roof,” says Ramsey.

Items for sale will include knit and crochet by Pam & Donna, Regent Park Naturals soaps, Andrea Vok photographs, rock candles by CJ, soy candles and corn bags by Kevin and Stephanie Kilgour, and sewing by Susan Krivi and Elaine Bruno, to name a few.

Ramsey reorganized the Friends of Swissvale Library in 2007 to raise funds to enhance the lending collection, and to make improvements to the library. JulyFest is one of four fundraisers the group sponsors every year, including the fall, holiday, and springtime book and bake sale.

Library director Kate Grannemann described Friends of Swissvale Library as a ‘gift.’ “They raise money and use it to add significantly to the library’s collection of new books and DVDs, and to cover the costs of summer reading and other children’s and family programs,” Grannemann says.

“They create events that are fun for the community, and are successful as well. They’re always thinking about how the library could be better and coming up with ideas to help make that happen.”

Admission to JulyFest is free.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information call 412 731-2300.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL A great summer activity for kids ages 5-12

Swissvale United Methodist Church
Living Spirit Ministry

July 14 – 18

12:30-3:30 p.m.

FREE. Lunch provided.

Arts & crafts, music, Bible stories,
recreation, a good time for all.

*For information or registration, call
412-351-1802*

*Swissvale United Methodist Church
Living Spirit Ministry at 7415 Irvine
Street in Swissvale.*

MADONNA FESTIVAL

The Madonna Del Costello annual church festival is scheduled for July 24 to 26. Dinner specials will be available each day at 4 p.m. The grounds open daily at 7 p.m. Entertainment starts at 6 p.m. Thursday and at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Games of chance including bingo and fried dough are just some of the attractions that will be available every day. Or come on over and enjoy the atmosphere of community.

PITTSBURGH MENNONITE CHURCH

Please join the Pittsburgh Mennonite Church’s Mission and Service Commission for the following community events:

“Swissvale Sweep” Cleanup

Meet at PMC parking lot, 2018 S Braddock Avenue on the following Tuesdays at 5 p.m.: June 3, July 1, August 5

Board Game Nights

PMC Community Room on the following Saturdays at 7 p.m.: June 13, July 11, August 8

SWISSVALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE PREVENTION IS 90% OF OUR BUSINESS!

The Swissvale Fire Department has had great success in reducing the number of structure fires over the last several years. However, even with our efforts, we still continue to have many fires related to cooking. These fires are preventable. Therefore, we ask that you follow these safety tips:

“COOK WITH CAUTION”

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove.
- Stay in kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains – away from your stovetop.

If you have a cooking fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 after you leave.
- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.
- Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. You can smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turning off the stovetop.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

Did you know...

- Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in home cooking fires.
- Two-thirds (67%) of home cooking fires started with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.
- Ranges accounted for the largest share (58%) of home cooking fire incidents. Ovens accounted for 16%.
- Three of every five (57%) reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves.
- Frying poses the greatest risk of fire.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Borough of Swissvale has consolidated all code enforcement activities under the fire department. For years, the Swissvale Fire Department has been responsible for the enforcement of the Occupancy Permit and Building Codes as well as Zoning enforcement. In an effort to streamline borough operations, create efficiency and reduce duplication costs, all code enforcement is now done by the fire department. This includes complaints

for high weeds and garbage as well as the issuance of amusement licenses, collection of delinquent business privilege taxes, etc.

If you have a complaint about a property, please do not hesitate to contact us and report it. We will give our best efforts to do whatever we can to address the problem. You can call us at 412-271-0448 or send your complaint via email to codecomplaints@swissvalefire.com.

FIREFIGHTERS COMPLETE FIRE INSPECTOR TRAINING

Nine more Swissvale Firefighters attended a Fire Inspector and Code Enforcement Certification Training Program in May. This will bring the total number of firefighters, both career and volunteer, that are certified as Fire Inspectors to seventeen. All of our Fire Inspectors are certified through the National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications (National Pro-Board).

FIRE INSPECTIONS— COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

Pursuant to the borough's adopted fire code, the Swissvale Fire Department will begin performing annual fire inspections on all commercial buildings. This will be an annual inspection to ensure that basic fire

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codes are followed, such as not blocking emergency exits, emergency lighting and exit signs are working and fire extinguishers are present and currently inspected and maintained, among other things. We will also be updating our emergency call lists for building owners and occupants as well as gathering emergency preplan information for items such as where the utility shut-offs are located, special hazards, etc. Businesses will be getting a notification letter in advance so the inspections can be scheduled. There will be no charge for these inspections. We look forward to your cooperation to help us continue to make Swissvale a safe place to live and work.

VACANT STRUCTURES

The Swissvale Fire Department has been battling blight and vacant structures for the last three and half years. This has been a crisis that communities across the country have been faced with as a result of the housing bubble and the state of our economy. We continually try to identify and track every vacant building in the borough. We then attempt to locate the legal owners and try to find a resolution to the problem. While there is still much work to be done, we have some great successes since the implementation of this program in September 2010.

A few notable landmarks are being brought back to life as a result of our enforcement efforts. The old Tennis and Fitness Club on McKelvey Road is now being renovated into a sports complex and the old Filmet Building on Washington Street is also currently undergoing renovations. These are two of the largest buildings that sat vacant for many years and sustained significant deterioration as a result. We will continue in our efforts to fight blight!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Car Cruise and Corn Roast

The Swissvale Volunteer Fire Department and Busch Brothers will be teaming up again for the Annual Car Cruise and Corn Roast on Saturday, September 13. Be sure to stop by for all you can eat corn on the cob along with the delicious ham barbecues. Browse all the great cars and listen to a live band! It is a great time to get out in the community and enjoy spending time with your friends. We look forward to seeing you then.

Times, ticket and more information will be available in the next newsletter.



Fall Fish Fry Days

Be sure to mark your calendars. The Swissvale Fire Fish Fry will return this fall for a few Fridays. They will be held on the third Friday in October and November. The menu will be the same as our Lenten Fish Fry. Both the Swissvale Volunteer Fire Department and Swissvale Fire Department would like to thank all of those who supported our Lenten Fish Fry this year.





Swissvale Rotary Club
 Meets Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.
 Living Spirit Ministry
 on Irvine Street.
*Interested in joining
 call 412-242-3906*

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COMPOSTING—IT'S FREE—IT'S EASY!

On a daily basis we have what it takes to make our gardens grow—and it's FREE! Composting is easy, fun, a great family project and best of all “no purchase necessary.” Compost isn't just for your fruit and vegetable garden, it can also be wonderful for your flower garden as well.

Composting in 5 easy steps:

1. Save your kitchen wastes. Keep a container with a lid and a handle under the sink, on the counter or by your trash can. These can be easily made out of any container with a lid. To further prevent odors, attach a carbon filter to the lid. Chop up any large chunks before you toss them in. Keeping a small container in your kitchen allows you to make fewer steps to your outdoor compost bin. For super fast decomposition and quicker results, blend your kitchen waste before adding for faster breakdown.
2. An outdoor compost bin can be as simple as a heavy duty trash can with aeration holes in it, a large tupperware container or with a little more effort—a contained area in your garden. If you're ambitious you can make a compost corner in your yard from palettes. I like to add a little soil to the bottom of the compost bin to facilitate the process.
3. Now that you have your bin set up, it's time to feed it. Another way to facilitate the process and help the microbes enjoy their meal is to layer, green to brown, ending with brown on the top. A general rule of thumb is to use a 50/50 ratio of green to brown. See the chart below.
4. Mix or stir your brew occasionally for faster breakdown and monitor the moisture. Water once a week if possible, keeping it not too wet or too dry.
5. Now you are ready to reap the rewards of your labor of love. Check the bottom of your compost for some amazing, highly nutrient rich, plant loving compost and enjoy the bounties of your labor. Happy composting!

WHAT TO COMPOST:

Greens = High Nitrogen	Brown = High Carbo
Table scraps (no meat, fish or bones)	Shrub pruning (small pieces)
Fruit & Veggies (great for the forgotten goodies in your refrigerator)	Leaves
Eggshells (crush up for faster composting)	Straw
Coffee Grounds	Newspaper (avoid colored paper)
Tea Leaves/Tea Bags	Sawdust (untreated wood)
Flowers & Cuttings	Wood chips (untreated wood)
Hay	Pine Needles
Garden Plants (non-diseased)	Shredded Cardboard
	Dryer Lint

**Only add those ingredients that are chemically free—pesticide, fungicide, herbicide free to have a more organic compost*

**Chop up any long woody stems for faster breakdown*

**NO meat, fish, bones, fat or dairy (they will cause odors and attract pests)*

**NO perennial weeds (they can be spread with the compost) or diseased plants.*

**NO pet manures in compost that will be used on food crops*

Great resource: <http://www.prc.org/>

SWISSVALE RECYCLING PROGRAM

You may now place acceptable materials (as noted below) in your current recycling bins for pick up the same day as trash. Council is working on a formal plan that will fully utilize the Single Stream recycling truck, determine the size and type of new containers and increase residential and school education on recycling. When the final plan is ready, it will be mailed to residents. If you need a bin or have other questions, please contact the Borough office at 412-271-7101.

The following materials are acceptable

("Acceptable Materials"):

- Aluminum food and beverage containers
- Glass food and beverage containers—brown, clear, or green
- Ferrous (Iron) cans
- Plastics with symbols #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7
- Mixed rigid plastic bottles
- Aseptic/gable-top milk and juice cartons
- Corrugated cardboard (must be flattened)
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc., must be flattened)

Acceptable Recycling – separated from above items

- Newsprint
- Printer paper
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Telephone books
- Copier paper
- Mail
- All other office paper without wax liners

All glass containers must be empty. All tin cans, bi-metal cans, and aluminum cans must be empty. All aerosol cans must be empty. All plastic containers must be empty. All fiber must be dry and free of food debris and other contaminating material.

Any materials not listed on the acceptable list are not accepted and include but are not limited to ("Unacceptable Materials"):

- Microwave trays
- Mirrors
- Window or auto glass
- Light Bulbs
- Ceramics
- Porcelain
- Plastics unnumbered
- Plastic bags
- Coat hangers
- Glass cookware/bakeware
- Household items such as cooking pots, toasters, etc.
- Tissues, paper towels or other paper that has been in contact with food is not acceptable.

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- **FARMER'S MARKET**

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- **COMMUNITY DAYS**

*Friday & Saturday, June 27 & 28
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- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Tuesday, August 5

- **WINGS OVER SWISSVALE**

Saturday, September 6

- **VFD CORN ROAST & CAR CRUISE**

Saturday, September 13

- **HALLOWEEN PARADE**

*Saturday, October 25 meet on
Roslyn Street at noon*

- **NIGHT OF LIGHTS**

*December 6, 6 p.m. at the fire
station*

**VOLUNTEERS are welcome
and needed please contact**

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WHAT HAPPENED IN SWISSVALE ON FEBRUARY 17, 1890

In 1890, a two acre parcel of land in Swissvale, originally called Hawkins Station, was purchased by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the women's auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of veteran Civil War Union soldiers. Located on the property was a Victorian style mansion and access to a train stop.

With the purchase of this property, the intent of the Ladies G.A.R. Home was to provide housing, room and board to widows and mothers of the veteran Civil War Union soldiers and Civil War decendency was required. The property, purchased for \$9500.00, became home to five women. In the late 1960's, with a population that had grown to routinely having 60 female residents, Civil War decendency was no longer required and medical services were provided as the residence became a licensed nursing care facility.

In 1996, LGARPaCorp, an affiliate of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, built a new nursing home facility in Turtle Creek, known as LGAR Health and Rehabilitation Center. The new facility accommodates 120 residents and additionally, began to accept men as residents of the facility.

The Mission of LGAR Health and Rehabilitation Center is rooted in it's Swissvale beginnings: "to achieve quality in all that we do by continually improving our services to meet the needs and expectations of the residents, employees and the community that we serve." While members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are no longer involved with the operations of the nursing home, they continue to have representation on the Board of Directors. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic also no longer owns the Swissvale property.

The LGAR Health and Rehabilitation Center offers rehabilitation, recuperation and residential living. Please stop by and see us if you are in the Turtle Creek area. We would be happy to show you our facility.



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DR. PAT'S COMMUNITY CORNER

Dr. Pat's Corner will be a continuing piece in the quarterly newsletter. Dr. Pat invites you to share your stories about Swissvale then and now. Please send them along to pj8115@gmail.com.

Some of you know me and others may not. So let me introduced myself. My name is Dr. Pat Jameson and I am the lady, who along with her husband Jack, bought the old Perrone funeral home. Who in the world would want to buy an old funeral home with large holes in each of the 3 roofs you may ask? We did! My dream was to find a place in the midst of the city that I could create a respite, a nurturing place where people could come and, right upon entering, feel as though they entered a sacred space.

My husband is an original Swissvalian from Columbia Avenue. I am a McKeesport girl. Since the time I was little I lived with my grandparents and we sat out on the porch during nice weather. I played jacks with my grandfather on the cement porch steps. I bounced hard on the iron bouncy chair and got yelled at. My grandfather rested on his chaise lounge after work and smoked his pipe. I can still smell the tobacco. People would walk up and down the street and stop to talk. Some were on their way to the store; others on their way to church, yet they all offered a friendly hello and lingered awhile.

We discovered when we put an offer on the funeral home that 4 pieces of property were also included. An ugly condemned white house next door with 4 families of groundhogs babies and all; and a Munster's family looking house in the rear complete with decaying insul-brick siding. Not very pretty. The empty lot next to the Munster's house came complete with a ton of trash, bricks and bottles of every kinds from every decade filled with weeds and yes, tons of poison ivy.

But each day, we worked, one property at a time. We fixed the holes in the roof. We relocated the groundhogs and their babies. We painted the white house green and red, illuminated all the trimmings. We called in family and friends to clear out the empty lot. And yes, I was covered with poison ivy.

The last piece was to redo the Munster's house. We started the rehab in August and just when we were about to heave a sigh, the whole place caught fire in February. My husband said that it was not that bad, just the middle was burned. It was a holy nightmare. It was the middle all the way up through 3 stories. I did not know whether to cry or scream.

But we continued. Now we live in that Munster's house, quite the Queen Ann painted lady. We sit on the porch on summer evenings. People walk by. We talk and they linger awhile remarking on what a great change to the neighborhood. The old Perrone funeral home is now called Patrician Place after me, since the "P's" still remained in the windows. It is home to the Aletheia Center for Healing & Empowerment and my husband's business Hogan & Associates.

The "Green House" has been occupied for 10 years now.

We did all this work because we believe in Swissvale. We both know and remember how living communities were and can still be. We want our community to be vital. We want great little shops and trusting local businesses. We want to walk to the store or to church. And we still want to be able to stop, talk and linger awhile. How about you?

Dr. Pat Jameson of Aletheia Center for Healing & Empowerment, is a counselor, educator, author, advocate. She started the Aletheia Center for Healing & Empowerment 20 years ago as a professional counseling center embracing a holistic approach to healing and empowerment of mind, body and spirit. In addition to her client work, she facilitates a weekly empowerment group and offers specialized workshops and trainings. As full time faculty at Carlow University, Dr. Pat teaches psychology and women's studies courses in the School for Social Change. She has worked in a variety of settings helping to create growth fostering communities which is her ongoing passion.

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Council Meetings

First Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.
in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building
Last Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.
Council Chambers for Agenda Setting Meetings

Swissvale Rotary

Every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at Living Spirit Ministry

Planning Commission

Last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
at the Borough Building in Council Chambers

Swissvale Economic Development Corporation

Fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
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