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SWISSVALE FARMERS MARKET

OPEN EVERY SATURDAY THROUGH OCTOBER

The Swissvale Farmers Market is open for business—bringing with it close to 20 vendors offering fresh local produce, tea, coffee, crafts, cut flowers, baked goods, locally-produced cheese, pasta, honey, salsas, hand-crafted chocolates, soaps, prepared foods and more.

The market has quickly become a regular destination for residents and visitors alike. If you haven't visited this wonderful new Swissvale event, voted Best Farmers Market in Pittsburgh by the A-List, don't wait to stop by—you'll be glad you did!

The market accepts EBT/SNAP benefits, and often features local musicians and information about community events. It is open every Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June through October, and is located on the Word of God lot on Church Street across the street from the CVS. The market is a project of the Swissvale Economic Development Corporation (SEDCO), and is organized by a dedicated volunteer group of community stakeholders. Additional support for this inaugural year has come from the Borough of Swissvale, Swissvale Rotary Club and many personal donations.

To learn more about the market and our current list of vendors, visit swissvalefarmersmarket.org, on facebook or send an email to Dave Green, Market Manager, at swissvalefarmersmarket@gmail.com.



**SWISSVALE'S 20TH ANNUAL
HALLOWEEN PARADE**

Saturday, October 25 (rain or shine)

All participants should line-up at 11:45 a.m. on Roslyn Street at Woodstock Avenue and will parade through the business district lead by the Woodland Hills High School Band. The parade ends at Dickson School with treats for all children who marched. Swissvale residents can show their support by lining the streets and cheering on the boys and ghouls.

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WINGS OVER SWISSVALE

The Rotary Club of Swissvale will hold the 4th Annual Wings Over Swissvale at Les Getz Memorial Park on September 6 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Kids which include a chicken wing from each vendor and a drink (water, soft drink or beer [must be 21 years of age or older]). Each adult ticket holder will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite wing. There will be two winners named; last year Edgewood Towne **Giant Eagle** won the popular vote and **Roman Bistro** of Forest Hills won the Guest Judges vote. Both will be back this year to defend their titles along with Swissvale restaurants **D's Six Pax and Dogz**, **T's Restaurant & Lounge**, **Map Room** and **Dat's** plus **Steel Towne Inn** in Braddock Hills.

Other edibles and beverages will also be available.

There's more to do than enjoy the food. There is also face painting, a bounce house, raffles, non-profit community tables, music and more! Proceeds go to Swissvale Rotary Club projects in their mission of "Service Above Self." Projects this year have included the Swissvale Farmers Market, Swissvale Food Pantry, Swissvale/YMCA Summer Camp, Dickson School Spelling Bee and many more. See the Rotary club's facebook page or a member for tickets.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT PROMOTES FARMERS MARKET



One of Swissvale's more active Crime Watch (also referred to as Block Watch) communities was inspired this year to highlight our new Farmers Market at their 11th year of National Night Out festivities. The 90 household area of Miriam, Hays, Fleming (and recently adopted sections of Schoyer and Monongahela) held their annual potluck block party on Tuesday, August 5.

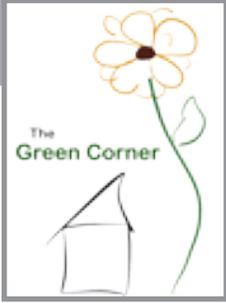


Miriam Street Block Watch Captain, Karen Litzinger, invited Farmers Market vendors to donate something for a free drawing to promote the market and add excitement to the party. The Crime Watch team is also using the drawing slips as a tool to collect neighbor contact information for Crime Watch activities and crime alerts. Vendors were incredibly generous and neighbors so appreciative. Litzinger shared, it was a real win-win to raise the visibility of our great market. The twenty vendors who made donations were acknowledged at a special display table and on multiple table tents.

In addition to the Farmers Market, the event featured music by the Living Spirit Ministry band, bingo, children's games and the ever popular visit of a Swissvale fire truck. It included remarks and question and answer time with Borough Manager Clyde Wilhelm, Police Lieutenant Matt Lisovich, Borough Council Member Julie Gross and Support our Swissvale representative Megan Vrcic.



This Crime Watch team also hosts an annual holiday caroling event and spring yard sale and distributes the Swissvale newsletter to its residents. For information on National Night Out, go to www.natw.org. The event is always the first Tuesday in August. For more information about Swissvale Crime Watch see the article on front cover.



The Green Corner

CRAVING YOUR OWN VEGGIES—FALL IS A GREAT TIME FOR PLANTING

Have you been “awakened” by the NEW Swissvale Farmers Market to begin to eat fresh, non-processed food from fresh bread and baked goods, pasta, sauces and salsas, oil/vinegar, cheese and honey, to fresh sandwiches for lunch?

And most importantly, you can’t beat the locally grown produce. Veggies that are just picked fresh to bring to our market. The anticipation of strolling down the aisles of the market each Saturday morning (see article on page 1) has become a staple in the routine of many of our residents and folks from our neighboring communities.

You arrive at the market, buy what you need and what happens on Tuesday or Wednesday...it’s gone. What to do? Well, why not build your own garden box, or find a small area in your yard for a few veggie plants. And guess what, it’s not too late. Fall into winter is a great time for cultivating veggies that love the cooler weather; leaf lettuce, spinach, Swiss chard, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussel sprouts, kale, radishes, carrots, turnips, beets and parsnips.

- Vegetables that are semi-hardy or hardy are the best choices, as they will tolerate light to hard frost.
- Choose varieties of these crops that are noted for cold hardiness and quick maturity (fewest days to harvest).
- Timely planting is the key to a successful harvest. Crops need sufficient time to grow and mature before the weather becomes too cold to continue growth. The average first frost date for this region is sometime around October 20.

For a full list of instructions on how to prepare and plant fall crops, see *Penn State Extension* <http://extension.psu.edu/plants/master-gardener/counties/cumberland/notes-from-the-vegetable-garden/august-2011>. You can be harvesting produce from your garden long after the last tomato of the season. How about fresh greens from the garden on Thanksgiving?

WSSC ECOFEST

The 8th annual EcoFest promises to be the best yet! On October 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., come to the Wilkins School Community Center to Recycle, Swap and Learn. Recycle—items such as CFL light bulbs, electronics (no TVs) and lithium and alkaline batteries. Swap—clothing (clean, gently worn and trendy) is currently being collected for the swap. Learn—about issues impacting our community. New this year is a scarecrow-making station. Adults and children alike can create a scarecrow (one per family) to take home as a festive fall decoration. There will also be homemade food and music. See the center’s website www.wscpgh.org for more detail or contact them at wilkinsschool-communitycenter@gmail.com.

TREEVITALIZE PROJECT

Meet at the intersection of Park Avenue West and Palmer Street in Swissvale to care for trees planted as part of the TreeVitalize project. Come ready to weed and mulch.

Wednesday, September 17 • 4-7 p.m.

Meet at the intersection of Edgewood Avenue and Milligan Avenue located along the Busway (near the Aryby’s on South Braddock Avenue).

Come ready to weed and mulch the maple trees along the East Busway in Swissvale.

Tuesday, October 7 • 4-7 p.m.

Meet at the corner of Columbia Avenue and Francis Street to help us plant 5 new street trees in Swissvale. Saturday, November 8 • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

RECYCLING

Information on recycling is being sent to each residence and include the sticker shown below. Swissvale Borough Department of Public Works has a limited number of Recycle Carts available to purchase for Swissvale Residents only. Each 48 gallon blue indoor/outdoor cart is \$55 (50% off retail price) and can be delivered to your address. Cash, check or money order are accepted payment options. Contact the Borough office at 412-271-7101 for an order form.



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SWISSVALE CRIME WATCH

Neighborhood Crime Prevention: Is A Joint Responsibility

The prevention of crime—especially when it involves a residential neighborhood—carries a responsibility that needs to be shared by Police and residents. Facts show that crime prevention in a neighborhood by Police alone is minimal when compared to a neighborhood where the residents work with the Police and with each other. Crime Watch (or Neighborhood Watch or Block Watch) is based on this concept of cooperation, and nationwide statistics prove that it works. When residents take positive steps to secure their own property and neighbors learn how to report suspicious activity around their homes, burglary and related offenses decrease dramatically.

As the residents, business owners, neighbors of and visitors to Swissvale work together with the Police for reporting activity, here are some of the things to look for:

Recognize Suspicious Activity

Be alert. Anything that seems slightly “out of place” or is occurring at an unusual time of day could be criminal activity. Do not attempt to apprehend a person committing a crime or to investigate a suspicious activity. Call the police by dialing 911 immediately, and do not worry about being embarrassed if your suspicions prove to be unfounded. The Police would rather investigate than be called when it is too late. The following incidents MAY indicate possible criminal activity and should be reported:

- Open or broken doors and windows at a closed business or unoccupied residence
- Unusual noises, such as gunshots, screaming or dogs barking continuously
- Sound of breaking glass
- A person exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms (person may be injured, under the influence of drugs or otherwise needing medical attention)

Recognize Suspicious Persons

Obviously, not every stranger who comes into a neighborhood is a criminal. Legitimate door-to-door sales and repair people appear in residential areas frequently. Occasionally, criminals disguise themselves as these workers and it is important to watch the activities of all nonresidents. The Police should be called to check out persons in the following circumstances:

- Going door-to-door in a residential area, especially if one or more goes to the rear of any residence or loiters in front of an unoccupied house or closed business
- Forcing entrance or entering an unoccupied house or business
- Running, especially if carrying something of value or carrying unwrapped property at an unusual hour
- Heavy traffic to and from a residence, particularly if it occurs on a daily basis
- Loitering around or peering into cars or checking car doors, in parking lots or on streets
- Offering items for sale at a very low price (possibly trying to sell stolen items)

- Loitering or driving through a neighborhood several times or appearing as delivery person with a wrong address

Recognize Suspicious Vehicles

Vehicles in the following situations may be involved in crimes and should be reported to the police:

- Slow moving, without lights, following aimless course in any location, including residential streets, schools, and playgrounds
- Parked or occupied, containing one or more persons, especially at an unusual hour
- Parked by a business or unoccupied residence, being loaded with valuables
- Abandoned in your neighborhood
- Someone, especially a female or juvenile, being forced into a vehicle
- Business transactions taking place in it, especially around schools or parks
- Someone attempting to forcibly enter a vehicle
- Persons detaching mechanical parts or accessories from a vehicle

Remember to always lock your car and never leave keys in your vehicle.

Also the holidays are around the corner and shopping will start. Do not leave packages in your vehicle overnight; and when shopping, don't leave your purchases in a visible location in your vehicle.

Swissvale's Crime Watch was established as part of the Mayor's office. Whether described as Crime Watch, Neighborhood Watch or Block Watch, being aware of your neighborhood and working in cooperation with the Police Department is key to improving safety in Swissvale. The official group sponsors the annual Halloween parade. All residents and business owners are invited to attend meetings held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Living Spirit Ministry to hear updates and learn more about what you can do. Join the facebook page "Swissvale Crime Watch" for updates on what's happening in Swissvale.

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SWISSVALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fall Car Cruise and Corn Roast

The *Busch Brothers Car Cruise & Swissvale Fire Department Corn Roast* will be held on Saturday, September 13 at the fire station on Irvine Street from 4-8 p.m. The dinner will include a ham barbecue sandwich, all-you-can-eat corn on the cob along with a beverage and dessert. Other ala cart menu items will be available, including hot dogs, hamburgers and sausage sandwiches. Entertainment will include a D.J. and live band. Last year, we had 74 classic cars and expect there to be more than 100 this year!

Swissvale VFD Fall Fish Fry

The Swissvale Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a "FALL FISH FRY" on Fridays from October 17 to November 21. Menus will be available online at www.swissvalefire.org. Hours will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free delivery will be available. Be sure to mark your calendars and stop by or phone in your order for some of that great fish!

Fire Chief 412-271-3940

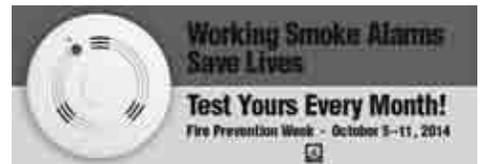
Fire Prevention Week

This year's National Fire Prevention Week is October 5 through 11. This year's campaign is to refocus that "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives—Test Yours Every Month!"

Here are three interesting facts about the importance of this year's message:

- Almost three of five (60%) of reported home fire deaths from 2007 to 2011 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half
- When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing disconnected or dead

Swissvale Firefighters will be doing a comprehensive fire prevention program this year at the Dickson Elementary School and the Woodland Hills Academy. They will be focusing on grades K thru 3 and expect to reach nearly 500 children.



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LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE \$456,732 GRANT AWARD



Pictured left to right: Chief John Dindak, (West Homestead), Chief Clyde Wilhelm (Swissvale), U.S. Congressman Mike Doyle, Chief Dave Martin (Homeville) and Captain Jared Amos (Edgewood. Missing: Chief Anthony Rydzak (North Braddock).

Congressman Mike Doyle was at the Swissvale Fire Department to present several local fire chiefs with a ceremonial check in the amount of \$456,732. This was the result of a grant award by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. This award is for a regional project to replace outdated Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for several local fire departments: Swissvale, Edgewood, North Braddock, Homeville (West Mifflin #1) and West Homestead.

The joint grant was the idea of Fire Chief Clyde Wilhelm who also wrote the grant application. Swissvale was the host department for the grant and the request was written around Swissvale's 1st and 2nd alarm mutual aid assignments. The Homestead Fire Department, who is also part of this alliance, received an AFG grant last year to update their SCBA and this grant application was intended to build off of their project for the region.

The \$508,000 project includes replacing 94 SCBA units with spare cylinders as well as funding for training firefighters. Each department will have to match 10% for their portion of the grant. Swissvale's portion of the grant award project is about \$133,000.

Grant Award history for Swissvale Fire Department:

Swissvale's Fire Department has been quite successful with securing grants recently. Through the Fire Chief's efforts, they have secured nearly \$1.5 million grant awards over the last 3 years. In 2011, Swissvale received \$175,000 towards their new fire station project. In 2012, they received \$722,000 for a new ladder truck. They have also received numerous other smaller grants, including 3 others this year alone totaling nearly \$40,000.

SWISSVALE FIRE RECEIVES PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS) LICENSURE.

In Swissvale Fire's continued effort to fulfill its mission to provide the best services possible in the most efficient and economical manner, we have now expanded and upgraded our Quick-Response-Service (QRS) to Advanced Life Support (ALS).

In July, after nearly two years of preparation and hard work, Swissvale Fire received its Pennsylvania Department of Health certification as a Licensed Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Agency. Prior to this, we provided Basic Life Support (BLS) QRS services to our community.

More and more frequently, the fire department was being dispatched to

multiple EMS calls during the same period. Swissvale Fire now has three licensed vehicles. QRS-278 is now fully equipped with ALS equipment, 278 Engine 1 and 278 Squad are also fully equipped as BLS units.

Over the last two years, we have been slowly acquiring the necessary equipment for this upgrade. We also received a grant in 2013 from the Pennsylvania Fire Commissioner that allowed us to purchase a heart monitor and defibrillator. With the help of our new Medical Command Agency, Forbes West Penn Allegheny, and the manufacturer, Philips, we were able to get this monitor at significantly reduced price. The retail cost of this monitor is about \$35,000.

The fire department also acquired a new QRS vehicle. This will be used in place of the fire engine for most EMS calls to help cut down on the maintenance and wear and tear of the fire engine, which was running over 1,000 EMS calls per year. This will result in significant long-term savings to the taxpayers.

So what exactly does this mean to the residents?

- Our Firefighter/Paramedics can provide the same level of service (except transporting patients) as our local EMS agency
- Our Paramedics can start IV's, administer various emergency drugs and medicines, increasing the likelihood of better outcomes for the seriously injured or sick
- Swissvale Fire will provide increased services at a lesser cost than in the past

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GEPPERT'S GUARDIANS TAKING THE POLAR PLUNGE

For the 4th consecutive year, the Swissvale Police Department and the Forest Hills Vol. Fire Dept. have teamed up to brave the icy waters of the Allegheny river on December 6 to raise awareness and money for Special Olympics Pennsylvania. The cold they will feel is temporary, the positive impact this will have on the lives of thousands of individuals with intellectual disabilities will last a lifetime.

They are not asking you to take the Plunge alongside them, but instead, ask if you will make a donation to Special Olympics Pennsylvania on behalf of them taking the 2014 Polar Bear Plunge. Any amount would be appreciated because it all goes to a wonderful cause.

In order to support our Plunge, please make your tax deductible check payable to "Special Olympics Pennsylvania" and mail it directly to the Swissvale Police Department at 7560 Roslyn Street Pittsburgh, PA 15218. Be sure to include the Team name (Geppert's Guardians) in the memo area so that the staff will know where to credit the contribution. Or if you prefer the web, visit www.plungepa.org and click sponsor a plunger. Type in the name of a team member which will take you to the fund raising page, and give you the option of making a donation online via credit or debit card. If you want to learn more about this spectacular winter event, visit www.specialolympicspa.org to find out all the chilly details.

Police Chief 412-271-8777

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SWISSVALE FIRE DEPARTMENT *Continued from page 7*

SWISSVALE FIREFIGHTERS ARE ALWAYS TRAINING TO BETTER SERVE YOU!

Swissvale firefighters are always training to keep up their skills and knowledge to further the department's mission to provide the best fire and emergency services possible to our community. In July alone, firefighters attended nearly 600 hours of state and or nationally accredited training.

Twenty-three firefighters completed an Emergency Vehicle Driver's Training course, seven attended the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD, and several others attended various courses locally.



(National Fire Academy Attendees—from left to right: Fire Marshal Eric Parrish, Captain Brian Lowe, Deputy Chief David Miller, Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Volpe, Firefighter/EMT Bob Soderberg and Firefighter/EMT Kip Deleonibus. Missing: Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Cerci.)

Nine Swissvale firefighters attended training with Norfolk Southern Railroad in August to expand their knowledge on how to handle railroad emergencies. This training reinforced their knowledge about certain aspects of hazardous material incidents and other emergencies that may occur on rail lines.



Swissvale has several rail lines that run through the Borough, operated by Norfolk Southern and CSX. This training will better prepare our firefighters should they ever have to respond to emergencies involving the railroads.

Firefighter Justin Nuranjo watches a Norfolk Southern trainer explain the operation of a tank car valve.

CORRECTION—The email for reporting code complaints within the Borough is codecomplaints@swissvalefire.org or you can always call at 412-271-0448.

SWISSVALE 1 MILE WALK K-9 FUNDRAISER

The 1st annual Swissvale 1 Mile K-9 Officer Benefit was a major success! Over 100 residents and 50 dogs participated in the family-friendly walk that started and finished in front of Dickson School. Walk co-coordinators, Sarah Ansell and Monica Fletcher, presented a check to the police department for \$2,254.76 to help with the purchase of a second police K-9 officer. Thanks to all who donated and participated in the K-9 walk! We hope that even more residents will come out next year for this fantastic community event.



Presenting the check are organizers Sarah Ansell and Monica Fletcher and accepting it are Mayor Deneen Swartwelder and Assistant Chief Ellis Watson.

NEW ART STUDIO OPENS IN SWISSVALE

Sky Studio launched its grand opening in Swissvale in August. The Studio offers beautiful, affordable one of a kind works of art for your walls, wearable art, and sensational handmade soaps by Regent Park Naturals. "For the past several years it has been my dream to open up a studio in the community" says the owner Linda O'Toole. "When I found out this beautiful space was available, I knew I just had to make a go of it." Beginning this fall, Sky Studio plans to offer a wide array of lecture series beginning with "Finding Your Way to a Healthier You." The Studio will also offer art classes for children and adults.

Sky Studio is prestigiously located at 1701 Monongahela Avenue. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please stop in to find a beautiful gift of art for yourself or for that special someone in your life.

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NEWS FROM THE SWISSVALE LIBRARY

Reading fun

Book Bucks begins again on September 3. It's a nine-month reading program, culminating in an auction in May of more than 100 prizes! Adults, teens and children are all welcome to participate. Pick up your book bucks tracking form at the library desk.

For families

Make puppets, pay pennies for treasures! Family Fun nights (3rd Fridays at 7 p.m.) launch on September 19 with puppet making, and October 17 we have the library's Penny Auction, where treasures are auctioned off for your (real) pennies.

For teens

Make your own book trailer videos! Teen Read Week is celebrated at the library on Saturday October 11 and October 18 at 10 a.m. On the first Saturday, Vince will show interested teens how to use Animoto, a website that specializes in custom made video creation. On the second Saturday, you'll get to show your video! Preregistration required.

For grade school kids

Reading, crafts, cookies, games!

Saturday Fun begins on September 6 at 1 p.m. and will meet weekly. For grade school kids, the program features a variety of craft, cooking and game classes.

Books and Cookies begins on September 6 at 3 p.m., and will meet weekly. You do not need to read in advance—just come and nibble.

After School Games Will resume Monday, September 8 at 4 p.m. Board games, card games and BINGO.

Stories, crafts, games!

Preschool classes begin on Monday September 8 at 11 a.m. for kids ages 3-5. Stories followed by crafts and/or games.

Woodland Hills Academy

Swissvale Library welcomes students from WHA, attending classes this school year in the Word of God School building while the Academy is being renovated. Come see what the Swissvale Library has to offer!

Computer Tutors

Swissvale Library's computer tutors, Carolyn Luck and Ned Schmidgal, provide free computer tutoring for adults on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Additionally, classes will be scheduled as needed and offered in the library on Wednesday afternoons. Check on the website (swissvalelibrary.org) or at the library desk for more information.

You can now borrow magazines at the library! Magazines available for borrowing are located on the newspaper rack, and circulate for three weeks.

Memorials at the Library

How can you **memorialize a love one** who has died, or honor someone? One good way is to donate \$25 or more to the Friends of the Swissvale Library for a memorial book or DVD. Your loved one's family will receive a card from the Friends tell-

ing them of your contribution. Forms are available at the front desk or on the library website (click the "get involved" link on the front page).

Here is a list of some of the items that the Friends of the Swissvale Library purchased with memorial and honorary donations made to the library in recent months.

Battle of the Bulge
Be Careful What You Wish For
Beekeeper's Ball
Chestnut Street
City of Darkness and Light
Feelings to Share from A to Z
Fort Pitt Block House
House of Cards 2 (DVD)
In the Town, all Year Round
I've Got You Under My Skin
Jewelry Fixups
Joyeaux Noel (DVD)
Monuments Men (DVD)
Murder on Murray Hill
My Teacher
Nine Live to Die
Orange is the New Black (DVD)
Quartet (DVD)
The American Civil War (Great Courses audiobook)
The New Testament (Great Courses audiobook)
True Detective (DVD)
Written in my Own Heart's Blood

SWISSVALE LIBRARY

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ICIE CLARK DAY IN SWISSVALE

August 6 was declared Mrs. Icie Margaret Clark Day in Swissvale by Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder at the monthly Council Meeting. She was honored because she is our oldest resident having turned 107 in March. The celebration continued on August 9 at the Farmers Market with a cake in her honor.

Mrs. Clark has been a resident of Swissvale for more than 71 years having raised a family on Roslyn and Monroe Streets and is an original resident of the



Swissvale Towers. She has been affiliated with the Swissvale United Methodist Church for more than 65 years. Icie was born in West Virginia and moved to Swissvale when her husband went to work at the Union Switch and Signal. Her daughter, Jean, was on hand for the celebrations and noted that her mother, who is in good health, has always loved Swissvale.

COMMUNITY BAND FOR ADULT BEGINNERS



Did you ever wish you could have been in the band? That you could play the trumpet (or flute or clarinet or trombone or drums or saxophone and more)? Now is your opportunity. The New Horizons Band of Greater Pittsburgh, a band for **adult beginners**, is open for new members. There is no cost for these music lessons—you just need your own instrument and lesson book (Accent on Achievement Book 1 for your instrument).

Lesson/Rehearsal on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. (except holidays and election days) at the Turtle Creek, PA Municipal Building

Bring your instrument. (Some instruments are available for demonstration tryout if you call ahead) There will be information about book purchase.

For more information call Paulette at 412-298-1486.

For information about the national organization: www.newhorizonsmusic.org/

About the Director: Paulette Gulakowski is a retired music teacher, having been the band and chorus director at Oliver High School for 10 years. She volunteered with the Woodland Hills Marching Band for 11 years prior to that and has conducted community choir cantatas in Turtle Creek churches. Paulette also plays in the East Winds Symphonic Band.

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

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SWISSVALE SENIOR CENTER

The Swissvale Senior Center is open on Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 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 up coming activities.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Swissvale Ministerium will host a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Swissvale KaBoom Playground Project on Saturday, September 20, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Swissvale Presbyterian Church (corner of Monongahela Avenue and Church Street). Adults \$8 and under 12 \$5.

SWISSVALE UNITED METHODIST LIVING SPIRIT MINISTRY

Swissvale United Methodist Living Spirit Ministry is located at 7415 Irvine Street and can be contacted at 412-351-1802.

Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, September 13, 4 to 8 p.m. Come, see and buy original hand-crafted items. A wide variety of products will be available. Irvine Street will be closed off in conjunction with the VFD Corn Roast and Busch Brothers Car Cruise.

Hatha Yoga Class

12 weeks, Saturdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m., beginning September 27
\$120 fee, mid-course registrants prorated, \$12 drop-in fee
All experience levels welcome.
For information and registration, call instructor Madeline Martucci:
724-337-3750
www.madelineyoga.com

Oil and Acrylic Painting Class

Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. Two sessions: September 12 – October 17 and October 31 – December 12
\$40 fee per 6-week session.
For information and registration, call instructor Beth Kuenzi:
412-271-5003

SWISSVALE MINISTERIUM

Comedy Stage Hypnosis Show

Featuring hypnotist Dan Winwood
Friday, September 5, 7:30 p.m.
\$8 donation to benefit Swissvale Community Food Pantry

Blessing of the Pets

In commemoration of St. Francis Assisi Day conducted by Rev. Morgan
Saturday, October 11, 1 p.m.
Swissvale Shopping Center parking lot (corner of McCague and Irvine Streets) all animals must be leashed or in carriers.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 26, 7 p.m.
Come celebrate Thanksgiving in a simple worship setting suitable for all Christian traditions.

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for more information

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UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF SWISSVALE

The Union Baptist Church of Swissvale is located at 2117 Collingwood Avenue. To learn more visit their website at www.unionbaptistpgh.org, email info@unionbaptistpgh.org or call 412-271-3900.

Events and activities are for the entire community.

Youth Group

1st & 3rd Sunday of each month
at 5 p.m.

Food Pantry Distribution

2nd Thursday of each month
2 to 4:30 p.m.

Line Dancing

Every Saturday at 9 a.m.
(except 2nd Saturday)

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

Jewelry Making Class

Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving Lunch

Thursday, November 27, 12 to 2 p.m.

Music Workshop

Saturdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Bring your musical instrument and join the Music Workshop on Saturdays. Learn from and practice with veteran music makers. Musicians and aspiring musicians of all skill levels including beginners are welcome. Participation is free of charge.

CITYREACH CHURCH DAY OF HOPE

CityReach Church is hosting a Day of Hope community outreach event on September 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rankin softball field across from the Palisades Plaza. This free event will feature food, live entertainment, a grocery giveaway and a Kid's Zone with puppets, games and bounce house. Residents of Swissvale, Rankin and Braddock are invited.



CityReach Church Swissvale is an up-beat, family-oriented church that will officially open on September 21 at 10:30 a.m. at its new location 7327 McClure Avenue (formerly St. John Lutheran Church). Our desire is to “Reach the ONE who is far from God, and help them become a passionate follower of Jesus.” We approach this task through high-impact, high-energy outreach events; ministry to children and families; community involvement; and meeting the needs of the hurting and broken whose lives have been affected by life-controlling issues such as drug addiction, alcoholism, poverty and chronic homelessness. We believe in sharing our faith through “word and deed,” and we look forward to exciting things to come in the lives of those that we get to share our lives with! Our sister congregation—CityReach Church Braddock—was founded over 4 years ago, is just one of what will soon be 23 CityReach churches located throughout the Northeast. Our parent organization—CityReach Network—believes that the local church has a big part to play in enriching and strengthening our communities, and we are privileged to be a part of the community of Swissvale. CityReach Church Swissvale is pastored by Reverends Jonathan Shaffer and Kathy Salerno, and is staffed by a wonderful group of servant leaders who love being a blessing to the world around them. We look forward to this exciting new endeavor! For more information on CityReach Network and CityReach Swissvale feel free to visit us on the web at cityreachnetwork.com, or by contacting Pastor Jon at 412-418-7335, or Pastor Kathy at 412-965-6908.

SWISSVALE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Food distribution occurs at Living Spirit Ministry on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Clients must live in Swissvale or Rankin and have an income below 150% of the federal poverty level. For information, call: 412-351-1802.

Swissvale Community Food Pantry provides food assistance to over 200 households per month. Keeping enough food in stock is an ongoing challenge. Donations of foodstuffs, financial assistance and volunteer time are greatly appreciated. To learn more, call: 412-351-1802.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Know anyone who would benefit from having meals delivered to their home?

Swissvale Meals on Wheels delivers meals to elderly and shut-in individuals. The cost is \$20 per week. Deliveries take place every weekday in the late morning and provide enough food for a hot lunch and a snack. To arrange service, call Ed 412-371-2909 or Lois 412-242-5083.

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LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS NOVEMBER 1

Leaf collection will follow the street sweeping schedule. Leaves should be raked into a pile by the curb and will be collected there.

*Public Works Department
Call 412-271-0350*

KABOOM PLAYGROUND

A KaBoom playground could be in Swissvale's future! This non-profit organization wants all children to have a place to play. They partner with civic organizers to find space and then supply top of the line materials used to build the playground. The community comes together in the form of raising funds and becomes the man power to do the actual playground build. Swissvale United Methodist Church-Living Spirit Ministry Pastor Dai Morgan was contacted by KaBoom as they have identified Swissvale as a possible site for one of their next projects.

The first step started in June and included partnering with the Mayor, Council and several Swissvale organizations (Swissvale Moms, Swissvale Civic Association, SEDCO) to prove there was community support.

The second step was having the Borough commit to partner with the church as the caretakers of the finished project and determine possible sites. On August 6 the Borough voted to move forward and the KaBoom contract is currently under review with the Borough Solicitor.

The third step, if all approvals go through, will be a KaBoom playground ready for construction at the corner of Monongahela and Park Avenues this Fall.

The fourth and fifth steps involve YOU!

- Fundraising of \$8,500 (See Spaghetti Dinner info on page 12)
- 200 committed individuals to build the playground
- Watch the Borough website and Swissvale organizations' Facebook pages for updates on how to donate and dates and times of construction.

To learn more about KaBoom, log on to their website at <http://kaboom.org>.

WILKINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER

The WSCC turns 35 in October, but the building's history predates the center's formation in 1979. As its name suggests, the WSCC was once the Wilkins School. In the early 1900s, residents of Regent Square, then called Wilkins Place of Plots, sought an appropriate school space for their children. After securing the site at the intersection of Milton Avenue and Charleston Street, a ten-classroom building was resurrected in 1908. The school building served high school and grade school students until a separate high school was built in 1921. After an early morning explosion at the Wilkins School on

March 26, 1925, the building was reconstructed in 1927 for \$100,000. The school operated until 1978, when it closed due to low enrollment. The district designated it as a storage space until 1979, when neighborhood residents approached the school board with a proposal to use the building for community classes. Registration for classes started in September of that year, and classes began that October. From 1979 to 1990, the WSCC leased the building from the Woodland Hills School District, after which time it was transferred to the Borough of Swissvale. For a period of time, Ironclad Agreement, a "working class" theater company, used WSCC as its home base. The space was also once home to Shady Lane School now located on Penn Avenue. In May of 1989, the WSCC learned that a private investor was interested in purchasing the building. Thanks to aggressive community response, the center was able to remain in its space. Today, the WSCC features over fifty classes annually, hosts a variety of community events and fundraisers and serves as a rental and meeting space and a polling place.

Visit the WSCC website www.wscceph.org for a list of fall classes.

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YOUNG LIFE

“Who Are Those Kids?” If you happened to be out and about in Swissvale this spring and noticed groups of teens picking up trash, or weeding gardens or helping at the Farmer’s Market or running booths at the Fair—then in all probability you were seeing Young Life kids.

These teens were bound and determined to get to Timber Wolf Lake, Young Life’s fantastic camp in Michigan. By participating in the activities mentioned above they were accomplishing two important tasks at the same time: 1. Raising funds to enable them to afford the camp trip and 2. Providing valuable service to the community free of charge.

Young Life is coordinated locally by a team of adults who supply options for area youth that are safe, positive and encouraging. Kids are given the great benefit of learning about the Christian faith as a foundation for life while at the same time gaining the guidance and support of caring adults. Between 100 and 125 Woodland Hills high schoolers attended Young Life activities this past year. These include large group social gatherings held weekly called Young Life “Club,” small group discussion times and lots of special trips like the camp trip to Timber Wolf this summer. All Young Life activities are coordinated by committed and trained leaders who offer youth the opportunity to hear about, think about and talk about the claims of the Christian Faith. Adult leaders represent a cross section of the churches in our community.

If you would like more information about Young Life call the local Young Life office: 412-224-2350.



DR. PAT’S COMMUNITY CORNER

The Swissvale Farmer’s Market was launched this summer and from all reports it is a huge success! I thought it so wonderful to see such a wide variety of people coming together, laughing, reminiscing, reconnecting, eating, shopping, kibitzing all while creating a new vision, a new beginning for Swissvale. And what about the food, veggies, flowers and craft items, such yummys! The energy created at the market is vibrant and speaks to the life being breathed into our community.

Now we are entering what I call “The Cicada Days of August.” Cicada’s, just tiny little creatures chattering to one another each evening, reminding us that Summer is drawing to a close, harvest time is fast approaching and, of course, parental relief is on the horizon with beginning of a new school year. What a bustle of energy that creates with the gathering in of notebooks, new pencil cases, new outfits and shoes. I remember going ‘jean’ shopping for my three boys when they were still in school. What an ordeal...15 pairs of jeans, 3 bags of tube socks, new underwear packages out the wazoo and of course tennis shoes, sneakers, (whatever they are called) that cost a whole month’s pay because they were named after a famous athlete! Did you ever think about how much of our life is designed around the beginning and ending of the school year? Just a thought.

Cycles of life...Beginnings and endings...beginnings, endings and beginning again. Life does unfold that way. I am a gardener so when I think about cycles of life I think about ‘mother earth’ and how she gives birth to life. I think about the early spring flowers...those crocuses that push their way through the soil to peak out on still frosty mornings. I think about the full summer bloom of yellow yarrow and blue delphinium with hovering humming birds and fluttering butterflies. And, of course, the elegant orange tiger lilies stretching their necks, saying, “Look at me. Look at me”.

So now, as we enter the ‘Cicada Days of August’ just allow yourself to reflect on your cycles of life...all the beginnings, endings and beginnings that have occurred for you. And please remember that within each ending lives the beginning of something even more wonderful than you could ever imagine...Beautiful yellow, orange, and red Fall leaves!!!

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. Dr. Jameson, Director of the Aletheia Center for Healing and Empowerment, runs a weekly empowerment group for healing, growth and creating new life. Call for details 412-445-1837

FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Labor day</i>	2	3 Book Bucks Reading program begins • Council meeting	4	5 Comedy Stage Hypnosis Show	6 Wings Over Swissvale • Farmers Market to 10/25 ONGOING: Saturday Fun • Music Workshop • Book and Cookies • Line Dancing
7	8 Preschool Classes and After School Games (ongoing)	9 Crime Watch	10	11 Jewelry Making Class	12 Oil and Acrylic Painting Class to 10/17	13 Corn Roast and Car Cruise • Arts & Crafts Fair • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
14 Youth Group	15	16 EDAC	17 Tree Care	18	19 Family Fun Night	20 Free-Cycle Day • Day of Hope • Spaghetti Dinner
21	22	23 Autumnal Equinox (Fall begins)	24 Council Meeting • <i>Rosh Hashanah begins</i>	25	26	27 Hatha Yoga Class to 12/13
28 Youth Group	29 SEDCO	30				

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Council Meeting	2	3 <i>Yom Kippur begins</i>	4
5 National Fire Safety Week • Youth Group	6	7 Tree Care	8	9	10	11 EcoFest • Blessing of the Pets • Teen Read Week • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
12	13 <i>Columbus Day</i>	14 Crime Watch	15	16	17 Family Fun Night • Fall Fish Fry	18 Teen Read Week
19 Youth Group	20	21 EDAC	22	23	24 Fish Fry	25 Halloween Parade • Farmers Market last day
26	27 SEDCO	28	29 Council Meeting	30	31 <i>Halloween</i> —Trick or Treat night • Oil and Acrylic Painting Class to 12/12 • Fish Fry	

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 KaBoom playground build (Tentative)
2 <i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i> • Youth Group	3	4 <i>Election Day</i>	5 Council Meeting	6	7 Fish Fry	8 Tree Planting • Men's Fellowship Breakfast
9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> • Crime Watch	12	13	14 Fish Fry	15
16 Youth Group	17	18 EDAC	19	20	21 Fish Fry • Family Fun Night	22
23	24 SEDCO	25	26 Community Thanksgiving Service	27 <i>Thanksgiving</i> • Community Thanksgiving Lunch	28	29
30						December 6 Night of Lights

Meetings

- Council Meetings are held at the Borough Building at 7 p.m. (last Wednesday is Agenda setting)
- Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) meets at the Borough Building at 7 p.m.
- Swissvale Economic Development Corporation (SEDCO) meets at Living Spirit Ministry at 6:30p.m.

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