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ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS

You have two choices when you are looking for a Friday Fish Fry in Swissvale: Madonna Del Costello Church and Swissvale Volunteer Fire Department! All sides are prepared fresh in-house and bread comes from Swissvale's Triangle Bread Company.

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March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3

11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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MENU:

Baked or beer-battered cod sandwich

Beer-battered shrimp

Grilled cheese sandwich

Fries, Onion Rings

Haluski, Macaroni & Cheese

Pierogies

See full menu:

www.swissvalefire.org

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March 6, 13, 20, 27

Noon to 7 p.m.

412-271-3959

MENU:

Baked or fried cod dinners

(including side and bread & butter)

Fish sandwich, Eggplant

Shrimp basket

Haluski, Macaroni & Cheese

Pasta e fagiole, Applesauce

Dessert

Children's menu available

SWISSVALE SPRING CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN, MAY 16

The 14th annual Swissvale Clean-Up is Saturday, May 16 rain or shine. Join us for some "clean fun" as volunteers are needed. Please meet at the Swissvale Borough Building at 9:30 a.m. Teams will work throughout town from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., then have lunch at Memorial Park and will be eligible for prizes. This year the focus will be on removing litter from sidewalks, parking lots, main streets, side streets, alleys, vacant lots and the business area.

Residents, local groups and businesses are also encouraged to help in the "spring cleaning." Dumpsters will be located at Les Getz Memorial Park lower level. Paint cans and car tires can also be placed in designated areas near the dumpsters. No truck or commercial tires, refrigerators or air conditioners are allowed to be dumped.

Join in and help make a difference in our town and our environment!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF SWISSVALE

On April 26, the Union Baptist Church of Swissvale celebrates their 95th anniversary. Congratulations to this staple of the Swissvale community. See page 13 for details about the anniversary and activities.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

SWISSVALE MILE—DOG WALK AND RACE, JUNE 27

The Swissvale Mile is back for a second year and is bigger and better than ever! Last year, over 100 people and 50 dogs participated in the one mile fun walk. Because of the participants, generous donors and sponsors, over \$2,200 was donated to Swissvale's K9 police officer program.

This year, in addition to the family-friendly dog walk, organizers have added a professionally timed one mile race. Join in on Saturday, June 27 at 8 a.m. for this family fitness event that benefits Swissvale's K9 police officer program. In addition to supporting a great cause, this event is a fun way to build community during Swissvale's Community Days. K9 Officers "Brando" and "Echo" will be on hand to lead the walk.

Registration is now open through June 19! Register by mailing the registration form (insert) or register online. For more information, to register online, or to donate visit: www.TheSwissvaleMile.com. The Swissvale K9 Officer Program receives 100% of proceeds.



2014 Dog Walk Photos courtesy of Richard Paul Wossidlo Photography

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE STOPPED BY THE POLICE WHILE IN YOUR CAR

While you are driving a car, if a police officer has reasonable suspicion or probable cause to believe that a violation of the Vehicle Code has been committed or a crime has occurred, you may be pulled over.

The best thing to do in this situation is to pull over, stay cool and calm and remain in your car, unless told to do otherwise by the police officer(s).

If you are stopped at night, turn on your dome light and show the officer that there is nothing wrong, or any reason to fear for his or her safety. It is best not to make any sudden movement or do anything that would give the officer a reason to search further. Having your light on and keeping your hands on the steering wheel will usually put the officer's mind at ease.

You will probably be asked to show your driver's license, the registration to the vehicle and proof that the vehicle is insured. You must comply with these requests. Only when you are asked for your ID, should you go about getting it.

Remember the officer cannot read your mind, he or she does not know if you're a law-abiding citizen or a criminal, and unfortunately for his or her safety, must assume the worst case scenario at first.

At this point, you may start to explain or question what you were doing that caused you to get stopped, but that is as far as you should take it. There is a chance that the officer will write you a ticket or warning notice for a traffic violation. When the officer asks you to sign the ticket or warning notice, it is not an admission of guilt, you are simply acknowledging that you received it. If you refuse to sign, the officer will still issue the ticket but will mark it "Refused."

The officer may legally start to check your car for equipment code violations under the vehicle code. Be careful about how you protest. This is not the place to argue your case. If you feel that you are getting a ticket for something you didn't do or for something that is not fair, you should take your protest to court and explain your case to the Judge. Just because the officer gives you a ticket, does not automatically mean that you are guilty, or will be found guilty or that you will have to pay a fine.

Remember, in America, you are innocent until proven guilty. You have the right to go to court and to have the Judge hear your explanation; if you don't agree with the Judge's decision, you can appeal.

SAVE THE DATE:

June 26-27..... Community Days
 August 4..... National Night Out
 September 12 ... Wings Over Swissvale
 September 19 ... Busch Brothers Car Cruise & VFD Corn Roast
 October 31 Halloween Parade
 December 5 Night of Lights

CRIME WATCH

SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

Unfortunately no neighborhood is completely immune to crime. However, there are steps you can take to help keep your family and your neighborhood safe.

- Know where your children are. Have your children tell you or ask permission before leaving the house and give them a time to check in or be home. When possible, have them leave a phone number of where they will be.
- Choose a safe house in your neighborhood. Pick a neighbor's house where your children can go if they need help. Point out other places they can go for help, like stores, libraries and police stations.
- Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists. Role-play talking out problems, walking away from fist fights and what to do when confronted with bullies. Remind them that taunting and teasing can hurt friends and make enemies.
- Work together with your neighbors. Watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their children so you can look out for one another.
- Help children learn important phone numbers. Have your children practice reciting their home phone number, address and your work and cell phone numbers. If they have trouble memorizing these, write them down on a card and have them carry it at all times. Tell your children where you will be and the best way to reach you.
- Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood. Do you want them crossing busy roads? Playing in alleys or near abandoned buildings? Are there certain homes in your neighborhood that you don't want your children to go to?
- Get to know your children's friends. Meet their parents before letting your children go to their homes and keep a list of their phone numbers. If you can't meet their parents, call and talk to them. Ask what your children might do at their house and if they will be supervised.

Crime Watch Meeting

Crime Watch meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at Living Spirits Ministries, 7415 Irvine Street at 7 p.m.

Block Party Planning

Meet, pick your block captain and set the date. A letter must be submitted to the Borough for permission to close the street (include date, times and contact info.)

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EASTER EGG HUNT, APRIL 4

Saturday, April 4 at noon is Swissvale's 21st annual East Egg hunt at Memorial Park. Participants will hunt for eggs and receive prizes. There will also be activities for the children along with refreshments and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Volunteers are welcome and needed. Please contact Mayor De-nen Swartzwelder for more information or questions at 412-271-3811 or email MayorSwissvale@aol.com.

LADY ORIOLES SOFTBALL

Swissvale Girls Softball (Slow Pitch) is sponsored by the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Boys and Girls Clubs. There are two age brackets for the Pittsburgh Big League: (12 and under) ages 9-12 must be 12 on or before February 1 and (15 and under) ages 13-15 must be 15 on or before February 1. Sign-ups are Saturday, March 14, 4-7 p.m. and Sunday, March 15, 1-5p.m. at the Borough Building. Girls residing in the Woodland Hill School District or the City of Pittsburgh are eligible to join these championship teams. Contact swissvaleorioles@gmail.com or John Wilson at 412-224-9831 or Susan Barry 412-400-1652.

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FIRST SWISSVALE RESIDENT SURVEY WAS A SUCCESS!

Topic: Garbage and Recycling

Swissvale conducted the first online residential survey soliciting feedback on garbage and recycling services. The first survey was a hit and we look to conduct more with our residents as we continue to rebuild and recreate community here in Swissvale.

There were 160 responses to the survey that was conducted over an 8-day period (January 16 - 23). A majority of the residents surveyed, 88%, find the Big's Sanitation garbage service average to excellent (rating of 3 to 5).

Overall 95% of residents surveyed find recycling to be important to very important with a 93% rating for average to excellent service.

The full report with a summary of challenges/recommendations for both garbage and recycling pick-up can be found on the Swissvale website (www.swissvaleborough.com) as well as posted on the various Swissvale Facebook pages.

On February 5, Borough officials met with Big's to discuss the primary garbage challenge. As noted in the survey, people overall are happy with the service but there is definitely room for improvement. The goal is to focus on how the Borough, Big's and our residents can work together for continued improvement of both the garbage and recycling services.

Through this process, the Borough has discovered the need to continue to communicate garbage and recycling procedures as they are not being followed and have resulted in some of the complaints and challenges.

Garbage Policy:

Garbage is picked up every week. Swissvale is divided into five areas and each area has a designated collection day. Garbage must be put out to the curb between 6 p.m. the day before your pickup and 7 a.m. on the day of scheduled pickup. Placing garbage at the curb outside of your designated schedule is against Borough policy. If you have a garbage related issue, the procedure is to call the Borough office at 412-271-7101 or Big's directly at 724-379-4331. The Borough staff is now logging all complaints that are received.

Recycling Policy:

Recycling is mandatory in Swissvale by Pennsylvania law (PA Act 101). Recycling is collected every week on the same day as your garbage collection. Place all items in the small bins or new large bins available from the Borough. You can purchase the new large blue recycling bins for \$50 (1/2 off the regular purchase price while supplies last). If you need a bin, contact the Borough of Swissvale at 412-271-7101. The Borough is not reimbursed for recycled materials from the company that does the processing.

Recycle items with codes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 (note that code 6 is NOT recycled). To understand codes, check out Wikipedia "Resin identification codes" (wikipedia.org/wiki/Resin_identification_codes).

For more information on Swissvale recycling be sure to check out the Swissvale website: www.swissvaleborough.com.

Street Sweeping runs April 1 through November 1

HOW SWISSVALE RECYCLES

In October, all residents should have received a tri-fold mailing from the Borough detailing how and what Swissvale recycles. Residents should place acceptable materials in your current recycling bins for pick up the same day as trash.

Acceptable Materials

**all containers must be empty, free of food debris and other contaminating material*

- Aluminum food and beverage containers
- Glass food and beverage containers—brown, clear or green
- Iron (ferrous) cans
- Plastics with symbols - #1 through 5 and #7
- Mixed rigid plastic bottles
- Asptic/gable-top milk and juice cartons
- Corrugated cardboard (must be flattened)
- Newsprint, printer paper, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, copier paper, mail
- All other office paper without wax liners

Unacceptable Materials

**any materials not listed on the acceptable list are not accepted and include but are not limited to the following:*

- Microwave trays
- Mirrors
- Window or auto glass
- Light Bulbs
- Ceramics
- Porcelain
- Plastics unnumbered or #6
- Plastic bags
- Coat hangers
- Glass cookware/bake ware
- Household items such as cooking pots, toaster, etc.
- Tissues, paper towels or other paper that has been in contact with food.



PAPER AND CARDBOARD RECYCLING—ANOTHER OPTION

Is your paper or corrugated cardboard recycling stacking up before your regularly scheduled pick-up? You have another option to recycle these materials and the Borough will be paid a small fee based on total tonnage recycled in this manner.

The Paper Retriever Program is the collection of paper, junk mail (for your identify safety always remove personal information), magazines, catalogs, office paper and cardboard at select recycling bins located at Memorial Field (5 bins) and Angel's Place (1 bin, off Woodstock). This program has a new owner, Royal Oak Recycling, that has been in business for over 30 years. The company continues to provide customers with a program that is easy to follow, fun to participate in and beneficial to the environment.

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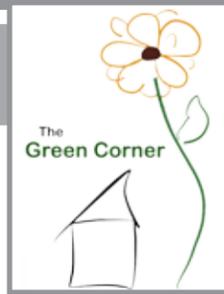
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PARKWAY FLOWER PLANTING, MAY 10

Spring planting at the parkway site is May 10 at 9 a.m. It's so great to come off the parkway or down Braddock Avenue and watch the as the hillside bloom from spring through the summer. The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy sponsors the plants but you are needed to supply the elbow grease. Come out and celebrate Mother's Day by helping beautify Swissvale.



HELP SWISSVALE MANAGE AND IMPROVE ITS TREES

Swissvale's urban forest is not only an asset to the community, but also areas downstream of Swissvale, including the Nine Mile Run Watershed, Frick Park and the Monongahela River. Several years ago, Swissvale Council approved a resolution establishing a Shade Tree Advisory Committee consisting of 3-5 resident volunteers appointed by Council. Since this resolution, the Committee has become inactive. Now with the support of Borough Council, Nine Mile Run Watershed Association is assisting Swissvale in community outreach and reformation of this committee.

Based on 2010 data, tree canopy cover analyzed by the US Forest Service for Allegheny County found that approximately 39% of Swissvale's land area is covered with tree canopy. That's pretty good, but it can be better! There are many streets in the Borough that could benefit from planting more street trees for shade, stormwater retention and aesthetics. Maintaining trees for today while planting for tomorrow provides a connection for residents to the community now and in the future.

The Committee will advise the Borough in managing the street trees of the urban forest by prioritizing maintenance, acquiring grants for tree plantings, assisting in community outreach and drafting a tree ordinance. There are no minimum requirements for membership in the Committee. Swissvale seeks residents with a passion for their community and its trees as they relate to the preservation and expansion of the Borough's stock of trees. Any and all members of the Swissvale community are encouraged to participate in the meetings and activities of the Committee.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Shade Tree Advisory Committee, you may contact Jared Manzo, Greenlinks Coordinator, at Jared@ninemilerun.org or 412-371-8779 x116 or Councilperson Darrell Rapp at Rapp4swissvale@gmail.com or 412-271-7101.



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FOOD DRIVE

"Let No Child Go To Bed Hungry" 2nd Annual Patrick Lisanti Memorial Food Drive, March 21

Did you know that 48.8 million Americans lack the means to get enough nutritious food on a regular basis? That means 16.2 million children might not have enough to eat every day. The theme of this food drive is based on the principal that no child should ever have to go to bed hungry due to need.

Please support this food drive on Saturday, March 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Living Spirit Ministry. Everyone who donates food is eligible to win a door prize. Donated food will stay in our community and will be going to the Swissvale Community Food Pantry. Diane Byrne and family started the food drive in honor of her father, Patrick Lisanti. Find out more about childhood hunger at www.nokidhungry.org.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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The Swissvale Community Food Pantry distributions take place the first and third Thursdays of the month, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Living Spirit Ministry. 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS

This independent community organization has been providing meals to home-bound 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 welcome. For more information or to sign up, call Edwin Goldbach at 412-371-2909.

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Annual Spring Book and Bake Sale, April 23-25

The 'Friends of the Library' group is happy to announce the Spring Book & Bake Sale, April 23-25. For those who haven't stopped by, why not have some fun and drop in to support the library fundraiser. For our loyal customers, we have hundreds of books of interest. Nothing is priced over \$1.00. This event brings out the best in the loyal group that provides the homemade baked goods.

The always popular knitted items by Pam & Donna and paintings by local artist Linda O'Toole will also be available.

Hours of the sale are:
4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 23
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 24
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 25
Books are \$2 a bag all day Saturday.

This fundraiser supports the programs at the Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale and all proceeds are used for the library. Additional information can be obtained from the library. Book donations are always welcome.

What's Up at the Swissvale Library?

Lots of books...games...crafts... food...tax forms and info!

Preschoolers meet on Mondays at 11 a.m. for an hour. The topics for March are Building Day, Letter V, Colors, Letter W and an Easter activity. April will be the Letters X and Y, Rain and county book day. May will be the Letter Z, dinosaurs and an indoor picnic and outdoor games.

Grade school kids come in at

4 p.m. on Mondays, for an hour of board games and then come again on Saturdays at 1 p.m. for their fun class, which is followed by a "books and cookies" session. Saturdays in March will feature a Monopoly Tournament, Peanut Butter month, our Spring Book Lunch and an Easter project.

Family Nights, March 20, April 17 and May 15 (3rd Fridays) at 7 p.m., will offer a hands-on Salad Class in March and a Bingo Night in April—with lots of prizes. Kids, bring your grownups for a good time at the library.

Adult book discussion groups meet on the 1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and on the 2nd Thursday at 3 p.m. The evening group is reading Longbourn, The Importance of Being Ernest and Shanghai Girls. The afternoon group will discuss The Thirteenth Tale, Year of Wonders and Housekeeping. Newcomers are welcome to each group!

Book Bucks—The 15th annual "Book Bucks" Auction approaches. The more you read, the more you can win! Anyone, of any age, who is capable of independent reading, may participate. Come in for forms, and view the photos of some of the prizes, which will be auctioned off on May 17. Readers with "Book Bucks" to spend will be taking home: books, kits, toys, games, puzzles, jewelry, household and decorative items, gift cards, and one-of-a-kind items. Which ones would you like to own?

Wizard Tournament began February 14 (Saturdays 7 p.m.) but you can join in any time through the conclusion in May. This is a card

game that can be played by anyone age 8 to adult. We always have a mixed age group, many of whom are hopelessly addicted (Hint: it's fun!) Everyone wins a token prize each week and the player with the highest cumulative score will choose a gift card.

Lego Robots class for all kids 4th to 8th grade launches on Saturday, March 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This bi-monthly, six-week Robotics Class introduces students to real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete various tasks. Students will work together on teams, learning to accomplish goals and communication and analytical skills. Classes will meet March 14, March 28, April 11, April 18, May 2 and May 9. Class size is limited, so sign up now at the library circulation desk!

Taxes! The library has free State and Federal tax forms available, as well as copies of the instruction books that you can use at the library. You'll also find information about where you can get help filing your taxes and how to order the forms and instruction books that the library doesn't have. (FYI, the IRS distributed fewer forms to libraries and other locations this year.)

Pennies! Think pennies don't matter? Here at the Swissvale Library they do. Our recent auction provided \$100, and with those pennies the Friends of the Swissvale Library purchased 17 books for the children's library. Start saving your pennies now for next year's penny auction.

SWISSVALE ROTARY CLUB

A ONCE IN A BLUE MOON CAMPAIGN FOR SWISSVALE LIBRARY

Did you ever hear of something that happens "once in a blue moon?" That's not very often. A Blue Moon is a second full moon in a month and it happens about every three years—the last one was in September 2012. The next Blue Moon occurs this summer on July 31. To celebrate this year's Blue Moon, the Swissvale Rotary Club announces a Once in a Blue Moon campaign benefitting the Swissvale Library.

Here's how it works: You make a donation of \$1 or more and sign a Blue Moon card. Cards will be available at the Swissvale Library, the Swissvale Farmers Market and local businesses. Once you donate and sign your card, it's put on display where you purchased it or you can take it home with you.

Swissvale Library (like all of the libraries outside of the City of Pittsburgh) is an independent library and a member of the Allegheny County Library Association. Swissvale Library's operating funds come from the state, the Regional Asset District, Woodland Hills School District and fines and fees paid at the library. While the library proudly carries Andrew Carnegie's name, no funding comes from the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, nor from any other Carnegie resource! The library's funds don't stretch far enough to buy all of the books and materials that would keep the library up-to-date and most useful to people. Swissvale Rotary supports the library by purchasing magazine subscriptions for patrons' use but wants to do more for the library and its patrons with your help. The club is responsible for this campaign. Funding from this campaign will be used to improve important areas like job searching, resume writing, health, crafts and travel. The library will also buy a color printer in order to let people know about library programs and services in an attractive and appealing way.

The campaign will begin at the Rotary club's annual spaghetti dinner on May 7 and will conclude on the Blue Moon Friday, July 31. There won't be another blue moon until 2018 so make this one count!

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER, MAY 7

The Rotary's annual spaghetti dinner is Thursday, May 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Swissvale Presbyterian Church. Adult dinners include salad, spaghetti, 2 meatballs, beverage and dessert. Kids meals are available. Eat in (all you can eat) or take out. Adult tickets are \$8 and child tickets are \$5.

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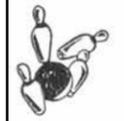
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Need to register for Access/OPT, need help with a property tax or rent rebate form or need help with a LIHEAP form? There are many programs available for seniors so please stop by the Center to see if you are eligible for them!

The center offers a variety of activities including monthly movies, trips, classes, presentations and parties. Listed below are the activities that are always happening at the center. For a full list of activities, stop at the center to pick up a monthly calendar. Lunch is a \$1.50 donation and must be ordered in advance. Check out the Center for other upcoming activities.

Monday Exercise 9:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:45 a.m.
Bingo 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday Exercise 9:30 a.m.
Nickel Bingo 10:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:45 a.m.
500 Bid 12:30 p.m.

Friday Exercise 9:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:45 a.m.
Bingo 12:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

March 17 • April 21 • May 19

EDAC is always looking for residents who are excited and interested in business development and helping in Swissvale's revitalization. EDAC meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Swissvale Borough Building on Rosslyn Street, from 7 to 8:00 p.m. For more information call Julie Grose (Swissvale EDAC Chair) or email jgrose4swissvale@gmail.com. Find information on www.facebook.com/EDACswissvale.

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Swissvale Stroll

The 2nd annual Swissvale Stroll will occur on Saturday, May 9. The same day the Swissvale Farmers Markets kicks off. We are planning to have a fun filled day in Swissvale for residents. We will kick off the Phase II streetscape revitalization project of the business district. More information will be communicated on our website and Facebook pages as the details get cemented, so stay tuned.



2014 Swissvale Stroll, Congressman Mike Doyle, County Council Member Charlie Martoni, Swissvale Elected Officials and Partners at ribbon-cutting

NOBLE AND WASHINGTON STREET SCAPE

Phase II of the Swissvale Business District (street scape) Revitalization has begun. The phase covers Noble Street and the remainder of Washington Street. Components of Phase II will be the same as Phase I, install low level lighting and tree pits with beautiful street appropriate trees to create a refreshing atmosphere for residents to walk to existing businesses and attract new businesses to Swissvale.

A \$150k grant has been allocated to this project. The bid process closed in February through the Turtle Valley Council of Government (COG). Agreements with contractor(s) will be the next step. This multi-year street scape project started with Phase I on Washington Street. Trees (Nine Mile Run Watershed Authority/Tree Revitalize), tree pits, lamp posts and some new sidewalks (Peoples Gas) were installed providing low lighting and better visibility for pedestrians and motorists. In Phase I more was accomplished due to the partnership with Peoples Gas and NMRWA. In Phase II we will also partner with Norfolk Southern railroad to install and accommodate wiring to our existing controls resulting in a cost savings. The Borough is also working with the railroad to replace the bridge sidewalks in a separate project.



7421 Church Street
Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SWISSVALE FARMERS MARKET OPENS MAY 9!

The award winning Swissvale Farmers Market is back for 2015! The market will open earlier this year, May 9, just in time for Mother's Day gift giving and will continue every Saturday through October 31. Market hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year there will be even more vendors, including at least one new farm, offering more Pennsylvania grown produce. Music was a big part of the market and it is also back this year!

Produce available in May will be leafy or early root vegetables such as cabbage, lettuce, onions, peas, radishes and spinach. Find out more about Pennsylvania seasonal produce at www.Papreferred.com/seasonal_calendar.

Many of your favorite vendors will also be back including Swissvale's own Knitting by Pam and Donna, Sue's Confections, Portagallo's Peppers and Great Harvest Bread Company along with The Fine Family Apiary, Jenny's Gardens, Jodikinos Farm, Kettle Korn, Ohio City Pasta, Pitaland, Smicksburg Community Cheese and more.

How can you help? Local customers are the key to the continued success of the market! But a broad customer base helps too so spread the word about Swissvale's great Farmers Market. There is also need for a storage area near the Church Street location, if you know of any space, please contact us. And visit the website for more details as opening day, May 9, gets closer: www.swissvalefarmersmarket.org.



ENTERPRISE ZONE Enterprise Zone Helps In Business Development and Expansion

The Enterprise Zone Corporation representing Swissvale, Braddock, North Braddock and Rankin had one of its most successful years in 2014, authorizing approximately \$1.2 million of financing for five business development projects leveraging millions of dollars of private and public investment and creating many new jobs.

Low interest Enterprise Zone loans for business development and building investment loans are available for Swissvale businesses and commercial property owners. Other financing and development assistance is also available through the Enterprise Zone.

According to Enterprise Zone President William Pfoff "We've provided 51 Enterprise Zone loans and assisted in over 100 projects in the 28 years of our Enterprise Zone Program. There are a lot of exciting developments taking place and with the Carrie Furnace site to open for development in 2015 we envision continued investment and job creation."

The EZCB is the designated economic development organization for the boroughs of Braddock, North Braddock, Rankin and Swissvale. Major funding for the Enterprise Zone is from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. In addition to low interest loans there are other incentives available to for-profit companies in the Enterprise Zone such as state tax credits. For more information call the EZCB office at 412-371-6380 or visit the website at www.ezcb.org.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

The Swissvale Ministerium will again sponsor the Lenten Pilgrimage. This event has been an annual tradition in Swissvale for fifty years. On Wednesday evenings during the season of Lent, the churches of the community share worship services. Each week a different congregation hosts the service while the pastor of another congregation delivers the message. Light refreshments follow.

Offerings received during the Lenten Pilgrimage will go to the Ministerium's House Fire and Disaster Relief Fund. All are welcome to attend. Programs start at 7 p.m.

- March 4, Rev. Dave Swanson at Swissvale Presbyterian Church
- March 11, the Covenant Players at Union Baptist Church
- March 18, the Rev. Melissa Morris at Pittsburgh Mennonite Church
- March 25, the Rev. Dennis Handley at Swissvale United Methodist Living Spirit Ministry

VIA DOLOROSA WALK APRIL 3

The Swissvale Ministerium invites all to join them for the annual Via Dolorosa walk. Anyone interested should meet at Word of God Church on April 3. The walk will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will proceed through the streets of town to the Pittsburgh Mennonite Church. Via Dolorosa, which means "sorrowful road" in Latin, commemorates Jesus' walk while carrying his cross on the way to Golgotha where he was crucified.

CityReach Church

7327 McClure Avenue, 412-418-7335

Easter Service, April 5

10:30 a.m. a special Easter service is being held.

RiverCity

At Swissvale Presbyterian Church,
1825 Monongahela Avenue
412-501-3161 RiverCityPgh.com

Sunday Worship

Services on the first and third Sundays of the month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Join us for meaningful worship, authentic fellowship and relevant preaching about the gospel of Jesus Christ. March 1 and 15, April 5 and 19 and May 3 and 17.

Palm Sunday, March 29 and Easter, April 5

Palm Sunday Service will be held at 6 p.m. in addition to the March 1 and 15 schedule. Easter falls on a regularly scheduled Sunday.

Swissvale United Methodist Living Spirit Ministry

7415 Irvine Street, 412-351-1802

Swissvale United Methodist Church, also known as Living Spirit Ministry, will be moving out of its location on Irvine Street. The congregation will continue to operate through the month of March. It anticipates exiting the building sometime in April.



2014 Via Dolorosa walk proceeds on Washington Street

The church can no longer afford the rent and a proposed reduction structure was rejected by the landlord. Pastor Dai Morgan noted that the congregation has expressed a desire to continue in operation. While they have been exploring possibilities for several months, no immediate options work long term and they are looking at interim solutions.

Closing completely, as another option, would have a significant impact on the community. In addition to church activities, it hosts many classes and community activities and provides meeting space for several local organizations. Most importantly, it is the site of one of the two food pantries in Swissvale. "I'm especially worried for our food pantry," remarked Morgan. "We can't find any organization which has the means or the interest to take it over. And I don't think it will be possible to farm out our large caseload to other pantries."

Pastor Morgan believes there is still plenty of ministry and work for them to do in Swissvale. "We want to stay, but we are going to have to make our decision very soon." When asked how people in the community can help, he said, "First of all, we need prayer. But secondly, if anybody has space that we can use, let me know. We're always willing to hear ideas and suggestions."

Madonna del Castello and Word of God Roman Catholic Parishes

Madonna: 2021 S. Braddock Avenue,
412-271-5666

WOG: 7447 McClure Avenue,
412-241-1372

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, through April 3, noon at WOG and during Holy Hour at 7 p.m. at Madonna.

Adoration, Homily on one of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, Rosary and Benediction.

Tuesdays, through March 31, at 7 p.m. at Madonna.

"An Afternoon with Fr. Lester Knoll: 'Looking Over His Shoulder- the Holy Spirit at Word in Ordinary Life.'"

Sunday, March 15, 1 p.m., Madonna. For more information call 412-241-1372.

"Lights Are Still on For You" Sacrament of Confession

Wednesday, March 18, beginning at 6 p.m. at both Madonna and WOG.

Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and Seven Church Walk

April 2, 7 p.m., Madonna. The Seven Church Walk will depart following Mass.

Good Friday Services, April 3

Noon, Stations of the Cross at WOG. 12:30 p.m., Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, WOG.

Holy Saturday, April 4

11:30 a.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets, WOG.

Noon, Confessions, WOG.

7 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, WOG.

Easter Sunday, April 5

9 a.m. Mass, WOG.

11 a.m. Mass, Madonna

Union Baptist Church of Swissvale

2117 Collingwood Avenue
412-271-3900

www.unionbaptistpgh.org
email: info@unionbaptistpgh.org

95th Anniversary Celebration, April 25-26

The Union Baptist Church of Swissvale is celebrating 95 years of service to Swissvale, the greater Triboro area and beyond. The church was organized on April 30, 1920, in a storefront at 2100 Monongahela Avenue by the late Reverend S. R. Tribbett and 12 dedicated Christian men and women who felt the need for a place to worship in Swissvale.

The twelve charter members were Mazie Carey, Deacon Davis, James T. Evans, Ella E. Mise, Thomas A. Mise, Pleasant Murphy, Mrs. Ward, Olivia Ward, Pauline Ward, Mrs. Woodson, Eliza Wright and Virgil Wright.

To commemorate this historic milestone, there is a program and banquet dinner on Saturday April 25 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Monroeville Doubletree. The cost of the banquet is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 years and under. All are invited to join the Sunday, April 26 worship service at 10 a.m. at the church.

The church's mission is to "Heal Lives, Inspire Hope and Glorify God." The congregation is dedicated to improving the lives of the people who make up the community of Swissvale through their food pantry, youth programs and other community outreach initiatives. "We are grateful to have served for 95 years and look forward to many more! May the love of God continue to keep each of you."

Family Communication Workshop will be hosted on Friday, March 6 and Friday, March 13 from 6 to 10 p.m. The workshop will be conducted by Nancy Wood, BSN, MSW, founder and director of Families Turning. Cost is \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families. Limited scholarships are available. This event is sponsored by the Faith, Fun and Fitness Family Wellness Center of Reach Up, Inc., the nonprofit arm of Union Baptist. For more information call 412-271-3900.

Food Pantry Distribution

2-4:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Call 412-271-3900 to inquire about registering.

Youth Group

5 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month (March 1 & 15, April 5 & 19, May 3 & 17)

Line Dancing

9 a.m. every Saturday except 2nd Saturday. It's a great year to get fit, and we have a great way for you to do it! Line dancing is fun and is for everyone. If you're in a rut or want a different challenge, join in. Classes are free of charge.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

9-11 a.m. 2nd Saturday of each month (March 14, April 11, May 9)

Music Worship

10 a.m.-12 p.m. every Saturday

Help for Window Drafts

Drafty Windows? UBC is ready to help. Please email info@unionbaptistpgh.org if you have a window that needs a plastic draft-proof cover.

Outreach

UBC sends cards and letters as part of our outreach to those locked behind prison walls. If you know someone who is incarcerated, email the name, address and DOC number to info@unionbaptistpgh.org.



WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Plan of Excellence

On January 21, the Woodland Hills School District's Plan of Excellence was approved. The plan, to be implemented with the start of the 2015-16 school year, includes:

- creating two primary schools (grades K-3) that will focus on early literacy skills
- creating a single intermediate center (grades 4-6) to implement a Science, Technology, Engineering and Arts and Mathematics curriculum
- creating a secondary education complex (grades 7-12) where 7th grade will transition and build core academic and behavioral skills and grades 8-12 will have the opportunity to participate in Career Pathways
- enhancing the Woodland Hills Academy and Promise Program
- relocating the two Pre-K classes and the administrative offices to Fairless Elementary school

The plan will also include closing Shaffer, Dickson and the Administrative Building sites although no final decisions have been made on the future of the buildings. Implementation is underway and moving will occur over the summer. See the Woodland Hills website for the full letter from Superintendent Alan Johnson (www.whsd.k12.pa.us/school_NewsArticle).

WOODLAND HILLS HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL, APRIL 24, 25, 30 AND MAY 1, 2

Woodland Hills High School Department of Performing Arts presents "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" from Charles Dicken's final novel. Performance on April 24, 25 and 30 and May 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. and Saturday matinees at 1 p.m.

ELECTIONS

Primary Election Day will be held on Tuesday, May 19. The deadline to register to vote in the primary is April 20. To apply for a civilian absentee ballot, the deadline is May 12.

Closer to May 19 the Elections Office will have sample ballots available for viewing at apps.county.allegheeny.pa.us/VoteDistricts/Look-up where you need to search your polling location.

What you'll find on the ballot:

- Swissvale Borough Council—3 of the 7 council seats for 4-year terms
- Woodland Hill School Board, Region 2 (Swissvale, Braddock, Edgewood and Rankin), 2 seats for 4-year terms*
- Allegheny County—County Executive, Controller, District Attorney and Treasurer for 4-year terms each

- Pennsylvania Supreme Court—an unprecedented 3 of the 7 seats

*The Woodland Hills School Board has successfully petitioned the Court of Common Pleas to change its voting system to convert the three At-Large seats to one additional regional seat for each of the three regions. This action should reduce or eliminate the need for the numerous appointments that resulted from candidates simultaneously winning both a regional seat and an At-Large seat. Six of nine members' seats, 2 per region, are up for election.

The Swissvale Democratic Committee will be considering candidates for endorsement for the May Primary election for the Swissvale Council and the Woodland Hills School Board. Anyone interested in information about participating in this process as a candidate is directed to the Committee's Facebook page at facebook.com/SwissvaleDems, send an email to swissvale@AlleghenyDems.com or call Darrell Rapp, committee chair, at 412-247-7676.

For additional information contact the Allegheny County Elections office at 412-350-4500 or use their web page at www.alleghenycounty.us/elect.



Regent Square Civic Association Non-Profit Status

The Regent Square Civic Association (RSCA) is now a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. This important tax status confirmation gives the RSCA the opportunity to pursue grant money for community initiatives to enhance the neighborhood and increase their value as an organization. Beginning January 1, this also allows for membership dues and generous supporters' donations to be tax deductible. This is the result of over six months of hard work and planning by their Board. For more information or to contact the RSCA, see their website at www.regentsquare-rsca.org.

WSSC

Wilkins School Community Center
7604 Charleston Avenue
412-244-8458 www.wscpcphg.org

WSSC Annual Herb, Plant and Used Book Sale, May 16

The Wilkins School Community Center's annual herb, plant and used book sale is May 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This sale includes flower baskets and flats, organic herbs and vegetable plants from Hi-View farms. This is in conjunction with the annual Regent Square Yard Sale (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.) Books sell for \$1 and are \$5 a bag on Sunday, May 17 from noon to 3 p.m.

Book donations are accepted year-round. No text books or ency-

clopedias please. Books can be left in the lobby of the WSSC and tax receipts are available upon request. All left over books are donated to eEquip, put to good use or recycled. Volunteers are needed to help set up the books on Thursday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and to assist on the day of the sale. Contact the center at www.wscpcphg.org or 412-244-8458.

Open Mic Night, 2nd Tuesdays

Whether you come to perform or enjoy the acts, everyone is invited to low key Open Mic Nights on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. These free evenings are hosted by Ronni Weiss, a piano is available and snacks are provided.

BILLY GARDELL SHOW, APRIL 24-25

Swissvale's favorite comedian is coming "home" for two shows in Pittsburgh! Billy Gardell, of "Mike & Molly" fame, has comedy shows April 24-25 at the Monroeville Convention Center. He grew up on Harrison Street and his Comedy Central 2011 special "Billy Gardell: Halftime" was filmed in Pittsburgh and featured his former family home as the backdrop. He frequently visits Swissvale to see family and friends (including one of our Police officers), eats at his favorite pizza and hoagie shops, stops by Rocco's and still gets his hair cut by Tom Dinardo.

Gardell is a philanthropist and in January had an article published in the Wall Street Journal where he talks about growing up in Pittsburgh. He waived the Terrible Towel to open the Steeler's Monday Night Football game, last October, with his pal Seth Meyers. He has been a regular guest on the WDVE morning show for more than 10

years and helped them invade Ken-nywood this past August. Some of his other credits include movies such as *Bad Santa*, *You, Me and Dupree* and *Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas* and TV's *Yes, Dear*, *Lucky*, *My Name Is Earl* and Pittsburgh themed *Sullivan & Son*. He will host a game show, *Monopoly Millionaires' Club*, this spring.



Right: Tom Dinardo with Gardell at one of his shows

Left: Mayor Swartzwelder with Gardell during a recent visit home



SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DETAILED INFORMATION ON ALL EVENTS CAN BE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE NEWSLETTER.

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Youth Group Church Service	2 Read Across America Day; Preschoolers & Grade school kids meet Senior Center	3 Church services	4 Council Meeting; WH School Board Meeting; Lenten Pilgrimage; Senior Center	5 Purim Adult book group (evening)	6 Fish Fry(s); Church Service Family Workshop Senior Center	7 Line Dancing & Music Workshop; Grade school kids & Wizard meet
8 Daylight Savings time starts 2 a.m. Church services	9 Preschoolers & Grade school kids meet Senior Center	10 Crime Watch Open Mic Night Church services	11 WH School Board Meeting; Lenten Pilgrimage; Senior Center	12 Adult book group (afternoon)	13 Fish Fry(s) Church Service; Family Workshop; Senior Center	14 Men's Fellowship Breakfast & Music Workshop; Grade school kids, Wizard & Lego Robots class meet; Softball signups
15 Youth Group Church services Softball signups	16 Preschoolers & Grade school kids meet Senior Center	17 St. Patrick's Day EDAC Church services	18 Lenten Pilgrimage Church service Senior Center	19 Happy 108th Birthday Icie Clark	20 1st day of Spring; Fish Fry(s); Family Night; Church Service; Senior Center	21 Line Dancing & Music Workshop; Food Drive; Grade school kids & Wizard meet
22 Church services	23 Preschoolers & Grade school kids meet; Senior Center; SEDCO	24 Church services	25 Council Meeting Lenten Pilgrimage Senior Center	26	27 Fish Fry(s) Church service Senior Center	28 Line Dancing & Music Workshop; Grade school kids, Wizard & Lego Robots class meet
29 Palm Sunday Church services	30 Preschoolers & Grade school kids meet; Senior Center	31 Church services				

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Street Sweeping begins; Council Meeting; WH School Board Meeting; Senior Center	2 Adult book group (evening) Church Services	3 Good Friday Via Dolorosa walk; Fish Fry; Church Services Senior Center	4 Passover begins Line Dancing & Music Workshop; Easter Egg Hunt; Grade school kids & Wizard meet; Church Services
5 Easter Church Services Youth Group	6 Preschoolers & Grade school kids meet Senior Center	7	8 WH School Board Meeting; Senior Center	9 Adult book group (afternoon)	10 Senior Center	11 Men's Fellowship Breakfast & Music Workshop; Grade school kids, Wizard & Lego Robots class meet
12 Church services	13 Preschoolers & Grade school kids meet Senior Center	14 Crime Watch Open Mic Night	15 Tax Day Senior Center	16	17 Family Night Senior Center	18 Line Dancing & Music Workshop; Grade school kids, Wizard & Lego Robots class meet
19 Youth Group Church services	20 Preschoolers & Grade school kids meet Senior Center	21 EDAC	22 Senior Center	23 Spring Book and Bake Sale	24 Arbor Day Spring Book and Bake Sale; WHHS Play Senior Center Billy Gardell	25 Line Dancing & Music Workshop; Spring Book and Bake Sale; Grade school kids & Wizard meet; UBC Banquet; WHHS Play; Billy Gardell
26 Union Baptist 95th anniversary Church services	27 Preschoolers & Grade school kids meet; Senior Center; SEDCO	28	29 Council Meeting Senior Center	30 WHHS Play		

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 WHHS Play Senior Center	2 Line Dancing & Music Workshop; Grade school kids, Wizard & Lego Robots class meet; WHHS Play
3 Youth Group Church services	4 Preschoolers & Grade school kids meet Senior Center	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Council Meeting; WH School Board Meeting Senior Center	7 Spaghetti Dinner Blue Moon Kick-off Adult book group (evening)	8 Senior Center	9 Farmers Market; Men's Fellowship Breakfast & Music Workshop; Grade school kids, Wizard & Lego Robots class meet; Swissvale Stroll
10 Mother's Day Parkway Planting Church services	11 Preschoolers & Grade school kids meet Senior Center	12 Crime Watch Open Mic Night	13 WH School Board Meeting Senior Center	14 Adult book group (afternoon) WSCC Volunteers needed	15 Family Night Senior Center	16 Clean-up Day; Farmers Market; Line Dancing & Music Workshop; Grade school kids & Wizard meet; WSCC Herb, Plant & Used Book Sale; Yard Sale
17 Youth Group Church services Book sale	18 Preschoolers & Grade school kids meet Senior Center	19 EDAC	20 Senior Center	21	22 Senior Center	23 Farmers Market; Line Dancing & Music Workshop; Grade school kids meet
24 Church services	25 Memorial Day Preschoolers & Grade school kids meet; Senior Center; SEDCO	26	27 Council Meeting Senior Center	28	29 Senior Center	30 Farmers Market; Line Dancing & Music Workshop; Grade school kids meet
31 Church services						

- 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 6:30 p.m.