



# Swissvale NEWS

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## SWISSVALE FARMERS MARKET HAS A NEW LOCATION

The Swissvale Farmers Market is now open at its new location - Dickson School—every Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October. The new location has a smoother surface for greater mobility as the market continues to grow and prosper. The vendors for the 2016 season are:

Jenny's Gardens, Larry Musser Farms, Jodikinos Farms, Fine Family Apiary, Enrico Biscotti, Great Harvest Bread, Liven'good on Cake, Ohio City Pasta, Pitaland, Portogallo Peppers N'at, Wild River Kettle Korn, Knitting by Pam and Donna, Meem's Knits, and Regent Park Naturals, Pastamore Balsamic Vinegar, Cherish Creamery, and Charis Notes and Gifts.

Along with music and children's activities there will also be demonstrations such as Thai Chi and yoga. Check out the new website for more details [www.swissvalefarmersmarket.org](http://www.swissvalefarmersmarket.org).



## SWISSVALE GOLDEN FLASHES

Football and cheer sign-ups for children ages 5 to 14 are now through July 1, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekends from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Borough Building. Registration is \$80 plus a \$50 pre-paid fundraiser (\$130). The team is part of the Keystone Bantam League.

- Baby Twerp (5-6) Unlimited Weight
- Twerps (7-8) 125 lbs Skilled Position, 145 lbs Line
- Termites (9-10) 135 lb Skill Position, 155 lbs Line
- Mitey Mites (11-12) 155 lbs Skill Position, 175 lbs Line
- Midgets (13-14) 180 lbs Skill Position, Unlimited Line

Home games are played Sundays at Dickson Field (Schoyer Avenue) and first game starts at 11 a.m. Admission is adults \$3 and children \$1. Contact John Wilson at 412 224- 9831 or [Swissvalefootball@gmail.com](mailto:Swissvalefootball@gmail.com) for more information.

## THE GOLDEN FLASHES 2016 SCHEDULE:

**Swissvale**



**GOLDEN FLASHES**

August 14, 11 a.m. – vs. Braddock at Dickson Field  
August 20, 12 p.m. – vs. Morningside at Natoli Field  
August 28, 11 a.m. – vs. Steel Valley at Dickson Field  
September 4, 11 a.m. – vs. East Hills at Dickson Field  
September 10, 10 a.m. – vs. South Side at Quarry Field  
September 25, 11 a.m. – vs. Lawrenceville at Dickson Field  
October 1, 10 a.m. – vs. Braddock at Scott High Field  
October 8, 12 p.m. – vs. Steel Valley at Steel Valley High School

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 www.swissvaleborough.com  
 Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT • AUGUST 2**

This year National Night Out is Tuesday August 2. Host a neighborhood block party or turn your porch light on, sit out and talk with your neighbors. If you don't know your neighbors, this is a good way to meet them.

**MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE**

Swissvale is part of Magisterial District 05-2-08 presided over by Judge Thomas P. Caulfield. The office is located in the Forest Hills Plaza at 21 Yost Blvd. Suite 100 Pittsburgh, PA 15221. The office is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and can be reached by telephone 412-646-1837 or fax 412-646-4729.

**SWISSVALE ROTARY CLUB**

**Rotary Club of Swissvale**

The Swissvale Club will be announcing a change in our Fall fundraiser. Watch our facebook page—Swissvale Rotary. Or join us at Goodfellas to find out more on any Wednesday—lunches are the 1<sup>st</sup> and last at 12:15 p.m. (same as the Council Meetings) and evening gatherings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15 p.m.



**ROCCO'S TAVERN CELEBRATING 70 YEARS**

Like the Energizer Bunny, we keep going and going! Three generations of the Rocco family have kept the business in Swissvale at 7105 Harrison Avenue. Rocco's is open 7-days a week, has a weekly shuffleboard league, hosts the occasional celebrity (Billy Gardell is a 3rd generation customer) and the annual RoctoberFest! "We would like to thank our patrons for their support over the years." Good people, good friends, good times!

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**SWISSVALE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**CPR Classes**

There will be community CPR classes held at the Swissvale Fire Station on Saturday, June 11 and Saturday, August 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. These classes will focus on teaching lay person, CPR and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). If you are interested in taking this class, call the Swissvale Fire Department at 412-271-0448. The fire department will need your name, e-mail address, and a phone number where you can be easily reached. If you are interested in learning CPR but cannot attend one of these upcoming classes, contact Assistant Fire Chief Deleoni-bus to get on our list for future classes that will be held. Classes are free to residents of Swissvale. Non-residents are charged a nominal fee to cover costs of classes.

**Annual Lenten Fish Fry - Another Great Success**

The Swissvale Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank all of the residents who supported us during our fish fry. This event has grown and each year becomes our best. Remember to mark your calendars for our Fall Fish Frydays! The fish fry will back on the 1st Friday of each month during September, October and November.

**Fire Victims Receive \$29,000 in Donations.**

The Swissvale Fire Department responded to a structure fire at an 11 unit apartment building on March 1, located at 2518 Woodstock Avenue. The building was a total loss and the residents of that building lost everything. Twelve households were displaced, including 12 adults and 14 children. Three additional households, including 3 adults and 7 children, from adjacent properties were also were affected.

Because of the significant impact of the fire, the Department acted as the host agency to collect monetary donations for the victims and coordinated with local churches and other organizations for the collection of needed items such as clothing and furniture. By 4 p.m. on March 10, the department had received more than \$28,000 in donations for the victims. Firefighters added to that amount to round it up to the even amount of \$29,000.

On March 10, Swissvale Firefighters, who were assisted by staff from the Red Cross, met with all of the displaced families at the fire station and provided each household with a proportional and equitable share of the funds collected. Many of the victims were very emotional when presented with the funds. David Nickel, President of the Swissvale

Volunteer Fire Department, and Eric Baldwin, Fire Department Chaplain, met with each family privately while disbursing the funds. After it was over, Nickel stated "This was perhaps the most rewarding event that I have experienced in my 26 years here as a firefighter."

On behalf of the community of Swissvale, Fire Chief Clyde Wilhelm would like thank all of those who participated in helping during and after this tragic event. This includes the firefighters who responded from numerous surrounding communities that evening and all those who have generously assisted in this endeavor to help these families who suffered from this fire. We would also like to thank these other organizations who participated in assisting these families during this event: The Salvation Army, Red Cross, Urban League, Allegheny County Department of Health, United Way of Southwestern PA, City Reach Church, Swissvale Ministerium, Braddock Free Store and the Wilkinsburg Free Store.

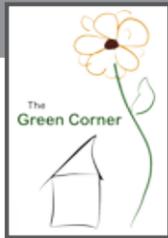
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## GREEN CORNER

### Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee

The Swissvale Shade Tree Ordinance was passed unanimously by the Borough Council on March 2 and the committee members were formally re-appointed on April 6. The SSTAC charter is to interface with Borough officials, outside organizations and the Swissvale community to preserve and improve upon the existing tree population in town. A grant request has been submitted for approximately 20 new street trees to be planted in the fall, if approved. The grant will be fulfilling tree requests received for Harrison Street and Michigan Street. The next order of business for the SSTAC will be to prepare a current inventory of the street trees in Swissvale for use in developing a longer term plan for maintenance, facilitating/obtaining future grants for new street trees and to better interface with groups such as Nine Mile Run Watershed Authority (NMRWA) and ALCO-SAN for regional initiatives. The SSTAC will be developing a page accessible from the Swissvale Borough web site to provide details of actions underway as well as other tree-related links. Expect more shady activity as summer begins.



#### Assisting in Business Development & Expansion:

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

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

[www.ezcb.org](http://www.ezcb.org) or call **412-371-6380**.

## NINE MILE RUN WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

[www.ninemilerun.org](http://www.ninemilerun.org), 412-371-8779

### Two Great Events Celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Gather your camping gear—it's time for The Great Camp Out at Frick Park, brought to you by the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association. In celebration of our 15th Anniversary, we're hosting an overnight camping adventure on July 23 (rain date: July 30) at the Lower Frick Park Play Area (the Soccer Field).

For one night only, join us for a night under the stars, complete with food trucks, complimentary s'mores and libations and family-friendly fun, complete with local storytellers. We will also have craft time, games, sunrise yoga and a guided tour of the Nine Mile Run restoration area.

Please note: space is limited. Visit our website at [www.ninemilerun.org/events](http://www.ninemilerun.org/events) to reserve your campsite today! Each site is \$60 and can accommodate two tents for up to four adults and accompanying children. Price includes a light breakfast on Sunday morning. For questions or more information, visit our website, or contact Lindsey-Rose Allen at [lindsey.rose@ninemilerun.org](mailto:lindsey.rose@ninemilerun.org) or by phone at 412-371-8779 x119.

NMRWA is also hosting a community Bike Tour and Block Party on Saturday, June 11. The guided bike tour will cover 10 miles through the watershed communities of Wilkinsburg, Swissvale, Homewood, Edgewood, and of course, lower Frick Park. We will explore green rainwater initiatives and watershed features as we leisurely and safely traverse the watershed neighborhoods. The tour will begin at Biddle's Escape coffee shop at noon and finish around 3 p.m. Each ticket includes an ice cream sandwich from Leona's as well as refreshments and snacks to stay fueled along the way. Tickets are free for NMRWA members and \$25 for non-members. Each ticket registration is entered to win a free tune-up from Kindred Cycles!

The Bike Tour will be followed by a free entry, family friendly Block Party on the Biddle's Escape's block of S. Trenton Avenue (from Biddle Avenue to Union Street). Stop by from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. to enjoy live music from the Brazilian rhythms group Timbeleza. The Block Party will also have food trucks Brassero Grill and Proper Brick Oven Pizza, rain barrel demos from StormWorks and free samples from Green Flash Brewery and Wigle Whiskey. What a great way to explore and celebrate these communities on a summer Saturday!

The event has been generously sponsored by: The Sprout Fund, Biddle's Escape, WESA, WYEP, Wilkinsburg Chamber of Commerce, Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation, Compass Self Storage, Kindred Cycles and Port Authority of Allegheny County.

Purchase Bike Tour tickets at [www.ninemilerun.org/get-involved/events](http://www.ninemilerun.org/get-involved/events).

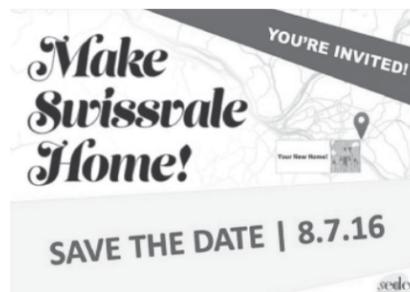
For more information, contact Maranda 412-371-8779 ext. 123 or [maranda@ninemilerun.org](mailto:maranda@ninemilerun.org).



## SEDCO

[Facebook.com/SwissvaleSEDCO](https://www.facebook.com/SwissvaleSEDCO)

Monthly Meetings at Living Spirits, June 27, July 25, August 22, 6:30-8 p.m.



### Make Swissvale Home

Mark your calendars for August 7 when SEDCO will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Make Swissvale Home multi-site open house tours. More details will be shared on the Borough website and social media as details are finalized.

## WILKINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER

7604 Charleston Street, Swissvale, PA 15218

[www.wsccpgh.org](http://www.wsccpgh.org), 412-244-8458

### Regent Square Garden Tour June 12

Your day will begin at the WSCC where you will pick up a tour book, enjoy a light brunch and mimosa, and set out to visit lovely gardens in the Square. Regent Square's unique geography is the intersection of four municipalities, Edgewood, Pittsburgh, Swissvale and Wilkinsburg and you can travel by foot or car through each enjoying the water accents, flowers, veggies, chickens and bees! Gardens will have an artist creating a masterpiece to enter in the Plein Air Art. So the fun doesn't stop until after 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20.



### Plein Air Art Competition for Adults and Juniors June 12

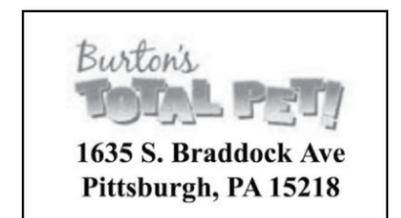
Come and paint in a beautiful garden during the Annual WSCC Regent Square Garden Tour. Artists will be assigned to an outdoor Garden Tour location on a first come first served basis. Cash prizes will be awarded. Participants are required to bring their own art supplies. Artwork will be displayed and will be available for direct sale by the artist at the end of the competition. Painting occurs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and judging and exhibiting from 2 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 for Adults and \$3 for Junior level ages 13-18. Register at [www.wsccpgh.org](http://www.wsccpgh.org).

## NEW BUSINESS IN SWISSVALE

Welcome MAYA Organization to Swissvale! A team of warm and caring women are available to help you at our office. Our confidential services range from free pregnancy testing to prenatal education and counseling, to parenting support and education. All services are confidential and are offered at no cost to the mothers and their partners.

- Free pregnancy testing
- Free infant equipment, furniture, and supplies\*
- Counseling
- Classes
- Mobile services:
  - Classes and counseling for women hospitalized or home-bound for severe pregnancy and postpartum complications
- Licensed adoption agency with classes and counseling for those who are not ready to parent

\*Available to participants who attend classes.





# Swissvale Ministerium

## River City

COMING SOON: 2037 Noble Street,  
Swissvale, PA 15218, 412-501-3161  
RiverCityPGH.com

## New Location

River City Church began meeting for worship gatherings in the spring of 2015. Over the past year, the congregation has met in the Wilkins School Community Center, shared space with Swissvale Presbyterian Church, and gathered in member's homes. The church is excited to announce they are moving to a more permanent location at 2037 Noble St. in the heart of Swissvale. Pastor Eric Baldwin shared his enthusiasm about the location opening this summer "We are excited about this new ministry site and the opportunities it will provide for our congregation to serve the community that we love."

The church will continue Sunday evening worship gatherings at 6 p.m. River City Kids program is available for infants up to 3rd grade during the service. For more information visit RiverCityPGH.com or call 412-501-3161.

Find us on facebook at: River City Church

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES Madonna del Castello and Word of God

**Madonna:** 2021 S. Braddock Avenue, 412-271-5666  
**WOG:** 7447 McClure Avenue, 412-241-1372

**Madonna Festival:** Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 28 to 30. Dinners begin at 4 p.m., activities open at 7 p.m. Homemade Italian specialties, Bingo, games, raffles, Super slide and entertainment.

**Madonna del Castello Feastday Mass and Procession:** Sunday, August 7, 11 a.m. Mass and Eucharistic Procession through the neighborhood. Madonna parish was established in Rankin in 1920. Its name means "Our Lady of the Castle" because many of the first parishioners came from a little town in southern Italy where one day a woman had gone to a ruined castle to get firewood. She set her baby down and a wolf came and took the child. She called out to Mary, the Mother of God, who appeared and the baby was safe and sound.

**Word of God Vacation Bible School:** Contact the parish office for details. Find us on facebook at: Catholic Community of Swissvale & Rankin.

## Swissvale United Methodist and Living Spirit Ministry

2011 Noble Street, Swissvale, PA 15218  
Check out all of the happenings at [www.livingspiritministry.org](http://www.livingspiritministry.org).

## CityReach Church

7327 McClure Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218, 412-418-7335  
Check out all of the happenings at [swissvale.cityreachnetwork.org](http://swissvale.cityreachnetwork.org).

## Union Baptist Church of Swissvale

2117 Collingwood Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218, 412-271-3900  
Check out all of the happenings at [www.unionbaptistpgh.org](http://www.unionbaptistpgh.org).  
Find us on facebook at: Union Baptist Church of Swissvale.

## Swishelm Park Primitive Methodist Church

241 Homestead Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218, 412-751-0930  
Check out all of the happenings at [www.swishelmparkpmchurch.com](http://www.swishelmparkpmchurch.com).

**Vacation Bible School:** Contact the parish office for details.

## Swissvale Presbyterian Church

1825 Monongahela Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218, 412-351-0900  
**Strawberry Festival:** The annual event is Sunday, June 5, from noon to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for Adults and \$3 for 10 and under and available at the church office. Limited tickets will be available at the door. Price includes hot dog, chips, homemade cake, strawberries and ice cream!

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## SUMMER READING BEGINS ON JUNE 13—READY, SET, READ!

It's now time for parents to register their kids and themselves for summer reading classes and other fun events. If you're not interested in class participation, no problem! As long as you turn in completed reading lists by August 5, you are eligible for our annual prize raffle.

## NEW (DIGITAL) SUMMER READING PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

It's a weekly eResource Challenge taking place weekly from June 13 through the week of July 11. One adult and one child winner each week in the county will receive a \$10 gift certificate. Additionally, everyone who successfully completes all five challenges will earn a \$10 gift certificate too. Questions will be posted on the library's Facebook page and website. Participate in the library or from your computer or tablet at home.

## LEGOS & ROBOTS

The next session is scheduled for August. If you are ages 10-13 and enjoy computers-with-Legos, register for the next 12-week Saturday course.

## SPECIALIZED COMPUTER TUTORING FOR YOU

Our computer tutor, Carolyn Luck, is here on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. If you're new to computers or not as confident with one as you'd like to be, sign up for a 30 minute session. Come back for several weeks if you like. Clear the computer fog from your brain!

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## BOOK CLUBS AT THE LIBRARY

Are you an adult who likes to read? Well, Swissvale Library has not just one, but four, book discussion groups for you to choose from!

The two eclectic clubs meet on the 1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and the second Thursday at 3 p.m. The mystery clubs both meet on the 4th Monday, one at 2 p.m. and the other at 7 p.m. Discussions are lively and fun. Sometimes we have cookies too. You can even show up and tell us you didn't read the book.

Books are chosen by the members at annual meetings. Lists for all four clubs, and extra books, are available at the desk. New members may join at any time.

## BOOKS ON THE HORIZON—

### Afternoon Eclectic Group at 3 p.m.

- June 9 – *Buddenbrooks* by Thomas Mann
- July 14 – *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty

### Evening Eclectic Group at 7:30 p.m.

- June 2 – *Night Over Water* by Ken Follett
- July 7 – *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* by Tom Franklin

### Afternoon Mystery Group at 2 p.m.

- June 27 – *Pittsburgh Noir* by Kathleen George, ed.
- July 25 – *Killer in the Kitchen* by Donald Bain and Jessica Fletcher

### Evening Mystery Group at 7 p.m.

- June 27 – *Time and Again* by Jack Finney
- July 25 – *Girl Sleuth: Nancy Drew & the Women Who Created Her* by Melanie Rehak

## IF YOU CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF THE SWISSVALE LIBRARY...

And you want to volunteer on a regular basis, see Kate about scheduling hours (ages 16 and up). You will work with some interesting people (that's our library staff), learn some things about how the library operates, and probably have some good times as well. State and federal criminal checks required; we'll help you sign up for them.

## WIZARDS ARE FEISTY AND INDOMITABLE

Players can't get enough of the Library's Wizard Tournaments. We've scheduled a mini-tournament for 4 weeks in July, beginning on Saturday July 9 at 7 p.m. Kids, teens and grown-ups welcome. If you've never played, come find out what the excitement is all about. Prizes and snacks every week plus a whole lot of fun!

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*The library will be closed on July 4.*



**Swissvale Rotary Club**  
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## COMMUNITY DAYS • JUNE 24-25

Come meet your neighbors, bring the kids, enjoy the music and so much more! There is a buzz growing louder in town about the wonderful things going on in our Borough, one of which is our 2016 Swissvale Community Days. The annual two-day festival is held at Dickson Field (Schoyer Avenue).

**FRIDAY** 6-10 p.m..... DJ Dink McCann (all night)  
**6-10 p.m.** 7 p.m. .... Jeff Jimmerson and Airbourne  
(Jeff sings the national anthem at the Penguin games)

**SATURDAY** 6-10 p.m..... DJ Dink McCann (all night)  
**5-10 p.m.** 8 a.m. .... Swissvale Mile—K9 Walk  
5 p.m. .... K9 demonstration with K9 officers Brando  
and Echo  
6:30 p.m. .... Bands and Children’s activities  
8-10 p.m..... Dr. Zoot—Join the Beach party  
with Swissvale’s own Sal Ventura.  
Limbo contest during break  
10 p.m. .... FIREWORKS by Starfire

*Children’s tent includes face painting, sand art  
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## SWISSVALE MILE • JUNE 25

The 3rd annual Swissvale Mile kicks off on Saturday, June 25, in connection with the Swissvale Community Days. Don’t miss this fun community event. Come out to walk, run, or cheer on your friends and neighbors!

*For details and to register visit our website: <http://www.theswissvalemile.com/>.*



## SWISSVALE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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### Summer Food Program

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## SWISSVALE SENIOR CENTER

**7350 McClure Avenue  
412-731-6125**

**The Swissvale Senior Center is  
open on Monday, Wednesday and  
Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

We offer a variety of activities: monthly movie, trips, classes, presentation, 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.