



Swissvale NEWS

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CLEAN-UP DAY • MAY 21

The Borough will hold its 15th annual Spring Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 21. Volunteers are needed to help remove litter throughout Swissvale. Please meet at the Borough Building at 9:30 a.m. to begin the day's activities. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.



Residents who would like to do spring cleaning can bring excess trash to Les Getz Memorial Park on Clean-Up Day and dispose all items for free. Dispose of normal household items, building materials, furniture, car and light-truck tires (no large truck or commercial tires), Non-Freon containing appliances, televisions and other electronics. For those who are not able to bring items to Memorial Park, the Department of Public Works will have several trash collection vehicles available that day to come to homes for pre-scheduled item pick-ups. Please call 412-271-0350 with any questions or to arrange a pick-up of items. Watch www.swissvaleborough.com for more information on Swissvale clean-up day.

2016 GARBAGE FEE DUE • APRIL 30 (or March 31 and May 31)

The Garbage Fee remains at \$150 for 2016. The full fee is due April 30 but there is also a two-payment installment plan available at \$160. The first \$80 payment is due no later than March 31 and the second \$80 payment is due May 31. (There is a late penalty of 10% if payment[s] is not received by the due date.) All homeowners (or responsible parties) should have received a statement in January. If the invoice hasn't been received, please contact the Swissvale Tax Collector, Tom Barr, at 412-351-3342 or at the office, 7447 Washington Street, Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. See page 2 for exciting news and important reminders about trash and recycling collections.

EASTER EGG HUNT • MARCH 26

The 22nd annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 26 at noon 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 Deneen Swartzwelder for more information or questions at 412-271-3811 or MayorSwissvale@aol.com.



SWISSVALE FARMERS MARKET IS MOVING!

Starting May 7 the Farmers Market will be located behind Dickson! See more details on page 11.

IMPORTANT DATES: **MARCH 13** Daylight Savings begins • **APRIL 1** Street Sweeping starts • **APRIL 26** Primary Election day • **JUNE 11** NMRWA Bike Tour & Block Party • **JUNE 24 & 25** Community days • **JUNE 25** Swissvale Mile • **AUGUST 2** National Night Out • **OCTOBER 29** Halloween parade • **DECEMBER 3** Night of Lights

SPRING FORWARD — MARCH 13, 2 A.M.

TRASH COLLECTION UPDATES

After months of careful study and deliberation, it was determined by Borough Council that it would be feasible to collect trash using Department of Public Works employees rather than contracting the service to an outside firm. Collecting the trash "in-house" will save the Borough a considerable amount of money and also improve the service that the residents receive. This move to in-house collection will allow the Borough to hold the trash collection rate steady for 2016 as mentioned on page 1.

On January 11, "Swissvale Sanitation" trucks began to traverse the Borough and collect trash. The transition from the previous hauler was seamless for residents as the collection days have not changed. The only change that the residents may have noticed is that the trash in neighborhoods may be collected at a different time of day than the previous hauler

collected. Changes to the time of collection were made to optimize the efficiency of the routes and to keep the trash collectors off of the main roads during rush hour. Recycling pick-up has not been impacted by this move.

All residents should have their trash and recycling at the curb by 6 a.m. on the designated collection day. Collection routes can only be covered once a day. If trash or recyclables are not out for collection when the trucks arrive, they will not be collected until the following week. Please be aware that "refuse containers shall not be placed at the curb or other pick-up location for collection prior to 6 p.m. prior to the day scheduled for collection" (Ordinance #78-3).

If you experience any problems with trash or recycling collections, please contact the DPW at 412-271-0350. Any trash that is missed by the DPW will be collected the same day if the department is notified by 2 p.m.

PARKWAY PLANTING

Spring planting at the parkway site is May 8 at 9 a.m. It's so great to come off the parkway or down Braddock Avenue and watch as the hillside blooms from spring through the summer. The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy sponsors the plants but you are needed to supply the elbow grease. Come out and help beautify Swissvale.

SWISSVALE POLICE

Anti Theft Dots

Chief Greg Geppert announced that the Police Department is partnering with Anti Theft Dots and recommending that citizens use this tool to reduce crime within their jurisdiction. Anti Theft Dots are microscopic DNA property markers for all personal property. They are the size of a grain of sand and contain a unique 6 digit alpha numeric PIN number. No two PIN numbers are the same. Once applied, go online to register property and record the description, serial numbers and contact information. All fields are optional but the more information provided, the easier it will be for police to return lost or stolen property should it be recovered. Anti Theft Dots come in a variety of sizes and can be used for anything from a single application (such as the DNA High Security Label) or to mark up to 50 items with the Home Kit. Anti Theft Dot can be applied to any item ranging from a bicycle to a television or computer. Go to www.antitheftdots.com to learn about the technology and to order.

SWISSVALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

CPR Classes

There will be a community CPR class held at the Fire Station on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This class 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 SFD 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 this upcoming scheduled class, contact Assistant Chief Deleoni-bus to get on our list for future classes that will be held. Classes are free to residents of Swissvale. Nonresidents are charged a nominal fee to cover costs of classes.

Annual Lenten Fish Fry—Fridays in March

The Volunteer FD is holding its annual Lenten Fish Fry at the fire station at 7400 Irvine Street. They will also be offering free delivery for lunch and dinner. The fish fry will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every Friday during lent. Be sure to stop in and get some good fish! You can also phone in your orders for pick up at 412-271-8787 or by fax at 412-271-1451.

Fire Inspections—Commercial Buildings

The SFD has begun performing the annual fire safety inspections on all commercial buildings. These inspections are to ensure that basic fire codes are followed, such as not blocking emergency exits, emergency lighting and exit signs are working and fire extinguishers are present, currently inspected and maintained, among other things. The department will be updating emergency call lists for building owners and occupants as well as

gathering emergency preplan information for items such as where the utility shut-offs are located, special hazards, etc. There is no charge for these inspections. To help the SFD continue to make Swissvale a safe place to live and work, cooperation is appreciated.

Smoke Detectors—Know the Difference!

There are two types of smoke detectors available for installation in your homes: ionization and photoelectric. Ionization detectors are less expensive and more widely used because of that. However, they can delay the notification of occupants if a fire arises in your home.

In February at a local house fire there was a great amount of smoke in the home AND NONE OF THE SMOKE DETECTORS ACTIVATED, even though the detectors were less than one-year old. Fortunately, one of the occupants was awake, saw the smoke, got everyone out safely and called 911.

Research has demonstrated that photoelectric smoke alarms are more effective at warning of smoke from smoldering fires than ionization smoke alarms. Some studies have shown the photoelectric smoke detectors activate as much as 30 minutes sooner than ionization detectors. With

earlier warning, people have more time to escape a burning structure and call 911 sooner. Photoelectric smoke alarms also are less susceptible to nuisance alarms. To prevent nuisance alarms, citizens often disable smoke alarms, placing themselves, others in a home or building and fire fighters at greater risk.

The technology used in ionization smoke detectors leads to a delayed warning in smoldering fires that can lead to greater loss of life among people and fire fighters in a burning structure as a result of a more developed fire. A delayed warning during a smoldering fire, especially at night, can incapacitate people who are sleeping and lead to death as fire spreads.

According to recent data, almost two-thirds of residential fire casualties occurred in homes without properly functioning smoke alarms. Any smoke alarm that is 10 years old or older should be replaced regardless of type. If you moved into a pre-owned home and do not know the age of the existing smoke alarm, you should replace them immediately.

The Swissvale Fire Department provides free smoke detectors and installation for senior citizens. Call 412-271-0448 to get your's installed.

SWISSVALE ROTARY CLUB

Club Meetings

Weekly meetings are held at GoodFellas each Wednesday. Lunch meetings are the 1st and last Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. (same as Council Meetings) and evening meetings are the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. If you'd like to know more about joining Rotary, please stop by a meeting.



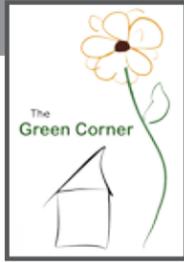

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Storm Water News

You, the public are an important partner in the campaign to preserve Western Pennsylvania's greatest asset—our water supply. Pure water is essential for all forms of life. Keeping our water safe from contamination is in everyone's best interest. Here are some tips on how you can help preserve this vital commodity.

- When you wash your car at home, where does that water go? It likely goes onto the street where it is collected in a storm sewer which transports it to a stream or river. If you use harsh chemicals to clean your car, they will also go into the stream where they can kill fish or wildlife that may drink the water. It is better to go to a commercial car wash where the water is cleaned and reused or if possible, wash your car in a grassy area where the water will filter into the ground instead of running off into the street.
- Salt is another source of water contamination. While we all want to clear the snow and ice from our walks and driveways to be safe, please remember to use salt or other de-icers sparingly. Use only as much as needed. This will help minimize contamination and also save you money!
- More information on how to protect our water resources is available at www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater.

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Proper stewardship of large, mature trees along our streets, in our parks, and around our homes is vital to long term urban forest growth and impact. These are the trees doing the heavy lifting when it comes to improving air quality, mitigating stormwater, and carbon sequestration. Nine Mile Run Watershed Association (NMRWA) will present Better with Age: A Workshop on Mature Tree Stewardship on Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Upper Environmental Charter School, 829 Milton Street, in Regent Square. This workshop, which is open to the public, will provide information on how to effectively steward large, old trees. The agenda includes many tree and environmental experts discussing topics such as common pruning practices, tree risk assessment, preservation techniques, Western Pennsylvania's largest trees and Duquesne Light's perspective on tree pruning. The workshop will conclude with a campus walking tour to reinforce topics from presentations. Light refreshments and lunch are included. Registration for the event is \$15. The deadline to register is March 16. Those interested in attending can register at www.ninemilerun.org/get-involved/events/ or call 412-371-8779 ext. 119.

NMRWA, which was founded in 2001, works to restore and protect the Nine Mile Run watershed and the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration in Frick Park, and is celebrating 15 years of stewardship in 2016. Since 2001, NMRWA has planted nearly 900 trees in the watershed and provides post care with the help of volunteers.

- Spring Stream Sweep, Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m.-noon, Frick Park, Lower Frick Park Entrance. Help us clean up and remove trash in Nine Mile Run! We will provide gloves, safety vests, trash bags, and coffee. Please wear long pants and sturdy, close-toed shoes.
- Urban EcoStewards: Spring Invasive Species Removal, Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m.-noon, Frick Park, Lower Frick Park Entrance, Learn how to remove large areas of invasives and the importance of replanting with native species.
- Urban EcoStewards: Wildflower Walk, Thursday, May 5, 6-8 p.m., Frick Park, Lower Frick Park Entrance, Join us and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy for a hike through Frick Park to identify regional spring wildflowers!
- NMR Bike Tour & Block Party, Saturday, June 11, 3-6 p.m., South Trenton, from Biddle Avenue to Union Street, Join us for a guided bike tour from noon-3 p.m. through the watershed (tickets are \$10 for NMRWA members and \$15 for non-members) followed by a free block party with live music, food trucks, and fun.

SEDCO

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

Monthly Meetings at Living Spirits, March 28, April 25, May 23, 6:30-8 p.m.
Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program 412-350-1090

The Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program is used to convert abandoned properties for residential side yards, community parcels or affordable housing development. The Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County administers the program in order to help residents stabilize and improve their communities. Homeowners can acquire vacant residential lots adjacent to their primary residence to utilize as side yards.

Property Eligibility Requirements:

- Located in a participating municipality
- Vacant land or structure
- At least 3 years tax delinquent

Community Revitalization Through Local Home Ownership

The Swissvale Economic Development Corporation had another successful year in 2015 and continues to partner with those working for the revitalization of Swissvale. One of the ways this is accomplished is through house improvement and local home ownership.

In an effort to promote home ownership, SEDCO, in partnership with Mon Valley Initiative (MVI), Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, and RennoReady hosted Make Swissvale Home. The event shared information on the FHA 203(k) renovation loan program and included self-guided tours of seven hand-selected, for-sale Swissvale properties that made excellent candidates for the 203(k) program. SEDCO is offering \$1,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance to the first 10 homebuyers that use the 203(k) renovation loan to purchase a home in Swissvale! This opportunity is available through April 1, 2016.

Additionally, SEDCO partnered with MVI to rehabilitate the home at 2048 Monongahela Avenue. The list price for this beautiful home is \$115,000 Contact Christa Ross at Remax or visit monvalleyhome.com for more information. Stay tuned in 2016 for the renovation of 7700 Cannon Street.

In order to help new homebuyers who are considering making this major purchase, SEDCO, along with Rankin Community Development Corporation (RCDC) and MVI, will be hosting a Housing Counseling Workshop on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Swissvale Fire Hall. Limited seating is available for this free workshop, so please call Jonathan Weaver at 412-464-4000 in order to register.

Applicant Requirements:

- Current on taxes, water, sewage, and refuse bills on all properties owned in Allegheny County
- No outstanding code violations or municipal liens on properties owned in Allegheny County
- Complete application including all required supporting documentation
- Provide detailed reuse plan and demonstrate capacity to fulfill plan
- Provide proof of financial capacity to acquire and develop the property
- Submit two photographs of the property

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Swissvale Ministerium

Swissvale Lenten Pilgrimage

The Lenten Pilgrimage is a longstanding tradition in Swissvale. During Lent, the liturgical season leading up to Easter, most of the local congregations gather together to share worship services on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Each week a different church will host the service, while a pastor from one of the other churches will provide the sermon. On Good Friday, the congregations will gather to conduct a "Via Dolorosa" walk through the business district of Swissvale, in commemoration of Jesus Christ carrying the cross to Calvary. All gatherings are open to the public. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. The overall theme to this year's Lenten Pilgrimage is "Witnesses to the Crucifixion."

- March 2—**Swissvale Presbyterian Church**, 1825 Monongahela Avenue, Rev. Robert Tedder (UBC)
- March 9—**Union Baptist Church**, 2117 Collingwood Avenue, Rev. Dave Swanson (P.M.C)
- March 16—**Pittsburgh Mennonite Church**, 2018 S. Braddock Avenue, Rev. Dai Morgan (UMC)
- March 25, Good Friday—**Via Dolorosa Walk**, 11:30 a.m., gather at Word of God Church plaza, 7446 McClure Avenue.

Swissvale United Methodist and Living Spirit Ministry

2011 Noble Street, 412-351-1802

Easter Sunday Worship Service

March 27, 10:30 a.m. All are invited to this worship service.

Swissvale Community Food Pantry

Food Pantry distributions are on the first and third Thursdays of the month, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

2015 Via Dolorosa Walk moves from Church Street to Monongahela Avenue



Swissvale Presbyterian Church

1825 Monongahela Avenue
412-351-0900

Lenten Bible Study: Wednesdays through March 30, 10 a.m., pick up a study guide from the Church office.

Hoagie Sale Starts: Sunday, March 20, 10 a.m., \$7 Call the church to order and pickup at the Church basement on April 13 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service: March 24, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27: Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. prior to Worship Service.

SWISSVALE SENIOR CENTER

7350 McClure Avenue
412-731-6125

Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 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.

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.

Lunch is a \$1.50 donation—orders must be made in advance.

Need to register for Access/OPT, need help with a property tax/rent rebate form, need help with a LIHEAP form...

There are many programs available for seniors stop by to see if you are eligible for them!!!

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

Lenten Fish Fry: March 4, 11, 18
Come enjoy our Lenten cuisine Friday, March 4, 11 and 18 from noon to 7 p.m. at Madonna's Dattilo. The menu includes baked or fried cod dinners, eggplant, shrimp basket, sandwiches, haluski, macaroni and cheese, pasta e fagiolo, applesauce, bread/butter and beverages available; also children's menu, take-out orders and a bake sale. Deliveries made within a reasonable distance until 2 p.m.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays through March 25, noon at WOG and during Holy Hour 7 p.m. at Madonna

Adoration, Sermon on a Lenten Theme, Rosary and Benediction: Tuesdays through March 22, 7 p.m., Madonna

Parish Mission: Monday and Wednesday, March 7 and 9, Madonna; Tuesday and Thursday, March 8 and 10, WOG. All evenings begin at 7 p.m. Details to be announced.

"Lights are Still on for You" Sacrament of Confession: Wednesday, March 9, beginning at 7 p.m. at both Madonna and WOG.

Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and Seven Church Walk: March 24, 7 p.m., Madonna. The Walk will depart following Mass.

Good Friday Services: March 25, noon, Stations of the Cross; 12:30 p.m., Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, WOG.

Holy Saturday: March 26, 11:30 a.m., Blessing of Baskets, Word of God. Noon, Confessions, WOG. 7 p.m., Easter Vigil in the holy Night, Madonna.

Easter Sunday: March 27, 9 a.m. Mass, WOG. 11 a.m., Mass, Madonna

Corpus Christi Mass and Procession: Sunday, May 29, 9 a.m., WOG. The procession takes place after Mass. The route includes Church Street, Monongahela, Washington, Palmer, Irvine, McCague, Church and return to the Church for Benediction and a brunch. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus took bread and wine and said "This is My Body" and "This is My Blood," Catholics have believed that when the priest, authorized to act as Christ, repeats these words at Mass, the bread and wine become the real living presence of Jesus Christ. The feast of *Corpus Christi*, Latin for "The Body of Christ," is a time when Catholics show our love for Our Lord and our neighbors by bringing Our Savior closer to them in a special vessel called a monstrance.

3rd Annual Food Drive: March 19

The third annual No Child Go to Bed Hungry—Patrick Lisanti/Byrne Family Memorial Food Drive will be March 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2011 Noble Street. Please support this food drive that occurs in conjunction with the Swissvale Food Pantry. Everyone who donates food is eligible to win a door prize. Find out more about childhood hunger at www.nokidhungry.org.

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Swissvale Rotary Club

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Kids' Classes

Preschool reading and games: Mondays 11 a.m., ages 3-5, dinosaurs and Dr. Seuss, turtles and transportation, alphabet days.

Games: Mondays 4 p.m., school-age children, board games every week, BINGO once a month.

Saturday Fun: Saturdays 1 p.m., school-age children—crafts, games, cooking, and other fun events.

ROBOCATZ

The very popular, twice-yearly Lego Robots class starts up again on March 5 and continues through May 7. Middle school kids (grades 4 to 8) build LEGO-based robots to complete tasks related to the 2016 basketball "Bank Shot" Challenge. Kids will have the opportunity to participate in a regional tournament that attracts over 150 students. Class size is limited; sign up at the library front desk until the class is full. Thanks to Swissvale neighbor and robotics guru Jeffrey Kandra for teaching this class.

Summer Reading

This year's theme is "On your mark, get set, read!" Activities begin mid-June.

Adults

The Computer Tutor is "In"

Computer tutor, Carolyn Luck, provides weekly training in basic computer skills on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. Whether you know nothing about computers, or a little bit, or you want to improve your skills, Carolyn can help. Sign up for your 30-minute session now.

Spring Book and Bake Sale

Mark your calendar now! The library's spring book and bake sale happens on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 14-16. Hours are Thursday 4-8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Friends of the Library include some of the best bakers in town, so hurry over for the best choices in baked goods (and all the best books). On the other hand, come Saturday for our bag sale and get a bag of books for \$2.

Free Jigsaw Puzzles

We keep a bin for puzzles in the lobby. Take one from the box, and bring yours for other people to enjoy.

Book Clubs

Do you like to read and then talk about what you just read? Do you enjoy discovering new authors (or new to you)? There are now four book clubs for adults. Books are chosen by the club members, new members are always welcome, and there are always copies of each club's next book available to borrow. Here are the titles for book club meetings.

Thursday Afternoon Eclectic Group at 3 p.m.

- March 10—*Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand
- April 14—*The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro

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

- March 3—*The Color of Water* by James McBride
- April 7—*When She Woke* by Hillary Jordan

Monday Afternoon Mystery Group at 2 p.m.

- March 28—*Saving Room for Dessert* by K.C. Constantine
- April 25—*The Lock Artist* by Steve Hamilton

Monday Evening Mystery Group at 7 p.m.

- March 28—*10 Big Ones* by Janet Evanovich
- April 25—*Forever Rumpole* by John Rumpole

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

If you're 16 years old or above (teens and adults welcome), you get along well with a wide variety of people, you enjoy being at the library, you have some regular time to volunteer, and you want to help keep the library running—then you might be exactly who we're looking for! Contact Kate for more information. Note, adults need to obtain and provide criminal clearances before volunteering.

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Used Book, Herb and Plant Sale May 14-15

The WSCC's annual herb, plant and used book sale is May 14 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This sale includes flower baskets and flats, 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.) Most books sell for \$1 and are \$5 a bag on Sunday, May 15 from noon to 3 p.m. New this year, stop by Saturday for a hotdog and a cold drink to refuel! This year's proceeds will help pay for new outside lights. All left over books are donated to eEquip, put to good use or recycled. Volunteers are needed to help set up the books on Wednesday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday 7 to 9 p.m., and also on Saturday to assist on the day of the sale. Contact the center at www.wscppgh.org or 412-244-8458.

Hmmm...what do you think that is worth?

Now is your chance to find out if one of your treasurers is a treasure trove. A local antique expert will explain the business and then examine your antique while you enjoy refreshments and friends. Bring up to two items for an appraisal. Watch the WSCC website for the date expect in late Spring.

Spring Parkway Interchange Litter Clean-Up

Saturday, April 2, 11 a.m. 1 p.m. is the Spring Parkway Interchange Litter Clean-up. Volunteers will meet in the parking lot near the entrance to Frick Park by CLASS. Help us keep the community beautiful! Please wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. RSCA will provide orange vests, gloves, and trash bags. For more information, email us.

Regent Square Yard Sale

Saturday, May 14, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.



WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administrative Building

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North Braddock, PA 15104

Phone: 412-731-1300

High School

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Churchill, PA 15221

Peter Pan

April 29, 30 May 5-7

Woodland Hills High School

Department of Performing Arts

Presents

"Peter Pan" as the Spring musical.

Performances are on

April 29 and 30 and May 5, 6 and 7

at 8 p.m.

and Saturday matinees

at 1 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON PORTER LOVES PHOTOGRAPHY AND PORTER LOVES CREATIVE

Porter, an adorable Boston Terrier-Pug Mix, inspired the name Nathan Shaulis and his cofounder, Sam Laffey gave to their home based business, Porter Loves Photography. This dynamic couple moved to Swissvale to have a place for the dogs to run and play. "Porter loves everything," according to Nathan. Porter and his housemate, Jeanie, a Boston Terrier are rescue dogs. And Porter's general love of everything and everyone started their business off with a great name.

While in Swissvale six years, Nathan and Sam launched Porter Loves Photography in 2013. Per Nathan, portrait and event photography does not just capture memories, but creates a physical piece of history that will last for generations. This fact has fueled Nathan's passion for capturing family portraits, big birthdays, anniversaries, non-profit fundraisers, and other wonderful life events. In all these endeavors, he focuses specifically on the candid, authentic moments with little to no posing.

In addition to Porter Loves Photography, the couple owns Porter Loves Creative. This business provides assistance in art and headshot photography, writing, content building, and layout design. Many artists are seeking a person to bounce ideas around. And Sam, with a Master's Degree in Arts Management, has the skills to allow the artist to create and the experience to aid in sharing their creation with others. Artists wanting to build a strong, professional presence to share your creativity or with a great idea for a project, but daunted by the grant proposal needed to fund it can get help.

Find out more at www.porterloves.com and www.porterlovescreative.com and see all the amazing resources this unique couple has to offer. Nathan Shaulis can also be reached by calling 412-407-2403 or by email at nathan@porterloves.com.

THANKS FOR LIGHTING UP SWISSVALE

Thank you to all of the residents that purchased luminary kits during the holidays! Members of Support Our Swissvale, with the help of council members and residents, assembled 100 kits and were able to sell all of them. We hope you got to drive around Christmas Eve and see the community all lit up—it was GORGEOUS! With your support, \$600 was raised for the Swissvale Food Pantry. Special thanks to the Fire Department for allowing us to assemble the kits at the fire station and also for housing the kits for a few weeks and T. Mele and Mele Brothers for donating the sand material for the kits. Hopefully, this will become a yearly tradition in Swissvale!

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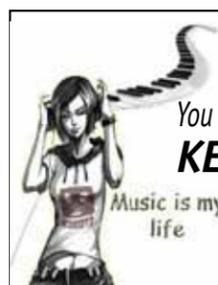
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Supporting Business Development

The Enterprise Zone Corporation representing Swissvale, Braddock, North Braddock and Rankin assists business development in the area through loans for new and existing businesses and other forms of financing and development assistance.

In 2015 the Enterprise Zone and the Mon Valley Initiative (MVI) initiated a marketing program to jump start development in Swissvale's local business district. MVI contracted with Mark Harvey Smith, a real estate broker and community consultant, to develop a real estate marketing plan. These activities will continue in 2016.

The primary marketing strategy, which builds on a comprehensive building inventory and outreach to property owners, is a community specific website at www.SwissvalePACommercialProperties.com with detailed information and resources specific to property available for lease or purchase in Swissvale. Mr. Smith also offers familiarity with market analysis, business plan assistance, knowledge of business insurance needs, and local zoning ordinances in order to provide direction to prospective new owners. Most importantly, this service provides a single, accountable point person with established credentials in commercial real estate, community development and emerging communities, to serve as a primary contact and conduit for interest in commercial properties. Mr. Smith can be contacted at 412-585-2227.

PUTTING THE NEIGHBOR BACK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

After the success of Blockwatch programs in various communities nationwide and neighborhoods within our community, a cohort of Swissvale residents is looking to implement a program borough-wide. The key components of the proposed Blockwatch program are a) getting to know your immediate neighbors and b) establishing lines of communication between neighbors and blocks. The goal overall is to increase the safety of our streets and the vibrancy of our community! While there is a model to work off of to start this program, the input of our community and neighbors is needed to shape this program in a way that will work best for all of us. If you are interested in learning more and playing a vital role in the development and implementation of this program, please visit <http://goo.gl/HgTyJZ> and identify the times you are available for a meeting in late March or early April. The date(s) with the most available people will be selected.



SWISSVALE MILE, JUNE 25

Registration is now open for the 3rd annual Swissvale Mile! Join us on Saturday, June 25 for this fantastic community event! Choose from a one mile dog-friendly, family fun walk or a timed one mile race. This event is a great way to get

involved during Swissvale's Community Days.

For details and to register, go to www.TheSwissvaleMile.com. You can also fill out and send in the registration form. Register early to get the lowest price! As an additional incentive, the first 20 people to register for either the walk or the race will be entered to win a 2nd registration FREE!

All runners and walkers get a Swissvale Mile t-shirt and participating pups receive a special dog scarf. Age group awards will be presented to the top 3 male and female finishers as well as a special award for the fastest Swissvale resident!



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Questions - 412-242-3906 or welshje@verizon.net



7301 Schoyer Avenue
(In the rear of the lot)
Saturdays, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
May 7 through October 31

2016 BETTER THAN EVER AND A NEW LOCATION

The Swissvale Farmers Market is moving three blocks from its previous location, to the fully paved lot behind Dickson School, 7301 Schoyer Avenue. The market opens for its third season on May 7, just in time to buy Mother's Day flowers and seedlings for your garden! Market hours are very Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October. Visit this great public market, voted Best Farmers Market in Pittsburgh on the A-List, weekly for fresh produce, cut flowers, kettle corn, pasta, baked goods, crafts, art and so much more! The market accepts EBT/SNAP benefits, and, in the new location behind Dickson, is fully wheelchair and stroller accessible. For the latest information about products, vendors and special events at the market, find the Swissvale Farmers Market on Facebook.

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Assisting in Business Development & Expansion:

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

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

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

SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Read Across America Day; Senior Center; Council Meeting; Church Service	3 Book Club @ Library; Food Pantry	4 Fish Fry(s); Senior Center; Church Service	5 Kids @ Library
6	7 Kids @ Library; Senior Center; Church Service	8 Library computer tutor; Church Service	9 Senior Center; Church Service; WH School Board Meeting	10 Book Club @ Library; Church Service	11 Fish Fry(s); Senior Center; Church Service	12 Kids @ Library
13 Daylight Savings Time Starts	14 Kids @ Library; Senior Center	15 Library computer tutor; Church Service	16 Senior Center Church; Service WH School Board Meeting	17 St. Patrick's Day; Food Pantry	18 Fish Fry(s); Senior Center; Church Service	19 Kids @ Library; Food Drive; NMRWA Workshop
20 Presbyterian Hoagie Sale	21 Kids @ Library; Senior Center	22 Spring Equinox; Library computer tutor; Church Service	23 Senior Center; Church Service	24 Purim; Church Service	25 Fish Fry; Senior Center; Via Dolorosa Walk; Church Service	26 Kids @ Library; Church Service; Easter Egg Hunt
27 Easter Church Service	28 Kids & Book Club @ Library; Senior Center; SEDCO Meeting	29 Library computer tutor	30 Senior Center; Church Service; Council Meeting	31 Garbage Fee 1st installment due		

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Street Sweeping Starts; Senior Center	2 Kids @ Library; Parkway Clean-up
3	4 Kids @ Library; Senior Center	5 Library computer tutor	6 Senior Center Council Meeting	7 Food Pantry; Book Club @ Library	8 Senior Center	9 Kids @ Library
10	11 Kids @ Library; Senior Center	12 Library computer tutor	13 Senior Center; WH School Board Meeting	14 Book Club @ Library; Library Book & Bake Sale	15 US Tax filing deadline; Senior Center; Library Book & Bake Sale	16 Kids @ Library; CPR Class; Library Book & Bake Sale; Spring Stream Sweep
17	18 Kids @ Library; Senior Center	19 Library computer tutor	20 Senior Center; WH School Board Meeting	21 Food Pantry	22 Senior Center	23 Passover begins; Kids @ Library; Urban EcoStewards
24	25 Kids & Book Club @ Library; Senior Center; SEDCO Meeting	26 Primary Election Day; Library computer tutor	27 Senior Center; Council Meeting	28	29 Arbor Day; Senior Center; WHHS Musical	30 Garbage Fee full payment due; Kids @ Library; WHHS Musical

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Kids @ Library; Senior Center	3 Library computer tutor	4 Senior Center Council Meeting	5 Cinco de Mayo; Food Pantry; WHHS Musical; Urban EcoStewards	6 Senior Center; WHHS Musical	7 Farmers Market; Kids @ Library; WHHS Musical;
8 Mother's Day	9 Kids @ Library; Senior Center	10 Library computer tutor	11 Senior Center; WH School Board Meeting; WSCC Volunteers	12	13 Senior Center	14 Farmers Market; Kids @ Library; WSCC Herb, Plant & Book Sale; Regent Square Yard Sale
15 WSCC Sale	16 Kids @ Library; Senior Center	17 Library computer tutor	18 Senior Center; WH School Board Meeting	19 Food Pantry	20 Senior Center	21 Clean-up Day; Farmers Market; Kids @ Library
22	23 Kids @ Library; Senior Center SEDCO Meeting	24 Library computer tutor	25 Senior Center Council Meeting	26	27 Senior Center	28 Farmers Market; Kids @ Library
29 Church Service	30 Memorial Day; Kids @ Library; Senior Center	31 Library computer tutor; Garbage fee second installation due				

- MEETINGS:**
- Council Meetings are held at the Borough Building at 7 p.m. (last Wednesday is Agenda setting)
 - Swissvale Economic Development Corporation (SEDCO) meets at Living Spirit Ministry at 6:30 p.m.
 - Woodland Hills School Board Meetings are held at the Administrative Building Board room at 7 p.m. (first meeting is Agenda setting and second is Legislative).