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NIGHT OF LIGHTS

December 2nd
Swissvale Fire Department
7400 Irvine Street

Swissvale's annual Night of Lights is the perfect start to the holiday season. Join your friends and neighbors for an evening of festive fun. Kids can make a holiday craft, explore Swissvale's fire engines and get a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Grown-ups can enjoy the sights of the season while chatting with friends, sipping coffee and munching on cookies.

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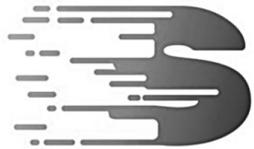
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A Message From the Borough Manager

This year seems to have gone by fast, but in that time a lot has happened. Here are just a few of the things we have accomplished this year and that we look forward to next year:

Ten abandoned and blighted buildings were demolished at a cost of nearly \$100,000. Additionally, the old LGAR home on Woodstock Avenue is set to come down shortly. Several other owner-funded demolitions have been initiated through the code enforcement process, including the old Filmet Building on the corner of Washington and Palmer Street.

The borough completed its paving projects for 2017. Lacrosse Street was completely reconstructed with new sewer lines installed and several other streets were resurfaced. Along with paving, we continued with our long term plan to repair areas of the brick streets and curbs in the Regent Square Area.

The borough administration is hard at work preparing and finalizing the 2018 budget. We have enjoyed a balanced budget for the last 3 years with surpluses in 2015 and 2016. While we expect to end 2017 with another surplus, it will likely be nominal. We have experienced increases in contractual wages and other items like health insurance premiums, which have increased \$50,000 for 2018.

Upcoming capital planning will include investigating the replacement of the municipal building, which is now 111 years old and is in need of significant repairs. The building is antiquated for the borough's needs and it is more cost effective to replace it than to renovate.

Additionally, the borough's Public Works equipment needs a place to be stored. Without protection from the



elements, our equipment will not last as long as it could. We will be working aggressively to fund the construction of a public works garage to be built at Memorial Field in the near future. This investment should save taxpayer's money over the long term by allowing much of the DPW's equipment to be stored indoors and out of the weather, extending the life of this expensive equipment.

As always, I want to thank our employees, council and mayor for their excellent work making 2017 another very successful year for the borough. Have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season!



Mr. Clyde Wilhelm, Manager

PUBLIC WORKS

7560 Roslyn Street, Swissvale, PA 15218
412-271-0350

Public Works has begun transitioning into fall and winter activities to continue to provide residents with the high-quality service they expect throughout the year.

The summer paving project concluded with the resurfacing of four roads and the total reconstruction of Lacrosse Street between Edgewood Avenue and Westmoreland Avenue. This aggressive project was completed in conjunction with Edgewood Borough. The reconstruction included the replacement of all storm sewers and manholes and the installation of a new gas and water line.

The borough is continuing to sell Belgium blocks removed from Lacrosse Street for just \$1.50 each. These blocks are great for landscaping and edging. Order forms can be found on the borough website or picked up in person at the Borough Administrative Office.

Woodlawn Avenue and Prospect Avenue will also be paved this fall or early next spring depending on the timing of the release of grant funds to pay for this project.

The last day of street sweeping for 2017 will be October 27. Leaf collection will begin on October 30 and will follow the street sweeping schedule. You do not need to move your cars for leaf collection, but please do not park your cars close to a pile of leaves as the leaf collection vehicles may not be able to pick them up. All leaf waste is shredded and disposed of at a DEP permitted leaf composting site. Since the leaves are deposited at a leaf composting facility, **do not place grass clippings, tree branches, other yard waste or trash in your leaf piles.** Any contaminated leaf waste will not be collected until all materials other than leaves are removed. Leaves must be raked onto the edge of the street by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day. Due to the volume of leaves collected daily we can only clean each street once a week. Leaf collection is scheduled to continue through December 8, but may end sooner depending on weather. If snow and ice are predicted leaf collection trucks may be converted to salt trucks earlier than anticipated and end the leaf collection program for the year.

Once snow begins, property owners are reminded that snow must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours. DPW crews are on call 24/7 to keep the roads safe and passable. Please observe all parking restrictions on streets and alleys so that crews can safely plow and salt streets and alleys in a timely manner. Park in your garage or driveway if you have one. Park as close to the curb as possible so the plows have room to maneuver between your cars and pull your mirrors in on the side of the vehicle facing the road. For everyone's safety, please do not tailgate the snow plows or attempt to pass them while they are plowing and salting.

Finally, please help the trash collection crew do their job in a timely and efficient manner by storing your trash properly. This year has seen a drastic increase in the number of nuisance animals that tend to get into trash. When this happens, trash is strewn throughout the neighborhood and makes it difficult to remove. Section 20-102 and 106 of the Swissvale Borough Code of Ordinances requires that garbage shall not be placed at the curb before 6 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled collection. Garbage should be placed in water-tight, rust-resistant metal containers or in plastic cans with tight fitting lids. If all residents abide by these regulations, the number of nuisance animals will decline as less food is available for them. Code Enforcement has received a number of complaints about improperly stored trash and will be issuing citations for violation of the Borough's Ordinance.

ADVERTISING AND PUBLISHING REQUESTS

All requests must be submitted by the first of the month prior to the issue in which it will appear.

2018 Deadlines:

January/February—December 1
March/April—February 1
May/June—April 1
July/August—June 1
September/October—August 1
November/December—October 1

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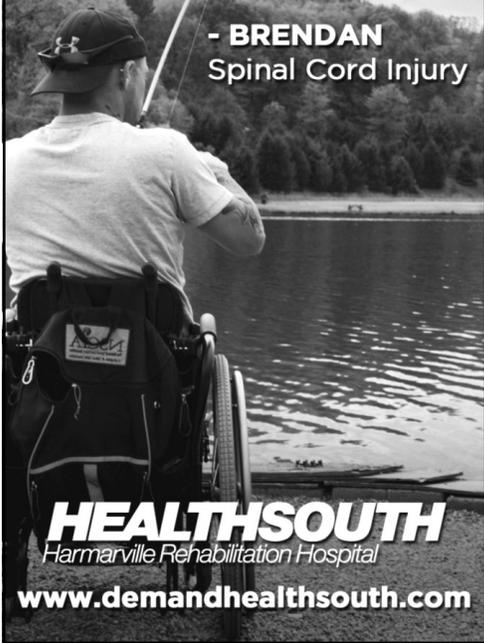
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- Report fraudulent use of your social security card at 1.800.269.0271.
- Notify the US Postal Inspection Service if you suspect the theft of your mail.
- If your ATM card has been lost or your password has been compromised, immediately notify your bank.
- If checks were stolen or fraudulent bank accounts were established, report this to your bank immediately.

Minimize your risk of becoming a victim:

- Give your Social Security number only when absolutely necessary and do not carry your card with you.
- Annually review your Social Security personal earnings and benefit statement, which is mailed to all participants.
- Memorize your ATM password

and shield the keypad when entering it at ATM machines.

- Do not place bill payments in your mailbox for pickup. Mail your bills directly from the post office.
- Shred all documents containing personal information, especially bills, credit card receipts, preapproved credit card offers and bank statements.
- Annually obtain a copy of your credit report from the three major credit reporting agencies: (Trans Union, 1.800.680.7289) (Equifax, 1.888.766.0008) (Experian, 1.888.397.3742).
- Have your name removed from lists sold to companies offering pre-approved credit cards by contacting the three credit reporting agencies and "opt-out." One number reaches all three agencies: 1.888.567.8688
- Do not give your credit card number over the telephone unless you have initiated the call. Ensure that neither you nor the called party is using a mobile or cellular telephone.
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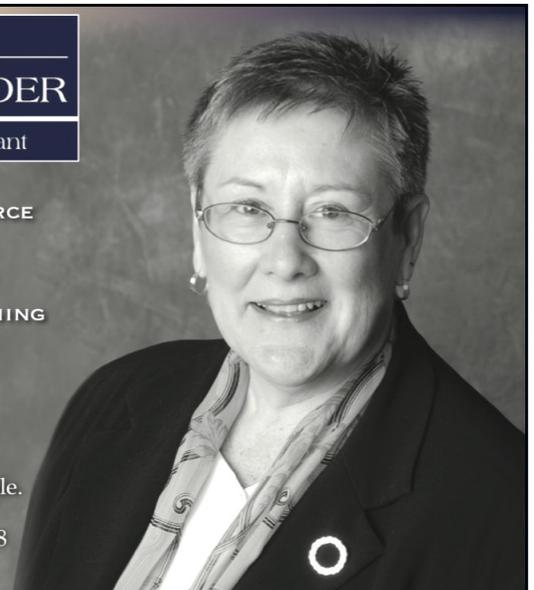
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FALL FISH FRYDAY—NOV 3

The Fire Department's last FALL FISH FRYDAY is Friday, November 3. This will include the regular Lenten Fish Fry Menu. Be sure to mark your calendars and stop by to get some of that great fish! As always, local deliveries are available by calling 412-271-8787.

FALL/WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Heating and Furnaces

Heating is the second leading cause of U.S. home fires, deaths and injuries. December, January and February are the peak months for heating fires.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels such as gasoline, wood, coal or propane do not burn. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of CO.

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height of CO alarms.
- If the CO alarm sounds, move immediately to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for.
- Call 911 and have the fire department respond to check your home for Carbon Monoxide. The fire department has equipment that can verify whether your home is safe.

SWISSVALE FIRE RECEIVES 2017 SEDCO COMMUNITY

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Pillow Case Workshop: Make One, Take One

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Dec. 2
Make a pillow case for Children's Hospital, then make one for yourself! Fabric for both provided. Registration is required by Nov. 26.

Gingerbread House Workshop – for Adults (& ugly sweater contest)

7 p.m. on Dec. 16
\$30 per house
Grab some friends, BYOB and enjoy making a gingerbread house while listening to holiday music. Wear your best ugly holiday sweater and win a prize! Register by Dec. 10.

Gingerbread House Workshop – All Ages—2 p.m. on Dec. 2

\$30 per house
Construct your family's dream house with graham crackers. Register with WSCC by Nov. 26.

EASTSHORE UNVEILED

The work of the non-profit "In The Zone," sponsored by Enterprise Zone recently drew the attention of Peoples Gas, which supports economic development and job creation. Peoples has committed to provide resources to market "The Zone" (Braddock, North Braddock, Rankin and Swissvale) as a great place "to live, work and play."

To highlight the many positive things taking place, these four communities are being branded as "EastShore – Explore a New Side of Pittsburgh."

Enterprise Zone President Bill Pfoff, a resident of Rankin, said, "This is an unprecedented partnership between Braddock, North Braddock, Rankin and Swissvale to build on our historic, commercial and recreational assets."

Julie Grose, a Swissvale councilwoman and Enterprise Zone Board Member, added, "We're in a great location in the center of Allegheny County. Swissvale has direct access to the Parkway East and the Interstate highway system.

Neighborhoods are improving in EastShore communities and we're seeing new investments in business districts. Peoples Gas is a great partner of ours, as we highlight the new development taking place in our communities."

To review the new EastShore website, go to eastshorepgh.com.

SUPPORT OUR SWISSVALE

Swissvale Holiday Light Fight!

Residents are encouraged to snap a photo of their favorite decorated home or business in December and send it to sansell@swissvaleborough.com. Submitted pictures will be uploaded to an album on the Support Our Swissvale FB page. The owner of the home or business with the most "likes" will receive a small prize from one of our local businesses!

Luminary Sale

Preorder your luminary kits at the Farmers Market in October or December when they go on sale! Kits are \$10 and include 10 bags, 10 candles and sand. Residents are encouraged to put out their kits at 6 p.m. on December 24 and light up Swissvale!



Swissvale Holiday Stroll

Before you ring in the holidays at Swissvale's Annual Night of Lights, visit the Swissvale Business District for treats, crafts, and an opportunity to learn about local businesses and organizations.

Saturday, December 2
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Tickets can be purchased through
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9 a.m. on M, W, F—Exercise group

10:30 a.m. on W—Nickel Bingo

11:30 a.m. on M, W, F—Hot lunch served at no cost! A donation of \$1.50 is suggested, but optional.

12:30 p.m. on M, F—Bingo

Fresh popcorn on Wednesdays!

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

SAUSAGE DAY

For over 30 years the Boomerang Bar has been raising money for Children's Hospital. Fundraising takes place throughout the year and concludes with Sausage Day! Come out and support this fundraiser on Saturday, December 9. Sausage is sold from 11 a.m. until it sells out! The Boomerang Bar has raised over \$15,000 a year for the Children's Hospital.



The Swissvale Community Action Committee (SCAC) is comprised of impassioned residents who love where they live. The mission is to create connections between the residents, government, businesses and other community organizations. Through these connections, we aim to elevate the image of Swissvale throughout the region as a wonderful place to live and work.

SCAC meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at 2011 Noble Street. Snacks are provided.

Join us and learn more at:

www.facebook.com/groups/swissvalecac/

CALENDAR

November

- 1 Regular Council Meeting
- 2 Cares Food Pantry Distributions
- 3 Fall Fish Fryday—Fire Department
- 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall Back)
- 7 Election Day
- 9 UBC Food Pantry Distribution
- 11 Veterans Day
Prayer and Luncheon—Pres. Church
Tree Planting—Swisshelm Playground
- 16 Cares Food Pantry Distributions
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 29 Council Agenda-Setting Meeting

December

- 1 January/February Newsletter Deadline
- 2 Night of Lights—Fire Department
Pillow Case Workshop—WSSCC
Gingerbread House Workshop (all ages)
Christmas Play—Primitive Methodist
- 3 Christmas Play—Primitive Methodist
- 6 Regular Council Meeting
- 7 Cares Food Pantry Distributions
- 8 Bake Sale—Library
- 9 Bake Sale—Library
- 10 Christmas Cantata—Prim. Methodist
- 13 Hanukkah Begins
- 14 UBC Food Pantry Distribution
- 15 Cookie Exchange—Library
- 16 Gingerbread House Workshop (adults)
- 21 Cares Food Pantry Distributions
- 25 Christmas Day
- 27 Special Council & Budget Meeting

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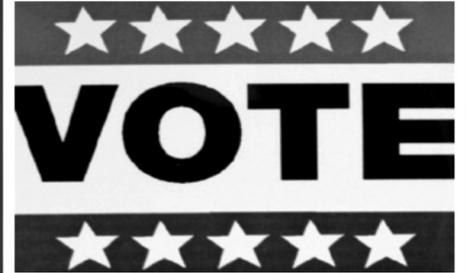
Food Pantry distributions are on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Are you in need of food? Stop by. Do you have time to help a neighbor? Consider volunteering. We welcome all volunteers. Stop in. Packing days are 5 p.m. on the day before distributions.

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Regular Worship Schedule:

10:30 a.m. on Sundays
Childcare and children's church

Tuesdays:

6:30 p.m.—Life Groups

Special Events:

Advent Series

10:30 a.m.—December 3 to 31
Adventus, in Latin, means arrival. Advent is the preparation for the arrival of Jesus Christ on Christmas morning. This year our sermon series theme is "A Way in the Manger: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Outcomes." We will look at the Nativity story from the different points of view of the people who were involved. Join us as we prepare for and explore the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

6:30 p.m.—December 24
Join us as we celebrate Christ's birth with our friends and neighbors!

Winter Clothes Donations & Braddock Thanksgiving Meal

5:30 p.m.—November 24
CityReach Swissvale and Braddock are co-hosting a Thanksgiving meal for the community of Braddock. We are in need of winter outerwear, hats, gloves, scarves and coats. If you have new or gently used garments to donate please contact Christine Shaffer at 610-888-2611.

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Special Events:

All Souls' Day Mass of Remembrance

7 p.m.—November 2, Madonna Church

A Mass to pray for parishioners who have died during the past year. A reception will follow.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

9:30 a.m.—November 23, Word of God Church

Little Sisters of the Poor Food Drive

November 23—26, Madonna and Word of God Church

"The Light is Still on for You" Confessions

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.—December 13, Madonna and Word of God Church
The Sacrament of Penance ("Confession") is the sacrament in which Jesus forgives a person who is sorry, confesses and does penance for their sins.

Christmas Masses

4 p.m.—December 24, Madonna

6 p.m. and midnight—December 24, Word of God Church

10 a.m.—December 25, Madonna

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7419 McClure Avenue
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Regular Worship Schedule:

Sundays
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Wednesdays:

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6 p.m. on Sundays

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Regular Worship Schedule:

Sundays
10 a.m.—Sunday School
11 a.m.—Worship Service

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Ministerium Carollest
Sunday, December 10th
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
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Happy Holidays

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Regular Worship:
10:30 a.m. on Sundays

Special Events:
Thanksgiving Eve Service
7 p.m.—November 22

Christmas Play
7 p.m.—December 2 & 3
Churchwide Christmas play preceded by a few songs from the children of the church.

Christmas Cantata
10:30 a.m.—December 10
Christmas cantata presented by the choir during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
7 p.m.—December 24

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
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Regular Worship Schedule:
10 a.m. on Sundays

Mondays:
7 p.m.—Bible Study

Foodbank:
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**Food distribution is the 2nd
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Regular Worship Schedule:
Sundays
10 a.m.—Adult Bible Study
11 a.m.—Worship Service
11:15 a.m.—Children's Sunday School

Special Events:
Veterans Day Luncheon
Noon—November 11

Join us at the Swissvale Library Veterans Memorial as we pray for the men and women of Swissvale who have served our country in the armed forces. A free luncheon will follow in the Social Hall. A free-will offering will be collected for Operation Troop Appreciation.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
7 p.m.—December 24
Family, friends and community neighbors are cordially invited to our candlelight service. Come celebrate the Christmas season.

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ASK A LAWYER

- Do you have a legal question or need general legal advice?
- Do you need a short contract or lease reviewed?
- Do you need legal information or community resources for a legal problem?
- Do you need help finding an attorney to hire to represent you in your legal matter?
- Do you want to attend an educational seminar advising you of your legal rights?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you can consult with a lawyer free of charge.

Areas of law covered by the free consultation are: Bankruptcy, Civil Rights, Contracts, Employment, Family, Immigration, Landlord/Tenant, Real Estate Property, Unemployment Compensation and Wills/Estate Planning.

**Hours: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every 2nd Monday of the month through December 11, 2017, in the Union Baptist Church Annex.
Walk-in or by appointment.**

Services that are NOT provided free of charge include: Drafting contracts/ leases; representing individuals or businesses in a legal dispute; drafting or filing any pleadings; filling out any paperwork or legal documents.

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TREE PLANTING—1 YEAR LATER

On September 7, the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association (NMRWA) worked with volunteers to mulch the 14 trees planted in October of 2016 through a grant from TreeVitalize Pittsburgh. One of the trees has sustained trunk damage, likely due to a large vehicle, but overall the trees are doing well in their new environment. NMRWA monitor the progress of these young trees as they continue to grow in the years to come.

NMRWA is seeking volunteers for another TreeVitalize planting project this autumn. On Saturday, November 11, eleven trees will be planted in Swisshelm Park from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Those interested in helping can visit NMRWA's events page to register at ninemilerun.org/events. Meet at Swisshelm Park playground (Onondago Street) by 9 a.m. or come by a little early to enjoy morning refreshments!

SWISSVALE SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

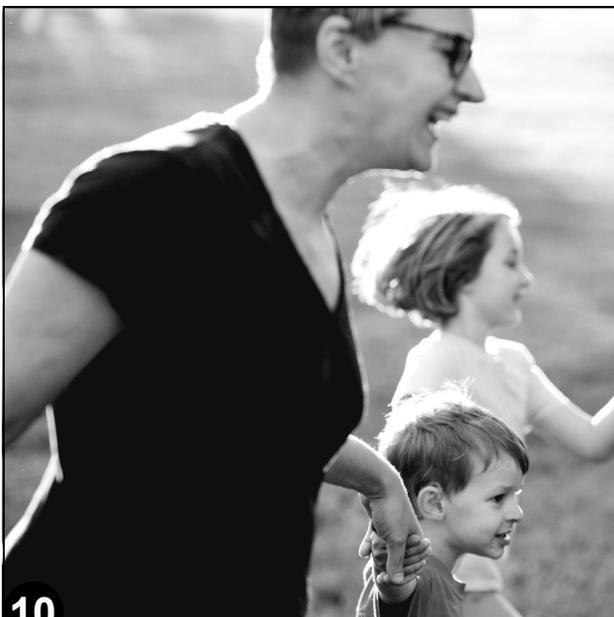
www.swissvaleborough.com/about/shade-tree-committee.aspx

The Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee (SSTAC) received information that TreeVitalize will only fund tree planting grants this fall in the City of Pittsburgh. Since the 2017 grant application from Swissvale was denied, SSTAC will look into other funding options. Interested residents should continue to fill out tree request forms online with the understanding that all applications will remain active until the committee receives a new grant to plant more trees.

Nine Mile Run Watershed Association (NMRWA) hosted a Swissvale tree mulching event on September 7. The event was well-attended by volunteers, who mulched the trees planted last year along Harrison and Michigan Avenue. SSTAC hopes to hold a tree mulching day in early November, with time/date to be determined. Reminder: Residents who received trees in the past few years should water, mulch and weed around the trees to help roots get firmly established.

Resident surveys were completed for the NMRWA Urban Forestry Master Plan. Swissvale, Edgewood and Wilkinsburg gave valuable input on issues related to trees and tree maintenance in their boroughs. Professional arborists conducted a tree survey of the three boroughs as well, mapping out areas with adequate canopy and those in need of new trees. Trees help with storm water run-off, among other benefits, and are a key part of mitigating damage. NMRWA staff are analyzing the data received to better plan for the future of the urban forest in the watershed.

Rotary International has encouraged each local chapter to plant trees this year. Swissvale Rotary would like to plant 17 trees by Earth Day, April 22, 2018. NMRWA will assist with the process and is reviewing public sites with sparse tree canopy. As always, SSTAC welcomes any tree-planting initiatives that improve quality of life for Swissvale residents.



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CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

For many residents, the holidays wouldn't be the same without the Swissvale Library's annual Christmas Bake Sale.

The two-day fundraising event will be held December 8 and 9 and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It is a fun and festive way to stock up on holiday treats.

Besides an array of home-baked treats from classic Christmas cookies and old-fashioned boiled fudge to walnut-filled rolls and mini cherry cheesecakes, shoppers will find hand-knitted scarves, Scrubbies and stuffed animals from the talented Pam & Donna. Usborne Books will also be on hand and make perfect gifts for the young readers on your list.

Baked goods can be purchased individually, by the box or as part of a customized tray ideal for holiday gatherings or gift giving. The reusable tray and gift-wrap are just \$1 more and the baked goods can be hand-selected.

Volunteers do the baking and cover their own expenses to ensure that 100% of the bake-sale proceeds benefit the library.

ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE

7 p.m. on December 15

Bring 3 dozen homemade cookies, plus an empty container. Go home with 3 dozen cookies baked by others.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

For Kids

Little Listeners—The youngest book fans can exchange their lists for prizes. You can help your child or grandchild participate. Just read 15 books to him or her and list the titles on the form.

Preschool Classes—11 a.m. on Mondays. Ages 3 to 5 yr olds—stories, games and fun activities.

Games—4 p.m. on Mondays. All school-age kids. Board games with Miss Bonnie.

Saturday Fun—1 p.m. All school-age kids. A new game or activity every week!

For Everyone

Wizard—7 p.m. on Saturdays through November 18.

For Adults

Puzzle Solvers—The world is full of jigsaw puzzles and a lot of them pass through the Swissvale Library. The bin is inside the front door—put one in and/or take one out!

Computer Tutoring—Free for adults of all ages. Computer tutor Carolyn Luck provides half-hour sessions from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays. Call the library to sign up for your first session.

Book Discussion Groups—Consider joining one of the library's four book clubs! Lists for all four clubs are available at the library front desk. Book clubs are open to new members and meet monthly:

- 1st Thursday—7 p.m. in the main library.
- 2nd Thursday—3 p.m. in the senior center.
- 4th Monday—Mysteries! 2 p.m. in the main library.
- 4th Monday—Mysteries! 7 p.m. in the senior center.

WOODLAND HILLS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWS

On Monday, November 13, the 50 Star Students of the Month, one from each homeroom for September and October, will attend the University of Pittsburgh Women's Basketball School Day at the Petersen Events Center.

School Day is an opportunity for local area students to visit one of the top research universities in the country and watch live Division I basketball while participating in fun contests and learning activities. Each student will receive an educational workbook.

The Carnegie Science Mobile Fab Lab will visit Woodland Hills Intermediate School on Tuesday, December 12 for a whole day of workshops. The visit of the Mobile Fab Lab and the workshops are funded by BNY Mellon! A Fab Lab is a digital fabrication laboratory for innovation and invention. It's a workshop for learning and innovation: a place to play, create, learn, mentor, invent. Fab Lab Carnegie Science Center is part of a global network of more than 500 Fab Labs. Fab Lab welcomes people at all levels of experience. Equipment in the lab includes:

- 3D printers
- Laser cutters
- Computers and software
- ShopBot CNC milling machines
- Video conference equipment
- Electronics workbench equipment, including robotics
- Mini-mill/3D scanner (2)
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