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## Important Changes to Curbside Recycling

### CHANGES COMING TO RECYCLING

Recycling as we know it will begin to change in the near future. Swissvale residents and the United States as a whole have done such a good job with recycling that there are simply too many recycled materials on the market. There is an excessive supply of glass and #3 - #7 plastic in the recycling stream and no demand for those products any longer.

These materials are collected by our recycling employees, taken to the recycling plant for processing and many times end up in a landfill after they go to the recycling plant since there is no demand for these products.

We anticipate that the recycling plants will stop accepting these materials in the near future and you will no longer be permitted to place them with your recyclables. When this occurs all glass and #3 - #7 plastics must be disposed of with your trash. Any glass and #3 - #7 plastic that is in your recycling bin will be left behind and you will be

responsible for placing it in your trash for collection. Recycling plants will begin to fine any hauler who brings a contaminated load that contains the non-permitted item to their facilities. These fines are quite steep, so there will be zero tolerance for any non-recyclable materials in your bins.

Please check the website and Facebook page for updates concerning changes to recycling in the near future.



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

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Swissvale Borough Administrative Office  
 7560 Roslyn Street • 412-271-7101

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

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*Message from the Manager*

The crosswalk at Sanders Street and South Braddock Avenue has been completed! This project redesigned the intersection and added a crosswalk with safety beacons. The overall cost of this project was nearly \$200,000. Again, we would like to thank Representative Paul Costa and Senator Jay Costa for securing \$92,000 in grant funding towards this project.

PennDOT has FINALLY released the bid date for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Upgrades Project for all of South Braddock Avenue. This \$1.2 million project will begin in the spring of 2019. Additionally, PennDot has stated that the \$13 million dollar Kenmawr Bridge project will be released for bid on April 11, 2019 with construction starting in late summer.

The Noble Street Streetscape project has been delayed until the spring of 2019. Bids will be received over the winter.

Council approved the demolition of 15 vacant and dilapidated structures in September. The process for receiving and awarding bids for this work is underway and hopefully will start this winter.

Two new full-time police officers were approved for hire by council in October to fill the open positions created through retirements, bringing our full-time compliment of officers back to 15.

We are working on the 2019 budget and we are happy to report that there will be no tax increases! However, the garbage collection fee will be adjusted for 2019 to cover the cost of this service. The fee of \$150 per year has not increased since 2009 (10 years). While we have been saving a significant amount of money since we started the collections ourselves, costs do increase each year. Other municipalities who use private haulers are paying about \$200 or more per year for service.

Another significant upcoming issue is related to changes in recycling. While we used to be paid to dispose of our recyclables, we now have to pay to dispose of them because of the changing marketplace. In 2019, recycling centers will no longer take items such as glass and certain plastics. This will increase our landfill costs significantly. Moreover, our disposal costs of electronics and other hazardous chemicals went from \$0 four years ago to more than \$40,000 in 2017. This new cost alone equates to \$10 per household. Council will do everything within their power to keep the costs as low as possible and continue to provide the excellent service that we have.

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

*~Clyde Wilhelm*



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# PUBLIC WORKS

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

## LEAF COLLECTION

The annual leaf collection program will begin on Thursday, November 1 and will continue through Friday, December 7, weather permitting. Leaves will be collected following 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 in Wilkins Township. 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 in the borough we can only clean each street once a week, so if your leaves are not out when the truck is on your street they will not be collected until the following week!



## SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

When snowfall begins for the season, property owners are reminded that snow and ice must be removed from the sidewalks in front of their property within 24 hours of a snowfall. DPW crews are on call 24/7 to keep the roads safe and passable but they also need your help. Please observe any parking restrictions on streets and alleys so that Borough crews can safely plow and salt all streets and alleys in a timely manner, park in your garage or driveway if you have one available, 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. Please be patient during snow and ice events. It takes our crews approximately 3 hours to salt and/or plow every road in the borough. With the exception of the main roads, none of the roads will be plowed or salted a second time until all roads are plowed and salted at least once. Alleys will not be plowed and salted until all roads are passable.

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING



Christmas Tree Recycling will begin on Monday, December 31, 2018 and continue for approximately three weeks. Christmas Trees can be placed at the curb with your trash and will be collected by the Department of Public Works. All trees will be collected and chipped into mulch. Trees must be free of ornaments, lights and tinsel in order to be collected. We will collect the trees on your regular

trash day unless there is a snow event that requires our crews to be plowing and salting the roads. If your tree is not collected on your trash day due to weather conditions, it will be collected as soon as the weather permits.

## Borough Contact Guide

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Trash and Recycling**  
(412) 271-0350

**Fire, Police and  
Medical Emergency**  
9-1-1

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7400 Irvine Street  
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# FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## Your Safety is Our Focus!

### FALL FISH FRYDAY—NOV 2

The Fire Department's last FALL FISH FRYDAY is Friday, November 2. 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.



### CPR CLASSES

The FD regularly offers CPR training classes at the fire station. Classes are scheduled various times throughout the year. The next class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2019.

Teaching includes adult CPR, child CPR, first aid and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED).

The class is free to residents. Nonresidents are also welcome for a nominal fee. For more information about future class dates and to sign up, contact Assistant Fire Chief Mike Volpe at 412-271-0448.

### RECENT PROMOTIONS

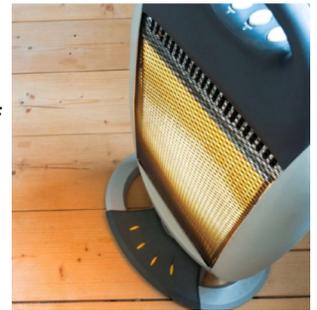
With the recent retirement of the Assistant Fire Chief, there have been some personnel promotions over the last few months. Shift Commander Michael Volpe was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief in September. Mike has been serving with the SFD since 2008 and will be a great addition to the management staff of the department. Mike previously served as Fire Chief in North Versailles Township and is also a paramedic. He is currently working on his Master's Degree in Public Administration.

In October, Firefighter Benjamin Rudd was promoted to Shift Commander to fill Mike's former position. Ben has served the SFD since 2016 and also served as a Fire Chief in Monroeville. We welcome both to their new positions and wish them well.

### WINTER FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY TIPS

With winter coming, there is an increase in potential fires and other emergencies in the home. Please help us help you reduce the potential for these emergencies by following a few simple steps.

- Keep combustible items at least three feet away from heating equipment, including your furnace, hot water heater and portable heaters. This will greatly reduce the chance of fire in your home.
- Never use an extension cord for a portable heater and only plug one heater into a wall outlet.
- Make sure your smoke detectors are working. Having working smoke detectors in your home reduces your chances of dying in a home fire. More than a third of all home fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke detectors. We offer free smoke detectors for senior citizens and the disabled. Call us for more information.
- Carbon Monoxide Alarms. Make sure your home has a working Carbon Monoxide Alarm near your sleeping areas. This odorless, colorless gas can kill you. Symptoms are often described as "flu-like" and commonly include headache, dizziness, weakness, vomiting, chest pain and confusion. If you think you may have CO in your home and are experiencing these symptoms, call 911 immediately. The SFD has metering equipment to check for CO in your home.





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1. If the police have stopped you, they THINK they have a reason to do so.
2. It is best to be cool and calm and identify yourself.
3. If an unmarked car signals you to pull over at night and you are not sure the person is a Police Officer, put your 4-way flashers and dome light on and slowly drive to the nearest well lit public area. Unmarked police cars used for traffic stops are equipped with RED & BLUE lights.
4. **DON'T THREATEN OR TOUCH THE OFFICER(S), Keep your hands and your feet to yourself, doing otherwise will probably get you arrested. DON'T MAKE THE SITUATION WORSE THAN IT ALREADY IS.**
5. Under Pennsylvania law, you may not use force to resist a legal or illegal arrest. Remember you have the right to contest the validity of your arrest later on in court.
6. If you are given a ticket, you have a right to a hearing in front of the District Justice, if you do not agree with the District Justice's decision you have a right to appeal.
7. If you are arrested you have the right to a preliminary hearing, in which the police must show why you were arrested.

If you feel you were legitimately treated unfairly by a municipal police officer(s) you have the right to file a complaint with the Chief of Police. If you are dissatisfied with the Chief's response, you can file a complaint with the Elected Officials who oversee the Police Department such as the Mayor. If you are dissatisfied with that response, you have the right to file a complaint with the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office, Investigative Affairs Committee and if you choose you can pursue a civil action.

## OFFICERS RECEIVE AMEN CORNER AWARD

Four Swissvale Police Officers were recently honored by receiving the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Amen Corner Law Enforcement Award. The award recognizes officers from Allegheny and surrounding counties, who have performed an heroic, life-risking or other exceptional or noteworthy feat, above and beyond his or her normal duties.

Det. Justin Keenan, Ofc. Nick Kalogeris, Ofc. Jacob Smith and Ofc. Nathan Smith were the first to arrive to a fire call at an apartment building on South Braddock Avenue in December of 2017. They entered the structure, located the source of the fire, and evacuated the building.

Chief Watson stated, "Their disregard for personal safety and dedication to duty is to be commended, and is in keeping with the highest, most honored traditions of the Swissvale Police Department."

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# Community Happenings



## CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SAUSAGE DAY FUNDRAISER

**DECEMBER 8**

11 a.m.

The Boomerang Bar (1928 Monongahela Ave) is hosting its famous Sausage Day starting at 11 a.m. on December 8 until sold out. Fundraising has occurred all year long and culminates in this event with all proceeds going to Children's Hospital's Free Care Fund. Last year the fundraiser raised over \$16,000!



## THANKSGIVING COAT DRIVE

**NOVEMBER 17**

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

CityReach Church will be distributing coats and winter accessories for the whole family. Distribution will be first come, first serve and each recipient must be present in order to receive items. Sizes and styles will vary upon availability.

If you have new/gently used coats, hats, gloves, or scarves that you would like to donate for this event please contact Christine Shaffer to arrange pick up/drop off. (610-888-2611 or ChristineMarie123@hotmail.com)

CityReach Church Swissvale  
7327 McClure Avenue

Enter by the door on Monroe Ave.

## MONTHLY MOVIE NIGHTS

Movie nights are an opportunity to catch a quality flick complete with snacks and drinks and stick around after to discuss the film. Movie nights start at 6:45 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month. (No Movie Night in December)



## NOVEMBER 11

Based off the New York Times bestseller, the film version of *The Shack*, looks at one man's experience through the lenses of trauma, forgiveness and faith. The shack is a metaphor for "the house you build out of your own pain."

CityReach Church Swissvale  
7327 McClure Avenue  
412-326-9212

Enter by the door on Monroe Ave.



## EASTSHORE CHORALE

[www.eastshorechorale.com](http://www.eastshorechorale.com)

One great way for a community to engage with each other is through music. New members are welcome! Anyone interested in joining, can fill out a sign-up form online. The choir practices from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays from May to December at Swissvale Presbyterian Church.

To learn more visit:

[www.eastmancommunityprojects.org/  
community-choir-faq/](http://www.eastmancommunityprojects.org/community-choir-faq/)



## CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVEAWAY

CityReach Church is hosting a Christmas gift giveaway to help families in the community who need assistance acquiring gifts for their children this Christmas season. To register for this event, please follow the link below and register online.

<https://goo.gl/forms/anByEzGI7QQeB3QF3>

No access to internet? No problem! Come join us at 10:30 a.m. on a Sunday morning (7327 McClure Ave) and fill out a paper registration form. Forms must be completed by November 26.

**Note: This event is only available for residents of Swissvale.**



Swissvale Community Action Committee (SCAC) is comprised of impassioned residents who love where they live. Its mission is to create connections between residents, government officials, businesses and 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.

Join us and learn more at:

[www.facebook.com/groups/swissvalecac/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/swissvalecac/)

# CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

## November

- 1 Leaf Collection begins  
Food Pantry distributions  
Rotary Meeting
- 2 Fall Fish Fry  
EastShore Chorale
- 8 Rotary Meeting  
Union Baptist Foodbank
- 9 EastShore Chorale
- 11 Movie Night—CityReach
- 15 Food Pantry distributions  
Rotary Meeting
- 16 EastShore Chorale
- 17 Winter Coat Drive—CityReach  
Community Meal—River City
- 20 Community Action Committee
- 22 Thanksgiving  
Admin Office Closed  
Library Closed  
Rotary Meeting
- 23 Thanksgiving  
Admin Office Closed  
Library Closed
- 24 Swissvale Holiday Stroll
- 26 Xmas Gift Deadline—CityReach  
SEDCO Meeting
- 29 Rotary Meeting
- 30 EastShore Chorale

## December

- 1 Night of Lights—Fire Station
- 6 Food Pantry distributions  
Rotary Meeting
- 8 Sausage Day—Boomerang Bar
- 9 Carolfest—Primitive Methodist
- 13 Rotary Meeting  
Union Baptist Foodbank
- 14 Bake Sale—Library
- 15 Bake Sale—Library  
Holiday Potluck—WSCC
- 18 Community Action Committee
- 20 Food Pantry distributions  
Rotary Meeting
- 25 Christmas Day  
Admin Office Closed  
Library Closed
- 26 Library Closed
- 27 Rotary Meeting
- 31 Tree Recycling begins



Stroll through the  
Swissvale Commercial Business District  
**November 24, 2018**



The Swissvale Economic Development Corporation (SEDCO) is a group of individuals who are dedicated to improving the quality of life in Swissvale. SEDCO advocates for a clean and safe neighborhood, development of affordable housing, increased community involvement, youth recreational activities and more.

Regular SEDCO meetings are at 6:30 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 2037 Noble Street.



## SWISSVALE ROTARY

Rotary is a community service organization. Its members are residents and business people who work hand-in-hand to better our community. Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on Thursdays at Goodfella's on McCague Street.

## THE GREATER SWISSVALE

### FOOD PANTRY

2028 Noble Street  
412-452-2792

Distribution times are 9 a.m. to noon on the first and third Thursday of each month. (November 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> )

Are you in need of food? Stop by. Do you have some time to help a neighbor? Consider volunteering your time. We welcome all volunteers. Stop in.

Packing days are the day before distributions at 5 p.m.

### Produce to People

Our monthly spring, summer and fall events were a huge success. Please visit our website at [swissvalefoodpantry.org](http://swissvalefoodpantry.org) For the startup dates in 2019.

## SWISSVALE SENIOR CENTER

7350 McClure Avenue  
412-731-6125

Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A variety of activities are offered weekly. Stop by to get the complete schedule and information about the lunch program. Anyone over the age of 60 is welcome!

### Exercise group

9 a.m. on M, W, F

### Nickel Bingo

10:30 a.m. on W

### Hot lunch

11:30 a.m. on M, W, F

Served at no cost! A donation of \$1.50 is suggested, but optional.

### Bingo

12:30 p.m. on M, F

Fresh popcorn on Wednesdays!

**CALVARY APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

2464 Woodstock Avenue  
412-657-2792  
Pastor Tony Mansinho

**Regular Worship Schedule:**

Sundays  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday School  
11 a.m.—Word & Worship Service

**Wednesdays:**

7:30 p.m.—Bible Study

**Special Events:**

AMEN Men's Meeting  
8 to 9 a.m.—1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month.

The New Me

Noon to 2 p.m.—2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Ladies Ministry.

**CITYREACH CHURCH**

7327 McClure Avenue  
412-326-9212  
cansell@cityreachnetwork.org  
www.swissvale.cityreachnetwork.org  
Facebook @CityReachSwissvale

**Regular Worship Schedule:**

10:30 a.m. on Sundays.  
Dress is casual and childcare is provided.

**Mondays & Tuesdays:**

6:30 p.m.—Bible Study  
Childcare is provided.

**Thursdays:**

6:30 p.m.—Over 50 Bible Study  
Designed for individuals age 50 and over.

**Special Events:**

Movie Nights  
November 11—*The Shack*  
See page 6 for details.

Thanksgiving Coat Drive

November 17  
See page 6 for details.

Gift Give Away

November 26—Applications due  
See page 6 for details.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service:

6:30 p.m. on December 24

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Madonna: 2021 S. Braddock Avenue  
412-271-5666  
WOG: 7446 McClure Avenue  
412-241-1372  
wordofgodpa@gmail.com  
www.madonnadelcastello.org

**Regular Worship Schedule:**

Various

**NEW COVENANT  
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

7419 McClure Avenue  
412-242-7301  
The Rev. Louis N. Otey, Senior Pastor

**Regular Worship Schedule:**

Sundays  
9 a.m.—Sunday School  
10 a.m.—Corporate Prayer  
10:30 a.m.—Sunday Worship

**Wednesdays:**

7:30 p.m.—Bible Study

**PGH MENNONITE CHURCH**

2018 S. Braddock Avenue  
412-271-2104  
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**Regular Worship Schedule:**

Sundays  
10:00 a.m.—Worship Service  
11:15 a.m. to noon—Table Space—  
a time for community building and  
spiritual development.

**RIVER CITY CHURCH**

2037 Noble Street • 412-501-3161  
rivercitypgh@gmail.com  
www.rivercitypgh.com

**Regular Worship Schedule:**

10:30 a.m. on Sundays

**Special Events:**

The free community meal on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Saturday of the month will not take  
place in December.

**SWISSHELM PARK PRIMITIVE**

**METHODIST CHURCH**

241 Homestead Avenue  
412-751-0930  
www.swisshelmparkpmchurch.com

**Regular Worship:**

10:30 a.m. on Sundays

**SWISSVALE BAPTIST CHURCH**

7417 Schoyer Avenue  
412-731-9646  
www.swissvalebaptistchurch.org

**Regular Worship Schedule:**

Sundays  
10 a.m.—Sunday School  
11 a.m.—Worship Service  
6 p.m.—Bible Study

**Wednesdays:**

7 p.m.—Prayer Meeting

**SWISSVALE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

1825 Monongahela Avenue  
412-351-0900  
Swissvale.Presby.Church.Office@gmail.com

**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:**

Congregational Meeting  
November 18

Christmas Eve Service: 3:00 p.m.  
on December 24

**THREE RIVERS TIBETAN  
CULTURAL CENTER**

7313 Florence Avenue  
threeriversdharma@gmail.com  
www.threeriverstibetancc.org  
Ven. Khenpo Choephel, Spiritual Director

**Regular Teaching Schedule:**

10 a.m. on Sundays  
10 a.m. on Saturdays  
7 p.m. on Wednesdays  
7 p.m. on Thursdays

## UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

2117 Collingwood Avenue  
412-271-3900  
info@unionbaptist.org  
www.unionbaptistpgh.org

### Regular Worship Schedule:

10 a.m. on Sundays

### Mondays:

7 p.m.—Bible Study

### Men's Community Breakfast:

9 a.m. on Nov 10 and Dec 8

### Women's Meetings:

6:30 p.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (18+ only)

12:30 p.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays  
**SHOUT**

### Line Dancing:

9 a.m.—Every Saturday (except 2<sup>nd</sup>) of each month. Free.

### Foodbank:

Union Baptist Church is part of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank and has a food pantry.

**Food distribution is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.**

**Contact us at 412-638-8336.**

New applicants need photo ID, proof of Swissvale residency and proof of income.

### Ask A Lawyer:

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month in the Union Baptist Church Annex. Walk-in or by appointment. Call 412-278-7161 to schedule an appointment.

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.

### Music Workshop:

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.—Saturdays

Practice with veteran music makers. Musicians and aspiring musicians of all skill levels including beginners are welcome. Bring your own instrument. Free of charge.

# CARNEGIE FREE LIBRARY

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9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays



## Christmas Bake Sale

The Friends of the Library team is pleased to announce that the Annual Christmas Bake Sale will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 14. The event will feature holiday themed baked goods at reasonable prices.

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

There will be hand-knitted gifts by Pam & Donna and children's books from Usborne.

As always, all profits benefit the library and it's a great way to show your support.

Bake Sale hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, December 14 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 15.

Additional information is available at 412-731-2300.

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

### Kids

#### Preschool Storytime Program

for children ages 3 through 6.

Mondays at 11 a.m.

**Games** for school-aged children:

Mondays at 4 p.m.

**Saturday Fun** for children of all

ages. Saturdays at 1 p.m.

## For Adults

**Computer Tutoring**—Carolyn Luck the Computer Tutor provides free half-hour sessions on Wednesday. Learn computer basics or ask questions about your tablet, phone or laptop. Call the library or stop at the front desk to register. Free for adults of all ages.

**Knitting Group**—meets from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Come join with other knitters and pullers to work on your latest projects and to learn (or teach) new tricks.

**Book Discussion Groups**—What's more fun than reading a great book? Talking about it with friends. Consider joining one of the library's four book clubs! Lists for all four clubs are available at the library front desk. Free for all adults! Book clubs are open to new members and meet monthly:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday—7 p.m. in the library.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday—3 p.m. in the Senior Center.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Monday—Mysteries! 2 p.m. in the main library.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Monday—Mysteries! 7 p.m. in the Senior Center.



## The Library will be closed:

**November 22 & 23  
December 25 & 26**

## WILKINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Wilkins School Reunion Celebration Planned for April 2019

What did you do here? Swap your experiences about the life of the Wilkins School Community Center (WSCC). Learn how the venerable building at the corner of Milton and Charleston has been influencing lives since 1927.

At its inception, the Wilkins School was designed to answer the educational needs of the new Regent Square neighborhood. Today it is a vital center for art, education and recreational activities in Swissvale and the surrounding communities.

We want to meet you and hear your stories and memories. Maybe you can unlock some of the building's secrets too. Look for a reunion celebration in April at the Wilkins School Community Center.

Be sure to drop in to get acquainted or re-acquainted with the lively and interesting intersection of people and activities at the WSCC. If you were a student or teacher when the building was a secondary and primary school we would especially like to meet you. All are welcome!

Want to come or share your stories? Contact us at [wilkinsschoolcommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:wilkinsschoolcommunitycenter@gmail.com).

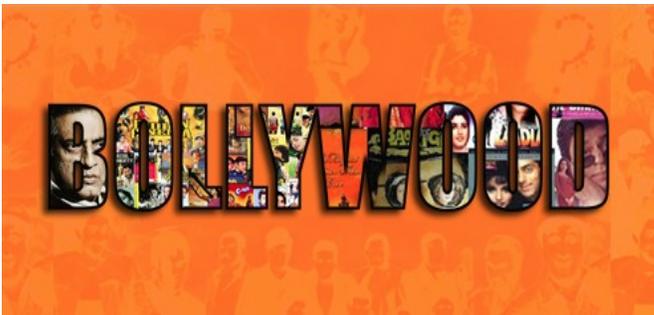


*Front Steps of Wilkins School circa 1940's First Grade*

#### Weekly Fitness Classes

Join our fitness families where everyone fits in and is welcome.

Check our website for a complete listings and updated holiday schedules at [wscppgh.org](http://wscppgh.org). *Look for a seated Pilates class beginning in January!*



- Bollywood Fitness—Mondays @ 6:30 p.m.
- Yoga—9 a.m. Saturdays & 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays
- Pilates—6 p.m. Mondays & 8:30 a.m. Thursday
- ZUMBA—10a.m. Sundays
- T'ai Chi—Many days and times
- Aikido—Many days and times
- Vo Co Truyen— 10 a.m. Sundays

#### Sustainable Holiday Potluck

##### You are invited!

Food! Fun! Friendly People! Eco-Friendly!

Come join your friends and neighbors\* at the Wilkins School Community Center from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, December 15 for a little holiday fun! Bring a dish or beverage to share and a suggested \$3 donation. Also bring your own utensils and drinking container if you can. (We're trying to avoid plastic as much as possible!) There will be music and good conversation as well as a happy holiday atmosphere. **ALL are WELCOME!** Hosted by Peg and Wilma and your neighbors in Regent Square.

*\*Friends and Neighbors = think Mr. Rogers!*

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Sustainable Neighborhood

## HOLIDAY POTLUCK

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Hosted by Wilma and Peg & your neighbors in Regent Square & the WSCC

**SWISSVALE SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

[www.swissvaleborough.com/about/shade-tree-committee.aspx](http://www.swissvaleborough.com/about/shade-tree-committee.aspx)



*“The importance of trees seems apparent when one tries to imagine a world without them. Cleaner air and water, food for our tables and thoughts, as well as inspiration for our senses are but a few things given to us by trees. If nothing else, they give us an excuse to sit, close our eyes, and listen to the winds rustle though their leaves.”  
~ Mikael Dam*

Tree City USA is greening communities across the country. This program is a great opportunity to celebrate the importance of an urban tree canopy and improve care of these vital city trees. Swissvale has been designated a Tree City USA for the second year in a row! The honor was obtained through the commitment, hard work and dedication of borough council, staff, volunteers and the Shade Tree Advisory Committee.

In October, the Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee cared for the trees along the bus way on Swissvale Avenue by weeding and mulching in preparation for winter. Volunteers worked with the committee and additional volunteers from Nine Mile Run Watershed Association (NMRWA) to clean up this area of our community. The Borough of Swissvale provided the necessary tools and all the mulch needed for this event.



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# SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS



## MY GOODNESS

1104 S. Braddock Avenue  
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Sherree Goldstein (owner of Square Cafe) and Jeanne Herbert (physical therapist), have opened My Goodness, a market and grab n' go prepared foods shop in Swissvale. Goldstein and Herbert were longtime residents of the neighborhood and Goldstein owns and operates the popular Regent Square brunch and lunch spot, Square Cafe. My Goodness was inspired by Goldstein and Herbert's desire to give local purveyors a platform while providing more accessible local food options to shoppers.

My Goodness will stock everything from local bread and coffee to varieties of pickles and ice cream. Popular goods that typically can only be found at farmers'

markets, like Pigeon Bagels, will be front and center at the market. Fresh seasonal produce from a variety of farm vendors will be available. The market will also serve as a CSA drop point for a few partner farms. My Goodness will have local meats ready to slice at its deli counter, a juice bar and prepared foods including breakfast, lunch and dinner grab n' go and prepared food options.

In addition to food options, the market will carry local beauty products and toiletries such as lip balm, shampoos, and soaps. The shop will even carry local pet snacks.

"Living in Regent Square for nearly two decades as well as running the cafe, you would not believe the number of requests I would get daily to open a local food market," says Goldstein. "Jeanne and I finally decided to go for it! We have such a wealth of incredible food producers and farmers within miles of our city. We really wanted to make it easy for the neighborhood and the city to find this really good, really local food and give our friends an opportunity to get their products to a larger audience."

Some prepared grab n' go food items will appeal to fans of Square Cafe, with a few seasonal dishes from the cafe rotating in and out from Chef Chandler Sims's original menu. "You can expect to see a few favorites to take home like Brussels Sprout Hash and Tofu Garden Bowl," says Goldstein. Square Cafe's Pancake Kits will also be sold at My Goodness, which include fresh made pancake batter and accompanying toppings.

Sustainability is a key component of My Goodness. "We want to lead by example," says Herbert. "Everything we provide, from plates to packaging is compostable. Being good to each other and being good to our planet is part of the reason we named the market 'My Goodness.' We are committed to best practices when it comes to sustainable practiced and local, ethically produced goods."



## EASE MODERN COMFORT CUISINE

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[www.easepgh.com](http://www.easepgh.com)

Facebook @EaseModernComfort

Opened in 2016, EASE: Modern Comfort Cuisine is a casual restaurant that specializes in "comfort food with a twist" prepared with quality ingredients and fresh, local fare. From a delicious sandwich at lunch to a happy hour snack and beverage to an indulgent entrée, Ease's menu offers something for everyone. Whether you are at the bar listening to live music with friends, or out for an evening with someone special. Ease prides itself on made from scratch dishes using local organic ingredients. They have the perfect plate for any occasion.

Ease is open from 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. Tuesday—Saturday and 11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Sundays. They feature brunch every Sunday as well as regular Jazz nights. Check out their website to find upcoming events, view the menu or make a reservation. Follow them on Facebook for daily specials and to read what others have to say about this local favorite.



# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**JARED AMOS**

Jared Amos is a problem solver. Whether he is responding to Fire/EMS/Rescue calls, handling Public Safety Education or completing annual commercial fire inspections, Jared is always working to find the best solutions for residents and also provide the best service possible.

As a Shift Commander, Jared is responsible for making sure that his crew checks that all fire trucks and equipment are working properly and ready to go.

Jared has been with Swissvale for almost 7 years. Before that, he worked as a laborer in Edgewood's Department of Public Works. On top of his Swissvale responsibilities, Jared serves as Edgewood's Volunteer Department Fire Chief.

In September, Jared married Sarah, his best friend since third grade. Sorry, ladies.

He has been told he resembles both Adam Sandler and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. Either way, Jared's sense of humor is one of his defining qualities.



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**SGT. TONY COSTA**

Sergeant Tony Costa has spent a lifetime in law enforcement. He entered the Police Academy at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania at the age of 18. After graduating, he was first hired as a part-time police officer for the boroughs of Rankin and North Braddock.

Tony has worked for Swissvale for over 23 years. He began as a part-time patrolman and then was hired full-time in October of 2004. In November 2010 he was promoted to Sergeant.

The thing that Sgt. Costa enjoys most about his work is the genuine feeling of being able to help other people get through life changing experiences.

When he's not on duty, Tony enjoys spending quality time with his wife of 15 years, his two sons and their 3 ferrets. They can often be found playing chess, video games, football and hockey. He says that his favorite food is anything that his wife makes because she is an excellent cook.



**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**ROSS CAMILLO**

Ross Camillo is a born and bred Swissvalian. He takes pride in helping to make the town he was born and raised in look good. To that end, Ross spends his days setting asphalt, cutting grass, painting lines, collecting leaves, plowing roads and anything else that might need accomplished.

Ross has worked for the Public Works Department for over 10 years, but his family has been connected here much longer. Ross is a third generation Swissvale laborer. Both his father and grandfather also worked in the department.

Some of the things that Ross enjoys during his free time is collecting music, watching football, hockey and UFC, listening to podcasts and going to watch live comedy.

Ross reports that his uncle always used to say, "A pen is lighter than a shovel." Ross jokes that those are words of wisdom that he should have lived by.

# WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Administrative Office  
531 Jones Avenue, North Braddock, PA 15104  
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## GREETINGS FROM THE WOODLAND HILLS ACADEMY!



The 2018-2019 school year got off to a colorful start! For the first day of school, our thoughtful H.U.G.S. volunteers “chalked the walk” that leads to our building with vibrant messages for our students like, “You are amazing,” “This is going to be a great year,” and “Believe in Yourself!”

Speaking of vibrant, you will find an amazing rainbow of colors on our students when you come to visit! Not only are our students really embracing WHSD’s updated uniform policy that permits students K-8 to wear collared shirts of any color with their dress bottoms, but Kindergarten spent the first weeks of school representing the many colors of the rainbow on their annual “color days”! It’s a beautiful sight to see.

When you come to the Academy, you might notice some “new” but familiar faces in our building and we are thrilled that they are here. First, we welcomed Ms. McClellan to second grade. Also, we welcomed Ms. Lewis

and Mr. Bothwell to assist us with technology. Last, we welcomed Mrs. Blasi and Mrs. Nyapas from the Gifted Department to work with our GATE students.

If you walk by our classrooms, you might see staff and students engaging in “circles,” which are a major component of restorative practices. This is WHSD initiative to bring restorative practices into our lives on a large scale and on a regular basis. Circles in the classroom encourage equity, safety, trust and responsibility, and help us to make deeper connections as a community. Ms. Mann and Mrs. Love will be updating families with information throughout the year on Schoology and on the Academy website. We look forward to an amazing year filled with memorable, meaningful days!

## WOODLAND HILLS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

There is a field trip on Wednesday, November 7 to 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 educational workbooks. The students selected to go will be the 25 Star Students of the Month, one from each homeroom for September, and the “Be There” students who meet their attendance goals. This field trip is one of several established to reward students who consistently demonstrate the district’s 5 P’s -- Prompt, Productive, Polite, Prepared & Proud.

The entire fourth grade class will attend a concert of The Pittsburgh Symphony on November 15 as part of their General Music Curriculum. The entire trip is sponsored by The Musicians of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra under the sponsorship of Ms. Miller, the general music instructor.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**November 8**

Parent Teacher Conferences

**November 9**

In Service Day

**November 15**

Grief Awareness Day

**December 13**

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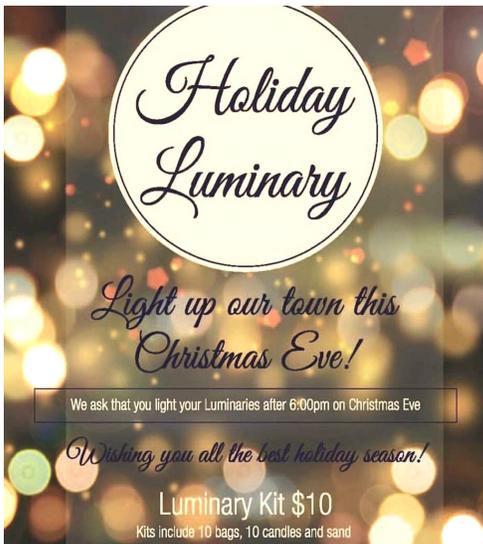
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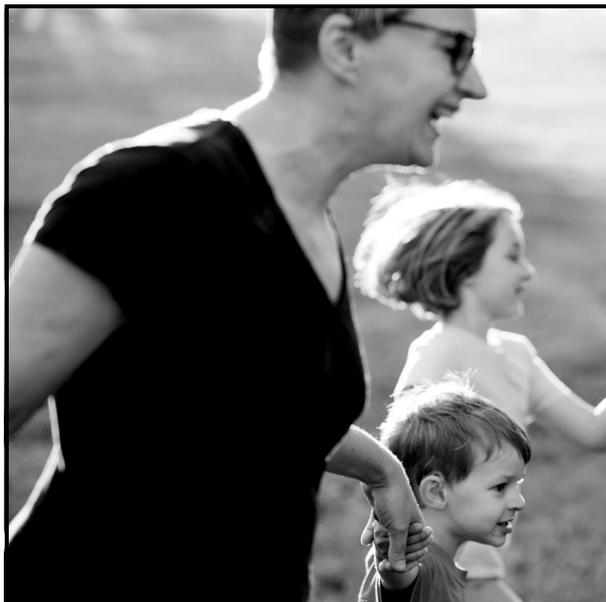
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The Swissvale Economic Development Corporation (SEDCO) will be selling luminary kits to beautify our neighborhoods on Christmas Eve. As in the past, the Luminary Kits will be \$10 and will include 10 bags, 10 candles and sand. The Luminary Kits can be pre-ordered and picked up at the Swissvale Fire Department on Swissvale's Night of Lights. Order forms are available at the Swissvale Administrative Building or the information above can be emailed to: [tward.luminary@gmail.com](mailto:tward.luminary@gmail.com). You may also clip the above form and send along with payment.

Payment for the kits should be **dropped off or mailed to:** River City Church at 2037 Noble Street, Swissvale, PA 15218. **Please call or text 412-736-7476 before dropping off to this address.** You may also drop off to T. Ward **after 4:00 p.m.** at 7234 McClure Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218. Mailing to this address is also an option.

*Thank you for your support and effort to make Swissvale festive on Christmas Eve.*

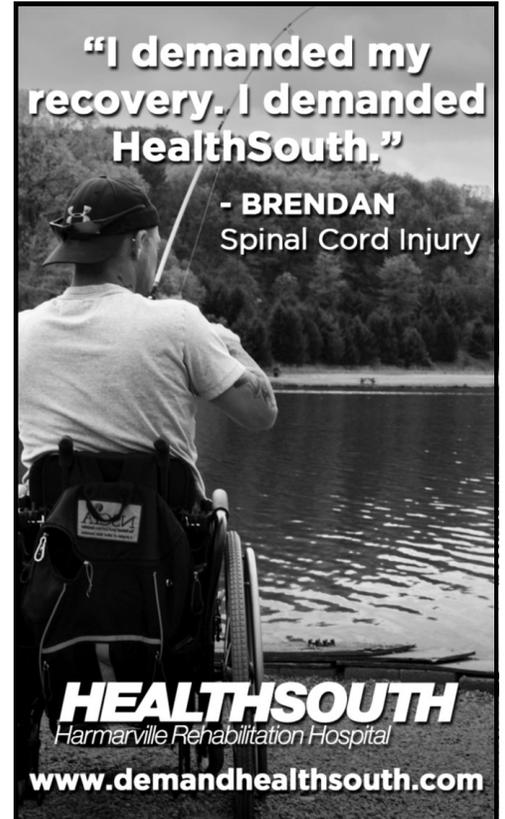


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# NIGHT OF LIGHTS

December 1<sup>st</sup>



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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.

**Activities begin at 5:30 p.m. • Tree lighting at 6:00 p.m.**