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Swissvale Community Days will take place a week earlier than usual this year from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, June 15 and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 16. The festivities include games, live entertainment, great food, fireworks & much more!



### SWISSVALE CLEAN-UP DAY

We need your help to keep Swissvale clean!! Clean-Up Day is May 19. Activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Public Works garage at 7560 Roslyn Street. Volunteers are needed to collect trash and debris from streets, sidewalks, parking lots and alleys in targeted areas around the borough. Rakes, shovels, gloves and trash bags will be provided along with a Swissvale Clean-Up t-shirt. Lunch will be provided to volunteers after the event and all registered volunteers will be eligible to win prizes!

Simultaneously, the collection of household waste and hard-to-recycle items will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Les Getz Memorial Park off of Church Street. ***This service is available for Swissvale residents only! You must bring proof of residency to participate!!*** Accepted items include electronics (TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computers, monitors, peripherals, etc.), household hazardous waste (paint, cleaning agents, oils, antifreeze and other household chemicals), tires, batteries, propane tanks and Freon and non-Freon containing appliances.

Contact Public Works at (412) 271-0350 with questions.

### HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

**Memorial Day, May 28**  
All trash and recycling will be collected one day late with the exception of Friday recycling, which will be collected on schedule.

## 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:

July/August—June 1  
September/October—August 1  
November/December—October 1

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# BOROUGH UPDATE

Swissvale Borough Administrative Office  
7560 Roslyn Street, Swissvale • 412-271-7101  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
[www.swissvaleborough.com](http://www.swissvaleborough.com)

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## *A Message From the Borough Manager*

It has now been just over a year since we began direct mailing the "Swissvale News" to every home and business in the borough. We hope that you are enjoying this high-quality publication which has been recognized as one of the best in the state among boroughs much bigger than our own. It is our desire to keep you informed about the positive stories and many activities going on in the community.

The borough received recognition again this year as an Allegheny League of Municipalities "Banner Community." I'd like to thank our excellent staff, members of council and mayor for making this recognition possible for the second year in a row.

Whether it is helping with one of the Shade Tree Advisory Committee tree plantings, enjoying our annual Community Days celebration or walking/running in The Swissvale Mile, we hope that you will find time in the coming months to get out and interact with your neighbors.

You may have noticed some changes recently around the borough. Not long ago, we demolished three buildings at the corner of South Braddock Avenue and Church Street where the old Frankie's Bar previously stood. The borough was able to acquire ownership of these lots and will be working with community organizations in an effort to beautify that corner by establishing a green space there. The preliminary plans include planting trees, adding flower beds and placing a few benches.

The demolition of the old GAR Home on Woodstock Avenue was completed and will be graded and seeded with grass. This property has nearly \$2 million dollars in federal and state liens against it. The borough will be looking at options for this property with hopes to find a beneficial reuse for it in the future.

The borough's annual Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, May 19. We hope that many volunteers will come out to help us clean up the litter and debris around town. Our efforts will be focused on main corridors such as South Braddock Avenue, Monongahela Avenue and the Business District. If you are available, please come out and help us with this very important event. Lunch will be provided to volunteers as well as the chance to win some exciting prizes.

Lastly, on behalf of the Swissvale Fire Department, I would like to thank everyone who supported the annual Lenten Fish Fry and made it such a great success!

We look forward to a safe and fun-filled spring and hope to see you out and about in our wonderful community!



Mr. Clyde Wilhelm, Manager

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

7400 Irvine Street, Swissvale, PA 15218  
412-271-0448  
www.swissvalefire.org

## CPR CLASSES

The next CPR class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 2. The class is FREE for residents. To sign up, contact the FD at 412-271-0448. If you are not able to attend but are still interested, contact Asst. Chief Kip Deleonibus for future class dates.

## FISH FRY

Swissvale Fire would like to thank everyone who supported the Lenten Fish Fry this year. It was another great success! Don't forget, the Fall Fish "Frydays" will be back on October 5 and November 1.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

7560 Roslyn Street, Swissvale, PA 15218  
9-1-1

## PROJECT DUMP

The Police Department in cooperation with the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office will host Project D.U.M.P. (Disposal of Unwanted Medications Properly) in conjunction with Clean-Up Day. This event aims to prevent addiction and overdoses in our community by providing safe disposal of medications. This is an anonymous program. There are no questions asked or names involved. Residents are encouraged not to flush medications down the toilet or toss them into the trash because of the environmental impact.

Project D.U.M.P. will take place from 8 a.m. to noon on May 19 in the main lobby of the borough building (7560 Roslyn Street). The building is handicap accessible. Deputies from the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office and officers from the SPD will be on hand to receive the medications and answer any questions.



# PUBLIC WORKS

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

## PROJECTS FOR 2018

Projects this year include the paving of Woodlawn Avenue and Prospect Street, the continuation of the streetscape program on Noble Street, the complete renovation of Collingwood Playground, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements on the entire length of South Braddock Avenue from West Hutchinson Street to Woodstock Avenue and a significant pedestrian safety project at the intersection of South Braddock Avenue and Sanders Street. These projects are being funded through various grants that have been obtained through the hard work and generous assistance of State Representative Paul Costa and State Senator Jay Costa.

DPW crews will undertake annual maintenance projects as the weather allows including pothole patching, re-painting of crosswalks, stop bars and directional arrows, storm and sanitary sewer cleaning and repairs, brick road resetting, sign replacements, park and open space oversight, tree-pruning, maintenance of over 120 vacant lots and a variety of other projects.

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# Community Spotlight

## WILKINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER

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412-244-8458

### BOOKS, BEER, PLANTS AND DOGS

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 12—13  
Rain or Shine

Farmers bring vegetable, herb and flowering plants and transform the front lot of the WSCC into an open air market. Wake up with a cup of coffee and a baked good. Inside, used books are organized for your viewing pleasure and sold for \$1 a piece. Enjoy a cold drink and hot dog and some new brews 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday is a Books Only Sale, \$5 a bag of books from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Keep up with all the details at  
[wscppgh.org](http://wscppgh.org).



## Rotary Club of Swissvale District 7300



### 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 3

Please join us at Swissvale Presbyterian Church located at 1825 Monongahela Avenue. Dinner is available for dine in or take out.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and includes all you can eat spaghetti (dine in only), meatballs, beverage and dessert.

Other festivities include a bake sale and raffles. All proceeds support local and international Rotary projects.

The Swissvale Rotary Club is a service organization that meets weekly at GoodFellas at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. All are welcome!



### REGENT SQ. YARD SALE

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 12

As one of the largest community yard sales in the city, there is something for everyone! From children's toys to custom furniture and more. The sale is not to be missed.

As in previous years the sale map and all registration info can be found on the website. Registrations help cover the cost of advertising and gets your sale listed on the official map and hot list. The map is handed out on the day of the sale and published online.

Please encourage your neighbors to register as well. The blocks with the most sales attract the most visitors!

If you have questions, email [yardsale@regentsquare-rsca.org](mailto:yardsale@regentsquare-rsca.org).

### THE GREATER SWISSVALE FOOD PANTRY

"Helping People Help Themselves"  
Greater Swissvale Food Pantry

#### NEW LOCATION

2028 Noble Street, Swissvale  
412-452-2792

Food Pantry distributions are 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month.

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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**SWISSVALE NAMED A 2018 BANNER COMMUNITY**

The Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) named Swissvale a Banner Community for the second year in a row! ALOM describes a Banner Community as one that “demonstrates a dedication to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability and proactive communications.”

The 2018 Banner Communities were recognized on March 23 at an event held at the Rivers Club.

The parkway spring flower planting is 9 a.m. on May 5. The hillside blooms from spring to summer and provides a beautiful scene exiting the parkway. The Western PA Conservancy sponsors the plants but volunteers are needed to supply the elbow grease. Contact Mayor Swartzwelder with questions.

**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!

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!*

**CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

**May**

- 2 Regular Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Rotary Spaghetti Dinner  
Computer Privacy Workshop—Library  
Greater Swissvale Food Pantry
- 5 Spaghetti Dinner—Pgh Mennonite  
Parkway flower planting
- 7 Grow Your Business—Library
- 8 5th & 6th Grade Academy Concert
- 10 Food Pantry—Union Baptist  
5th & 6th Intermediate Concert
- 12 Regent Square Yard Sale  
Books, Beer, Plants and Dogs— WSCC  
Flea Market—Swiss. Presbyterian  
Sedco Clean Up Day
- 13 Books, Beer, Plants and Dogs— WSCC
- 14 Ask a Lawyer—Union Baptist Church
- 15 Beginning Band Academy Concert
- 16 Beginning Band Intermediate Concert
- 17 7th & 8th Grade Junior High Concert  
Greater Swissvale Food Pantry
- 18 Book Buck forms due—Library
- 19 Swissvale Clean-Up Day  
Project DUMP—7560 Roslyn St.
- 20 Book Buck Auction—Library
- 22 7th & 8th Grade Academy Concert
- 23 Remake Learning Day—Frick Park
- 28 Memorial Day—Office Closed  
Trash Collection delayed
- 30 Council Agenda-Setting Meeting  
Senior High Concert Band, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Band, Advanced Choir and  
Intermediate Choir Concert

**May Cont...**

- 31 Senior High Jazz Band, Orchestra and Chamber Choir Concert

**June**

- 2 Farmers Market Opens  
CPR Class—Fire Department
- 3 Strawberry Festival—Swiss. Pres.
- 4 Grow Your Business—Library
- 6 Regular Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Greater Swissvale Food Pantry
- 8 Woodland Hills last day of school
- 9 Farmers Market  
Sedco Clean Up Day
- 10 Bird & Breakfast Walk—Frick Park
- 11 Summer Reading Kick-off—Library  
Ask a Lawyer—Union Baptist Church
- 14 Food Pantry—Union Baptist
- 15 Community Days
- 16 Community Days  
Last day to register—Swissvale Mile  
Farmers Market
- 17 Father’s Day  
Art and Faith Camp—Pgh Mennonite
- 21 First Day of Summer  
Greater Swissvale Food Pantry
- 21 Swissvale Mile Packet pick-up
- 23 5th Annual Swissvale Mile  
Farmers Market
- 25 Summer Recreation Program begins
- 26 Tree Discovery Walk—Frick Park
- 27 Council Agenda-Setting Meeting
- 30 Farmers Market



**LES GETZ MEMORIAL PARK FIELDS AND PAVILION**

Planning a summer party? Reserve the pavilion at Les Getz Memorial Park for your next party or gathering. The park is ideal for birthday parties, family reunions, graduation parties and company picnics. Download a reservation form on the borough website under “Parks and Recreation.”

**To check availability, please call 412-271-7101.**



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

# CARNEGIE FREE LIBRARY

1800 Monongahela Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218

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10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

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**The Library will be  
CLOSED May 28<sup>th</sup>**

## **BOOK BUCKS AUCTION**

There's still time to collect Book Bucks before the big day! If you haven't picked one up yet, stop by the front desk and grab a Book Bucks form to keep track of the books you read. All forms are due at the library by May 18! Our annual Book Bucks Auction is on May 20. Trade in your hard-earned Book Bucks for prizes, certificates and more.

## **BETTER CHOICES, BETTER HEALTH**

There are still some sessions left in this program for seniors with chronic pain or illness! Presented by CCAC, these workshops provide useful strategies for managing emotional and physical distress from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays. The final workshop will be held on May 24. Please register at the front desk or call the library at 412-731-3000.

## **SUMMER READING KICKOFF**

We're getting ready for Swissvale Summer Reading! Are you? This year, we will embark on some new reading adventures with Miss Tess and the rest of the staff. There will be lots of activities and celebrations during our eight-week summer program. Kids and adults of all ages can participate. Join us for our kickoff party on Monday, June 11!

## **LIBRARY PROGRAMS:**

### **For Kids**

**Little Listeners**—Our Little Listeners program gives children the chance to win prizes for reading. If you are a parent or guardian of a preschooler, simply keep track of titles as you go. Once you've read 15 books together, bring in your form and claim your reward!

**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**

**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 Privacy**—The first week of May is Choose Privacy Week, sponsored by the American Library Association! To celebrate, we are offering a Computer Privacy Workshop. We will offer tips for shopping and banking safely online, keeping your social media accounts safe and more. This workshop will be held from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 3. Call the library or stop at the front desk to register.

### **For Adults**

**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 and Wednesdays. Call the library to sign up for your first session.

### **Knit & Crochet Club**—

Are you an experienced knitter? Have you always wanted to learn? All are welcome to join our monthly night of knitting and crocheting for all levels of experience from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.

### **Adult Coloring Group**—

Join Debbie McCready for a relaxing evening of coloring. Supplies are provided and all are welcome. Classes take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Please call or ask at the front desk for dates.

### **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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday—7 p.m. in the senior center.
- 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.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ASST. CHIEF KIP DELEONIBUS**

Kip Deleonibus brings a lifetime of knowledge in public safety to his position as Asst. Fire Chief. Kip joined the borough full-time in July of 2015. Before that he worked in the Public Safety Institute at the Community College of Allegheny County, was the Director of Public Safety Training at Butler County Community College and worked for the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire (PBF) for 37 years.

Kip's father was a volunteer firefighter in Monroeville and took him to the fire station as a very young boy. Kip joined as a junior volunteer firefighter at age 16 and has loved it ever since.

Kip's roll as Asst. Chief includes but is not limited to development of training programs, the annual fire inspection program, responding to alarms, commanding emergency incidents in the absence of the Fire Chief, teaching CPR classes and ensuring station and equipment maintenance and cleanliness daily.

Kip has been married to his wife, Pat, for 43 years and has two sons and five grandchildren.

Words Kip lives by: "Learn to be patient."



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SGT. WILLIAM HAHN**

After serving as a police officer for 24 years, Sergeant William ("Billy") Hahn can't imagine doing anything else.

"My favorite part of my work is that the day is never the same and you get to experience things that the normal person in their day-to-day job would never get to see, both good and bad," Hahn says. "I also like the camaraderie among the officers that I work with as well as with surrounding agencies."

Sgt. Hahn has spent the last 20 years working with the Borough of Swissvale. As a sergeant, Hahn is responsible for the supervision of patrol officers on the 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift. He is also tasked with various administrative duties that the Chief of Police assigns. His pet peeve is people who are late and are not dependable.

In his free time, Billy enjoys traveling, working out and working on his house. His favorite place to visit is the Florida Keys. He is always up for a good lasagna or a Mineo's pizza.

Words of Wisdom that Billy lives by: "I wouldn't do that if I were you".



**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
FOREMAN MATTHEW DILLARD**

Matt Dillard views resident satisfaction as one of the most important aspects of his job. Whatever the season, Matt might be found maintaining property, filling potholes, collecting leaves or plowing snow. On hot days, he admits that he will most likely be somewhere air-conditioned.

Over the 36 years that he has worked for Swissvale, Matt has gained an incredible breadth of experience which he utilizes often in his role as foreman.

Day-to-day, Matt is responsible for assuring that projects assigned by the Director of Public Works are completed to specifications and high-quality standards. He also oversees the safety of employees; ensuring that safety features associated with operating equipment are used correctly and that all individuals wear their personal protective equipment.

Despite his vast experience, Matt views himself as a life-long learner. "If you humble yourself, humble means teachable, you can benefit from the experiences of others," Matt says.

# Swissvale Ministerium

**CALVARY APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
2464 Woodstock Ave • 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.

**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

**NEW-DAY SWISSVALE**

2024 Noble Street  
412-480-4286

The Rev. Keith Kaufold

**Regular Worship Schedule:**

11:15 a.m. on Sunday



**CITYREACH CHURCH**

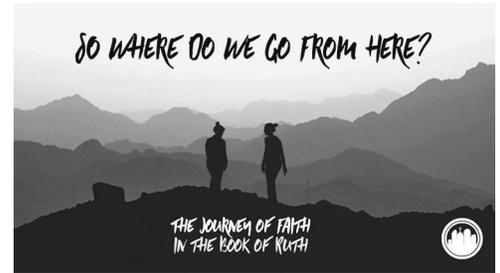
7327 McClure Avenue • 412-326-9212  
cansell@cityreachnetwork.org • www.swissvale.cityreachnetwork.org  
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**Regular Worship Schedule:**

10:30 a.m. on Sundays

**So Where Do We Go From Here?**

Join us between May 13—June 10 for our next sermon series on the book of Ruth. This is a rich book about loyalty, hardship and the faithfulness of God.



**MADONNA DEL CASTELLO & WORD OF GOD PARISH**

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

WOG: 7446 McClure Avenue • 412-241-1372

Contact: Deacon Ron Demblowski • 412-241-1372

wordofgodpa@gmail.com

www.madonnadelcastello.org

**Corpus Christi Mass & Procession:**

9 a.m. on Sunday, June 3 at Word of God.

The procession takes place after Mass. The route includes Church Street, Monongahela, Washington, Palmer, Irvine, McCague 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.

**St. Anthony Novena:**

7 p.m. on Tuesdays, April 17 to June 12, Madonna.

**PITTSBURGH MENNONITE CHURCH**

2018 S. Braddock Avenue • 412-271-2104 • contact@pittsburghmennonite.org • www.pittsburghmennonite.org

**Regular Worship Schedule:**

10:30 a.m. on Sundays

**Special Events:**

**Free Spaghetti Dinner**

4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 5

Come carb load for the Pgh Marathon! Not running? Stop by to enjoy a spaghetti dinner anyway, support the runners and meet new people. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. Enter through the red double doors off Dickson Street. Donations are accepted. Everyone is welcome!

**Art and Faith Camp**

This summer, Pittsburgh Mennonite Church is running a Community Arts and Faith Camp evenings from June 17 through June 21. Supper is at 5:30 p.m. and Arts programming will happen from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information visit:  
[www.pittsburghmennonite.org](http://www.pittsburghmennonite.org)

**RIVER CITY CHURCH**

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**Regular Worship Schedule:**

Sundays  
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11 a.m.—Worship Service  
11:15 a.m.—Children’s Sunday  
School

**Eucharist Schedule:**

May 20—Pentecost

**Triangle Hoagie Sales**

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Pick-up Date: May 23



**Special Events:**

**Spring Flea Market**

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.—May 12  
Social Hall

Spring cleaning? Have items you  
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just come and browse! Want  
something to satisfy your sweet  
tooth, try some homemade candy,  
cake, cookies and more. For more  
details contact the church office.

**Strawberry Festival**

Noon to 3 p.m.—June 3  
Social Hall and yard

Come enjoy a picnic lunch and  
discover what all can be made  
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candy, strawberry shortcake,  
fudge, cake, jello, jam/jelly, ice  
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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

**Daughters of the King:**

6:30 p.m.—1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of  
each month.

Bible study for women ages 18 and  
older. Learn practical ways to apply  
God’s Word to your everyday life!

**S.H.O.U.T.:**

10:30 a.m.—2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays  
of each month.

Sisters Hanging Out United in  
Truth. Meets in the UBC Annex at  
2116 Collingwood Ave.

**Men’s Community Breakfast:**

9 a.m.—2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month  
(May 12, June 9, July 14)

**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  
that serves the Swissvale area. The  
pantry serves more than 100  
families every month.

**Food distribution is the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
(May 10, June 14, July 12)  
from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Need food?**

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

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

**Music Workshop:**

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.—Every  
Saturday.

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

**Ask A Lawyer:**

7 p.m.—Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the  
month in the UBC Annex. Walk-in  
or by appointment.

Consult with a lawyer free of  
charge. Areas of law covered by the  
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lord/Tenant, Real Estate Property,  
Unemployment Compensation and  
Wills/Estate Planning.

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an appointment.

**Vacation Bible School:**

8 a.m.—1 p.m.  
Monday, June 18—Friday, June 22

Contact the church for more  
information and to register.  
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## THE GREEN CORNER

### NINE MILE RUN WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

#### THE DOG POOP PROBLEM

*Submitted by Adrienne Buka*

Nobody likes to handle dog poop but the alternative has serious consequences for public health and ecosystem balance. Improperly disposed-of waste contributes to poor water quality by adding harmful bacteria and nutrients to local waters. These bacteria pose public health risks and can spread serious diseases like Giardia, Salmonella, *e coli* and Campylobacteriosis.

Consider these facts:

- America's 83 million pet dogs produce 10.6 tons of poop every year.
- Only 60% of dog owners pick up after their pets.
- A single gram of poop contains an estimated 23 million bacteria.

Nutrients from dog waste, mainly nitrogen and phosphorus, contribute to excessive algae growth which in turn robs water of dissolved oxygen, creating low water quality and unhealthy habitats for wildlife.

Nutrients and bacteria are picked up and carried via rain and snow-melt into storm drains where they eventually end up in waterways. We all are affected by poor water quality, compromised ecological systems, and public health risks. So pick up your dog's poop! You and your neighbors can know that you're doing your part to improve the health of the Nine Mile Run Watershed and beyond.

Stay tuned for more information on NMRWA's ongoing campaign to keep our streams free of dog waste!

### SWISSVALE SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

It is easy to forget that tree care is important in the warmer months. A healthy tree can better resist weather changes and storms, plus pollution, insects and other conditions that stress trees. Early signs of trouble include wilting and/or yellowing leaves. Trees are so beneficial to our quality of life. A few preventative measures can really help trees stay healthy!

Poor quality or compacted soils require aeration and fertilizing. Adding nutrients to poor soil improves the health and appearance of trees. In fact, street trees may need more nutrients to combat extra pollution from passing cars. Plants growing under landscaped trees may compete for food and water. Use fertilizers appropriate to the type of tree and soil. Never use herbicides for weed control under trees, as the tree roots can be harmed.

During droughts, trees need about one inch of water added per week. One long, deep watering is better than a few brief sprays with a hose. Make sure that soil is draining well, as too much moisture can damage roots. Placing three to four inches of a shredded hardwood mulch around trees keeps roots cool and prevents moisture loss. Add mulch in a "donut" ring around the tree, away from the base. The goal is to protect roots as they spread underground, while minimizing weed growth and stabilizing soil temperatures.

Check trees for storm and wind damage throughout the summer. Brace or cable weaker limbs or have limbs removed entirely, as needed. Inspect trees for insect damage and disease, too. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources notes that trees in the state may suffer from chestnut blight, oak wilt, the fungal beech bark disease and other pathogens. Pests include the emerald ash borer, gypsy moths, various types of tent caterpillars and the hemlock woolly adelgid. Even healthy trees can succumb to non-native invading pests. There are a number of Certified Arborists in the Pittsburgh area who can treat diseased or damaged trees.

Trees do a lot for us. Each day, the urban forest removes pollutants from the atmosphere and contributes oxygen. Trees and other greenery lower human stress levels, while providing necessary habitat for favorite birds and animals. They help to cool the air around our homes and businesses and act as windbreaks in winter. The urban forest increases property values and lessens crime. Trees need little in return for their many benefits.

The Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee is working to increase the number and diversity of trees in the community. SSTAC received a grant from TreeVitalize to plant nine trees which were planted in late March.

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**NINE MILE RUN WATERSHED ASSOCIATION EVENTS**

**Remake Learning Days**

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on May 23  
Lower Frick Park Parking Lot

Learn about biodiversity. Train to use apps to document biodiversity and become an active citizen scientist! This event is in partnership with the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program.

**Bird & Breakfast Walk**

8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on June 10  
Lower Frick Park Parking Lot

Join local birders as we look for some feathered friends throughout the park. Breakfast is provided after the hike. Pre-registration is required. Visit: [www.ninemilerun.org/get-involved/](http://www.ninemilerun.org/get-involved/) events for more information and to purchase your tickets.

**Tree Discovery Walk**

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on June 26  
Lower Frick Park Parking Lot

Explore the restoration area with our Urban Forestry Manager. Learn about the trees that were planted to help stabilize the stream and provide habitat for local wildlife. Sign up at [www.ninemilerun.org/get-involved/](http://www.ninemilerun.org/get-involved/) events.

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**WHERE: Union Baptist Church of Swissvale**  
2117 Collingwood Avenue, Swissvale, PA

**WHEN: Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**  
Breakfast and Lunch will be provided daily.  
**Drop-off: 8:00 – 8:30 A.M. Pick-up 1:30 – 2:00 P.M.**  
June 25 – August 10 (Closed on July 4<sup>th</sup>)

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- Les Getz Memorial Park • Summer Literacy Projects
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*The exterior of the Deniston School building in Swissvale. Photo courtesy of Mon Valley Initiative.*

## **A HISTORIC, RUNDOWN SWISSVALE SCHOOLHOUSE WILL SOON HOUSE 18 NEW CONDOS, SOME AFFORDABLE**

*This article originally appeared on NextPittsburgh.com on February 12, 2018 and was written by Emily Stimmel.*

Swissvale's historic schoolhouse had become an eyesore. Since 2012, the former Deniston School has sat vacant and in disrepair. But a collaborative effort of borough officials, the Swissvale Economic Development Corporation (SEDCO) and the Mon Valley Initiative (MVI) is giving new life to the property at the corner of Monroe Street and McClure Avenue.

Within the month, the first stage of construction will begin on a \$3 million project that will transform the historic schoolhouse into 18 condominiums. This will be the second residential use for the building, which was built in 1902, converted into apartments in the 1980s and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.

"The condition of the building was really bringing down an otherwise fantastic neighborhood where property values have been rising recently," says Patrick Shattuck, MVI's real estate director.

"All of the character-defining features will stay," he adds.

Those features include the building's original large windows, staircase, decorative cornices and moldings. Within the individual units, Shattuck says, a "classroom feel" will be restored and ceilings that had been dropped during past renovations will be raised to 15 feet.

Prices will range from \$150,000 to \$210,000. But as many as eight units will be structured through the community land trust model, which will reduce their cost by \$50,000. To be eligible for these condos, residents can earn up to 80 percent of the area's median income. The affordable units will be subsidized by Allegheny County Economic Development.

The condos are being designed by LGA Partners (formerly Lami Grubb Architects) and the general contractor on the project is DRS of Greater Pittsburgh.

Modern finishes like granite countertops, engineered wood floors and ceramic tile will enhance the building's historic features. Bike storage will complement the 20 off-street parking spaces just outside the building, which is nestled behind the Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale.

There will be 15 two-bedroom units, two three-bedroom units and a single one-bedroom unit. Ground floor units will be wheelchair accessible, and those on the top floor will include loft bedrooms, multiple bathrooms and 26-foot ceilings.

The development team is reconfiguring an unfinished attic with dormers and gable windows to accommodate the top floor units, which Shattuck describes as "super dynamic" with "fantastic light" and a tree canopy just outside.

Shattuck anticipates that marketing will begin this spring, with units being sold by realtor Christa Ross with RE/MAX Select. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of 2018.

Shattuck believes the building will be attractive to many people, from young professionals to retirees.

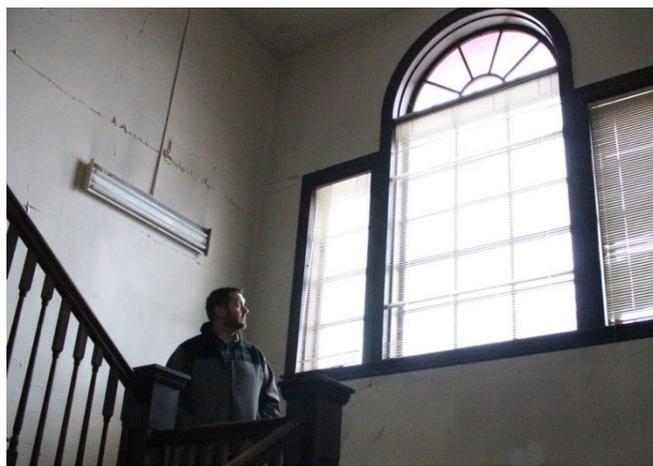
"It is in a really stable, inclusive, welcoming neighborhood," he says. "And it's convenient — a quick walk to Regent Square, blocks from the Parkway and close to Bakery Square and public transportation."

Improvements to the building have been a major priority of SEDCO for years.

"It is exciting to see the efforts of so many people reach fruition — MVI, SEDCO and the Borough of Swissvale have all been working together to restore this beautiful old school building," says Swissvale Council member Tim Ward. "The addition of high-quality condominiums to the neighborhood is going to have such a positive impact."

Ward, whose family has lived nearby for more than 30 years, says the schoolhouse is special to the community and he's glad to see the building put to good use while retaining its historical character.

He adds, "We hope to build on this momentum and continue to make Swissvale a great place to live, work and visit."



*The building's original windows and staircase will be refurbished and preserved. Photo courtesy of Mon Valley Initiative.*

**EASTSHORE – EXPLORE A NEW SIDE OF PITTSBURGH**

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

“EastShore – Explore a New Side of Pittsburgh” is an initiative designed to revitalize and promote the Enterprise Zone communities of Braddock, North Braddock, Rankin and Swissvale.

Enterprise Zone Members have prepared 2018 Strategic Priorities and Plan. Key points are:

- Vision – “Live, Work, Play: 4 Towns, 1 Community”
- Mission – A collaborative initiative to leverage the strength of Braddock, North Braddock, Rankin and Swissvale to make stronger communities.

To implement the Vision and Mission:

- Stronger participation by government, business and the community at large.
- Increase marketing efforts through social media and other outlets.
- Magnify existing community events and partner where appropriate.
- Convene a Sustainability Conference/Economic Summit.

“We’ve received a good deal of media attention with articles in magazines and newspapers and radio and television appearances. People are recognizing the improvement in these communities and are enthusiastic about the future of EastShore and these neighborhoods,” said Julie Grose, Swissvale Councilwoman and Enterprise Zone Board Member. She added, “We’re looking for your creative ideas for collective community events in the EastShore to promote our four communities.”



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*SEDCO is a nonprofit group of individuals living and working in Swissvale who are dedicated to the revitalization of the borough. It is one of the community development corps., or CDCs, that make up the Home-stead-based Mon Valley Initiative.*

**COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAYS**

We need your help to keep our community clean! The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month (from March through October) is CLEAN UP DAY in Swissvale. Organized by SEDCO, volunteers meet at 10 a.m. at Goodfellas Restaurant and Tavern on McCague Street to gather supplies and enjoy coffee. Come out and spend an hour to help keep our community clean.



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# HOW TO START OR GROW YOUR BUSINESS




**Join Us For Office Hours in Swissvale**

**BEGINNING IN MARCH 2018**

As an ongoing initiative to provide education and consulting services to neighboring communities, the **University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center** is teaming up with Swissvale Economic Development Corporation to offer office hours for individuals who would like to speak to a consultant about opening a business. Office hours are available and open to those who would like to inquire about the process of registering a business, the resources available for conducting market research and the types of loans available for small businesses. Office hours are offered at no cost, once a month at the location listed below. *All meetings are confidential.*

**First Monday of Each Month**

**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

The Swissvale Library  
 1800 Monongahela Avenue | Swissvale, PA 15218

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Register by contacting Meghan Hillegas at [mhillegas@innovation.pitt.edu](mailto:mhillegas@innovation.pitt.edu) or 412.624.0119

# WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Administrative Office  
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## *Proposed front elevation view of Dickson School.*

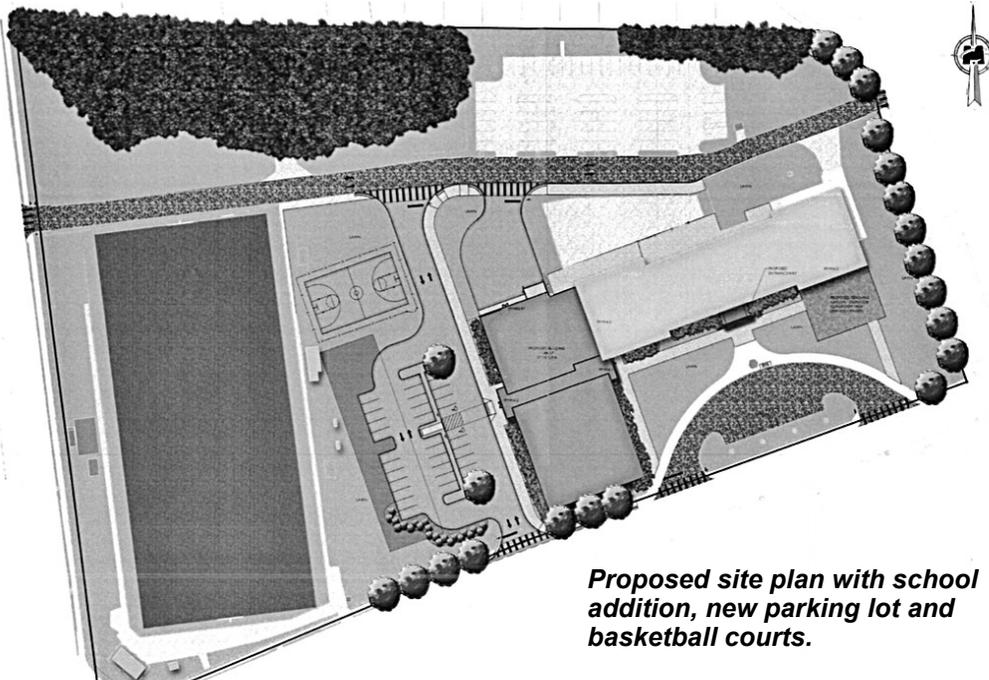


The Woodland Hills School District appeared before the Swissvale Planning Commission on February 15, 2018 to present a proposed site plan for the renovation and expansion of Dickson School on Schoyer Ave. The WHSD is planning to move the Intermediate School to this location after a complete renovation and expansion of the facility.

The school will receive a 37,700 square foot addition on the west side where the field house and baseball fields are currently located. Those facilities will be removed to make way for the addition which will house a gymnasium, kitchen and classrooms. A new parking lot and a basketball court will also be constructed adjacent to the school (pictured below).

The school will have a totally new look (pictured above) when finished. The dirt that is currently against the front of the building will be removed to reveal the entire first floor of the building and the property will be landscaped to complement the new and renovated building.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed plan to the Swissvale Borough Council. Council voted on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 to approve the plans. Demolition of the field house and baseball fields is scheduled to begin this spring and building construction will begin this summer. Completion is scheduled for the fall of 2019 when students in grades 4-6 will be moved into the building.



*Proposed site plan with school addition, new parking lot and basketball courts.*



## **SPRING CONCERTS** All concerts begin at 7pm

**May 8**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy Concert

**May 10**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Intermediate Concert

**May 15**

Beginning Band Academy Concert

**May 16**

Beginning Band  
Intermediate Concert

**May 17**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Junior High Concert

**May 22**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy Concert

**May 30**

Senior High Concert Band,  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, Advanced Choir  
and Intermediate Choir Concert

**May 31**

Senior High Jazz Band,  
Orchestra and Chamber Choir  
Concert



**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**JUNE 23, 2018**

**THE SWISSVALE MILE**  
[www.theswissvalemile.com](http://www.theswissvalemile.com)  
[theswissvalemile@gmail.com](mailto:theswissvalemile@gmail.com)

The Swissvale Mile returns for the 5<sup>th</sup> year on June 23! Choose from a 1-mile family-friendly dog walk or professionally timed race. Residents of all ages and ability levels are encouraged to participate! All proceeds benefit Swissvale Recreation and the Swissvale K-9 officers fund.

Registration is open! Register online at [www.TheSwissvaleMile.com](http://www.TheSwissvaleMile.com). The cost is just \$15 for the walk (untimed event) or \$20 for the run (timed event) through May 31. All registered participants receive an event t-shirt, custom dog scarf (if registering a dog), post event refreshments and more goodies from local businesses.

Watch our website and Facebook page for more details.



**FARMERS MARKET**  
[www.swissvalefarmersmarket.org](http://www.swissvalefarmersmarket.org)

The Swissvale Farmers Market will open for its 5<sup>th</sup> season from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 2 and will run every Saturday through the end of October. The market will move to a new location for 2018 and will now reside in the parking lot between Noble Street and Dickson Street. The new location is fully paved and offers a more centralized location for residents within the borough.

Shop for fresh fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers, prepared foods and local crafts while listening to the sounds of local musicians. Come browse, buy and enjoy the ambiance of this year's market, just off Noble Street.

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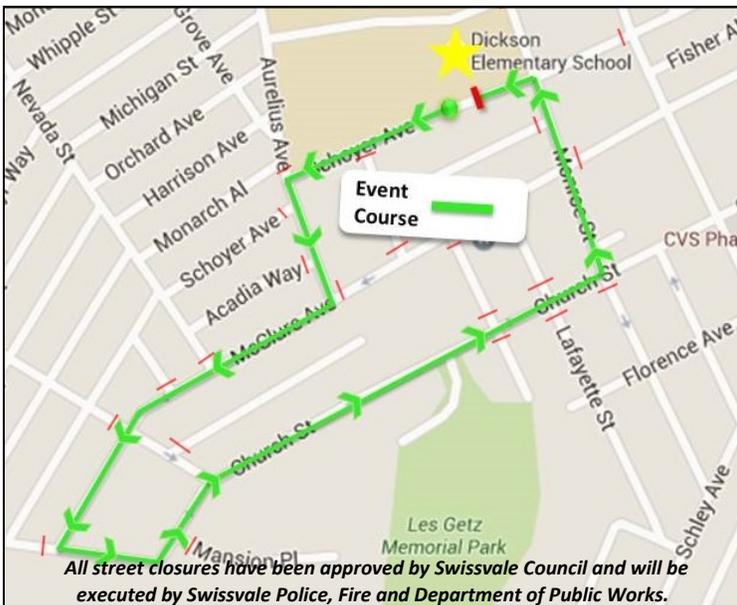


The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Swissvale Mile returns on June 23. Participants of all ages and abilities can choose from a 1-mile family-friendly dog walk or timed race. This event has become a community favorite and raises funds for Swissvale Recreation and Swissvale K-9 officers. Last chance to register is at Community Days, June 15-16!

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

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS:**



On race morning, street closures will be in effect from approximately 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. "No Parking" signs will be posted along the route to remind you to move your car. Cars not moved from the race course may be towed at owner's expense.

**Street closures and areas of no parking will include parts of Schoyer, Monroe, Church, Pocono, McClure and Aurelius. Streets that will not be accessible during the race are parts of Lafayette, Hanover, Commercial, Mansion Place, Tonette and Hammerly Way. Closures are shown in red on the map to the left. Traffic will not be permitted to cross the course.**

There are lots of ways to be involved: You can walk with or without a dog, you can run, you can volunteer or you can donate. If you are not interested or not able to participate, please step outside and cheer on those who are—play music, shout or hold signs!