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Wishing all a wonderful New Year!

Winter is here!

With winter now here please be reminded that sidewalks are to be cleared within 24 hours after snowfall. This is our biggest complaint during the winter months. Please do your part to keep our community safe!



ADVERTISING AND PUBLISHING REQUESTS

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

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BOROUGH UPDATE

Swissvale Borough Administrative Office

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER

First and foremost, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and would like to wish to all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

In the last issue, I had stated that Sanders and South Braddock Crosswalk project was completed. This was obviously an error. I had been assured by the contractor that this project would be completed by the time the newsletter went to print, but was obviously misled. Much of what is included in the newsletter is written weeks before you receive it. Again, I apologize for the error.

The Borough has completed another fiscal year and accomplished a great deal. We finished 2018 with another surplus and the exact amount is not available at the time of this writing. This is the fourth consecutive year that we have had a surplus! These surpluses have enabled us to invest in capital improvements in the borough and the same will remain true for this coming year. We continue to leverage our capital funds with various grants for projects throughout the Borough.

Council passed a balanced budget for 2019 and the property tax millage rate will remain at 8.0 mills. However, due to increased costs to the Borough for solid waste and recycling disposal, the "Garbage Collection Fee" has been changed to "Sanitation Fee" and will increase from \$150 to \$175 per dwelling unit for 2019. This fee has not been adjusted since 2009 (10 years). We reviewed several nearby communities and the average cost for this service was \$204. Swissvale will remain less expensive for providing these services. Additionally, while many other communities have had to restrict their recycling program and what they collect, we have been able to keep our program and what we collect the same for 2019.

In other exciting news, the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development has released Requests for Development Proposals (RFDPs) for the Carrie Furnace Site in Rankin and Swissvale. Proposals are due in April and we are happy to see that this redevelopment may actually be coming to fruition. After sitting empty for decades, it will be great to see this land be put to use once again. We will keep you informed of any progress.

As always, I would like to thank Borough Council, the Mayor and all of the Borough's Employees for their continued dedication and efforts in making Swissvale such a great community.

~Clyde Wilhelm

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PUBLIC WORKS

RECYCLING



The last issue of *Swissvale News* reported that the Borough may be implementing broad changes to our recycling program in 2019 as a result of the changing market for recycled materials. It is with great pleasure we can report that the changes to recycling in 2019 will be minimal. Swissvale Borough will continue to collect the same materials that we have been collecting including glass and #1 through #7 plastics.

The focus for 2019 will be eliminating contamination from the recycling stream. In the recycling field contamination means products containing excess food waste which cause the materials to be

rejected by the companies who purchase the products to recycle. Excess contamination can cause the recycling plant to reject the entire load that we dump at the plant and cause additional charges and fees to be paid by the Borough.

Please make sure that any food container that you place in your recycling bin is clean. You do not have to remove the labels or lids, but the interior of the containers cannot contain any food waste. If there is any trace of food in the container, it is considered contaminated and is not acceptable. If you do not want to take the time to clean the containers, it is better to place them in the trash than in your recycling container in a contaminated condition. Pizza boxes and pizza box lids will no longer accepted as the majority of them contain some form of food contamination.

Plastic bags will not be accepted either. This includes plastic bags from the grocery store and all other plastic bags. If you place your recyclables in a plastic bag, they will not be collected even if they are the blue "recycling bags" that are sold commercially. Although these bags are all recyclable, they are recycled through a different process that is not supported by the local recycling plants. These bags become nuisance items which must be removed from the recycling stream and can cause machine jams at the recycling plant.

Recycling bins are provided for free to all Borough residents, so please just place your recyclables in the bin loose. Beginning in January 2019 our recycling employees will be looking for signs of contamination in the materials collected. Anything that is considered contaminated will be left behind and you will be responsible to discard it in your weekly trash. **If you are unsure as to whether or not you should place an item in the recycling, just remember "When in doubt, throw it out".**

Borough Contact Guide

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(412) 271-0350

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7400 Irvine Street
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www.swissvalefire.org



Your Safety is Our Focus!

2018 FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

Structure Fires & Calls	37
Vehicle Fires	4
Brush & Trash Fires	8
Electrical Conditions / Hazards	16
Gas Leaks & Odor Investigations	28
Carbon Monoxide Alarms / Incidents	24
Vehicle Accidents	65
Public Service Details - Other	59
Assistance to Police	10
False Alarms & Good Intent Calls	90
Assistance to Other Fire Departments	129
Emergency Medical Calls	1018
Total Emergency Responses	1488

TRAINING HOURS	4770
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2018 CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	
Occupancy Permits	709
Dye Test Certifications	215
Building Permits	120
Dumpster Permits	73
Mechanical Amusement Licenses	47
Total Applications Processed	1164

VIOLATION NOTICES ISSUED	548
CITATIONS FILED	88

Annual Commercial Fire Inspections	145
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TOTAL INSPECTIONS & SITE VISITS	2835
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2018 in review - Your Safety is our Focus!

2018 was a reasonably busy year for the Fire Department. We ended the year with 1,488 emergency calls for service. Fortunately, major fires have remained low due to the proactive code enforcement program administered by the Fire Department

The Fire Department has remained busy with Code Enforcement activities as well. This remains a crucial and integral part of our public safety mission. In 2018, we processed nearly 1200 permit applications and performed nearly 3000 inspections and site visits. We have also continued our community fire prevention training, visiting schools, day cares and other organizations, as well as continuing our Community CPR training program that is free to residents of Swissvale.

Swissvale Fire also improved their ISO-PPC rating, receiving a Class 2 rating, up from a class 3. In Allegheny County's 130 municipalities, only two departments are rated better: The City of Pittsburgh and the Municipality of Mt Lebanon, which were rated a Class 1 just a few years ago. To better demonstrate this accomplishment consider this: of the 44,672 fire departments in the United states, only 270 have a higher rating and of the 2,488 fire departments in Pennsylvania, only 5 have a higher rating. We have the highest rating of any fire department serving a Borough in the entire state.



FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY

Starting March 6th

Mark your calendars! The Swissvale Volunteer Fire Department annual Lenten Fish Fry begins March 6th at the fire station. The fish fry will be open daily from 11 am to 7 pm on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during lent. Be sure to stop in and get some good fish! You can also phone in your orders for pick up at 412-271-8787 or by fax at 412-271-1451.



Get trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.

The next class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 11th, 2019. 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.

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If you noticed a few extra police vehicles around town over the holiday it was likely the men and women of the Swissvale Police doing their best to spread joy and happiness to neighborhood children.

For the fifth year running, officers of the Swissvale Police Department took part in the Western Pennsylvania Police Athletic Leagues (WPPAL) "Stuff a Store" event on Sunday 12/16/2018 at Monroeville Mall. The WPPAL partners with 50 area police departments to provide children in our communities with toys at Christmas time. The toys are donated by area businesses and generous individuals and collected at the Athletic League's Monroeville Mall location for later distribution by local police departments to families in their communities.

In partnering with WPPAL the Swissvale Police Department helped to collect and distribute approximately 17,000 gifts to Western Pennsylvania kids last year, as well as providing Christmas trees to local households for their holiday celebrations. This year the WPPAL and the Swissvale Police hope to double that number. When questioned about the program Chief Watson said "Swissvale Police Officers look forward all year to getting out in our community and helping to distribute these gifts to children who may otherwise not receive much in the way of holiday cheer".

The officers of the Swissvale Police gladly donate their time and effort to bring tokens of Christmas Spirit to resident families. The partnership with the Athletic League has afforded officers of this department the opportunity to enjoy positive interactions with Swissvale Residents, and to bring cheer and happiness to dozens of children in our town.



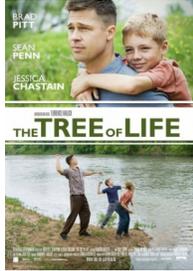
From Left to Right:
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Det. Sgt. John Corrado,
Ofc. Amanda Ford,
Chief Ellis Watson, Ofc.
Debra Indovina, Ofc.
Louis Sitzman, and Ofc.
Kevin Hendry in the po-
lice station with Christ-
mas presents ready to
deliver to children
around Swissvale

Community Happenings

City Reach Church Movie Night

Movie Nights take place the 2nd Sunday of every month

January 13: *The Tree of Life*



The Tree of Life follows the story of a family from Texas in the 1950's. The story follows the oldest son, Jack (Sean Penn), as he tries to deal with a complicated relationship with his father (Brad Pitt). This disillusionment causes Jack to question the meaning of life.

February 10: *Downsizing*



In an effort to deal with over-population, scientists discover how to shrink mankind. Moving into a downsized community allows Paul (Matt Damon) and his wife Audrey (Kristen Wiig) to live in wealth and grandeur.

SWISSVALE SENIOR CENTER

7350 McClure Avenue
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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!

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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

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Bingo

12:30 p.m. on M, F

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412-271-2104

contact@pittsburghmennonite.org

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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.

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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

MADONNA DEL CASTELLO & WORD OF GOD PARISH

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
Eucharistic Adoration in Solidarity with the National March for Life
January 18th 10am-8pm at Madonna Del

Blessing of Throats

After the 5:30pm Mass at Madonna Del on Saturday February 2nd
After 9am Mass at Word of God on Sunday February 3rd



Swissvale Community Action Committee (SCAC) is comprised of impassioned residents of the Borough of Swissvale. The mission of SCAC is to connect Swissvalians to create a more equitable, resilient, and sustainable community.

SCAC holds quarterly public meetings where all are welcome. 2019 meeting dates are:

March 19, 7pm
June 18, 7pm
September 17, 7pm
November 19, 7pm
Location TBD.

Join us and learn more at:
www.facebook.com/groups/swissvalecac/

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.—1st Saturday of each month.

The New Me

Noon to 2 p.m.—2nd Saturday of each month. Ladies Ministry.



SWISSVALE ROTARY

Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on Thursdays at Goodfella's on McCague Street.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

January

- 1 New Year's Day (Borough Office Closed)
- 2 Council Meeting
- 3 Food Pantry Distribution Day
- 10-12 Woodland Hills Jr. High Musical
- 13 City Reach Church Movie Night
- 15 Library Closed
- 17 Food Pantry Distribution
- 21 MLK Day
- 30 Agenda Meeting

February

- 6 Council Meeting
- 7 Food Pantry Distribution Day
- 10 City Reach Church Movie Night
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 19 Library Closed
- 27 Agenda Meeting

THREE RIVERS TIBETAN CULTURAL CENTER

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

SWISSHELM PARK PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH

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

Regular Teaching Schedule:

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

The Greater Swissvale Food Pantry
 2028 Noble St.
 412-452-2792

Our distribution times are 9:00am. to Noon, the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. (January 3rd and 17th, February 7th and 21st) Are you in need of food? Stop by. Do you have some time to help a neighbor? Consider volunteering your time. All volunteers welcome! Packing days are the day before distributions at 5pm.

Produce to People in Swissvale

Our monthly spring, summer and fall events in 2018 were a huge success. We will resume on Tuesday February 26th. Distributions of food will be in our building until the weather gets nicer and we will move to the parking lot.

For more information please visit our website at: swissvalefoodpantry.org

RIVER CITY CHURCH

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

Regular Worship Schedule:
 10:30 a.m. on Sunday

Regular Worship:

10:30 a.m. on Sundays

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.
 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.

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

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

Foodbank:

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

Food distribution is the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Contact us at 412-638-8336.

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

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



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 4th Monday of the month at 2037 Noble Street.

CARNEGIE FREE LIBRARY



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

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Preschool classes – Mondays at 11AM – for 3 – 5 year olds – stories, games and fun activities. More participants are welcome to join anytime.

Games – school age kids – Mondays beginning at 4PM – board games with your friends and Miss Bonnie. First Mondays of each month will feature BINGO.

Saturday Fun – school age kids – Saturdays at 1PM – a new game or activity every week (see the schedule in the library or on the library website).

Little Listeners – pre-readers - Anytime

The youngest book fans have begun to exchange their lists for small prizes.

You can help your child or grandchild participate. Just read 15 books to him or her, and list the titles on the form. You will both have fun, and your little listener will learn and gain listening and reading



ADULT PROGRAMS

ADULT BOOK LUNCH

Sunday, January 20th, 2019, at 1pm

You and your hungry book-loving friends are invited to our annual Soup and Book Lunch. Bring your library cards, so that you can borrow some of the great books we talk about. There will be a registration sheet at the desk in January.

TUESDAY TECH TUTORING FOR ADULTS

Tuesdays from 1-5 pm

Our volunteer tech wizard Carolyn Luck provides free ½ hour sessions on using your Smartphone, tablet, or computer. Have a digital dilemma? Call the library or stop at the front desk to register.

KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB

2nd Thursday of the month from 6-8pm

Want to learn to knit or crochet? Or maybe you would enjoy knitting or crocheting with other friendly needle workers. All are welcome to join our monthly night of knitting and crocheting for all levels of experience.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Warm up this winter at one of our four book discussion groups! New members may join at any time, without any commitment on your part. Lists for all four clubs, and extra books, are available at the desk. Check our website for all the details.

1st Thursdays, 7 p.m. – Evening Eclectic group; meets upstairs in library

2nd Thursdays, 3 p.m. – Afternoon Eclectic group; meets in downstairs Senior Center

4th Mondays, 2 p.m. – Afternoon Mystery group; meets in library

4th Mondays, 7 p.m. – Evening Mystery group; meets in Senior Center

PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

Wizards in Winter (for ages 10 – 110)

Saturdays at 7 p.m., beginning on February 2nd

Do you like playing card games? If so, try Wizard. We play in groups of 3-6 players per table, and every player receives a magnificent \$1 prize. New players may join in for any or all evenings. Please be on time. The library's winter Wizard tournament will probably run for eight weeks.

Book Bucks Program

Swissvale Library's "Book Bucks" program is currently in progress! Readers of all ages are turning in their reading lists, looking forward to that crazy, festive Sunday in May when the library will hold its incredible auction. Readers will bid on over 100 items, paying with our unique currency, "Book Bucks". Pick up a reading form (available at the desk) and start earning big Book Bucks!

Puzzle Solver

In and out, in and out—the jigsaw puzzles continue to rotate throughout Swissvale. Check the bin inside the front door, if you wish to donate puzzles, or take home new ones.



NINE MILE RUN WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Forest Master Plan



With the beauty of fall colors behind us, the bare trees during the winter months are a glimpse into a future with reduced canopy cover. While the beating sun has also subsided, the cool shade of a large tree is difficult to find and the wind whips through the tree limbs unimpeded by its now discarded leaves. The frozen ground means less water is absorbed, and without food or shelter many of the birds and animals have sought refuge elsewhere.

These winter months can be enjoyable for their contrast to the other seasons, but the reality is that similar conditions exist year-round in areas where the tree canopy is reduced or non-existent. We're fortunate in the Nine Mile Run watershed, and throughout the region, to have relatively abundant tree canopy - but we are also trending in the wrong direction, moving toward a future with decreased canopy and fewer benefits.

Nine Mile Run's new Watershed Forest Master Plan, published this December, includes a series of recommendations which will put us back on the path toward reversing the trend of watershed canopy loss and eventually increasing the watershed canopy. Between 2010 and 2015 the watershed experienced 97 acres of lost tree canopy, the equivalent of one city lot every other day. Through a targeted community effort – working with residents, businesses, and local government – we

hope to facilitate a reinvestment in our region's trees. The plan is a guide to a future where existing trees are better maintained and cared for, and new trees are planted and supported such that they can replace the existing canopy as it begins to age and decay.

We're excited about the direction this new plan will take us; it was crafted by and for residents and stakeholders of the watershed, and with your help we can reverse the trend of tree canopy loss in the watershed. If you're interested in helping us reach our ambitious goal, please let us know by contacting Urban Forestry Coordinator Jan Raether (jan@ninemilerun.org; 412-371-8779)

To read the plan, visit: <https://ninemilerun.org/our-work/urbanforestry/watershed-forest-master-plan/>

One Column Wide (2.3 Inches)

Size	Cost/Issue	6 issue w/ 10% Off	5 issue w/ 10% Off
1 inch	\$30.00	\$162.00	\$135.00
1 1/2 in	\$43.75	\$236.25	\$196.88
2 inches	\$57.50	\$310.50	\$258.75
3 inches	\$85.00	\$459.00	\$382.50
4 inches	\$112.50	\$607.50	\$506.25
5 inches	\$140.00	\$756.00	\$630.00
6 inches	\$167.50	\$904.50	\$753.75

Two Column Wide (4.9 Inches)

Size	Cost/Issue	6 issue w/ 10% Off	5 issue w/ 10% Off
1 1/2 In	\$85.00	\$459.00	\$382.50
2 Inches	\$112.50	\$607.50	\$506.25
3 Inches	\$167.50	\$904.50	\$753.75
4 Inches	\$222.50	\$1,201.50	\$1,001.25
5 Inches	\$277.50	\$1,498.50	\$1,248.75
6 Inches	\$332.50	\$1,795.50	\$1,496.25

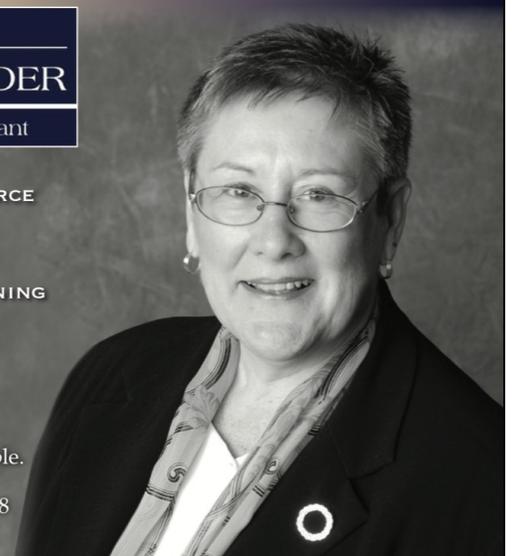
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Waltz Lessons

Mondays 7pm & 8pm Feb 25 – April 15th

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Chicago Steppin'

Every Wednesday 6:30pm – 8:30 pm \$5.00 per class, drop-ins welcome!

This is a class of Chicago Style Steppin, a ballroom type dance, which has its origins in swing dance and bop. Classes are open to all!



International Potluck

Saturday January 12th 2019 6PM – 9PM

Join us for a wonderful night of international food and drinks! Meet some of the most interesting people in Pittsburgh, who also happen to be great cooks! Please bring an international dish (appetizer, main dish, dessert) or drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic).



Ukulele Lessons Three Levels

Thursdays Jan 10th – Feb 21st \$95
Folks can register with Amber Rozell

at NorthHills.StringStudio@gmail.com with the title of their class in the subject line.

- 6:30-7:15 Beginners
- 7:20-8:10 Beginner Plus or JHUI Uke Method
- 8:15-9:05 Intermediate

Just want to jam? Come by Wednesdays at 7:30pm to the Steel City Ukulele jam sessions!



WSCC School of Dance

When entering the Wilkins School Community Center Kim Curtin will greet you at the dance door with a smile. Kim

has been the Director/Instructor of the dance program for the past twenty-six years. Along with her staff Bernadette Smith and Taylor Stoner, they provide a place where people can come to learn the art of dance in a welcoming environment where everyone fits in and can feel good about them. The studio is a recreational dance program offering Ballet, Jazz, Tap and Hip Hop to children and adults of all ages, abilities and experience. If you are interested in joining our dance family, please call Kim at (412) 829 – 5467 or email her at kimberlyanncurtin@gmail.com. Check the complete schedule of classes at our website.

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WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Edgewood Primary School Kindergartener Wins \$2,500 for Her School

Montgomerye Brown, a kindergartner at Edgewood Primary School, is a runner up in Edgar Snyder & Associates' "My Holiday Wish" Coloring Contest, winning a \$2,500 donation for her school. Mr. Chard Burnheimer, Edgewood's principal, is making sure the donation is put to good use. "The money will be used to increase our sensory program. It will also help us get our maker space—which includes STEM and STEAM activities—off the ground," he explained. The sensory program will give students an area to recover and concentrate during the school day.

"This has been a passion of mine and I want to continue the growth not only for autistic support but for students with emotional support and behavioral issues," Mr. Burnheimer said. "Donations such as this help support struggling schools that otherwise would not be able to create and maintain programs... due to budgetary constraints," he said. "The donation will allow us to work on dreams and possibilities for both teachers and students. It provides our students with experiences they otherwise would not have."

The coloring contest, now in its 15th year, asks elementary-aged students throughout Western and Central Pennsylvania to draw their holiday wish. Montgomerye's entry was chosen from over 3,500 submissions by a panel of independent judges. Montgomerye said she chose her wish, "Cotton Candy for Everyone," because "Cotton candy is really delicious, and it would make everyone happy."

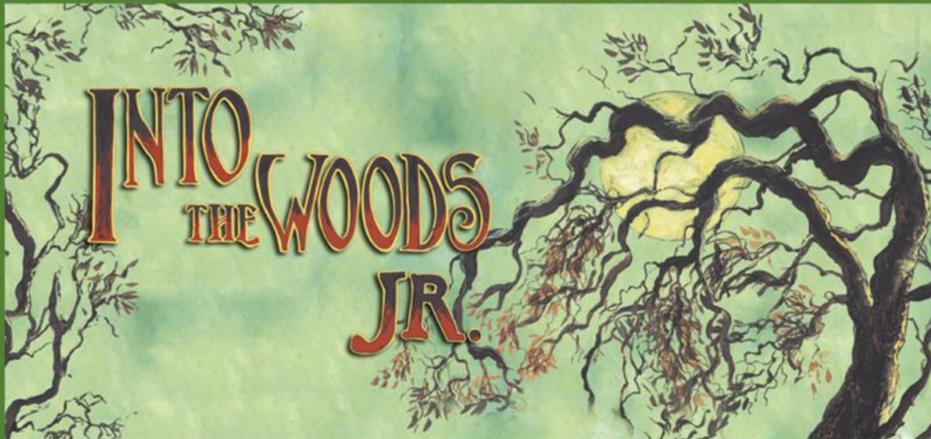
In addition to the school donation, Montgomerye received a gift card and her artwork appeared on a billboard and on the firm's holiday card. The other winners include:

- Jade Baldwin, 7, Cairnbrook Elementary School, runner-up
- Antara Misra, 9, Marshall Elementary School, runner-up
- Sophia Tracy, 9, South Fayette Intermediate School, grand prize winner

All of the winning schools received a \$2,500 donation.



The Woodland Hills Junior Musical presents



JANUARY 10-12, 2019

IN THE THOMAS G. CRONE AUDITORIUM

Woodland Hills Jr. High School Musical

Come Into the Woods with the Woodland Hills Junior Musical Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (January 10-11-12) at 7:30pm and Saturday at 2pm in the Thomas G. Crone auditorium at Woodland Hills Junior Senior High School.

Into the Woods features students from both the Woodland Hills Academy and Woodland Hills Junior Senior High School in grades seven through nine. General admission tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door.

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS



Ladies of Charity Caregiving Inc.
Wilkins School Community Center
7604 Charleston Ave
Room 20
Pittsburgh, PA 15218
(412) 244-8458



Ladies of Charity Caregiving Inc. opened its doors at the Wilkins Community Center in September of 2018. The core mission of this non-profit organization is to provide quality holistic home care for the elderly and people with disabilities. Caregivers, many of whom have spent years in the field, use a holistic approach when treating their patients.

At Ladies of Charity there is a belief that treatment should incorporate the whole of a person so they take care to treat the body, mind, and spirit. Volunteers at Ladies of Charity make every attempt to be a resource for family members as well as their patients. With over 1,500 volunteers in the Pittsburgh area, patients that need assistance are never overlooked. If you or someone you know is looking for assistance, look no further than the Ladies of Charity!



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eos studio arc LLC, located at 2006 Noble Street, provides architectural services for various sized projects, small and large, including commercial and residential construction, additions and renovations. Architect Lisa Whitney has been in the architecture business for 23 years and has taught interior design for 14 years, currently on faculty at Chatham University. As a member of the Association for Preservation Technology, she takes great pride in the art of preserving old buildings.

Lisa grew up in East Pittsburgh, but has made Swissvale her home for the last 14 years. She purchased the building and opened her studio here about three years ago, which is within walking distance of her home. The studio currently has a staff of four, but due to increasing work coming in, she intends to add additional staff members in 2019. Lisa has been involved with and helped several new local businesses transform their commercial spaces and has been a great advocate for Swissvale. "I really like the Swissvale Community. I think this town has really turned itself around and look forward to what's in store for the future" says Whitney.

She is also very active in the community and serves as President of the Swissvale Rotary and Treasurer of the Swissvale Economic Development Corporation (SEDCO). She also did a considerable amount of pro bono work for the volunteer fire department when they constructed their new fire station back in 2012. In between all her other activities, she spends all her free time with her six year old daughter Merryn.

When asked about what she is working on now, she pointed to drawings of a 6 unit townhouse getting ready for construction on Fifth Avenue in Shadyside. "We designed those and they are preparing to begin construction now", Whitney said. Asked why she chose architecture for her profession, she jokingly (but seriously) said: "My dad made me do it." Her father, Brian Whitney, is the owner of Whitney Construction, who also has his office space at her studio.



Photo: Lisa Whitney, Architect and Managing Member with Zach Clegg, Architectural Staff

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**Public Works Department
Tim Sullivan**

A resident of Swissvale all his life (61 proud years!), Tim is the type of guy who takes pride in what he does. For eight years Tim has worked for the borough fulfilling various tasks.

His primary role at the Borough is driving the recycling truck but he isn't limited to just that one responsibility. According to Tim the best part of the job are the people he works with. He describes the other public works employees as people who always look out for one another and help each other. As proof of his pride for Swissvale, Tim says that his biggest pet peeve is when people disrespect his hometown.

In his spare time, Tim enjoys hunting and fishing. When asked what words of wisdom he chooses to live by, Tim says that you should try to put yourself in the other person's shoes.



**Fire Department
Asst. Chief Mike Volpe**

Mike Volpe has worked for the Swissvale Fire Department for 10 years and was recently promoted to Assistant Chief. Mike, who holds a masters in public administration with a focus on public safety, loves his job because in his words, "no two days are the same".

Daily tasks for Mike include scheduling, training, running the CPR program, and responding to calls.

One of his favorite memories working for the borough was the time he got to see the Stanley Cup at the borough building. In his free time Mike prefers to simply relax and hangout with friends. Mike's words to live by are "treat others as you want to be treated" and "do the job right the first time".



**Police Department
Ofc. Jason Schweikarth**

When you ask Officer Schweikarth what he enjoys most about working as a police officer in Swissvale he'll tell you that he enjoys helping people in need. An officer with the borough for ten years, Jason has had previous experience as an officer for Braddock, North Braddock, and East Pittsburgh. Jason's most memorable moment as an officer in Swissvale was the time he provided CPR to a 1 year old, saving the baby's life.

Before he started his career as a police officer Jason served in the Air Force and worked as security police on a nuclear weapons base.

In his free time Jason likes to spend time with his girlfriend and her kids. His words to live by are to always try to be better than you were yesterday.

SEDCO COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR



Carol Palangio Honored as SEDCO's Community Partner of the Year for 2018

Carol Palangio, co-owner of Swissvale Bowl-A-Rama was named as Swissvale Economic Development Corporation's "Community Partner of the Year", at the 30th Annual Mon-Valley Initiative Dinner and Community Awards Celebration in October.

Carol was honored for her work with the Swissvale Senior Citizen's Center. In October of 2016, the local Senior Center was scheduled to close due to budget constraints. Carol met with members of Swissvale Borough Council, the Borough Manager, the Woodland Hills School District and elected County and State officials. Together, with help from her sister, Theresa Maksimchuk, and the senior citizens who depended on the center, she was able to work out a plan to keep the Swissvale Senior Citizen's Center open! It took months of hard work and determination, but Carol never gave up.

Carol has since founded the non-profit organization, S.A.M., (Seniors Always Matter) to keep the center viable and help fund special events, birthday treats, nutritious snacks and small perks for the senior citizens that attend. She continues to support the center by volunteering her time and resources to make the center a welcoming and safe place for Swissvale's senior citizens.

Donations to S.A.M., a registered non-profit which benefits the Swissvale Senior Citizen's Center can be sent to:

Seniors Always Matter

c/o Carol Palangio

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SWISSVALE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

OPEN POSITIONS ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Council is seeking volunteers for one open position on each of the two Advisory Committees:

Shade Tree Advisory Committee

The responsibilities of the Committee shall be to advise Borough Council on all matters of policy involving the preservation of the Borough's trees, as well as advise on the planting, transplanting and expansion of the trees within the Borough and, where appropriate, to make suggestions to the appropriate Borough officials on the removal of trees that present a danger or threat to the public health or safety. In addition, the Shade Tree Committee may advise the Borough regarding available funding and grants to support the preservation of the Borough's trees, including preservation of existing trees as well as the planting and replanting of new trees within the Borough. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee shall include:

- When requested by Council, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter or question coming within the scope of its work.
Serve as a liaison between the community and Council with respect to community concerns relating to street, park, or public trees.
- Interact closely with the Department of Public Works to assist in matters relating to street, park, and public trees, including recommendations for tree species selection, placement, removal, and pruning, and to investigate funding and financial support for those activities.
- Report at least annually to the full Council concerning its transactions, expenses, as approved by Council, recommendations and activities for the previous calendar year.



Recreation Advisory Committee

The Swissvale Recreation Advisory Committee shall advise Borough Council on all matters of policy involving the supervision, management, and maintenance of all parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, swimming pools, or recreation centers owned and operated by the Borough, or which may be hereafter acquired. The Swissvale Recreation Advisory Committee may advise the Borough regarding available funding and grants to support maintenance, improvements or recreational programs at facilities or properties owned by the Borough. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee shall include:

- When requested by Council, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter or question coming within the scope of its work.
- Serve as a liaison between the community and Council with respect to community concerns relating to recreation activities within the Borough.
- Interact closely with the Department of Public Works to assist in matters relating to maintenance of athletic fields, parks and other recreation areas and facilities within the Borough.
- Submit written reports at each regular monthly meeting of Council concerning the Committee's transactions and expenses, as approved by Council, and the Committee's accomplishments, recommendations and activities.



Anyone interested in volunteering to serve in either of these positions are asked to submit a letter of interest to Council to be considered. Letters can be forwarded to the Borough Admin Office or by email to admin@swissvaleborough.com. This is a great opportunity to get involved with our community!

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2018 SNAPSHOT

1. Chief Ellis Watson is sworn in on February 7th, 2018 by Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder
2. Members of the Swissvale Fire Department volunteered their time during Swissvale Community Days
3. Filming for the show "\$1" took place on McClure Ave
4. 2018 was another successful year for the SFD Fish Fry
5. The Annual Car Cruise and Corn Roast took place Saturday September 9th
6. Officer Dave Zacchia stopped by Swissvale Night of Lights to introduce new K-9 officer Atlas to Mr. and Mrs. Claus (surprise appearance by the mayor too!)

