



Citizen's Police Academy

The Swissvale Police Department presented six graduates of the Swissvale Police Department Citizen's Police Academy with certificates at the Council Meeting on September 4, 2019. The Citizen's Police Academy covered numerous topics about policing over the six weeks of instruction.

Topics covered included:

- Police Department organization
- Police Department equipment and training
- Patrol Operations
- Criminal Investigation
- Tour of 911 dispatch center
- K-9 Operations
- Use of Force
- Overview of Criminal Procedure
- Overview of the Court System

The Swissvale Police Department looks forward to making the Citizen's Police Academy an annual event. If you are interested in attending in the future, please check the Swissvalian for the next available opportunity.

Street Sweeping ends on October 31 and leaf collection begins on November 1, 2019. For more information about leaf collection see page 12.

Swissvale Rotary Club

The Swissvale Rotary club was happy to partner with the Borough and at the October 2 Council meeting present a \$5,000 check for improvements (signage, landscaping, doggie cleanup stations and benches, etc.) for the S. Braddock Avenue and Church Street park. The club was also responsible for the 21 trees planted in 2018. Each year the club supports the Swissvale Library, Senior Center, Community Days, Farmers Market and



the Woodland Hills and Universal Academy 3rd grade dictionary project along with district programs for area high school students. This year the club is supporting the Swissvale/Braddock Wolverines and WH Women's Basketball Team. And each year the club takes on at least one special project. The 2019-2020 project will be birthday kits for the children who receive support from the local food pantries in conjunction with Beverly's Birthdays. Kits contain cake mix and icing along with party accessories so that each child can have their own birthday celebration. Find out more about upcoming fundraisers, our motto "Service Above Self" and the club by stopping by a meeting held Thursdays at 6 p.m. at 1913 (Goodfellas).

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Borough Administration

Borough Manager Message

As fall comes, so does the budget season for the Borough Administration. As we are working through the preparation of the preliminary budget proposal for presentation to Council in the weeks ahead, I am happy to report to the taxpayers, that again, the Borough Administration will not be proposing any increases in property taxes for 2020. The Borough's proposed budget should be available online for public inspection by the end of November.

In 2020, we will have another year of significant infrastructure improvements. The following is a list of some of the major projects that are planned.

- Sewer line replacement and repaving on Agnes Street, Burton Street, and Denniston Avenue (\$525k)
- Repaving of Schoyer Avenue from Monongahela to Nevada, portions of Aurelius and Whipple Street from Monroe to the city line. (\$200k)
- A sewer lining project on Lilmont Drive (\$75k).
- Phase 2B of the Noble Street Streetscape Project (\$225k – \$161k grant funded).
- New traffic signals at the intersection of South Braddock and Waverly (\$60k- 100% grant funded)
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail Project connecting Collingwood and Memorial Parks (and Rankin Borough) to the Carrie Furnace Development Area (\$375k- 100% grant funded).

These projects total nearly \$1.5 million. Approximately \$600k will be from the Sewer Maintenance Fund, \$596k from various Grant Funds and the remainder from our Capital Improvement Funds.

We have been able to make significant capital improvements in the community over the last few years and we hope to continue doing so into the future. This has been accomplished through prudent fiscal management, leveraging available grant funding, growing our tax base instead of increasing taxes and providing some essential services to other communities through Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreements (ICAs). I would like to personally thank Senator Jay Costa for his help in getting Swissvale \$596K in grant funding towards these projects. He has been such a great a partner to our community and always willing help in any way he can. Thank you Senator Costa!

As we move into the end of the year, this is the time that many of us celebrate various holidays. I hope that each and every one of you have a safe, wonderful and joyous holiday season!

I would also like to mention that Patty Gionta has recently resigned from her seat on Council. Ms. Gionta was in her 4th term, serving for nearly 16 years. She has been involved in so many important changes and initiatives in the Borough during her tenure, the list of which is too long for this publication. It was a pleasure to work with her and we all wish her well. In October, Council appointed Shawn Alfonso-Wells to serve the remainder of this term of Council thru January 2020.

Clyde Wilhelm

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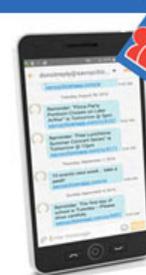
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Fire Department



Tips to Avoid House Fires in Winter

All winter long, families should take simple steps to protect their homes and their families from the dangers of household hazards that can cause electrical and heating fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Fireplaces

Fireplaces that go unused for most of the year get lots of use around the holidays and during winter as they provide a source of heat and a cozy atmosphere. Yet, they also provide a great source of danger if you don't know what preventative steps to take to keep your home and family safe.

Extension Cords

Residents are encouraged to read the label on extension cords and make sure their electric heater is set up safely. It is simple actions like these that prevent home fires during the winter months. During a typical year, home electrical problems account for 67,800 fires, 485 deaths, and \$868 million in property losses across the country, according to the U.S. Fire Administration.



Electrical Appliances

Some of these fires are caused by electrical system failures and appliance defects, but many more are caused by the misuse and poor maintenance of electrical appliances, incorrectly installed wiring, and overloaded circuits and extension cords. Fire deaths are highest in winter months which call for more indoor activities and increase in lighting, heating, and appliance use, according to the U.S. Fire Administration.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

The heating season also increases the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is a clear, odorless and potentially fatal gas produced by home heating systems, hot water heaters, faulty chimneys, kerosene or fuel oil room heaters, gas stoves, fireplaces, charcoal grills and car exhaust. It can cause flu-like symptoms, vomiting, loss of consciousness, brain damage and eventually death.

Our flyer "Is your family safe from fire?" suggests simple steps you can take to prevent electrical and heater fires and prevent carbon



monoxide poisoning. Installing smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and having a home escape plan are essential components of family fire safety. It is also important to have a fire extinguisher near the cooking area but be certain you know how to use it safely.

Winter time is holiday time - and that means lots of cooking, lots of entertaining, and unfortunately, lots of opportunities for home fires to occur. Swissvale Fire urges families to pay particular attention to fire safety during the winter and holiday season. While fires in the winter tend to be fewer, they are much more serious. While winter home fires only account for 8% of the total fires in the U.S., they result in 30% of all fire deaths.

In 2018, 152 people died in fires across Pennsylvania. This was nearly a 20% increase over previous years. Nearly 55% (83) of these fire related deaths occurred during the winter heating season from November thru March. The following are the most common causes of fires during this season according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and U.S. Fire Administration (USFA):

- Unattended/Careless Cooking
- Overloaded outlets
- Misuse of extension cords
- Not turning off lights and decorations before going to bed or leaving the home
- Using old or worn holiday lights and electrical cords

The vast majority of fires are preventable. Please do your part to prevent these types of fire from happening – It could save your life! Be smart, think fire safety and don't take unnecessary chances. When it comes to using electrical items remember this: "when in doubt – throw it out!" Don't take the chance.

Again, we cannot stress enough the importance of working smoke detectors in your home. Working smoke alarms double your chances of escaping a fire safely. Be sure the Smoke detectors work and change your batteries November 1st with daylight savings time. Carbon Monoxide detectors are also a must for homes with fuel burning appliances. Establish and practice an escape plan with your family and especially your children.

Most importantly, should a fire occur in your home: Remember to GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL 911!

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Library

Events at the Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale: November / December 2019

Update on “Love Your Library” Month

You loved us, and we love all you patrons of the Swissvale Library who contributed to us during “Love Your Library” month in September! Whether you came to the Friends Book and Bake Sale, our ongoing CD sale, or our Chili Cookoff, or whether you made a donation of time, money, books, DVDs, CDs, cookies or cakes and more, we are very appreciative. Monetary donations will be partially matched by a generous grant from the Jack Buncher Foundation. We put the funds right back into improvements and children’s programs at the library, so it’s a win-win-win for all. THANKS, SWISSVALE!

Friends of the Swissvale Library Holiday Bake Sale

**Friday December 13th and
Saturday December 14th, 2019**

The Friends of the Library are holding their impressive annual Holiday Bake Sale (sorry, no books!) just in time for your holiday celebrations, on Friday, 12/13/19, and on Saturday, 12/14/19, during regular library hours. Buy a few cookies or create a custom tray! Pam and Donna will also be there with their delightful knitted gifts: hats, scarves, toys, towels, scrubbies, and more.

Cookie Exchange and Holiday Sing Along

Friday December 20, 2019 7-9 PM

The Cookie Exchange is a yearly holiday event with games, refreshments, and COOKIES, of course; this year, it will also have music. It will begin with a holiday singalong – all voices welcomed -- led by some great local talent. The cookie exchange will take place at the intermission for all those wishing to join in: bring 3 dozen homemade cookies here, take 3 dozen home. Voila! Your very own cookie assortment! Please bring an empty container to take home your carefully selected cookies. You can come for the cookies without caroling, or sing without exchanging cookies.

Children and Teen Programs

Preschool Story Time

Monday mornings - 11am-12pm

Children ages 3-5 - There will be stories, games, and crafts!

Board Games

Monday 4-5pm

School aged children - Bingo on every 1st Monday!

Saturday Fun

Saturday afternoons at 1pm

Children of all ages – Crafts, games, and friends!

Anime Club

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4pm-5pm

Teens and Tweens – Friends, food, and anime!

Adult Programs

Tuesday Tech Tutoring for Adults

Tuesdays from 1-5 pm

We welcome the return of our volunteer tech wizard! Carolyn Luck provides free ½ hour sessions on using your smartphone, tablet, or computer. Registration is required; please sign up at the front desk or call for a reservation.

Knit and Crochet Club

2nd Thursday of the month from 6-8pm

Would you enjoy knitting or crocheting with other friendly yarn enthusiasts? All are welcome to join our monthly night of yarn crafting; suitable for amateurs to professionals.

Book Discussion Groups

Warm up with a rousing book discussion by joining one of our five book discussion groups! New members may join at any time, without any commitment on your part. If you also enjoy cooking, check out our newest Yummy Book Club, where you read a designated book each month and then bring food relating to that book or time period. Lists for all five 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 in library
- 2nd Sundays – 1pm – Yummy Book Club (combining books & food); meets in library
- 2nd Thursdays – 3 p.m. – Afternoon Eclectic group; meets downstairs in Senior Center
- 4th Mondays – 2 p.m. – Afternoon Mystery group; meets in library
- 4th Mondays – 7 p.m. – Evening Mystery group; meets downstairs in Senior Center

Programs for Everyone

Live Local Music at the Library in November and December

Local musicians entertain one Saturday each month here at the Swissvale Library. All performances are free and open to the public. Get ready for some toe-tapping good times with friends and neighbors! Here’s our November and December line-up:

Saturday November 23, 2019

Teresa Hawthorne (jazz/dance) – 1:30-2:15 pm

OHM Project (original keyboard/covers) – 2:15pm-3pm

Friday December 20, 2019

Holiday Sing Along – 7-8 pm

This is for anyone who likes to sing holiday music, preceding our annual COOKIE EXCHANGE at 8pm (see above)

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Library

Art at the Library Too!

The tops of our bookshelves look great when they're home to lovely artwork. Most recently we featured artwork by Katy DeMent, the Paper Lady. If you are an artist and would like to have your art displayed at the Swissvale Library, see Kate.

Keep earning "Book Bucks," only here at Swissvale Library!

Now in its 20th year, Swissvale Library offers a reward program to our readers in the form of our own special currency, Book Bucks. If you can read—and there is no age limit—stop by for a form, and begin keeping track of your books. In May we hold our incredible Book Bucks Auction, with over 100 zany, unique, and/or valuable items to bid upon. Commence reading!

Little Listeners

Are your kids too young for Book Bucks? Read to your young ones, and when they turn in lists of 15 books they listened to, they will choose a prize from the basket! Plus – and way more important than prizes – research shows that being read to helps young children develop language skills that support their learning for the rest of their lives.

Wizard Plays of Swissvale - Fall Season continues until November 16, 2019

Saturdays through November 16, 2019 – 7 pm

New players of all ages are always welcome. You can learn the rules to this card game quickly, and everyone goes home with a small weekly prize. Come for the cards and snacks, stay for the community camaraderie!

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Environment

Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee Update

Have you noticed some new trees in our community? The Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee has been busy over the past few months mulching and planting in several areas. The committee continues to work with the Swissvale DPW, Nine Mile Run Watershed Association, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, and Tree Vitalize to expand the urban canopy in our borough and maintain our existing trees.

In September, the tree pits along the bus way were weeded and mulched in preparation for winter. Currently, the health of some of the trees along the bus way is being assessed. The large amount of rain may be to blame for the health of these trees.

19 trees were approved by Tree Vitalize and planted during late October. Volunteers planted five trees in Les Getz Memorial Park, ten trees in Park Avenue Square, and the remaining trees on Whipple Street, Blackhawk Street, McClure Avenue, and Delaware Avenue.

The Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee is committed to working with Swissvale through tree planting, tree care, education about trees, and

community involvement. Any Swissvale resident interested in learning more about the Shade Tree Committee, acquiring a tree, or has a question or concern about trees can now contact the SSTAC at Swissvale.Tree.Committee@gmail.com. Volunteers are always needed!



Winterizing Your Trees

According to BioAdvanced, Science Based Solutions, a division of the Life Science Corporation, taking simple steps in fall, can ensure your trees enter winter ready to weather whatever nature unleashes.

Mulch

In late fall to early winter, add a thin layer (no more than 2 inches) of organic mulch beneath your tree's drip line. Mulch insulates soil and tree roots against temperature extremes and slows water loss from soil. Don't pile mulch directly against the tree trunk. Wait to mulch until the ground freezes to prevent mice from making your mulch their winter quarters.

Water

Keep trees, especially newly-planted ones, well-watered through fall until the ground freezes.

Spray

Winter sun and wind create drying conditions for broadleaf evergreens, such as Rhododendron or Mountain Laurel. Spray an anti-desiccant, which covers leaves with a waxy coating, to reduce moisture loss.

Wrap

When winter sun thaws a tree trunk by day and cold night air freezes it, bark cells can rupture, creating cracks in the trunk. This condition is called sunscald. To protect trees, cover trunks with crepe paper tree wrap. Working from the bottom, wrap the trunk, overlapping layers by



one-third. Stop wrapping just above lowest branches. Remove the wrap in spring. You can also paint the tree trunk white or wrap it with a white plastic rabbit guard. Sunscald occurs most often on trees planted on west or south sides of buildings.

Melt

Keep rock salt (sodium chloride) away from trees. Rock salt interferes with roots' ability to absorb water, oxygen and nutrients. Choose ice melt products containing calcium, potassium or magnesium chloride.

Clear

Accumulating snow on tree branches can break them. To remove snow, gently push it off limbs using upward movements. Don't try to break ice off branches. Instead, use a garden hose connected to a hot water faucet, but take care not to burn the plant.

Prune

Winter provides a great opportunity for inspecting and pruning trees. You can easily see the tree's structure and identify problem branches. If trees overhang perennial or vegetable gardens, pruning those trees in winter won't damage your plantings. Pruning during dormancy can also prevent disease spread, since disease organisms are also dormant.

Following these steps can help to your plants survive through the winter so to flourish in the spring.

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Woodland Hills

Board Member Profile: Chardae Seligsohn

Seligsohn grew up in the Edgewood/Swissvale area, attended Woodland Hills School District, and met her husband there. The high-school sweethearts (graduates of 2004) married and moved to Wilkins, where they currently live with their two children, ages 10 and 8. As a life-long Woodland Hills-area resident, graduate, and parent, Seligsohn loves volunteering in the schools. In 2015, she began the PTO at Wilkins Primary. Her enthusiasm and dedication was appreciated by others who wrote her in to the primary in 2017 when she was appointed to school board.

Seligsohn says what she likes best about being a school board member is seeing “regular people coming together to make a difference.” And, of course, her favorite part of the involvement is “being with the kids,” she adds. In her professional life, as a realtor, Seligsohn enjoys discussing

Woodland Hills and its 12 communities with interested clients. Her goals as board member are to see the district achieve and to go beyond state standards academically, and for fair and equitable academic achievement. “You can already see the difference in the past year,” says Seligsohn. And, she plans to help the district continue to seek those goals. “I have kids here, I’m living it with you,” she adds. She sees the district’s greatest strengths being, “our diversity and our resilience,” she says. She hopes residents will take time to come and tour the schools or have open discussions if they have any questions.

Seligsohn represents residents in Chalfant, Churchill, Turtle Creek and Wilkins. Residents can reach her by phone at 412-414-1704 or by e-mail at selich@whsd.net.

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Spotlights



Tyler Coles Public Works Department

Tyler has worked for Swissvale for one year and before that he worked eight years as a truck driver for Pitt Ohio Trucking. His primary job is to collect garbage and recycling. Tyler wants people to know that garbage collection isn't as bad as it seems. When that is finished, he completes other general tasks. Tyler's favorite part of the job is starting early and ending early. He says, "After working nights for eight years, leaving work at 2:30/3:30 is great!" He says that every day is memorable because he enjoys his work. The biggest pet peeve for Tyler is when a garbage bag splits open and spills all over the street. For fun Tyler likes anything sports related. His favorite vacation spot is Bethany Beach in Delaware. When asked for his favorite food Tyler says that he's a big guy and he doesn't discriminate. As for TV Tyler tends to watch whatever his kids are watching. In Tyler's own words he's a regular guy just going about his daily duties. His words of wisdom are: "It is what it is".



Officer Christopher Ellis Police Department

Chris has been working for the borough since May but has been a police officer for the last two years. His daily tasks include going on patrols and meeting members of the community. Chris enjoys his time in Swissvale and likes being able to meet people around town. The most surprising part of the job is the amount of paperwork he has to do every day. Due to the nature of the job, Chris says, everyday is interesting. Outside of work Chris enjoys playing sports, hockey in particular. His favorite vacation spot is any beach in Florida. Chris's favorite food is pasta and his favorite show is the Office. An actor who he'd have play him in a movie is Phillip M. Thomas AKA Ricardo Tubbs. An interesting fact about Chris is that he has played hockey his entire life and played D1 Hockey in college at IUP. His words of wisdom are: "I wouldn't do that if I were you!"



John Munsie Fire Department

John has worked for Swissvale for the last five years as a Firefighter/Pre-Hospital Registered Nurse (PHRN). He was also a flight nurse for 18 years before coming to Swissvale. On a day to day basis he responds to Fire and EMS calls. Beyond just responding to calls, John also helps to install smoke detectors in residents' homes and conduct fire inspections. When asked what he enjoys most about his work, John says that he enjoys the bond he shares with his fellow firefighters. Outside of work John enjoys playing golf. His favorite vacation spot is anywhere there's a beach especially Topsail Island or Key West. His favorite food is Veal Parmesan and his favorite TV show is the Office. John's pet peeve is slow people. An actor who could play him in a movie is Rainn Wilson. John's words of wisdom are: "Be Nice!"

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Community Happenings



Borough Calendar

11/05	Election Day	12/03	Giving Tuesday
11/06	Council Meeting / Food Bank Distribution Day	12/04	Council Meeting / Food Bank Distribution Day
11/11	Veteran's Day - Administrative offices Closed	12/07	Swissvale Night of Lights
11/13	Shade Tree Advisory Committee Meeting	12/11	Shade Tree Advisory Committee Meeting
11/20	Agenda Meeting / Food Bank Distribution Day	12/13	Holiday Bake Sale - Swissvale Library
11/23	Live Music at the Library Free Community Dinner - River City Church	12/14	Holiday Bake Sale - Swissvale Library
11/25	SEDCO Meeting	12/18	Agenda Meeting / Food Bank Distribution Day
11/28	Thanksgiving - Administrative Offices Closed	12/20	Holiday Cookie Exchange & Sing Along - Swissvale Library
11/29	Day after Thanksgiving - Administrative Office Closed	12/23	SEDCO Meeting
		12/24	Christmas Eve
		12/25	Christmas Day - Offices Closed

Wilkins School Community Center Events

Fresh Perspectives 2020

The roles and impact of women in the future will be determined by the teen girls of today.



Fresh Perspectives workshops will encourage you to explore your goals, build confidence and learn about career opportunities. Meet, learn from and work with successful women writers and artists. Collaborate with others on expressive writing and art projects. Participate in a gallery exhibit to present your ideas and works to the public.

Open to teen girls, 13-18. Workshops meet Saturdays 10:00 - 12:00 January 18, 25, February 1 and 8, 2020. Gallery Exhibit April 4 - April 30. The opening Reception is April 4, 2020. Apply online at www.wscpcgh.org; the deadline is November 30, 2018. There is no cost to participate. Funding provided by Remake Learning and Wilkins School Community Center

WSCC Art Gallery

Ron Donoghue and Guests – Art Talk November 2 from 2:30 to 4:00PM

Ron has been a painter working mostly in and around Western Pennsylvania for most of his life. His main focus is capturing how the landscape feels – at different times of the day and in different seasons. He paints every single day. His work is included in many private and public collections including his 90 Neighborhoods body of work that is on permanent view at the Heinz History Center.

In The Neighborhood

The Wilkins School Community Center Gallery, in partnership with The Pittsburgh Watercolor Society presents *In the Neighborhood*, a wonderful exhibit of plein air artworks created by participants in a workshop led by noted Pittsburgh artist Ron Donahue. The exhibit is open daily through November 15th.

East End Artists

From November 23 through January 25

Stop by The Gallery at WSCC to view East End Artists featuring creations by artists who meet, play, learn and visit our East End neighborhoods. People's Choice award winners will be announced at the closing reception, so cast your vote for your favorite. Meet the artists at the opening reception Nov. 23, 6-8.



Community Happenings

Wilkins School Community Center Events (continued)

Come In and Move with Us

Now that the weather is turning and the sun is hiding come to our warm, welcoming center for a class. Here is a list of just a few that might catch your fancy. Many classes offer drop in rates too. New classes are added all the time so visit wsccpgh.org for a complete list. Fitness classes include Beginner Mat Pilates, Yoga, and Awareness Through Movement, Tai Chi, and Aikido. Dance classes are Pittsburgh Steppers, Tango, Belly Dance, Waltz, Ballet, Tap & Jazz. Rather sit and create? Take an art class; Watercolor, Pastels, and Acrylics.

Help the WSCC on this 24-Hour Day of Giving!

With your help we can repair extensive water damage in the main room, the heart of the WSCC. This room hosts art, acting, and fitness classes for seniors; social dance classes, tai chi, music sessions and community events for all ages; and birthday celebrations, anniversary parties, baby showers & reveals. Your donation, no matter the amount will keep this a warm, welcoming, safe place to Meet Play Learn & Grow!

Give online at wsccpgh.org or stop in to give between 2pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm on December 3rd to say hello, share a drink and snack!

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

December 3, 2019

Other Community Events

Madonna del Castello & Word of God Parishes

Madonna
2021 So. Braddock Ave., 412.271.5666

Word of God Church (WoG)
7446 McClure Ave., 412.241.1372

Contact: Deacon Ron Demblowski,
412.241.1372

Weekend Masses:
Saturdays at 5:30, Madonna

Sundays at 9 am, Word of God

Little Sisters of the Poor Food Drive:
Thursday, November 28th- Sunday, Dec. 1st
Madonna and Word of God.

Ecumenical Carolfest:
Sunday, December 15th, 6 pm, TBD

Christmas Masses:
Wednesday, Dec. 25th
Midnight at Word of God, 10 am at Madonna.

City Reach Church

cityreachswissvale@gmail.com
www.cityreachswissvale.org
7327 McClure Avenue, 15218

Regular Worship Schedule: 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Childcare is provided.

CityReach Church Swissvale will host a candlelight Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Union Baptist Church of Swissvale

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

Regular Worship Schedule: Sunday, 10:00 am

Bible Study: 7:00 pm every Monday

Prayer and Worship: 7:00 pm every Friday

Food Bank

Distributions are on the second Thursday of each month. The next distributions are on November 14 and December 12, from 2:00 – 4:30 P.M. New applicants will need a photo ID, proof of Swissvale residency, and proof of income. Contact us at 412-638-8336.

Men's Community Breakfast

Every second Saturday at 9:00 A.M. All men are welcome. Free will offering.

Women's Ministries

- Daughters of the King ministry for women 18 and older. The first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:00 P. M.
- S.H.O.U.T (Sisters Hanging Out United in Truth): The second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 12:30 P.M. in the Union Baptist Church Annex, 2116 Collingwood Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218

Line Dancing

Every Saturday morning (except the second Saturday) at 9:00 am. Free of charge.

Union Baptist Church of Swissvale (cont.)

Ask A Lawyer

Consult with a lawyer free of charge every second Monday from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Walk-in or by appointment. Call 412-278-7161 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Areas covered are Bankruptcy, Civil Rights, Contracts, Employment, Family, Immigration, Landlord/Tenant, Real Estate Property, Unemployment Compensation, and Wills/Estate Planning.

Music Workshop

Every Saturday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Practice with veteran music makers. Musicians and aspiring musicians of all skill levels including beginners are welcome. Bring your own instrument. Free of charge.



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 the 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm at H Lane Dry Goods and Coffee Shop (2009 Noble Street)

Community Happenings



Other Community Events (continued)

Swissvale Presbyterian Church

1825 Monongahela Avenue
 Pittsburgh, PA 15218
 Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am - 1:30pm
 Office Phone: 412-351-0900
 Office Email: Swissvale.Presbychurch.
 Secretary@gmail.com

Sunday Worship Services:

10:00AM – Adult Sunday School
 11:00AM – Worship Service
 11:15AM – Children’s Sunday School

Eucharist Schedule:

Sun. Oct. 6th – World Wide Communion Sun.
 Dec. 15th – Joy Communion

Hosted Community Events:

Eastman Community Projects:
 Community Choir Practice
 Sept.- Dec. Fridays 7:00-9:00 PM
 New members are welcome to join.

Triangle Hoagie Sales

6” Battleship Sub from Swissvale’s Famous
 Triangle Bar & Grill
 Cost: \$7.00
 To Order: Call or e-mail Church Office.
 Last Day to Order Date: December 9th
 Pick-up Date: December 11th

SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS:

Bake Sale & Soup Sale

Sun., November 10th , 12:30 – 2:30PM
 Location: Church Social Hall Homemade bake
 goods and soups will be sold. Bake goods will
 be marked and all homemade soups will be
 \$7.00 per quart.
 Want a quick lunch, the church will be offering
 a light luncheon for Adults \$7.00 and for
 Children 4 and under \$2.00. If you’re a vet,
 provide the proper ID and eat for free.

Menu: Choose either a Ham BBQ or Hot Dog
 Sides included: Baked Beans, Chips, & a Drink.

Children’s Hospital Sausage Day Fundraiser

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 11 a.m.



The Boomerang Bar (1928 Monongahela Ave)
 is hosting its famous Sausage Day starting at
 11 a.m. on December 14, 2019 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.

SWISSVALE ROTARY
 Rotary Meetings take place every Thursday at 1915
 McCague Street (Goodfellas Restaurant and Bar).
 The rotary will not meet on November 28, 2019 or
 December 26, 2019.

Borough of Swissvale NIGHT OF LIGHTS

Saturday, December 5th

Activities: 5:30pm

Tree Lighting: 6:00pm

Swissvale Fire Department

7400 Irvine Street

Carol Fest!

**THE SWISSVALE
 MINISTERIUM'S
 ANNUAL
 CHRISTMAS
 CELEBRATION**

DECEMBER 15, 2018
 6:00PM
 PITTSBURGH MENNONITE
 CHURCH
 2018 S. BRADDOCK AVE.

Want to participate? Contact Rev. Dave
 Swanson, dave@pittsburghmennonite.org
 by December 8.

Free Will offering benefits
 Swissvale food pantries.

Public Works

Seasonal Reminders from Swissvale Public Works

Leaf Collection

The annual leaf collection program will begin on Friday, November 1, 2019 and will continue through Friday, December 6, 2019, 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 are rather large and may not be able to get close enough to pick them up.

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 in your neighborhood they will not be collected until the following week!

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, you cannot 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.

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 hours a day, 7 days a week 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.

The Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code prohibits parking within 15 feet of any intersection of a public street. This also includes all alleys where they intersect with the street. It is critical that this law be followed as the snow plows cannot safely enter an alley if someone is parked too close to the intersection. If the snow plow cannot safely enter the alley the alley will not be salted or plowed until it is safe to enter.

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 Thursday, January 2, 2019 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.

Emergency Alerts from Wilksburg- Penn Joint Water Authority

Visit the Wilksburg-Penn Joint Water Authority to register your account and telephone number to receive emergency alerts. On the website, you'll also find information on lead, pay by phone and frequently asked questions. A WPJWA report is given at the monthly Council meeting and is available at the Borough office.

Emergency Phone Number Signup

We are required by law to notify all customers in case of an emergency. If you have not already done so, please fill in the form below to sign up. To find your Customer ID and Location ID please review "Customer Bill Explained"

Name *

Customer ID * Location ID *

Phone Number *

THE WOODLAND HILLS JUNIOR MUSICAL
presents DISNEY'S **GRADES 7-9**

GENERAL ADMISSION \$7

THE LITTLE MERMAID

January 16-18 @ 7:30pm

Tickets will be available at the door.

There will also be a 2pm matinee on January 18.

Performed in the WHHS Thomas G. Crone Auditorium

Business Spotlight

Grit Athletix - Grand Opening in Swissvale

We are so pleased to announce the grand opening of Grit Athletix. Grit Athletix is the culmination of the restoration of the sports facilities at the former Edgewood Tennis and Fitness Club on McKelvey Road Extension in Swissvale. As of this time, there are various basketball and volleyball activities for youth (boys and girls) and adults (men and women) at Grit. Throughout the week and on weekends, there are training sessions, leagues, tournaments and organized pick-up games.

Several years ago, Clyde Wilhelm, Swissvale's Borough Manager, showed the facilities to Jim Carlisle, a local business man with other multi-sports facilities holdings and a national business lawyer and growth and exit planning specialist. Clyde described the gradual deterioration of the facility but emphasized the future potential to again become a community asset. After several

additional meetings, the vision came together – turn this blight into a treasure. Retain the unique historical structure and expand the sporting activities to larger group activities (basketball and volleyball) that more residents and visitors will enjoy.



A sampling of Grit's current basketball programs follow. If you have any interest in participating in any of these activities, please go to Grit Athletix's Facebook page and like and follow it and you will be notified of Grit's programs. Grit's facilities are also available to be leased by groups for basketball and/or volleyball events and activities. If you have

any questions, feel free to email Jim at jim.carlisle@dinsmore.com.

In time, Grit Athletix hopes to add other activities to the campus. Jim is currently discussing with various interested parties the following sports/fitness/exercise concepts for consideration: baseball, tennis, group exercise (Les Mills), yoga, pilates, dance, martial arts, CrossFit, gymnastics and pickleball. Grit is also exploring the addition of a social/banquet hall and/or a restaurant. If you have any interest in the new proposed expansion programs listed above, please like Grit's Facebook page and email Jim. Grit will then add you to a list so that you will be notified of the launch of the new programs. Please feel free to let Jim know if you have an entrepreneurial interest in being involved with any of these potential new expansion programs.

Parisi Café and Italian Market

7107 Harrison Avenue, ParisiCafePittsburgh@gmail.com, Facebook & Instagram: [@parisicafepittsburgh](https://www.instagram.com/parisicafepittsburgh)

Years ago when neighborhood markets flourished, any person could simply walk to their corner store to pick up provisions for dinner. As large grocery stores flooded the market, small grocers' doors shuttered, leaving a hole for the average consumer. This is where Christina Parisi saw her vision- to open a coffee shop with Italian baked goods and a high-quality cup of coffee in a neighborhood with great people. For months, Edgewood resident, Christina Parisi, was regularly seen in her shop working meticulously to repaint and revitalize the newly opened storefront.

In what has been a long-awaited project that has captured the imagination of many a resident, the opening of Parisi Café took place September 3rd of 2019 located at 7107 Harrison Avenue. "I'm thrilled to be a part of this ongoing legacy of great Italian coffee shops. Just to have the opportunity to create a place for the good folks of Swissvale to gather, relax, and work is a life-long dream of mine. These types of places are a cherished part of neighborhood identity. I plan on continuing to bring the very best of Italian pastries, coffee, and most importantly all around warmth and hospitality to the Swissvale community." said Christina Parisi, owner of the Café.



Ms. Parisi is a self-taught barista and is now a pro at whipping up classic Café standards like cappuccinos, lattes, and mochas. Parisi Café and Italian Market is a community coffee shop offering the finest cup of coffee in a warm and inviting atmosphere. They are open six days a week: 7am-5pm Tuesday –Friday, 8am-5pm Saturdays, and 8am-2pm Sundays. The espresso at Parisi Café is an exclusive blend supplied by Commonplace Coffee and is only available at the café alongside other Commonplace blends. If coffee isn't your

thing they also have a selection of teas and Italian sodas. Ms. Parisi gets all of her pastries and biscotti from Enrico Biscotti located in the strip district. When you stop in to get coffee and pastries don't forget to check out the Italian market with a selection of goods imported straight from Italy! You can even sample the polenta in the café's polenta bars. Ms. Parisi is very excited to have a business in Swissvale and looks forward to meeting more members of the community.



Helping Hand

Need Help With Your Utility Bills? There is help right here in Swissvale!

Don't let the cold winds of winter stress you! Holy Family Institute manages the Duquesne Light Customer Assistance Program (CAP) for customers who meet Federal Income Guidelines and are having difficulty paying their electric bills. Applications and enrollment is done by the Holy Family Institute in Swissvale in the Edgewood Towne Center Office Building (Suite 585).

The DLCO (Duquesne Light) CAP program establishes a reduced monthly electric payment to eligible participants. Eligibility is based on established Federal Income guidelines based on household size. For example, a household of one can gross up to \$1,561 per month and still be eligible for CAP.

Many other utilities offer CAPs, including Peoples Gas and ALCOSAN sewage (billed through WPJWA) for Swissvale residents. In addition to managing the DLCO CAP, Holy Family can assist in submitting CAP and Dollar

Energy applications for DLCO, Peoples Gas, Columbia Gas, West Penn Power, Clairton Sewage, Pennsylvania American Water, Pennsylvania American Water Sewage, West View Water, as well as ALCOSAN Sewage.

Walk-in hours to enroll or speak to a CAP Manager in person are available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Required items to bring to enroll for the DLCO CAP include copies of household income for a 30 day period, a copy of your Duquesne Light bill and social security numbers for all those residing in the home.

Dollar Energy eligibility for a household of one can gross up to \$2,082 per month, and Dollar Energy and other CAPs may require partnership payments (varies by utility and for seniors over 62) as well as income guidelines. Please call to confirm income limits by household size, program eligibility and what items are required to apply which can vary by program.

Stop in at Holy Family on any walk-in morning in Suite 585 in the Edgewood Towne Center Office Building to speak to a staff member or call 412.244.8010 with questions. Phones are answered M-F from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., except during walk-in hours while assistance is given to those enrolling.

Additional government assistance in paying heating bills is available through LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) and LIHEAP Crisis grants. Crisis grants are for situations involving terminated service or service termination notice, as well as furnace failure or malfunction. Contact 412-562-0330 or 1-866-857-7095 for more information.

Neighborhood Crime Watch Program with Swissvale Police Department

**Initial Start-up Meeting, Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7pm
Swissvale Borough Building (7560 Roslyn Street)**

The Swissvale Police Department is looking to work with residents to start neighborhood crime watch programs. Neighborhood crime watch is a program based on the principle that neighbors working together are the first and best line of defense against crime. Neighborhood crime watch organizes and extends what you are probably already doing on an informal basis. We tend to know and watch out for our closest neighbors, but a group of neighbors at one end of the block who are doing this may not know the group of neighbors at the other end of the block. Organizing a Neighborhood Crime Watch makes this attitude of watchfulness more systematic, and provides a block map or contact list with neighbors' names, telephone numbers and emails that can be used in case of an emergency.

The program usually requires two commitments:

- A commitment to be concerned about your neighbor's property and well-being as well as your own
- A commitment to report criminal activity and take action by alerting your neighbors and calling 9-1-1
- What will happen at the first meeting? At the initial meeting, members of the Swissvale Police Department will discuss:
 - Area crime
 - Crime trends
 - Prevention measures
 - Proactive things that neighbors can do to positively impact public safety

SAVE THE DATE



#GIVINGTUESDAY

GivingTuesday: December 3, 2019

A global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage giving and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Every year, on GivingTuesday, millions of people across the globe mobilize to show up, give back, and change their communities. The goal is to create a massive wave of generosity that lasts well beyond that day, and touches every person on the planet.

For more details about the GivingTuesday movement, visit the GivingTuesday website (www.givingtuesday.org), Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GivingTuesday>) or follow @GivingTuesday and the #GivingTuesday hashtag on Twitter.

Swissvale Senior Center



Swissvale Borough Senior Center

7350 McClure Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218, 412-731-6125

The Swissvale Borough Senior Center is located on the street level of the Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale with an entrance at 7350 McClure Avenue. Manager, Marion Clair, invites men and women ages 60 and older to join the center. There is no fee to join – it's free. The center is open Mondays Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please call for more information.

Ten Reasons to join the Swissvale Senior Center:

1. Hot meals are served Mondays & Fridays at 11:30 am and Wednesdays at 12:30 pm.
 2. Play BINGO – Mondays & Fridays at 12:30 pm and Wednesdays at 10:30 am.
 3. Join a bowling league! The seniors bowl Mondays at noon at Swissvale Bowl-A-Rama located at 2023 Noble Street. Hot coffee and snacks are served at no charge. Bowl three games with shoe rental for \$8.00. Call 412-271-4181 or stop in at Swissvale Bowl-A-Rama to join the fun!
 4. An exercise group meets Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 9 am.
 5. Free Panera Bread and other treats on Fridays.
 6. Free fruits and vegetables are available monthly.
 7. Take advantage of the T.V. lobby area... relax and watch T.V. with others.
 8. Hot coffee and a snack basket served daily at no charge.
 9. Holiday & Birthday celebrations and parties.
 10. Daily Raffle – win Giant Eagle Gift Cards & Cash Prizes
- Don't delay – join today! Meet other seniors in the community.



Donations can be made payable to Seniors Always Matter and they can be mailed to:

Swissvale Senior Center
Seniors Always Matter
 c/o Carol Palangio
 7350 McClure Ave
 Swissvale, PA 15218

Director, Carol Palangio would like to thank the following individuals & groups for their donations to Seniors Always Matter (SAM)::

- Mr. Jordan Marckisotto – Giant Eagle Edgewood Town Center
- Ms. Aisha Mariner – Giant Eagle Edgewood Town Center
- Swissvale Presbyterian Church
- Swissvale Rotary
- Mr. Clyde Wilhelm – Swissvale Borough Manager
- Mr. Thomas Barr – Tax Collector
- Mr. Charlie Nied
- Mr. David Mann
- Ms. Ann Haines



Thank you for your support to Seniors Always Matter!

Seniors Always Matter (SAM) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports the seniors at the Swissvale Senior Center. The mission statement of SAM is to enhance the lives of our senior citizens by providing opportunities for fellowship, fun, and food in a friendly and safe environment while also providing community celebration for special days and holidays. The non-profit is run by volunteers from our community and all donations support our local seniors. We are grateful for all donations and appreciate your consideration for future donations.





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**The Borough of Swissvale
wishes all residents a safe
and happy holiday season!**