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# March/ April 2019 News

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Street Sweeping season is back in Swissvale Borough! The street sweeper will be back out starting Monday April 1st. Residents are asked to move their cars on the respective days to allow the street sweeper to pass. Failure to move cars will result in a parking ticket.

# BOROUGH UPDATE

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER

I hope everyone has been staying warm during these cold days of winter! While we have had some very cold days, we have been fortunate that we have had a reasonably mild winter as far snowfall goes. Our Public Works has done a fine job of trying to stay ahead of the weather and I thank them for their efforts.

The fire department has been busy and on two of those very cold days, where temperatures were well below zero, they were out fighting fires in our community. On January 21st they responded to a serious 2 alarm structure fire at 2520 South Braddock Avenue and on February 1st, they responded to another serious structure fire in the rear of 2016 Monongahela. Both fires were caused by electrical issues related to extension cords. Fortunately, no one was hurt in either blaze. I would like to thank our firefighters and those departments from our surrounding communities that braved the cold weather to help our residents and protect our community.

Please look in this issue for further information and updates on the South Braddock Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Upgrade Project that will commence soon. There is also information on a potential project to design and construct pedestrian and bicycle trails connecting Memorial Field and Collingwood Parks to the Carrie Furnace development.

At the time of the printing of this newsletter, we are also working on presenting to Borough Council and the public a proposal for a new municipal building to house the Police and Administration as well as a new garage for the Public Works equipment. This plan will include the acquisition of property and the adaptive reuse of two existing structures in the Borough. The goal of this plan is to be able to provide adequate and up to date facilities without raising taxes to pay for it. Information will be available on the website as it becomes available.

~Clyde Wilhelm

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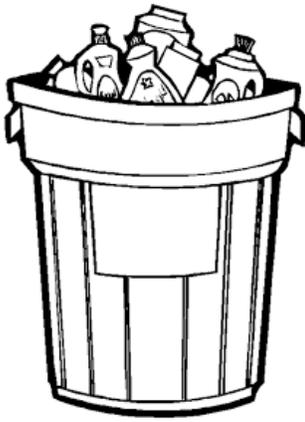
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## Clean-Up Day

The annual Swissvale Borough Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Activities begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Public Works Garage and at Memorial Park. We will be targeting areas around the Borough to clean and will provide bags, tools, gloves and T-Shirts to all participants. We are looking for volunteers of all ages and abilities to help with the annual clean-up. Volunteers should report to the DPW Garage at 7560 Roslyn Street by 9:30 a.m. on Clean-Up Day. Instructions will be given at that time and teams will be formed to clean various areas of the Borough. All volunteers will receive a complementary lunch and all are eligible to win prizes at the end of the clean-up.

Simultaneously, we will be collecting bulk waste and hard to recycle items at Memorial Park on Church Street. Any type of bulk waste will be accepted at this event as well as hard to recycle items such as televisions, computers and computer peripherals, batteries, paint, paint thinners, oil, antifreeze, fluorescent light bulbs, tires, Freon and non-Freon containing appliances, and almost any other type of waste product that is not normally collected in your weekly trash and recycling pick-up. This service is available to Swissvale residents only and all participants must show proof of residency. The gates at Memorial Park will open at 9:30 a.m. and will close at 1:30 p.m.

Please consider taking a few hours of time to volunteer and make Swissvale a great place to live and work. Even if you cannot participate in the entire event, any time you can devote to the clean-up is greatly appreciated.

## South Braddock Avenue and Sanders Street Intersection

The pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of South Braddock Avenue and Sanders Street have been completed. This project included the installation of three bump-outs to reduce traffic speed, reduce the distance that pedestrians must walk across South Braddock Avenue and protect pedestrians from motorists passing a turning vehicle, drainage improvements, repaving of the entire intersection and the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon system to alert motorists when there is a pedestrian in the crosswalk or ready to enter the crosswalk.

Although this is a significant safety upgrade for this intersection which is heavily travelled by pedestrians and motor vehicles alike, pedestrians still need to use common sense when approaching the intersection. The Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code requires a motorist to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian who is crossing the roadway in a marked crosswalk. However, please activate the signals and wait until traffic stops in both directions before you safely cross South Braddock Avenue.

## South Braddock Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements

After a great deal of planning and design work, the South Braddock Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvement project will begin this spring. Safety improvements will be made at every intersection along South Braddock Avenue between West Hutchinson Street and Woodstock Avenue in both the Boroughs of Swissvale and Edgewood. These improvements include new handicapped curb cuts, decorative brick look crosswalks that will better define the locations of the crosswalks, new pedestrian crossing signals and new storm water management facilities. The construction of this \$1.6 million project is totally grant funded and the Boroughs of Swissvale and Edgewood split the engineering and design costs.

Pugliano Construction plans to mobilize in March and anticipates working on the project for four to six months. The contractor will be working at every intersection along this corridor at one time

or another during the construction of this project.

There will be some inconveniences while travelling along South Braddock Avenue during this time period but the end result will be worth the wait. Please slow down while in the construction zone to protect the workers who are completing this project.

## Street Light Outages

There are currently over 600 individual street lights throughout the Borough of Swissvale and with that amount there are bound to be a number of those lights burned out at any given time. When a street light near your home, business or any other place in the Borough is burned out, please call the Swissvale Department of Public Works at 412-271-0350 to report the outage. When you call please have the address of the structure closest to the burned out street light and the pole number which is on a tag approximately six feet off of the ground. The Department of Public Works will notify Duquesne Light who owns the majority of the street lights in the Borough. Once Duquesne Light is notified they will place a work order for their crews to come out and repair the lights.

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# FIRE DEPARTMENT

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***Your Safety is Our Focus!***

## **Fire Department Annual Lenten Fish Fry—Every Friday During Lent**

The Swissvale Volunteer Fire Department will be holding its annual Lenten Fish Fry at the fire station at 7400 Irvine Street. They will also be offering free delivery for lunch and dinner. The fish fry will be open daily from 11 am to 7 pm 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 412-271-8415.



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### **CPR CLASSES**

The FD regularly offers CPR training classes at the fire station. Classes are scheduled various times throughout the year. The next class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

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

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

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## **Three New Volunteer Firefighters Begin Their Apprenticeship**

We would like to welcome our three newest volunteer firefighter apprentices to our organization: Eric Baldwin, Geoffrey Critzer and Darian Wofford. Mr. Baldwin has been an associate member of the fire department for some time now and serves as the department's Chaplain. However, he decided a few months ago that he wanted to become a firefighter. Mr. Critzer and his wife own and operate H Lane Dry Goods on Noble Street. Geoff wanted to volunteer in the community and thought this would be a great opportunity to do so. Mr. Wofford recently moved to Swissvale and had an interest in becoming a firefighter.

Our firefighters attend the PA State Fire Academy Essentials of Firefighting Program, where they undergo comprehensive training in this 188 hour course. They attend during various week nights and on weekends at the Monroeville Fire Training Center. Upon completion, they are prepared to take the National Pro-Board Firefighter I examination and then become a firefighter.

We would like to wish them success in this program and look forward to them working side by side with all of our firefighters so we can continue to provide our citizens with the superior services we enjoy. This endeavor requires serious commitment and a considerable amount of time, including sacrificing time away from their families. So if you see any of these people, take a moment to thank them for their efforts in our community.

## **Citizens Fire Academy**

Did you ever wonder what it is like to be a firefighter? Are you interested in understanding what our fire department does? Did you ever wonder what all that stuff is on the fire trucks and what is used for? There is an opportunity for you to get all those answers and more.

The Swissvale Fire Department will be hosting a Citizens Fire Academy this summer and it is expected to begin sometime in August. We will have the dates finalized and published in the next newsletter. This 16 hour course will provide a brief overview of the fire department, what we do, how the equipment works and the new and increasing dangers of the fires we experience in the fire service. The course will also provide some hands-on experiences so you can see what it is like to be a firefighter!



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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

The Swissvale Police Department is offering a Citizens Police Academy. The program is designed to give the average citizen a better understanding of the criminal justice system, in particular, the role Police Officers play in the community. The Citizens Police Academy is five weeks in duration and classes are to be held once a week.

Throughout the Academy students are presented with information on several key law enforcement topics. Such topics include but aren't limited to police academy training, patrol responsibilities, Community Oriented Policing (COPS), homicide investigations, narcotics investigations, the role of the court system (local magistrate, juvenile division, and adult criminal division), use of force issues, and evidence collection.

There are some general requirements to be eligible to participate in the Swissvale Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. Potential students must be eighteen (18) years of age or older, are subject to a criminal history / background check, must be free from any illegal drug use and reside in the Borough of Swissvale. An application must be obtained and filled out to be considered for the Academy.

**Applications are available upon request at the Borough Administrative Office or on the Website.** The Citizens' Police Academy is conducted to create a learning opportunity to further understanding of police operations and their relationship with our community. The Citizen's Academy does not qualify participants to become Police Officers under the training requirements set forth by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission (MPOETC).

**The Citizens Police Academy will occur on the following dates from 2pm to 4pm:**

**April 28**  
**May 5**  
**May 12**  
**May 19**  
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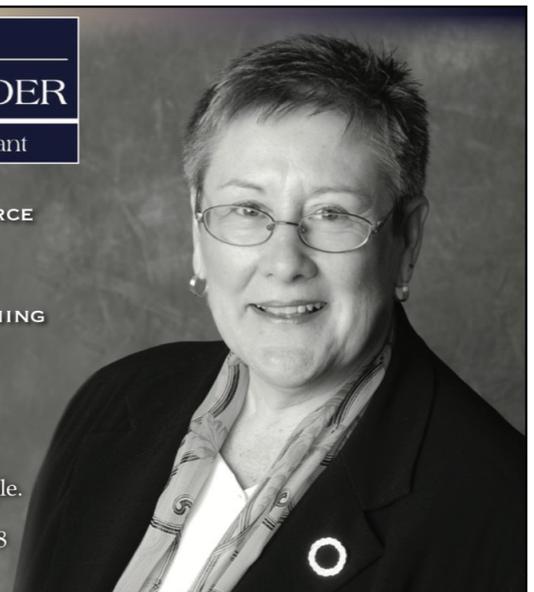
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# SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



## Spring Tree and Shrub Care Advice from the Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee

March is the time to take a look at your trees and take care of any of their needs so to insure healthy, beautiful trees.

**INSPECT**- Take a good look at your trees, shrubs, and landscape. Do you see any signs of insect or pest damage? Are there broken branches or split tree trunks? Are your shrubs damaged from snow or ice? Much of this you can do yourself, but depending on the extent of the damage, you may need to find a professional service to treat your trees. You may also have to make the determination of whether the condition of the tree warrants efforts to save it or if it should be removed.

**CLEAN UP**- If you have used tree wraps or burlap, this is the time to remove any winter protection from around your trees or shrubs. Remove any debris from under your trees such

as fallen twigs or branches. Also, rake up any fallen leaves from around the base of your trees.

**FERTILIZE**- When the ground has completely thawed, it is time to add nutrients to your landscape, including trees, by fertilizing. Late March and early April are the best times for this. Organic fertilizer is the best for the environment.

**TREAT FOR INSECT PESTS AND DISEASES**- Because insects and diseases become active in the spring, early use of dormant oil sprays can help control overwintering insects. Professional tree services are recommended for tree disease treatment.

**PRUNE**- Prune summer and fall flowering shrubs and ornamental trees before they start leafing. Remove any dead or damaged branches. This will help you see what is dead after the tree has leafed out.

**PLANT**- Arbor Day is at the end of April. This is always a good time to plant trees. Remember, proper planting is essential to the future health of your trees and shrubs.

**WATER**- Newly planted trees and shrubs as well as mature plants need water if there is a dry spring. If your tree or shrubs were near the street and you will need to water the whole area well to flush away the salt.

**MULCH**- Plants benefit from a layer of organic mulch around the trunk to help suppress weeds and retain moisture. It also protects them from lawn mowers. Add a few inches of mulch and make sure it is not compacted. Keep the mulch away from the trunk to insure a healthy tree.

Resource: INDEPENDENT TREE

Keep your trees healthy and beautiful while insuring the health of the urban canopy in our borough. If you are concerned about your tree's health, and it is a street tree, please contact the Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee for an inspection and recommendation. Watch the Swissvale Borough calendar for upcoming dates for tree plantings and tree care activities in Swissvale. Interested in a street tree for in front of your house? Go to the borough webpage and complete an application. Applications can be found under the Shade Tree Committee tab at the bottom of the page.

# NINE MILE RUN WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

## Citizen Tree Project

The urban forest, comprised of the trees along our city streets, in our parks, and in your backyards, is an underappreciated piece of our community's infrastructure. Our sewers carry away our dirty water, pipes and overhead wires deliver essential electricity, drinking water, and heat to our homes. Streets and sidewalks allow us to travel with relative ease. None of these pieces of infrastructure is without its problems. Pipes leak, potholes develop, and we experience the occasional power outage, but few of us would willingly disconnect from this critical infrastructure. However, trees which clean our air, cool our homes, reduce noise, calm traffic, and reduce storm-water runoff, are seen as an expendable piece of our infrastructure which can be removed without consequence. Unlike other infrastructure, which can typically be replaced or repaired in days or weeks, trees take years to mature, and we are losing them at a significant rate.

The saying "The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago, the second best time is now" has been attributed to various people, but the adage holds true. Tree removal is outpacing replacement, and our canopy is dwindling. You can help us begin to restore this critical infrastructure by planting a small yard tree this spring. With grant funding from 3 Rivers Wet Weather, Nine Mile Run Watershed Association is subsidizing small yard trees planted on private property this spring. We'll teach you how to plant and care for your tree, provide technical assistance if necessary and follow-up with tree health evaluations over a two year period. The Citizen Tree Project is part of a goal to redevelop the tree canopy on private property, where significant portions of our canopy have been lost.

To learn more and sign up for a tree, visit: [ninemilerun.org/our-work/urbanforestry/citizen-tree-project/](http://ninemilerun.org/our-work/urbanforestry/citizen-tree-project/)



*Betty the birch tree is settling in nicely after a Citizen Tree Project planting last fall. Sign up for a tree of your own!*

# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

## Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Hosts Community Event

Get to know your neighbors and enjoy great food and drinks and live entertainment in a fun, casual atmosphere, all while supporting the Children's Center at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (WPSD). Please join us on April 5th from 6:00-8:30 pm at the Edgewood Club as WPSD hosts "An Evening in Edgewood." Tickets and sponsorship opportunities can be found by visiting [wpsd.org](http://wpsd.org) or the WPSD Facebook page. For more information, contact Sarah Bartlebaugh at [sbartlebaugh@wpsd.org](mailto:sbartlebaugh@wpsd.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Regular Worship Schedule:

Sundays  
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## Regular Worship Schedule:

10 a.m. on Sundays

## Mondays:

7 p.m.—Bible Study

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



## SWISSVALE ROTARY

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

## City Reach Church

[cityreachswissvale@gmail.com](mailto:cityreachswissvale@gmail.com)  
[www.cityreachswissvale.org](http://www.cityreachswissvale.org)

## Worship times:

Regular Worship Schedule: 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Dress is casual and childcare is provided.  
Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m.—Small Group Childcare is provided.

## Movie Nights:

Movie nights are an opportunity to catch a quality flick complete with snacks and drinks and stick around after to discuss the film. Movie nights start at 6:45 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of every month.



## March 10: *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*

In this quirky romantic comedy, Joel (Jim Carrey) finds out that his ex-girlfriend Clementine (Kate Winslet) undergoes an experimental procedure to have him wiped from her memories. Joe decides to have the same procedure done and struggles to save some of his memories of Clementine from being deleted.



## April 14: *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*

Miles Morales stars in his own Spider-Man origin story as a wormhole mixes neighborhood, friendly, spider-heroes from different dimensions to stop the Kingpin from tearing New York City apart. This movie features a new animation style that is the first of its kind. This movie may be appropriate for elementary-aged children at the parent's discretion.

## SWISSVALE SENIOR CENTER

7350 McClure Avenue  
412-731-6125

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

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

## Exercise group

9 a.m. on M, W, F

## Nickel Bingo

10:30 a.m. on W

## Hot lunch

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

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

## Bingo

12:30 p.m. on M, F

Fresh popcorn on Wednesdays!

## Three Rivers Tibetan Cultural Center

7313 Florence Avenue  
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[www.threeriverstibetanc.org](http://www.threeriverstibetanc.org)  
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Spiritual Director

## Regular Teaching Schedule:

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



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

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

# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

## Madonna del Castello & Word of God Parishes

**Madonna:** 2021 South Braddock  
412.271.5666

**Word of God Church:** 7446 McClure  
412.241.1372

### Regular Worship Schedule:

Saturdays: 5:30 pm Mass at Madonna  
Sundays: 9 am Mass at Word of God

### Lenten Fish Frys:

March 6th (Ash Wednesday) dinner only 4-7pm. Fridays: March 8th through April 12th: 12-7 pm, Madonna's Dattilo Hall, 2021 So. Braddock Ave. Baked or fried cod dinners, eggplant, shrimp basket, sandwiches, haluski, macaroni & cheese, pasta e fagiole, applesauce, bread/butter & beverages available; also children's menu and take-out orders. Deliveries made within a reasonable distance until 2 pm.

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays, March 8 to April 19th, noon at WOG and during Holy Hour at 7 pm, Madonna

### Easter Sunday:

April 21st 9 am Mass at Word of God.

### RIVER CITY CHURCH

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

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

### Free Community Dinner:

Every 3rd Saturday of the Month  
(March 16th and April 20th)

### SWISSVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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412-351-0900

[Swissvale.Presby.Church.Office@gmail.com](mailto: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

### SWISSELM PARK PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH

241 Homestead Avenue  
412-751-0930

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

### Regular Worship:

10:30 a.m. on Sundays

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

### 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.

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 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](http://swissvalefoodpantry.org)



### Swissvale Small Business Pod

Join the community of small business owners working on goals, finances, and problem-solving in a professionally-facilitated group managed by the Mansmann Foundation. Our group meets the second Tuesday of each month at Goodfellas Restaurant and Tavern located at 1915 McCague St. Call Abigail Salisbury at 412-496-9542 for more information, or drop in.



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/](http://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.—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.

### SWISSVALE BAPTIST CHURCH

7417 Schoyer Avenue  
412-731-9646

[www.swissvalebaptistchurch.org](http://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

# CARNEGIE FREE LIBRARY



## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Tech Tutoring for Adults:

*Tuesdays from 1-5 pm*— Our volunteer tech wizard Carolyn Luck provides free ½ hour sessions on using your smart-phone, tablet, or computer. Have a digital dilemma? Call the library or stop at the front desk to register.

### Knit and Crochet Club:

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

Spring cleaning can wait; join 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.

*1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, 7 p.m.* – Evening Eclectic group; meets upstairs in library

*2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, 3 p.m.* – Afternoon Eclectic group; meets in downstairs Senior Center

*4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 2 p.m.* – Afternoon Mystery group; meets in library

*4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 7 p.m.* – Evening Mystery group; meets in Senior Center

The Library will be closed **April 19th** and **April 20th**. Please plan book and movie pickups accordingly!

1800 Monongahela Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218  
412-731-2300 • [www.swissvalelibrary.org](http://www.swissvalelibrary.org)  
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 (ages 3-5):

*Mondays at 11am*— Kids hear stories, play games and participate in fun activities. New participants are welcome to join anytime.

### Games (all school aged kids) :

*Mondays at 4PM*— Come play board games with your friends and Miss Bonnie. First Mondays of each month will feature BINGO.

### Saturday Fun (school aged 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 skills at the same time.

## PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

### Art Exhibit:

*Through April 1st, 2019*

Several watercolors by local artist Ann Haines will be on display through April 1<sup>st</sup>. In her own words, Ann says, "In a world that often seems in turmoil, I find that I am attracted to scenes of calm, stillness, and quietude." Come enjoy Ann's peaceful pieces.

### Wizard Tournament (all ages)

*Saturdays at 7 p.m., continuing throughout March*

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

### Jigsaw Puzzle Solvers

Exchange your old jigsaw puzzles for new ones. Check the bin inside the front door, if you wish to donate puzzles, or take home new ones.

## MORE PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE



*Introducing...  
Music at the Library*

*Local performers and musicians will entertain one Saturday each month here at Swissvale Library. Check our Website and Events Calendar for all the information.*

One Saturday each month, from 1:30-3pm

Local musicians will entertain one Saturday each month here at the Swissvale Library. First up in February was the group, Slagle Rock and Sue. Our next performance will be March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Check our website and Events Calendar for all the updates and information. All performances are free and open to the public.

### Spring Book and Bake Sale

Thursday, April 11, 4-8pm;  
Friday, April 12, 10am-4pm;  
Saturday, April 13, 9am-1pm

It's finally here! The Friends of the Swissvale Library will have their semi-annual Book and Bake Sale in April. Delicious delicacies and bargain books...what more could you want? All proceeds go back to the library, supporting the services you enjoy. (available at the desk) and start earning big Book Bucks!

# WILKINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER



## Ukrainian Egg Dying (Pysanky) with Marilan Caito

Mondays March 11, 18 & 25  
6:30PM – 8:30PM

\$55 for WSSCC Members \$70 for non-members

This is a hands-on class where you will learn how to design, wax, dye and complete your own Ukrainian eggs in a tradition that is over 1000 years old. During the 3 sequential sessions, you will not only learn the proper use of tools and techniques, but will also cover the cultural history including the meaning of the different colors and symbols. *No prior art skill needed.* Students must be 18 or accompanied by parent. All supplies are provided.

## Kabuki Art Display and Sale

Opening on March 9th and ending on April 4th

Enjoy tea and sesame and green tea cookies on March 9 in the afternoon for the opening/sale. Prints will also be for sale; matted, framed and unframed priced from \$25 -\$100.

## Arts and Crafting Club (Ages 8-17)

March 2, 9, 16  
Saturdays 10am – 12pm

\$35 for members \$45 for non members  
Join the club and learn new Crafts!  
There are lots of Crafts to choose from including; printmaking, plastic canvas, latch-hook, bead-loom, weaving, needlecrafts, and sewing.

## Embroidery Circle

March 2, 9, 16  
Saturdays 2-3pm

3 classes \$35 members (Use Code MEMBER), \$45 non-members  
Learn the basics of embroidery and choose from a selection of project ideas! ...OR... bring in your own embroidery and join us! All levels, no experience necessary

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We want to hear from you! Did you attend school here, teach an exercise class, or stock up on reading at the used books sale? Share your stories and memories on May 4<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate all the wonderful activities that have taken place inside the walls and on the grounds of the WSSCC. Share your stories early with us at : [irememberwilkinsschool@wsccpgh.org](mailto:irememberwilkinsschool@wsccpgh.org).

## 2019 PENN'S WOODS WEST TROUT UNLIMITED FLY FISHING SEMINAR

Sign-up for the Penn's Woods West Trout Unlimited ([pwwtu.org](http://pwwtu.org)) Free Fly Fishing Seminar at the Wilkins School Community Center in Regent Square!

Pennsylvania fly-fishing guides and instructors Rob Reeder and Scott Loughner will help you learn about the basics of fly-fishing.

Takes place Saturday March 30th from 9 am to 2 pm or Sunday March 31st from 9 am to 2 pm. (Note that Sunday is optional, depending upon the number of participants. The program is the same on both days.)

To sign-up, contact Rob Reeder at [robreeder0827@gmail.com](mailto:robreeder0827@gmail.com) to register. The cost is FREE! Registration is required. *Students must pre-register for this workshop.*

## Then and Now Celebration

May 4, 2019



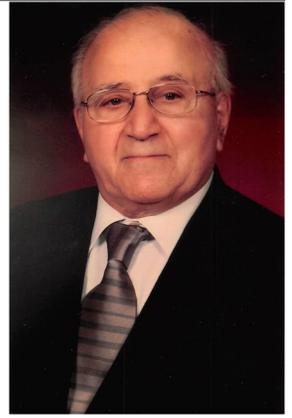
Fourth grade class from long, long ago in front of WSSCC

Swissvale's Charleston Avenue Wilkins School has served the community for over 90 years first as an elementary school and from 1976 as a vibrant community center. WSSCC is planning an exciting Wilkins School, "**Then and Now**" celebration on May 4, 2019. If you attended or taught classes when it was an elementary school, worked to transform it into the community center, helped build the playground or come to Meet, Play, Learn and Grow at WSSCC, we want to hear from you! Get in touch with friends and classmates to ask them to share, too. Be sure to drop in to become acquainted or re-acquainted with the lively and interesting intersection of people and activities at the WSSCC. Never been inside, we want to meet you too!

# LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



## **Triangle Bar and Grill** 2122 Monongahela Avenue (412) 271-9885



Angelo John Catanzano

It all started as a gag gift and it put Swissvale on the map: The Battleship Hoagie. Back in the 1960's, brothers Joseph and John Catanzano were at their family owned bar, the Triangle Grill here in Swissvale. They made a special 27 inch long hoagie for a good friend to give to him on his 27<sup>th</sup> birthday. That was the beginning of a long lived and still thriving Swissvale legacy: The Battleship!

They ended up calling it the Battleship because John was a Navy man, hence the names of the other sandwiches served there: The Destroyer (10 inch) and the Torpedo (5 inch). John Catanzano passed away last month at the age of 93. The Catanzano family sold the Triangle to the Crombie Family back in 1982 and they continue to operate the business and carry on the legacy of keeping the battleship afloat. The Crombie Family has added their own twist and you can get a Steak Battleship, a Grilled Chicken Battleship and other great sandwiches there. They also sell fresh baked goods there created up the street at their Triangle Bread Company Bakery. So if you are in the mood for a good sandwich and a sweet desert to follow, stop by the Triangle and pick up some good eats!



## **LES POLINKO STUDIO** 2016 Monongahela Avenue [www.lespolinko.com](http://www.lespolinko.com)

Les Polinko Wasielewski, an internationally awarded sculptor has decided to make Swissvale the new home for her studio. She was looking for a new space to create her work and acquired the old Swissvale Market, located on Monongahela and Washington Avenues and began to transform the inside into her private studio. Residing in Swisshelm Park, this was a convenient location for her to do her work. In the next few months, she will be building a

new facade on the front of the building that she promises people will not miss!

LES is an award-winning sculptor, author, illustrator, and teacher. She has degrees from Purdue University in Fine Art Painting and Drawing, Art History, and Art Education. She is the President of the Pittsburgh Polymer Clay Guild, and co-creator of the epic children's book *The Ganorch Under the Porch*. Her work is inspired by universal archetypes, fantasy, dreams, and folklore - from Carl Jung and Joseph Campbell to Kermit the Frog.

LES was recently on the Food Network's "Winner Cake All", where her and friend, Cathy Lucas Burnheimer, won 1<sup>st</sup> Place and \$10,000 for their creation. You can catch the episode on The Food Network: Season 1, Episode 4 which aired on January 21, 2019. For more information on LES and her fabulous work, visit her website at [www.lespolinko.com](http://www.lespolinko.com).



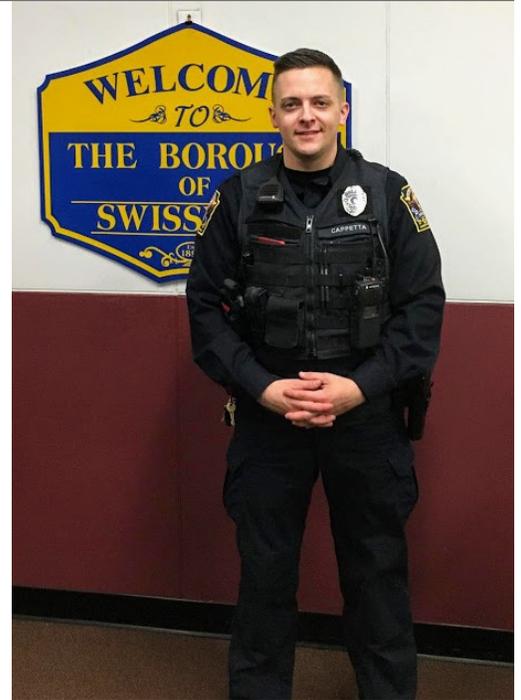
# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**Larry Underwood**  
Public Works Department



**David Miller**  
Deputy Fire Chief



**Officer Todd Cappetta**  
Police Department

Larry has worked for Swissvale DPW for the last six years. In his time here he has fulfilled a variety of roles not limited to driving the recycling or garbage truck and various other maintenance tasks around the Borough. When asked what he likes most about the job, Larry appreciates the diversity of tasks he is presented with each day. He also enjoys working with people that make him laugh every day.

Outside of work, Larry enjoys drawing and making music. When asked about his favorite vacation spot, Larry says it's the Cayman Islands. Larry's favorite TV show is Attack on Titan and his favorite movie is Watchmen. His pet peeve is when his hands are ashy. His favorite food is spaghetti and meatballs. Larry says that people would be surprised to know that he enjoys studying history and theology in his spare time. When asked for the words that he lives by Larry says "The world and everything out there is yours, get on your grind and go get it".

Dave began his career with the Swissvale Fire Department in June of 2000. As a Deputy Fire Chief he serves as the Shift Commander on C Shift, is a Paramedic and assists in some of the code enforcement activities for the department. He also serves as a Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough. He says the thing he enjoys the most about his job is helping people. His hobbies include reading and he hopes to someday learn the game of golf. His favorite vacation spot: Lake Erie.

One of his most memorable moments was receiving a special service award this past December for his contributing efforts in the department's successes. The caveat, however, was that the award was a fire alarm pull station and horn strobe, as the chief put, "giving him something to pull to hearts content." This was because earlier that year, he pulled a lever on an eye wash station that activated the shower. (Those firefighters are always jesting each other). When asked who would play him in a movie, his response was Ray Liotta. His pet peeve is "complacency" and his words of wisdom are "Treat others as you want to be treated".

Officer Todd Cappetta has been with the Swissvale Police Department for one year. He has spent that last year going on patrols, responding to calls, and getting to know residents. Before working for Swissvale, Todd began his career as a police officer working for Avalon Borough and Bell Acres Borough. In 2010 Todd enlisted with the US Army Reserves and completed his service in 2018.

When asked what he enjoys most about the job, Todd says that he likes having a positive impact on people's lives.

Outside of work, Todd likes spending time with his family and playing with his niece and nephew, riding and working on his motorbikes, and singing karaoke over drinks with friends. When he gets the chance, Todd enjoys going away for the opening day of deer season. His favorite show is Saturday Night Live and his favorite food is Buffalo Chicken Pizza. Todd's biggest pet peeve is tardiness.

# WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT



## Ham for Ham

by Jacob Krupitzer and Andrea Sisk

On Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 58 students from Woodland Hills High School spent the day at the Benedum Center, culminating in a performance of Lin Manuel Miranda's *Hamilton*. The day started with student performers executing their

original presentation pieces, followed by a question and answer session with the cast of *Hamilton*. The day was underwritten by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, which sponsors \$10 Hamilton tickets for students across the country who participate in classes and complete a research and performance piece. The Woodland Hills Foundation paid for busing through a mini-grant. Mrs. Alicia Scaramuzzo applied for this opportunity last spring and she, Mr. Jason Coleman, Mr. Jacob Krupitzer, and Ms. Andrea Sisk facilitated the classes that helped the students to earn this opportunity.

**Woodland Hills Department of Performing Arts**

# MAMMA MIA!

BASED ON THE SONGS OF ABBA

**April 26 & 27**  
**May 2, 3, 4**  
**8:00PM**

**Saturday Matinees**  
**1:00PM**

**ALL TICKETS \$12** – Box Office opens March 5  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6pm – 8pm AND Wednesdays 2:30 – 4pm  
Call Box Office (412) 256-3335 OR visit [ShowClix.com](http://ShowClix.com)

Woodland Hills Department of Performing Arts Presents:

## MAMMA MIA!

Cast A Performances: April 27 (matinee), May 3, May 4 (evening)

Cast B Performances: April 26, April 27 (evening), May 2, May 4 (matinee)



**Sundays** **10:30 am**

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# SWISSVALE ROTARY



Have you been wondering what is happening at the corner of South Braddock Avenue and Church Street? The Swissvale Rotary club is partnering with the Borough, members Doak Borst and Charlie Nied and contractor George Gaydos to create a parklet.

The first step was completed when Borough cleared the property and took ownership of the land. The next step was when the Swissvale Rotary, as part of a Rotary International initiative and with the Swissvale Shade Tree Committee and

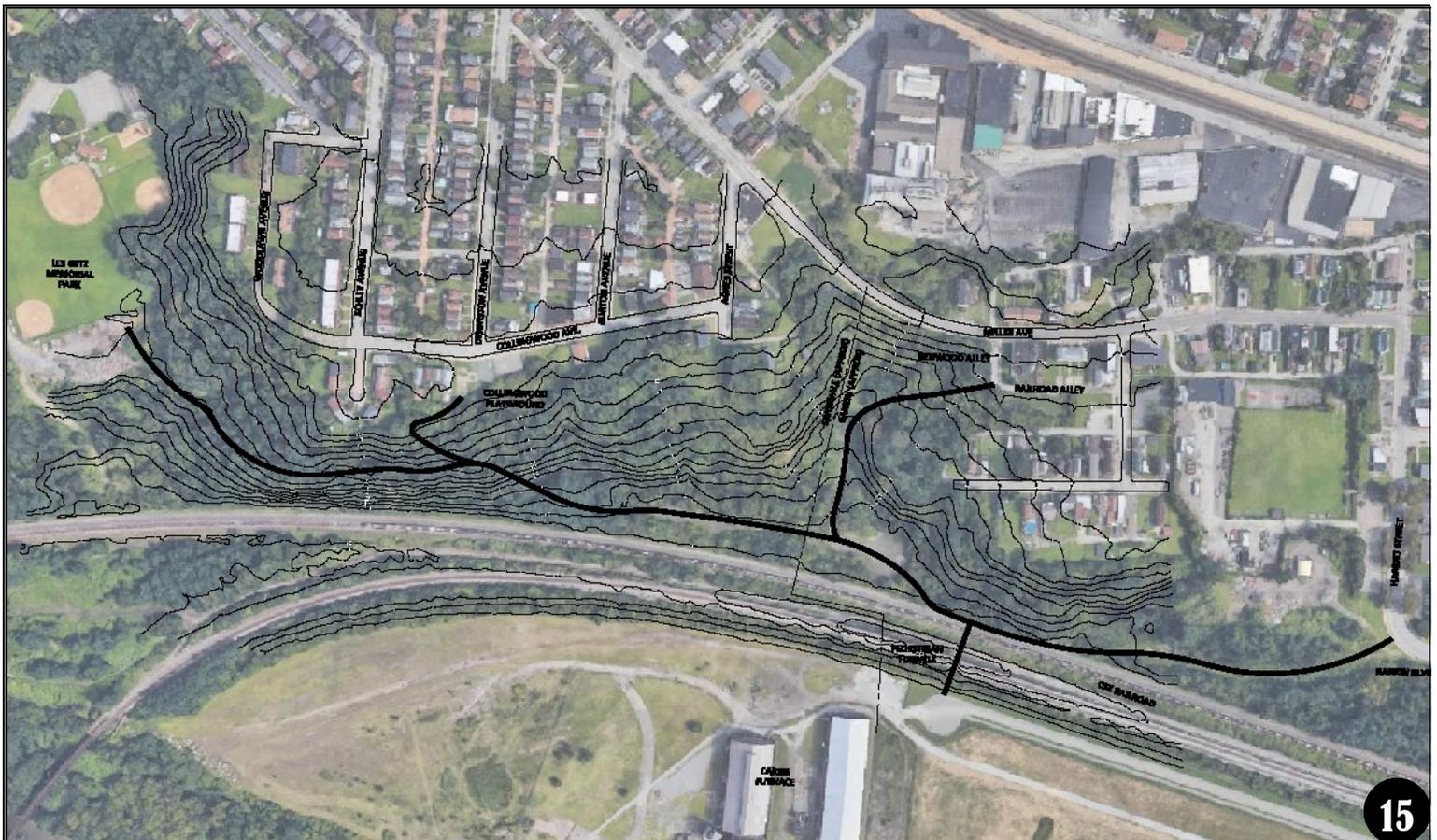
Nine Mile Run Watershed Association, planted 20 trees – 1 for each member and trees in memorial to Len Schockling and Ann Peelor. This spring, the completion of a concrete pathway, grass, flowers, lighting, seating, garbage cans and bike racks will occur. The Rotary club and partners will hold a final planning session on Thursday, March 28, at 6 p.m. at Goodfellas Restaurant. Any community member interested in getting involved may attend this regular Rotary meeting.

## PROPOSED SWISSVALE PEDESTRIAN/BIKE TRAILS

In February, Borough Council has approved to begin to apply for grant funding to design and construct pedestrian and bicycle trails connecting Memorial Field and Collingwood Parks to the Carrie Furnace development. This will be a joint project between Swissvale and Rankin Boroughs and will also include two connecting trails from Rankin. The Borough Administration has been working on this for some time now and with the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development now requesting Development Proposals for the site, it is the perfect time to work towards connecting our Borough to this future development along the riverfront. We have been working with the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development to potentially secure ownership of the land that is known as the hillside between Memorial Field, Collingwood Park and the Railroad tracks that run along the Carrie Furnace site.

The trails would connect to the long abandoned Carrie Furnace employee parking lot at the bottom of Benwood Alley in Rankin, where there is a pedestrian tunnel under the railroad tracks that leads into the Carrie Furnace site. As part of the redevelopment of the site, there will be riverfront access. Also in the plans is to rehabilitate the old hot metal bridge to connect to the Great Allegheny Passage on the southern side of the Monongahela River.

We look forward to this project to not only provide additional recreation to our residents, but also to make it convenient to those people who may be employed at the new development and may consider making Swissvale their home. The illustration shows the concept of the project.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

- 5. Mardi Gras
- 6. Swissvale Fire Department Fish Fry Begins (11am-7pm)  
 Madonna Del Fish Fry (4-7pm)
- 8. International Women's Day
- 10. Movie Night at River City Church/ Daylight Savings Time Starts (Spring Ahead)
- 16. Community Dinner at River City Church
- 17. St. Patrick's Day
- 20. First Day of Spring/Purim Starts at Sundown

### APRIL

- 1. Street Sweeping Begins
- 5. Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf hosts An Evening in Edgewood 6-8:30 pm at the Edgewood Country Club
- 19. Last Day of Swissvale Fire Department Fish Fry/Passover Begins/Good Friday
- 20. Community Dinner at River City Church  
 Swissvale Borough Easter Egg Hunt at Memorial Field
- 21. Easter Sunday
- 22. Earth Day
- 28. Citizen's Police Academy Starts (2-4pm)
- 30. Garbage Fee Due

**Febuary thru March (Final sign up date March 30th)**

**Swissvale Borough Building**

 **7560 Roslyn Street Swissvale Pa 15218** 

**Monday- Friday 10 am - 3pm ( Check and Money order only)**

**Sundays 3pm-5pm (Check, Money Order, Cash or Credit Card)**

**Baseball**

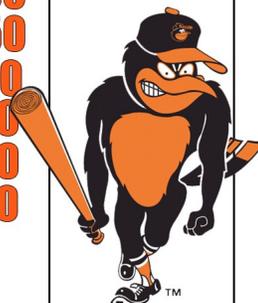
**\*NEW LEAGUE Please Bring Copy of Birth Certificate**

**Softball**

T-Ball **4-5** years (Co-Ed) **\$50**  
 Instruct. **6-8** years (Co-Ed) **\$50**  
 Minors **9-10** years **\$50**  
 Majors **11-12** years **\$50**  
 Pony **13-14** years **\$50**  
 Colt **15-16** years **\$50**

**As of April 30th**

Birth Certificate Required



**\$25 Tryout fee**  
**- ALL AGE GROUPS**

15 & Under (Fast Pitch)

18 & Under (Fast Pitch)

**As of January 1st**

Birth Certificate Required

**email: [Swissvaleorioles@gmail.com](mailto:Swissvaleorioles@gmail.com) or John 412- 224-9831 or 412 973 4626**