



Borough Manager Receives Distinguished Service Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs

Borough Manager Clyde Wilhelm received the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's (PSAB) Distinguished Service Award for his service and accomplishments to the Borough of Swissvale. The award was presented on June 11, 2019 at the PSAB annual conference in Hershey, PA. The PSAB is a statewide organization dedicated to serving the 956 borough governments. Council President Michele Stanton nominated Mr. Wilhelm for the award. This award recognizes Mr. Wilhelm's professionalism, dedication and accomplishments in service to the Borough of Swissvale.

Nominations for the award were judged on the following criteria: (1) the impact of the accomplishments on the borough; (2) the extent of the gain in effectiveness of economy promoted by the work of the nominee; (3) the relative importance of the accomplishments to the activities and needs of the borough; (4) the amount of personal sacrifice that was required and how much was done beyond the call of duty; and (5) the

success of the nominee in attaining the goal in the face of opposition.

Mr. Wilhelm was appointed Fire Chief in 2010 and successfully consolidated the Borough's career and volunteer fire departments. He initiated the Borough's comprehensive code enforcement program which has reduced fires, significantly reduced fire related injuries and deaths, reduced blight and cleaned up our community resulting in a reduction in crime and increased real estate values. The fire department is now recognized as one of the region's best fire departments.

Mr. Wilhelm was appointed Borough Manager in 2014 and inherited seven consecutive years of deficits. During Mr. Wilhelm's tenure, the borough has since seen four consecutive years of surpluses, an increase in services and millions of dollars in capital investment in repair and renovation projects throughout the borough. During his tenure, the Borough has received more than \$6 million in grants.

What many people do not realize is that Mr. Wilhelm began his service to the community in 1982 as a volunteer firefighter. He also served as a dispatcher and police officer for Swissvale in the late 80's and early 90's. He is a fourth generation Swissvalian and is married to Heather (Osmond) who was born and raised in Swissvale's Regent Square neighborhood.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER

I would like to start by thanking the few people that came out for the Community Clean-Up Day in May. Only about 36 of our 8900 residents attended. We hope that next year's attendance will increase. Community Days went off without a hitch and the new venue at Memorial Field was much nicer than years past when it was held at the Dickson Field. We truly hope that you can attend both events next year. A lot of effort was put in preparing Memorial Field for this event and I would like to extend a special thank you to the Public Works Department for all their hard work in making this happen.

The work along Braddock Avenue for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvements is well under way and should continue for several more months. We will also be advertising for bids for another phase of the Streetscape Project on the Noble Street Corridor soon. The demolition of 13 vacant structures throughout the borough is also finally underway after nearly 24 months of preparation and bureaucratic red-tape.

Borough Council has agreed to utilize a new app called Savvy Citizen that will allow residents to stay connected to the Borough. This new app will allow the Borough to push out notifications of various events occurring throughout the borough as well as other important information such as road closures and emergency notifications. More information will be available via the website and Facebook as we get this new system set up and running.

Lastly, I was extremely honored and quite humbled to receive the PSAB Distinguished Service Award. I would like to thank Council President Michele Stanton for nominating me for this prestigious award and would also like to thank the elected officials for their support and efforts in making Swissvale such a great community as well as all of the Borough's employees for their hard work and effort as well.

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer!

~ Clyde Wilhelm

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Keep Native Plants in Mind for Your Yard

I was recently shopping for plants for my shady yard, and after a quick discussion with a friendly nursery employee, I had two seemingly great options: Periwinkle and English Ivy. They would cover the area fast and would thrive even in the low-light conditions I described. There was one problem: they are both invasive plants.

An invasive plant is a non-native species that spreads rapidly through an ecosystem, often choking-out native vegetation. Many invasive plants leaf-out earlier than their native counterparts, blocking much-needed sunlight, and making it more challenging for seeds to germinate. Unfortunately, it is very easy to purchase invasive plants for your yard or garden, as many nurseries still

carry them. Here are a few you should avoid planting if at all possible: Bishop's Weed (also called Snow on the Mountain), Periwinkle (aka vinca), English Ivy, Callery Pear, Japanese Barberry, European Privet, Japanese Honeysuckle vine, and Multiflora Rose. While often slower growing, there are many native plant options for your yard. There are even nurseries here in Pittsburgh that specialize in them. So, lend nature a hand, and think native when it comes to landscaping!

Lindsey Rose Flowers (Restoration and Stewardship Coordinator, Nine Mile Run Watershed Association)

PUBLIC WORKS



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Belgian Block

Belgian Block is still available for purchase. This block was removed from Lacrosse Street and makes a beautiful decorative edging for flowers, shrubs and trees or will make a nice retaining wall. Blocks are \$1.50 each. Please contact the Borough office at 412-271-7101 for more information.

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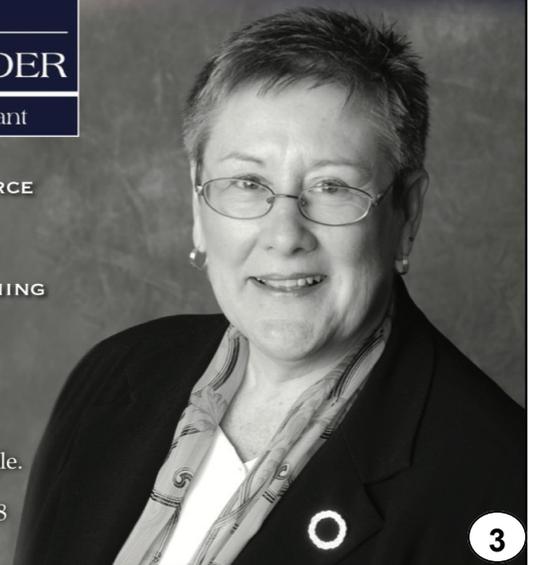
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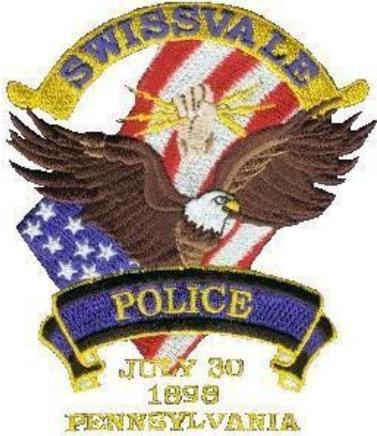
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Make the 2nd Count

A Message from Swissvale Police Department

Guns, gun ownership, gun violence, and the Second Amendment are part of our daily political and societal dialogue. Elected officials swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States and have a duty to protect the safety and welfare of their communities and those who live and work in them. In consultation with our Police Department, Swissvale Council wanted to act in a way that would meet the responsibilities of good governance, uphold the rights of citizens and the rights of those working to ensure the safety and welfare of residents living within our community borders.

One of the major facets in combating gun violence is getting illegal weapons off the street. The ability to track where weapons come from helps law enforcement identify areas and trends in illegal gun procurement. Police can have a greater impact on gun violence when they are able to disrupt the flow of illegal (and often stolen) weapons into the hands of criminals. While ordinances may fine gun owners for not reporting their gun stolen or lost, that is after the fact. The best ways to help law enforcement, our families, and our community is to promote responsible gun ownership and the importance of reporting lost or stolen guns in real time. With all of this in mind, the Swissvale Police Department is kicking off the “Make the 2nd Count” Campaign. On the Second day of every month, we’re asking gun owners to perform the following safety checks:

1. Verify the location of their gun(s)
2. Confirm it is in a locked and secured case
3. See that it is unloaded
4. Check that the ammunition is stored separately in a locked and secured place
5. Know the keys for both the gun and ammunition are secured and out of reach of children
6. And, if any gun is missing that a report is filed with the Swissvale Police

At the least, checking every month provides a time frame for owners and law enforcement of the theft/loss. It may save the life of a family member or neighbor— more people are accidentally shot by someone “just looking” at a family owned gun, or struggling with emotional issues. This also helps law enforcement track trends in types of theft and areas targeted in our community. Reporting a gun lost or stolen protects owners should their weapon be used in a crime and gives weight to the charges brought when a felon is found with a stolen weapon. Gun ownership is a Right with responsibilities. Be a part of protecting our community. On the Second of every month, go through the check list. Keep your guns secured. NEVER LEAVE YOUR GUN IN YOUR CAR. And report any gun lost or stolen to Swissvale police as soon as it is discovered missing.

Summer Safety Tips—Fireworks

Consumers can now purchase and use “Class C” or “consumer-grade” fireworks that include firecrackers, Roman candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material. The expansion includes those fireworks that were previously only available to out-of-state residents. “Display fireworks,” which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are still only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality where the display will take place. There are several restrictions on the use of consumer fireworks: (1) They cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of the property owner. (2) They cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building. (3) They cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building. (4) They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present. *(All occupied structures in Swissvale are within 150 feet of each other)* (5) They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

Penalties for violating the fireworks law are the following: (1) A person using consumer fireworks in violation of the provisions of this article commits a summary offense and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100. (2) A person selling consumer fireworks in violation of the provisions of this act commits a misdemeanor of the second degree. (3) A person selling display fireworks in violation of the provisions of this act commits a felony of the third degree. (4) A person selling federally illegal explosives such as devices as described in 49 CFR173.54 (relating to forbidden explosives) or those devices that have not been tested, approved and labeled by the United States Department of Transportation, including, but not limited to, those devices commonly referred to as M-80, M-100, blockbuster, cherry bomb or quarter or half stick explosive devices, in violation of the provisions of this act commits a felony of the third degree.



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Summer Safety Tips

Since the weather is nice, the Swissvale Fire Department would like to remind residents of a few safety tips of outdoor grilling and also remind residents of the open burn regulations in Allegheny County.

Grilling is a popular way to cook during the summer months, but as a reminder that the grill being too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard and also can cause burn injuries. Below are a few safety tips for using a grill:

- Grills should only be used outdoors
- Should be placed well away from your home, railings from decks and overhead branches
- Make sure grill is clean from grease and food buildup
- Never leave the grill unattended
- Always make sure lid is open when lighting
- Keep children and pets at least 5 feet away
- If using a charcoal grill, make sure you allow coals to fully cool before disposing them

Open burning within the Borough of Swissvale may only be conducted in accordance with Allegheny County Health Department Article XXI §2105.50 "Open Burning". Fires may be no larger than 3' wide by 3' long and 2' high. Fires must be at least 15 feet from the nearest neighbor's dwelling or inhabited area, including:

- Property Line
- Roadway
- Sidewalk
- Public Access Area

No materials other than clean wood, propane or natural gas may be burned with the exception of the following:

- Commercially available fire logs, paraffin logs or wood pellets
- Paper or commercial smokeless fire starters in order to start a fire
- Charcoal for the preparation of food only

To see a full copy of all ACHD regulations, please visit the following website:

www.achd.net/air/pubs/pdf/Article21.pdf

The Swissvale Fire Department would like everyone to have a safe and joyful summer.



Your Safety is Our Focus!



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

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, August 3, 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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Thanks to all who supported and sponsored our Pasta Dinner and/or visited our booth at Swissvale Community Days! By sponsoring an ad, purchasing tickets or buying a sandwich or Italian ice, you are supporting our club's efforts to make a difference in Swissvale, Edgewood, the Woodland Hills community and around the world! Solving real problems takes real effort, commitment, and vision. Rotarians worldwide work to protect communities from preventable disease, keep women and children healthy, improve education and economic outcomes, create safe water and sanitation infrastructure, and

make our community and the world a more peaceful place. The Swissvale Rotary is working with various partners on the following projects: Swissvale Farmers Market, Swissvale Food Pantry, Woodland Hills/ Universal Academy 3rd Grade Dictionary Project, Braddock Ave at Church St. Parklet, Swissvale Borough Community Days, Swissvale Carnegie Free Library Periodicals and Rotary District 7300 Ethics Symposium/World Affairs Conference/Youth Leadership Conference. As of July 1, we will be part of the newly formed Rotary District 7305 which will now cover all of Western Pennsylvania. We are excited to be part of this dynamic new district.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



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 Farmers Market

Swissvale Farmers Market opened its sixth season to nearly 400 visitors on June 1st. What a great day. Sixteen vendors offered an array of products including produce, plants, flowers, wine, coffee, baked goods, candy, prepared food, and crafts.

Stop by any Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm to shop, meet up with friends, and listen to the sounds of local musicians.

The Farmers Market will run through October 26th. SNAP benefits can be redeemed through our partners at Just Harvest.



The Swissvale Economic Development Corporation (SEDCO) is a group of individuals who are dedicated to improving the quality of life in Swissvale. SEDCO advocates for a clean and safe neighborhood, development of affordable housing, increased community involvement, youth recreational activities and more. Regular SEDCO meetings are at 6:30 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month at 2037 Noble Street.

Madonna del Castello and Word of God Catholic Parishes

Madonna Parish: 2021 So. Braddock Ave. 412.271.5666

Word of God Church: 7446 McClure Ave., 412.241.1372

Madonna Festival

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 25 -27th.

Dinners begin at 4 pm, Activities open at 7 pm. Stop by for homemade Italian specialties, bingo, games, raffles, super slide and entertainment.

SWISSVALE SENIOR CENTER

7350 McClure Avenue
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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!



Neighborhood Yard Sales

Saturday, August 3, 2019
8:00am—2:00pm

Residents on McClure Ave, Schoyer, Aurelius, Tonnette, Monroe, and Longfellow Court are having a series of joint yard sales. Stop over and see what's on offer. For more information, email: mcclure.sale@verizon.net

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Our distribution times are 9:00 AM—12:30 PM the first and third 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. We welcome all volunteers. Packing days are the day before distributions at 5pm. Produce to people events in Swissvale will be the last Tuesday of the month (July 30th and August 27th) in the parking lot next to our building at 2028 Noble St. Distribution time is from 10am. to 11:30 am. All are welcome!

EVENTS CONT. / COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Calendar

JULY

- 4. Independence Day—Admin office closed
- 6. Swissvale Farmers Market
- 13. Edible Garden Tour / Swissvale Farmers Market
- 14. City Reach Movie Night—Arrival
- 18. Food Pantry Distribution Day
- 20. Swissvale Farmers Market
- 25–27. Madonna Del Castello Festival / Swissvale Farmers Market / WHHS Alumni Present *Hair*
- 30. Produce to the People (Swissvale Food Pantry) / River City Church Dinner

AUGUST

- 3. Neighborhood yard sale / Swissvale Farmers Market / River City Church Block Party / SFD CPR Class
- 10. Swissvale Farmers Market
- 11. City Reach Movie Night—Paddington II
- 12. Family Fun night ends
- 15. Food Pantry Distribution Day
- 17. Swissvale Farmers Market/ River City Church Dinner
- 24. Swissvale Farmers Market
- 27. Produce to the People (Swissvale Food Pantry)
- 31. Swissvale Farmers Market

Save the Date

for the

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Saturday, July 13, 2019

11am - 5pm

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**SWISSVALE
COMMUNITY ACTION
COMMITTEE**



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:

September 17, 7pm

November 19, 7pm

Location TBD.

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

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Free Community Dinner:
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Block Party
Saturday August 3rd 4-8 PM
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City Reach Church

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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.

July 14th—Arrival



In this 2016 film, UFOs land in sites around the globe. Trying to understand the extraterrestrial life and in an effort to make contact, expert linguist Louise Banks (Amy Adams) is brought in to

attempt communication. As the world pushes towards war, can Banks create lines of communication and avert disaster?

August 11—Paddington 2



This rich, family friendly movie continues the story of the lovable bear from Peru who has been transplanted with a family in London. While searching for the perfect present

for his Aunt Lucy, Paddington stumbles upon a crime and it is up to him to unmask the thief.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**Police Department
Ofc. Joseph Susalla**



**Fire Department
Mike Norkus**



**Public Works Department
Luke Conley**

Joe started working for Swissvale in November of 2016. Before working here he also worked as an officer in Edgewood. His day to day tasks include: going on patrol, conducting traffic stops, and answering a variety of calls. Joe likes that his work helps keep people safe and that he gets to take criminals off the streets. Joe thinks people would be surprised to know how much paperwork police officers are expected to complete. Not only is Joe a police officer he is also a certified paramedic, a rescue diver, and a firefighter for Monroeville #4 and Holiday Park VFD. Outside of work, Joe enjoys a variety of activities including camping, SCUBA diving, and going for rides on his motorcycle. Joe's favorite food is pizza. Joe thinks that Mark Walberg would be a great actor to play him in a movie. When he isn't riding around Swissvale on patrols or protecting the citizens of Monroeville from fires Joe likes to go on vacation. His favorite vacation spot is Ft Lauderdale, FL.

Mike has worked with the Swissvale Fire Department for the last 17 years, 12 years as a volunteer and 5 years as a paid firefighter. His daily activities include answering Fire and EMS calls. He also participates in training and fire prevention activities. Mike wants people to know that firefighters don't just fight fires, that they also answer EMS calls, respond to motor vehicle crashes, conduct rescues, and much more. Mike's favorite memory of work is the time he has spent at the fire hall with his fellow firefighters. He enjoys the sense of family that comes with sharing meals together and likes to take that time to get to know the rest of the team.

Mike, like a lot of people, dislikes being late. For fun Mike enjoys golfing, skiing, and sporting clays. He likes to watch the Big Bang Theory on TV and his favorite food is steak. When he gets the time, Mike likes to go on vacation in Aruba. Mike thinks that Will Ferrell would be the ideal actor to play him in a movie. In college Mike played baseball for Cleveland State University. He has been married to his wife Kellie for two years now and his words of wisdom come from Dolly Parton, "Never get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life".

Luke has been working for Swissvale for the last four years. Before working here he worked as a plumber. Luke's day to day tasks include a variety of activities including fixing trucks and other equipment, repairing streets and sewers, and even the occasional garbage throwing. Luke likes working for the borough and enjoys making his hometown a nice place to live in. He wants people to know that his job is more than just holding a shovel. One of Luke's funniest memories is the time he was repairing a tire on one of the trucks and a small pebble fell from the tire and into his ear. Luke's biggest pet peeve is when people disregard road closed signs or traffic cones.

When Luke isn't at work he likes to head out to the Jennerstown speedway to watch the races on Saturday nights. He also likes taking his dogs out to various dog parks. Luke's favorite vacation spot was Deep Creek, MD. His favorite food is anything his fiancée is cooking but also tacos. His favorite movie is Remember the Titans. Luke thinks that the best actor to play him in a movie is Kevin James. Luke's words of wisdom are "Never take any wooden nickels".

WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

2019-2020 Realignment Plan

After a series of community open forums, at a Legislative Meeting on April 17, 2019, the Woodland Hills Board of Directors voted in favor of realignment for the 2019-2020 school year. Administrators view the realignment as a “reboot.” Superintendent James Harris explained at a community meeting, “What we’re trying to do is make sure we have a balanced budget while still providing the best educational possibilities that we can afford.” In order to reach its goal of creating a thriving culture where students and staff can grow academically and professionally, the realignment will include modifications in the following areas:

1—STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Programs: After extensive research, administrators found they could best increase achievement, and offer students a more robust learning experience, by adding new programs with a vigorous focus on STEAM to an already strong academic core program. Beginning at kindergarten, students will take such electives as computer and technology, world language exploration or pre-theatre arts from already-established Woodland Hills teachers certified in that content area. Those electives will follow them throughout their education at Woodland Hills. “Our elementary program is very new and very robust. We have high quality materials for math and reading, and, on top of that, this year, we are offering these specials (like art enrichment, pre-theatre) that you won’t get anywhere else,” says James Clawson, Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs.

2—Age-Appropriate Learning Environments: By changing the overall construct of the schools, the district will offer atmospheres more conducive to their students’ ages, streamline services, and operate nearer to full capacity; thereby, reducing operational costs. Students in Pre-K-5th grades can choose from three elementary schools, including: Edgewood Elementary STEAM Academy (formerly Edgewood Primary, serving K-3rd grades), Wilkins Elementary STEAM Academy (formerly Wilkins Primary, serving K-3rd grades), or Turtle Creek Elementary STEAM Academy (formerly WH Academy, serving K-8th grades). Students in grades 6th-8th will be at the Woodland Hills Intermediate School for the 2019-2020 school year. For the 2020-2021 school year, the Intermediate Building will close, and students in grades 6th-8th will attend the renovated Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy. The Woodland Hills High School will serve students in 9th-12th grades. (The high school was serving students in 7th-12th grades). The high school will also be remodeled, including a more secure entrance. The construction at the high school incorporates the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA). The concept of GESA is that the cost savings arising from energy savings on an annual basis are enough to pay the debt on financing for the construction/installation of the energy savings measures themselves. In addition, the lifespan of all the district’s construction projects will be 40 years, and the bond issue (loan) will be paid off in 30 years.

3—Hands-On and Project-Based Learning Experiences: Students will learn in direct, imaginative environments such as maker-space laboratory sessions, where they can build robotics, write code, program with 3-D printers and more with technology coaches. Each building will have its own technology, instructional and educational coaches. A “Charge for Success” program will also be added. This period is focused on enrichment in which groups of students will rotate with content-based teachers, varied on topics such as science and math in project-based environments.

4—Strengthening of Supports to Students and Staff

Teacher collaboration within the district is always key; however, with realignment, there will be increased teacher collaboration, as well as targeted professional development. The district will implement a multi-tiered system of supports for academics in relation to behavior issues and concerns. (Due to measures in the last year, the most current year’s write-ups have been down nearly 80 percent, and there have been no expulsions within the district.)The district is strengthening its cyber learning program to regain a lost population of students. Students returning to the district from cyber-charters will also generate a return of funds to the district’s general fund. A review of recess policies is also being conducted by the district to ensure its students have the recreation time needed. The district is enhancing its established offerings, like its award-winning gifted program, and continuing to offer 14 Advanced Placement courses.

Administrators believe the realignment will allow Woodland Hills to become a district of excellence with a stable future. It is committed to life-long friendships, a balanced diversity in student learning and activities, and an elimination of inequities. The Woodland Hills School District is focused on a “Charge to Success.” Dedicated to continued communication and transparency, the district welcomes residents to feel free to contact them with any questions or concerns at the Administration Building at 412-731-1300. Residents can also follow the district’s news and updates at www.whsd.net

WHHS Wins Gene Kelly Awards!

On Saturday, May 25th, Woodland Hills High School's *Mamma Mia!* was awarded 4 Gene Kelly Awards for Excellence in High School Musical Theater: Best Scenic Design, Best Lighting Design, Best Crew and Technical Execution, and Best Musical. Other nominations included: Best Ensemble, Best Execution of Direction, Best Execution of Choreography, and Best Execution of Music Direction. This brings Woodland Hills' total to 228 nominations and 114 awards in 29 years, including 23 nominations and 12 awards for Best Musical. Next year's spring musical will be announced on July 27th at the Alumni Musical, *Hair*.

A WOODLAND HILLS ALUMNI MUSICAL

HAIR

A musical rehearsed in 48 hours for ONE performance
Saturday,
July 27, 2019
8:00PM

TICKETS
will be on sale in the lobby
July 26 6pm-8pm
July 27 10am-8pm
General Admission

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Ongoing 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 smartphone, tablet, or computer. Call the library or stop at the front desk to register.

Knit and Crochet Club: 2nd Thursday of the month from 6-8pm: Want to learn to knit or crochet? Or maybe you would enjoy knitting or crocheting with other friendly needle workers. All are welcome to join our monthly night of knitting and crocheting for all levels of experience.

Book Discussion Groups: Join one of our five book discussion groups! Check our website for all the details.

- 1st Thursdays, 7 p.m. – Evening Eclectic group; meets upstairs in library
- 2nd Thursdays, 3 p.m. – Afternoon Eclectic group; meets in downstairs Senior Center
- 2nd Sundays, 1 p.m. – NEW! Yummy book club; read food-related books and share yummy food
- 4th Mondays, 2 p.m. – Afternoon Mystery group; meets in library
- 4th Mondays, 7 p.m. – Evening Mystery group; meets in Senior Center

Summer Programs for Children & Teens

Preschool Stories, Games, Crafts, & More- Mondays at 11am (Ages 3-5)
Monday Science and Crafts- Mondays at 1pm (ages 5-8)

Maker Mondays for teens- Every other Monday at 4pm (ages 12-18)

Try It Tuesdays- Every other Tuesday at 4pm (ages 8-12)

Anime Club- Every other Tuesday at 4pm (teens, others welcome)

Saturday Science - Saturdays at 1pm (ages 8-12)

Saturday Snacks - Saturdays from 2:30-3:30pm (ages 18 and younger)

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

Special Summer Programs for All Ages

Master Clue Game Night (ages 6+)

Wednesday July 10th 7pm– finish

Fun With Flags (ages 8-12)

Saturday July 20th 1-2pm

Bonnie's Book & Salad Lunch (adults)

Sunday July 21st 1-4 pm

Trash to Treasure (ages 8-12)

Saturday July 27th 1-2 pm

Night Sky Party (all ages)

Monday August 5th 8-9pm

Summer Reading Wrap-Up Picnic (all ages)

Saturday August 10th 12-3pm



Summer Wizard Tournament (ages 10 – 110)

Saturdays at 7 p.m., July 6th – July 27th
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 will be closed **July 4th**. Plan your book and movie pickups accordingly!

Live Local Music at the Library

Local musicians will 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 summer line-up:

Saturday July 6th: 7-9 pm

Chuck Owston (Americana Music) show on the front lawn

Saturday August 10th: 1:30-3pm

Ronnie Weiss (Standards/Jazz Music)

STAYCATION

Stay-cation planned this summer? Borrow an experience kit!

Starting this summer, you can check out an Experience Kit for one week at a time at the Swissvale Library. We are partnering with the Senator John Heinz History Center to offer free admission for up to four people to five unique historical sites:

- Senator John Heinz History Center
- Fort Pitt Museum
- Meadowcroft
- Old Economy Village
- Quecreek Mine Rescue Site
- Historic Harmony Museum
- The David Bradford House

Experience kits also include additional educational information and suggestions on other things to do in the area - a pre-planned road trip in a bag!

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WILKINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER



What the WSCC Means to Me

We are growing! Can you help us? Eleven years ago, just after moving to the East End, I walked into Wilkins School Community Center because I was curious to find out what kinds of programs and activities were held there. I was enthusiastically welcomed and immediately sensed that this was a special place where creativity and friendship thrived. Volunteers and East End residents shape the classes and events and respond to community needs and wants. Does enrollment for a new class fall a little short? No matter. Give it a chance and see if it grows. Does an area non-profit need a place to meet? Does someone need to rent space for a party, a shower, or even a wedding that doesn't bust the budget? The list of classes and activities is incredibly long and diverse. WSCC may not have a swimming pool or a basketball court, but it does offer Bollywood dancing, Italian, vegetarian cooking, Steppin', as well as the more traditional classes like art, music, and fitness taught by incredibly talented and dedicated teachers who teach because they love to. There's even a small gallery that an artist or crafter can rent for an exhibit, a pop-up shop, or a book signing. And you don't even have to be a member to come to a class or one of the free community events, although a donation will be appreciated and go toward maintaining the building, which has served as a community landmark for 91 years. So if you are new to the community or haven't been to WSCC in a while, visit and find out what's going on. It's a guarantee that you'll receive a warm welcome!

—Francine Vandenberg, WSCC Board President



March 9th marked the opening of the WSCC Art Gallery with a beautiful Kabukiza Theater Kabuki Art Print Show and Sale. Each Saturday visitors enjoyed green tea with almond and sesame cookies. April 13th was the opening reception for the second show, Artists Choice Exhibit. Twenty-three artists submitted pieces in a wondrous array of media.

You, too, can reserve the gallery for a show of your own. The WSCC invites artists, individually or as a group, to submit applications to exhibit in our gallery. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Exhibit space is available for a minimum of 3 weeks to a maximum of 6 weeks, Thursday through Wednesday, \$75 per week. An additional, refundable \$75 security deposit is required to reserve exhibit dates. Full rental fee is due 6 weeks prior to beginning exhibit date. For complete details, contact Francine Vandenberg at TheGalleryatWSCC@gmail.com.



Awareness through Movement

Wednesdays, 5:30pm

\$10 WSCC members / \$15 non-members—per class
5-class card: \$40 WSCC members / \$50 non-members

Awareness Through Movement® classes take you through a cumulative series of slow gentle movements while guiding your attention to the subtle effects of those movements

Upcoming Fall Events!

Cooking with Dave Green

Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. in 3-week sessions. The series will include: Foods of Brazil, Pittsburgh Sweets, and Jewish Italian Cuisine.

Festival of Lights Diwali originated in the ancient cultures of the Indian subcontinent and is today celebrated all over the world. This important occasion marks the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil.

Jaime Bird: Photograph Exhibit and Talk

Jaime writes of her work, "My photography connects modern life and the comforting, familiar nostalgia of yesterday. Extracting moments of the quiet mundane to the emotional warfare of protests, the photos I create are the visible results of the lives I have fated to a frame." Learn more about Jamie and preview her work at sidewalkstoryteller.com



Collage with Christine Nelson This is not your grade school art project! Be amazed what you can create with paper and ink.

We are growing! Can you help us?

WSCC is at an exciting and pivotal point. With help from Carnegie Mellon's Heinz School of Public Policy, we are implementing a strategic business plan that will ensure the WSCC is here for years to come. In the meantime, there are emergency building repairs that can't be put off, including a new roof! Above-surface water is causing significant damage and this summer there will be repairs to the masonry along the playground and basketball court walls. Please consider making a donation of any amount. You can donate online through our website, wscppgh.org, using the donation tab, or mail a check to WSCC 7604 Charleston Ave, Pgh, Pa 15218. THANK YOU!!

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COMMUNITY DAYS 2019



Community Days 2019 was held at Les Getz Memorial Park. Entertainment included a K9 Demonstration and Live Music.

In Photos:

1. Officer David Zacchia presents the K9 Demonstration with the help of his partner K9 Atlas
2. Officer Justin Schirmer and K9 Echo demonstrate the takedown of a suspect.
3. Residents enjoy music from local band Zoot Island
4. The weekend ended with a fireworks display

