



# Swissvale Designated as Fifth Healthiest Housing Market in Pennsylvania!

Four of the top ten healthiest housing markets in Pennsylvania are in the Pittsburgh area, with Swissvale making the list at #5!

As reported in the Pittsburgh Business Times, according to a new study by SmartAsset, the Borough scored 75.64 on the financial technology firm's healthiest market index.

The study measured stability with two equally weighted indicators — the number of years people remain in their homes and the percentage of homeowners with negative equity. To gauge risk, SmartAsset used the percentage of homes that decreased in value. Housing market fluidity was determined by the average time a for-sale home in each area spent on the market (the longer homes take to sell, the less fluid the market). Affordability was calculated by determining the monthly cost of owning a home as a percentage of household income in each city. Affordability accounted for 40% of the index, the other factors each counted for 20%.



Just 10 years ago, Swissvale was struggling and dealing with hundreds of vacant and abandoned properties, foreclosures, sheriff sales and irresponsible absentee landlords not taking care of their properties. As result,

the Borough instituted a comprehensive and effective code enforcement program in an effort to reduce the blight and improve the quality of life in our community. These efforts played a large role in turning it around.

We always knew Swissvale was a great place to live, with great people and a great sense of community. Now others will be looking seriously at our community to make Swissvale their home!

The other locals on the list were Castle Shannon, Plum and Murrysville.

## Top Ten Healthiest Housing Market Communities in Pennsylvania

1. Castle Shannon
2. Hershey
3. Harrisburg
4. Progress
5. **Swissvale**
6. Lebanon
7. Plum
8. Murrysville
9. Mountain Top
10. King of Prussia



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# Borough Administration

## Borough Manager's Message

I hope everyone is doing well and coping with our new normal as a result of the COVID 19 situation.

I believe that this will really be my final Manager Message. My tenure as Manager should be completed on July 31st and Assistant Manager Greg Bachy will step in as the Interim Manager, and serve in that capacity while Council navigates their plan on my permanent replacement. I have full confidence that Mr. Bachy will do a fine job at keeping things moving along.

While many of the projects planned for this year have been delayed as a result of the pandemic, we are continuing to work on keeping many of them moving forward. However, because of the high unemployment caused by the shutdown of businesses, which also reduces some of our tax revenues, some of those projects may be delayed into the future due to funding issues.

The biggest issue facing us now is the Municipal Building and future plans for its replacement. The Administration has continued to work on plans and options for Council to consider moving forward. As more information becomes available, it will be shared online.

Unfortunately due to the pandemic, Council is still meeting remotely. These meetings can be heard live on the Borough's Facebook page. Until we get back to normal, Council will be meeting once a month on the first Wednesday.

Again, it has been a great honor and privilege to have served as your Borough Manager! I hope that everyone remains safe and makes it through these trying times.

Clyde Wilhelm



## Belgian Block for Sale

The Public Works department still has Belgian Block available for residents to purchase. Blocks are \$1.50 a piece and residents can buy as many as 200 in one order.

To place and order, please fill out an order form on our website: [swissvaleborough.com](http://swissvaleborough.com)

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911

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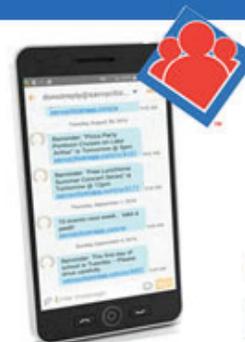
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# Fire Department



## Special Fish Fry Dates Announced!

Swissvale Fire will be running a special summer Fish Fry schedule on the 2nd Friday of July, August, September and October. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, most of the Lenten Fish Fry dates had to be cancelled. This is an important annual fundraiser for the Volunteer Fire Department and the proceeds account for nearly 40% of their annual operating budget and are used to pay the mortgage on the fire station.

Please consider supporting this effort, and enjoy one of the best Fish Sandwiches in Western PA! Swissvale Fire’s Fish Fry came in at Number Two on the KDKA Top 10 Best Fish Fries in Western Pennsylvania!

This summer menu will include a daily special each Friday. These will include the Chief’s Homemade Stuffed Cabbage, Meatball Hoagie, Grasso’s Hot Sausage Sandwich and Loaded Pierogies (topped with Bacon, Cheddar Cheese, Sour Cream and Chives.... YUM!). Be sure to check the website or Facebook to view menu and the specials.

The Fish Fry dates will be:

- Friday, July 10, 2020                      Friday, August 14, 2020
- Friday, September 11, 2020              Friday, October 9, 2020



## How to use a Fire Extinguisher

Please remember to ALWAYS put your safety FIRST. Make sure you review the instructions on the fire extinguisher at least once a year because if you need to use a fire extinguisher, there will not be time to learn how to properly use one. If you are not confident in your ability to use a fire extinguisher, get out and dial 9-1-1.

Prior to using a fire extinguisher make sure that:

- Everyone has left or is leaving the home
- The fire department has been called
- The fire is small, not spreading, and there is not much smoke
- Your back is to an exit you can use quickly

To use a fire extinguisher, remember the acronym PASS:

- Pull the pin.
- Aim low at the base of the fire.
- Squeeze the handle slowly.
- Sweep the nozzle side to side.



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## Remember the **P A S S** Word

P

**Pull**

Pull the pin (or other motion) to unlock the extinguisher.



A

**Aim**

Aim at the base (bottom) of the fire and stand 6 - 10 feet away.



S

**Squeeze**

Squeeze the lever to discharge the agent.



S

**Sweep**

Sweep the spray from left to right until the flames are totally extinguished.





## Library

### Events at the Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale: July / August 2020

#### Curbside and Lobby Pickup of Swissvale Library Items Available

The Swissvale Library started offering lobby and curbside pickup of library materials on June 15. This service will continue through August 31, 2020. You can now request some library items to be checked out to you and picked up in our lobby or delivered to you curbside, limit 10 items per request. Call us at 412.731.2300 between 10am - 3pm Mon-Sat to place requests. You could also place a request anytime by email, sent to [carnegiefreelibraryofswissvale@gmail.com](mailto:carnegiefreelibraryofswissvale@gmail.com). Emails should include your name, library barcode OR home address, and which items you would like to borrow. Please allow 24 hours for us to gather your requests and prepare them for pickup. You will receive a call or email letting you know when your order is ready, and asking which day you will pick up (for lobby pickup) or day and time (for curbside delivery).

WIFI printing IS available! See our website for details. You can pick up your print job in the same ways that are available for picking up books (lobby, sidewalk, or curbside). Ask a staff member about printing fees.

#### Temporary Summer Library Operating Hours and Services

As of press time, the Swissvale Library hours were scheduled to be 10am - 3pm, Monday through Saturday. Our hours may need to be adjusted as the summer progresses, depending on guidelines from the state; please check our current hours of operation before planning a visit. Go to [www.swissvalelibrary.org](http://www.swissvalelibrary.org) or call us at 412.731.2300.

Apart from our curbside/lobby pickup of Swissvale Library materials described above, we do not know when we will reopen for other services in the library. We anticipate that for some time after reopening, masks (for anyone over age 2) and social distancing will be required. Computer time will be less than

usual. There will be only 15 patrons permitted in the library at a time. If you are sick, have a fever, or have been exposed to anyone who has Covid-19, stay home from the library. All of this is being done to protect the health and safety of all our patrons and staff. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone who jeopardizes the safety of our patrons or staff.

All library programs will be held online through August 31, 2020. Check our Facebook page or website for Miss Cece's Virtual Preschool Storytimes (Fridays at 12pm), special Music (Not) At the Library virtual concerts, and links to other programs offered virtually. Stay connected! Stay safe!

No donations of materials (books, DVDs, etc.) can be accepted at this time.

#### Summer Reading 2020 Continues Through August 15

Summer reading isn't just for children this year – it's for everyone! You can log your reading and earn cool badges online using Beanstack, which you can register for here: <https://carnegielifreelibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>. Make sure you list the library you visit most often as the Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale – you can't register for multiple libraries' programs, so choose well. Not techie enough for this? Feel free to call and reach out to Cece, who can walk you through the registration process or even log your books for you.



Also, become a Facebook friend of the Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale, and follow our posts throughout the summer for summer reading fun and activities! New short videos for kids of all ages will go up every week, from our preschool story times to fairy tales for all,

from chapters of longer kids' books combined with storytelling and creative writing prompts to a virtual comic and games club for tweens and teens. Not online? No problem! Every week take-home crafts or activities will be available here at the library.

#### "Music at The Library" is Now "Music (Not) at The Library"

Our popular music series of monthly free concerts has gone virtual. It's our way of staying together apart, and enjoying local musicians' offerings. These will premiere on occasional Saturday evenings at 7pm, with recordings available afterwards. Check our Facebook and website for all the updates and information.

#### 20th Annual "Book Bucks" Auction Postponed

Swissvale Library's own reader rewards program, Book Bucks, is currently in progress, and the grand finale event, the 20th Annual Book Bucks Auction, will happen eventually, in some form. So Miss Bonnie wants everyone to keep reading and writing down their books to earn more Book Bucks, even over the summer. At the Book Bucks Auction, readers old and young will bid on over 100 items, paying with our own unique currency, "Book Bucks". It's not too late to start reading, Swissvalians!



Like Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale on Facebook!

The library is located at 1800 Monongahela Ave., Swissvale, PA 15218, at the corner of McClure and Monongahela

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# Seniors

## Swissvale Senior Center Activities

### Seniors Always Matter (S.A.M.)

Our mission is to enhance our senior citizens' lives by providing opportunities for fellowship, fun, and food in a friendly and safe environment while also providing community celebration for special days and holidays.

### Valentine Celebration

Seniors at the Swissvale Senior Center celebrated Valentine's Day at noon on Friday, February 14th with bingo games, lunch, Valentine favors, heart shaped chocolates, and Valentine's gifts for all. Over forty-five seniors participated in this year's party. Photos below show a few of our seniors displaying the gifts they received. Carol Palangio, director of S.A.M., would like to thank all who helped make this event a success.



Thank you to the following groups and individuals for donations to S.A.M. which supports the Swissvale Borough Senior Center...

- Swissvale Presbyterian Church
- Ladies of Charity – Madonna del Castello & Word of God Parish
- Swissvale Rotary
- Mr. Jordan Marckisotto – Edgewood Town Center Giant Eagle
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### Your donations are appreciated!

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# Environment

## Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee Update

Trees provide many necessary benefits to the community of Swissvale. They provide privacy, accentuate views, reduce noise and glare and even enhance architecture. In times of extreme weather, trees serve a vital service in helping to absorb and control rain water. Trees help moderate temperatures by creating a cooling effect which can counteract the heating effect of pavements and buildings in an urban environment. Leaves filter the air we breathe by removing dust and other particulates and by converting carbon dioxide to oxygen.

The Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee (SSTAC) is a group of Swissvale residents interested in improving the extent and health of Swissvale's urban forest. Like everyone else, the SSTAC has had to cancel or postpone numerous activities in in this time of pandemic. As the country starts to return to more normal times, so will the SSTAC.

For belated Arbor Day on May 30, Mayor Deneen Swartzwelder read a proclamation and the SSTAC added tree tags to new trees planted in the Borough that include the name of the tree, Latin name, and planting date. Also included on the tags are the names and logos of the groups responsible for planting the trees – SSTAC, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Nine Mile Run Watershed Association and Swissvale Rotary. As you are out and about in the Borough check the

tree tags on the newest greenery additions, including the Church & Braddock parklet, the Park Avenue Square off Monongahela Avenue and in Les Getz Memorial Park.

We will be doing a small number of street tree plantings this spring and summer and will be scheduling tree prunings and tree care events through the fall.

If you have a young tree on or near your property, the most important thing you can do to nurture its growth is by giving it a drink during the hot, dry summer months. Trees need an average of one inch of water per week.

To learn more about SSTAC activities, volunteer for upcoming events, or to request a street tree, visit our website: [swissvalreetreecommi.wixsite.com/website](http://swissvalreetreecommi.wixsite.com/website)



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	Twice Weekly	\$180.00
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	Twice Weekly	\$250.00
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- All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are issued by the County Treasurer. Applications for licensing may be obtained at the Borough building.
- All dogs must be under control and must not be allowed to run at large. Dogs are personal property, and owners are responsible for damages caused by their dog.
- It is illegal to mistreat or abuse any animal. Violations should be reported to a local humane organization or the Swissvale Police Department.
- It is illegal to abandon or attempt to abandon any dog.
- No dog under eight weeks of age may be sold, traded, bartered or transferred.
- You may not place any poison or harmful substance in any place where dogs may easily eat it, whether it is your own property or elsewhere.
- You must have a current kennel license if you operate a facility that keeps, harbors, boards, shelters, sells, gives away or transfers a total of 26 or more dogs in any one calendar year.
- Dogs and cats 3 months of age or older are required to have a current rabies vaccination. It is illegal to interfere with an officer or employee of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture engaged in enforcement of dog laws.
- Tethered (tied) dogs must have available shade, access to water, and must be tied to something appropriate for the dog's size which must be attached with swivel devices to an appropriate collar and to the point the dog is tethered to. Dog tethers must be at least 10 feet or longer depending on the size of dog.
- • Tethered dogs may be left in such conditions for up to 9 hours, however in temperatures exceeding 90 degrees or dropping below 32 degrees the time left tethered is limited to 30 minutes.
- Chain, pinch, choke, and prong type collars are not permitted to be used when tethering.
- Dogs and cats left unattended in vehicles may be forcibly removed by first responders or dog wardens, provided certain criteria are met (imminent danger to the animal, etc...).
- A person is guilty of neglect if they deprive an animal under their care of the necessary elements of food, potable water, and sufficient and sanitary shelter from inclement weather.



### Nuisance Violations

- Frequent and habitual barking, howling, screeching, yelping, or baying by a dog, cat or other animals.
- Allowing an animal to create offensive odors, excessive noise or unsanitary conditions which are considered dangerous to health, comfort or safety of the public.
- Allowing a dog to "go to the bathroom" on school grounds, a park or other public or private property (It is not considered to be a nuisance violation if you immediately clean up after your dog).
- Allowing your pet to scratch, dig or defecate on any lawn, tree, shrub, plant, building or any other public or private property other than that of the owner or person in charge or control of the animal.

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# Employee Spotlight



**Bob Brannagan**  
Fire Department

Bob has worked with the Swissvale Fire Department since December of 2016. Before he worked here he worked for the Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire Department in Murrells Inlet, SC. He spends the majority of his days maintaining a routine. He has to check the vehicles and equipment as well as complete station chores and respond to calls. Bob thinks people would be surprised to hear that about 70% of all calls he responds to are medical calls. The best part of the job for him, as cheesy as it sounds, is helping people. The most memorable moment in his career was the day he had to rescue a pot belly show pig from the basement of a house fire.

When he isn't working, Bob enjoys relaxing and spending time with his wife and daughter. He also likes to stay active by playing ice hockey and lifting weights. When he can, Bob (like most of us) enjoys going on vacation. While he doesn't have a favorite place to go he says he likes "pretty much anywhere with a beach and warm temperatures". Bob's favorite food is steak, his favorite movie is Deadpool and his pet peeve is loud chewing. When asked who would play him in a movie he said he would choose Bruce Willis. Bob was born in Texas and still has family there. In high school he was on a competition shooting team. His words of wisdom are "treat everyone how you would want to be treated, with respect."



**John Mercalde**  
Police Department

John has worked in Swissvale for 21 years! Before he worked in Swissvale he was an auto mechanic for six years. The majority of John's work is reports... lots of reports. John enjoys his work because it is never routine. He says that he likes being able to help and work with people of diverse backgrounds. He considers it challenging and exciting. John's funniest memory from his 21 years in the SPD is the time he and other officers were out serving a warrant. When they entered the house, a chihuahua attacked him and bit him on the back of his pants where it continued to hang in midair until someone could get it off of him.

When he takes time off from work John enjoys spending summers on his houseboat. His favorite vacation spot is Mexico, his favorite TV show is Criminal Minds and his favorite food is cheese ravioli (although he can eat an entire Triangle Battleship hoagie in one half hour sitting). His pet peeve is lying. An actor who could play him in a movie is Joseph Gordon-Levitt. John's words of wisdom are, "When it is obvious that the goal cannot be reached, don't adjust the goal, adjust the action steps."



**Russell Diggs**  
Public Works Department

Russell has worked for the Department of Public works for 11 months (he will have his 1st anniversary on July 8th). Before working for Swissvale, he worked for Triton Environment as a truck driver. Russell's tasks alternate between throwing trash and occasionally driving the garbage truck. He enjoys the work because he says it keeps him fit. The most memorable thing to happen to him on the job was the time that a rat jumped out of a garbage can and ran up his arm. That being said his pet peeves about collecting trash are rodents but also ripped and open garbage bags.

When he's not working Russell enjoys tinkering with car sound systems. In the past he has even participated in bass competitions with friends. His favorite vacation spot is Jamaica. His favorite food is a medium- well steak with lots of sautéed onions and his favorite show is Martin. Russell also enjoys mentoring his two boys (eight & ten years old) in football. Russell's words of wisdom are "Trust, loyalty, and faith."



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# Community Happenings



## Borough Calendar\*

<b>07/01</b>	Council Meeting	<b>08/01</b>	Farmers Market
<b>07/03</b>	Borough Office Closed for Independence Day	<b>08/05</b>	Council Meeting
<b>07/10</b>	Swissvale Fire Department Fish Fry	<b>08/08</b>	Farmers Market
<b>07/11</b>	Farmers Market	<b>08/14</b>	Swissvale Fire Department Fish Fry
<b>07/18</b>	Farmers Market	<b>08/15</b>	Farmers Market
<b>07/18</b>	Free Community Dinner @ River City Church 4-6:30pm	<b>08/15</b>	Free Community Dinner @ River City Church 4-6:30pm
<b>07/25</b>	Farmers Market	<b>08/22</b>	Farmers Market
<b>07/29</b>	Agenda Meeting	<b>08/25</b>	Agenda Meeting
		<b>08/29</b>	Farmers Market

*\*All events listed in this calendar are subject to cancellation or postponement as the COVID-19 Pandemic continues to evolve.*

### Wilkins School Community Center

We miss you and all the joy and life that fills the WSCC when you are here. We will remain closed through July and hope to partially re-open in late August. We want to provide a safe space to meet, play, learn and grow. Visit our website ([wscppgh.org](http://wscppgh.org)), Facebook, and Instagram (WSCC\_PGHI) for changing virtual art exhibits, other news and events.

### CityReach Church

7327 McClure Avenue  
 Pastor Chris Ansell  
[cityreachswissvale@gmail.com](mailto:cityreachswissvale@gmail.com)  
[www.cityreachswissvale.org](http://www.cityreachswissvale.org)

### Worship times

Regular Worship Schedule: 10:30am. on Sundays. You can participate on site, as well as streaming on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cityreachswissvale/live](http://www.facebook.com/cityreachswissvale/live)

### Stay & Play

The fifth Sunday of every month we have a potluck following our 10:30am service. Our next Stay & Play will be August 30. Bring a dish to share, stick around for games and the opportunity to deepen relationships.

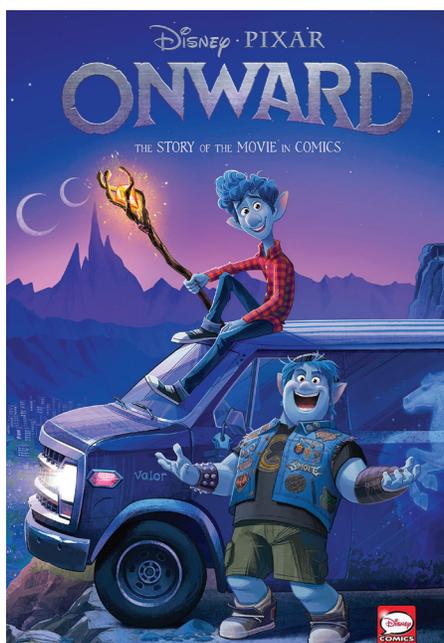
### CityReach Church (continued)

#### Outdoor Movie Night

Join us at CityReach Swissvale for a family friendly movie with adequate social distancing on the church's side lawn. Come with a blanket and snacks and delve into the adventure of Pixar's Onward.

The event will be held on Friday, August 7th beginning at 8pm at 7327 McClure Ave, 15218. The lawn can be accessed around the corner on Monroe St. This event is weather permitting and will be cancelled in the event of rain. Updates can be found on the CityReach Church Swissvale Facebook page.

Please let us know if you have any questions!



### Swissvale Farmers Market

The Swissvale Farmers Market is continuing to run every Saturday morning from 9am - 1pm in the municipal parking lot at 2036 Noble Street. We are operating under the Covid-19 guidelines set forth by the PA Department of Agriculture and the Allegheny County Health Department. Some of our crafters have been able to return and you will always find an array of fresh Pennsylvania produce and local prepared foods. For updates check out our Facebook page and our website: [www.swissvalefarmersmarket.org](http://www.swissvalefarmersmarket.org).



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# Community Happenings

## The Swissvale Economic Development Corporation

The Swissvale Economic Development Corporation (SEDCO) is a group of individuals living and working in Swissvale whose mission is to organize, direct, and coordinate economic revitalization projects in the Borough of Swissvale.



In the late 1970s and early 1980s, U.S. Steel, Westinghouse Electric, WABCO, Union Switch and Signal and Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel all closed major manufacturing plants in the Monongahela Valley. As many as 175,000 jobs were lost in the region when these plants closed. SEDCO was formed in 1989 as one of the first community development corporations (CDC) in the Mon Valley to counter this historic regional economic disruption. Subsequently, SEDCO joined other CDCs in a coalition with Mon Valley Initiative (MVI) to coordinate programs and revitalization approaches.

Our mission remains the same today. Through our continued partnership with MVI, numerous residential properties in Swissvale have been renovated for purchase by first time home buyers. In coordination with SEDCO and borough officials, MVI purchased the former Deniston School on McClure Avenue using Allegheny County's Vacant Property Recovery Program. The building underwent a complete revitalization, and now contains 18 beautiful condos in Swissvale. While there is still some ongoing exterior work, the condos officially opened this February and we are happy to say that 17 of the 18 units have been sold!

SEDCO has been proud to sponsor the Swissvale Farmer's Market since it began six years ago. The Farmer's Market has steadily grown and this year will begin operating as an independent non-profit. SEDCO continues to support the Farmer's Market as a vital resource bringing fresh produce and community spirit to Swissvale every Saturday morning during the summer months.

SEDCO sponsors Swissvale Borough litter clean-up days. Clean-ups are scheduled for the second Saturday of every month from May to October at 10:00 am. We meet in the Goodfella's parking lot and provide trash bags and gloves. All are welcome to help us keep our Borough streets clean.

During this time of economic challenges, we highly recommend taking advantage of local resources for help with career counseling, computer skills and home ownership. Mon Valley Initiative, (MVI) has a Workforce Development & Financial Coaching program designed to help navigate difficult times like these. They are open to serve the residents of our area. Check out their website to see what they can do for you at [monvalleyinitiative.com](http://monvalleyinitiative.com)



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## Public Works



### Updates from Swissvale Public Works

The Swissvale Borough Department of Public Works (DPW) has not been immune to the effects of COVID-19 and trying to keep our employees and residents safe throughout the pandemic. New garbage regulations were put into effect, parks were closed, the start date for summer employees was delayed, street sweeping was delayed and certain projects were delayed as a result of the pandemic. As we enter the “green phase” of reopening we will be resuming normal operations in the near future. Detailed below you will see how the pandemic has affected the operations of the DPW and the Borough.

- The Swissvale DPW is responsible for cutting the grass at all Borough owned properties and over 125 vacant and abandoned properties throughout the Borough. The DPW typically employs 4-6 temporary laborers every summer to keep up with this workload. As a result of the pandemic, we delayed the start of the summer employment program by one month and were only able to fill two positions as the other two employees who were planning to work with the Borough found employment elsewhere. The delay and reduction in staff will not allow us to maintain each property as often as we have in past years. If there is a vacant or abandoned property adjacent to your home that the DPW has maintained in past years please be patient. If there is a property in your neighborhood that is not being maintained, please call the Borough office to report the issue and we will investigate to determine if there is a responsible property owner who will properly maintain the property. If no owner can be found it will be turned over to the DPW to begin maintaining the property on a regular basis. If an owner can be found and they refuse to comply, then a citation will be filed with the District Court and a hearing will be held before the local Magisterial District Judge. Please keep in mind that the court system is currently overwhelmed since it has been closed due to the pandemic and a resolution to the issue may take several months.
- All Swissvale Borough Parks and Playgrounds were reopened to the public on June 10, 2020. Extra precautions are being taken as all play structures, picnic tables, benches and restrooms are being sanitized on a daily basis above and beyond their normal cleaning routine. Signs are also posted at all parks asking users to stay home if they are not feeling well, advising social distancing between other users and providing other general guidelines for the safe use of the parks. We will continue with these extra precautions until Allegheny County is moved to the next phase of reopening with no restrictions. Have fun and stay safe!
- Trash and recycling collection are returning to normal at this time. However, normal still means that trash will not be collected if the bags are open or ripped, if there is loose trash in your can or if trash is strewn upon the ground. The temporary bulk item limitation has been removed and larger items and cardboard boxes can be placed curbside for collection. Please make sure that all of your trash is bagged, the bags are closed and that the trash is placed in a vermin proof container prior to pickup. Please use your recycling bin as much as possible and please call the Borough Building if you are in need of a recycling bin.
- Street sweeping has been occurring on a daily basis but is not following a set schedule. The operator is checking a number of streets each day and is cleaning the streets that can be safely navigated due to the larger than usual amount of people at home. Please check our website [www.swissvaleborough.com](http://www.swissvaleborough.com) and our various social media pages for updates on when the street sweeping program will formally begin for 2020.
- Projects will be occurring on the roads in the near future including repairs and replacement of sanitary and storm sewers, pothole patching, crosswalk painting, line painting, tree trimming and many other similar projects. This work may cause some inconvenience to residents and motorists alike. Please be considerate of our workers and slow down in work zones so that our employees can safely return home to their families each evening.



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employees a safe, healthy,  
and enjoyable Summer.**

**Please remember to stay safe  
when participating in Summer  
events.**