



# Swissvale NEWS

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## SWISSVALE'S 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

**Saturday, October 29, noon (rain or shine)**

All participants should line-up at 11:45 a.m. on Roslyn Street at Woodstock Avenue and will parade through the business district lead by the Woodland Hills High School Band. The parade ends at Dickson School with treats for all children who marched. Swissvale residents can show their support by lining the streets and cheering on the boys and ghouls.

## SWISSVALE HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT

**Monday, October 31, 6 to 8 p.m.**

Swissvale boys and girls may trick or treat from 6 to 8 p.m. Children should be accompanied by an adult and not go to houses before 6 p.m. or after 8 p.m.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Don't forget to "fall back" by turning your clocks back one hour on **Sunday, November 6, at 2 a.m.** Daylights Savings is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors to stay safe!

## Standard Time



## ELECTION DAY

**REMEMBER YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

**Election Day is November 8.**

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 Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Leaf Collection**

The Borough of Swissvale's annual leaf collection will begin on Monday, October 31. Leaf collection will follow the posted street sweeping schedule and will continue for approximately five weeks or until significant snowfall requires converting trucks for plowing and salting operations.

This service is for the collection of leaves only. Swissvale uses a high powered leaf vacuum and mulching machine which simultaneously collects and mulches the leaf waste before it enters the collection container on the truck. The fine blades in the mulching mechanism can be damaged by other yard waste, grass clippings, twigs and dirt. Leaf piles which contain a large amount of material other than leaves will not be collected.

Leaves must be raked to the edge of the street by 7 a.m. on collection day. Due to the heavy volume of leaves each fall, the collection vehicle can only make one pass on each side of the street and cannot return for leaves that were not at the curb prior to collection.

**Electronic Waste Update**

As of January 24, 2012, it is illegal to dispose of Electronic Waste or E-Waste in a Pennsylvania landfill. All E-Waste must now be recycled and properly disposed by a licensed recycler. This includes televisions, computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals, printers and similar devices. As a result, Swissvale Sanitation cannot collect these items with weekly trash and the Borough can no longer collect and dispose of these items. Residents or property owners are responsible for assuring the proper disposal of these items.

One licensed E-Waste disposal facility in the immediate vicinity is eLoop, located at 625 Plum Industrial Court in Plum Borough. eLoop will accept E-Waste for a fee which depends on the type and size of E-Waste being disposing. Contact eLoop at 724-519-7646 for more information.

Swissvale will also continue to accept E-Waste at the annual clean-up day in May. However, the Borough does not have an appropriate facility for storage and so cannot collect such items before the scheduled date.



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## Winter Road Maintenance

Although winter is still several months away, the Swissvale Department of Public Works has already been making preparations for snow and ice removal. Due to a somewhat mild winter, the DPW has approximately 150 tons of salt left over from last year. The Borough has already placed an order for an additional 1,250 tons of salt with the first deliveries expected in mid-October. A new Ford F-550 Dump Truck with a snow plow and salt spreader will replace a 14 year old truck in the DPW fleet. This new truck will greatly improve the efficiency of the snow plowing and salting operation.

DPW employees are on call 24 hours a day/7 days a week during the winter season to keep the roads passable for motorists. When snow and ice conditions are predicted, DPW employees work alternative schedules to ensure a quick response time to the winter storms.

During snow and ice storms, the following suggestions will assist the DPW in keeping the roads clear of snow and ice and minimize damage to parked vehicles throughout the winter season:

- Utilize driveways, garages or other off-street parking when snow and ice are predicted.
- Park as close to the curb as possible.
- Fold in the mirror on the street side of your vehicle.
- Do not throw or blow snow from sidewalks or driveway onto the road.



A Live Well Allegheny Community

Swissvale is proud to be a new partner of the *Live Well Allegheny* campaign. *Live Well Allegheny* was launched in January 2014 as an initiative of the Allegheny County Health Department. The campaign is a comprehensive, innovative strategy on wellness that embraces a broad

concept of living well to include physical health, mental wellness, personal and community safety, prevention and preparedness, and much more.

Swissvale and the Woodland Hills School District join over two dozen communities and a half dozen school districts to participate in the program. Swissvale will benefit from being a partner with support from the Health Department in providing information to residents about screenings, fitness activities, healthy cooking demonstrations, tips on stress management and other activities geared to residents of all ages.

The initiative has expanded greatly since its inception. Not only are communities and schools participating, but now restaurants and soon, workplaces can become partners in the campaign, providing more opportunities for county residents to engage in healthy lifestyle behaviors. Take a step to Live Well by attending the upcoming health fair on September 11 at the Swissvale Library and sponsored by the Library and Reach Up, a part of the Union Baptist Church. See the article on page 7 for more information.

To learn about health tips, search the resource directory or find Live Well events happening near you, visit [www.LiveWellAllegheny.com](http://www.LiveWellAllegheny.com)

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## A Message From the Borough Manager

It has been a little over two and a half years since council appointed me to serve as Borough Manager. Having been born and raised here as a fourth generation Swissvalian, it is a great honor and privilege to serve you in this capacity. We have accomplished many good things recently and have much more work to do. However, I am especially excited to see the positive changes that have occurred and the many great things on the horizon. Swissvale is a community on the rise!

Over that time, we have been working very hard to reinvent our local government and initiated some major paradigm shifts. We realigned some department responsibilities, reorganized staff and are working very hard *to do more with less*, while bringing basic business principles into our governance and decision-making process and continually evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of our operations. As an example, in 2016, we brought our refuse collection "back in house." By doing this, it allowed for an increase in the quality of service and an estimated annual savings of \$80,000 to \$100,000 over what our contracted service rate was previously.

As a result of taking innovative approaches, we ended 2015 with a fund balance and surplus for the first time in 8 years. This allowed us to create a Capital Projects Fund and take a General Obligation Note so that we could start to make improvements again within the Borough. This summer we paved 11 streets. Our DPW repaired 39 sewer inlets and installed 3 new ones on those streets prior to the resurfacing. In the past, much of this work was contracted out and cost us more than doing it with our own staff. The DPW also spent several weeks repairing the brick streets in the Regent Square Area, as was done last year. We also plan to demolish about 10 vacant and dilapidated structures before the end of year.

What's coming in 2017? There will be more street paving again! In addition, there will be a \$110,000 repair and renovation project to the Collingwood Park, thanks in part to a grant from the state's Keystone Parks and Recreation Grant Program. There will also be a \$675,000 pedestrian safety project beginning on South Braddock Avenue from Regent Square to McClure. This project will upgrade crosswalks, signals, signs and bicycle safe storm grates along that route. This is a joint project with Edgewood Borough and is being funded, in part, by a grant received by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission. There are also some other private development projects on the horizon that are currently in the planning stages. As you can see there are many major improvements happening around town!

Over the past few years, a major issue that we identified is a communication gap between the Borough and our residents. To help address this issue, we have begun updating our website regularly with information and are also planning on changing our newsletter in 2017 by having them directly mailed to the 5000 households and businesses within the community. This will start on a quarterly basis and we hope to do this every other month by the following year. So be on the lookout in the future for this newsletter in your mailbox!

In closing, I would like to thank the Borough Council and Mayor for their hard work and determination to make these improvements in the Community. We all look forward to continue working with our community to create a brighter tomorrow and a better Swissvale.

Clyde Wilhelm

# SWISSVALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## **Your safety is Our Focus! OCTOBER 9—15 is Fire Prevention Week!**

The National Fire Protection Association started Fire Prevention Week in 1922. This annual campaign has been used across the United States to educate citizens about fire safety. This year's campaign, "Don't Wait—Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," represents the final year of our three-year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety.

Why focus on smoke alarms three years in a row? Because NFPA's survey data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced. As a result of those and related findings, we're addressing smoke alarm replacement this year with a focus on these key messages:

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.

To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

**WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?** Almost two-thirds of residential fire casualties occurred in homes without properly functioning smoke alarms! The SFD has teamed up with the American Red Cross to provide free installation of smoke detectors for seniors and disabled residents. Call the fire station at 412-271-0448 to schedule your installation.

## **Car Cruise and Corn Roast—September 17**

Swissvale Fire and Busch Brothers will be teaming up again for their Annual Car Cruise and Corn Roast on Saturday, September 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. Be sure to stop by for all you can eat corn on the cob along with the delicious ham barbecues. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be added to the menu this year. Dinner is \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids. There will be a DJ and live music by the *Pure & Simple Band*! It is a great time to get out in the community and enjoy spending time with your friends. We look forward to seeing you then. This is one big block party that you don't want to miss!

## **Fall Fish Frydays**

By popular demand, the Fire Department will be holding its Fall Fish Frydays! This will include the regular Lenten Fish Fry Menu. Fall Fish Frydays will be held on Friday, October 7 and Friday, November 4. Be sure to mark your calendars and stop buy and get some of that great fish! As always, local deliveries will also be available by calling 412-271-8787.

## **Free First-Aid and CPR Classes for Swissvale Residents**

The SFD regularly offers CPR training at the fire station. Classes are scheduled various times of the year. Please check the Borough's website for more information and scheduled class dates. You may also contact Assistant Fire Chief "Kip" Deleonibus at 412-271-0448 for more information.

## **Luminary Pre-sales**

Luminary kits will again be offered for \$10 to light up our town on December 24. Kits include 10 bags and candles plus sand. This year pre-sales will be available in September and October at the Farmers Market and pick-up will again be at the Night of Lights celebration December 3. All proceeds benefit Swissvale community projects including the Food Pantry.

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## GREEN CORNER

### Progress for Swissvale Trees

Swissvale's Shade Tree Advisory Committee is working to protect, restore and enhance the Borough's street trees. After working to draft and pass Swissvale's first Tree Ordinance earlier this year, the Committee seeks resident requests for street trees.

Just some of the many benefits of trees include:

- Bring beauty and character to neighborhoods
- Increase property values
- Shade and cool neighborhoods, reducing temperatures
- Buffer and reduce noise
- Reduce storm water runoff
- Provide habitat for birds and wildlife

Requests for new trees will be reviewed and grouped by neighborhood into seasonal tree planting grant requests. Tree Request Forms can be filled out and submitted at the Borough building or submitted electronically through Nine Mile Run Watershed Association's website [www.ninemilerun.org](http://www.ninemilerun.org). Under the Our Work tab, select Greenlinks and then Tree Request Forms.

## NINE MILE RUN WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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### Frick Park Needs Your Help!

The Nine Mile Run Watershed Association is currently seeking new Urban EcoStewards to steward the Nine Mile Run restoration area in Frick Park. A cooperative venture led by six Pittsburgh-area environmental nonprofits, the Urban EcoStewards program provides environmental restoration training for citizens who commit to becoming long term stewards of greenspace throughout Pittsburgh.

Once trained, Urban EcoStewards are free to volunteer hours at their convenience. Each EcoSteward adopts a specific section of land to tend to and must keep a log of their efforts. NMR restoration area volunteers are trained to identify and properly remove invasive species, collect streamflow data, and provide other services to the restoration area. For NMRWA, this program is absolutely critical to the health of the watershed and has a direct, positive impact on the flora and fauna in the restoration area.

*Interested in becoming an Urban EcoSteward volunteer? You can find out more details about the program and how to join at: [www.ninemilerun.org/urban-eco-stewards](http://www.ninemilerun.org/urban-eco-stewards). Questions? Contact our Restoration Stewardship Coordinator Maranda Nemeth at [maranda@ninemilerun.org](mailto:maranda@ninemilerun.org) or 412-371-8779 ext.123.*

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden, located at Collingwood and Denniston Avenues, has doubled the amount of grow space this year from last year including a plot behind Dickson School. The volunteers are going to be working with Council and Grow Pittsburgh to expand the current operations to different locations around



the Borough. Plans are being made to expand efforts to involve growing workshops and demonstrations for the people of the community. Any community member is welcome to harvest and to volunteer.

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# SWISSVALE ROTARY CLUB

## Rotary Club of Swissvale

The Swissvale Rotary Club is selling home-made cookie ice-cream sandwiches and fruit pops at the Farmers Market every Saturday. This fundraiser benefits those who enjoy the frozen treats and Swissvale community projects. After five years, the Wings Over Swissvale event has been retired but a new community event is being planned for next year. The club meets at Goodfellow's every Wednesday for lunches on the 1<sup>st</sup> and last at 12:15 p.m. (same as the Council Meetings) and evening gatherings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15 p.m.



## Swissvale Farmers Market

The Swissvale Farmers Market is open through October 29 behind Dickson School every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are five produce vendors this year bringing

in greater options through this year's harvest. And all your favorites are back along with music and children's activities. Reusable shopping bags are now for sale at the market.

Check out the new website for more details at [www.swissvalefarmersmarket.org](http://www.swissvalefarmersmarket.org) or on facebook.

## REACH UP, INC.

2117 Collingwood Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218, 412-271-3900

Our second annual Health Fair will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on McClure Avenue from Monongahela Avenue to Monroe Street. Last year's fair included more than 30 health providers, and attracted over 200 community residents who took part in health screenings, workshops and exercise classes. This year we expect even more providers and have added vendors and food to the mix. The day's activities will include Zumba, line dancing, personal training demonstration and a workout session with former Cincinnati Bengal and Woodland Hills football standout Chris "Steele" Edmonds and his Athletic Trauma Unit (ATU), children's activities and more.

Reach Up, Inc. Family Wellness Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization developed to promote and support family health and wellness in Swissvale. The center, in affiliation with Union Baptist Church of Swissvale, currently offers weekly line dancing classes, health and wellness events throughout the year.

The goal of the Center is to increase capacity to provide more health and wellness services in our community. We are currently preparing the following programs with hopeful implementation in the fall:

- Expansion of our exercise program (Classes/activities will be held at the Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale)
- Grief Counseling Workshops
- A prescription scholarship program to offset the cost of co-pays for area residents in need.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fun, food and information as we "reach up" to be a healthier Swissvale.

## SEDCO

*Facebook.com/SwissvaleSEDCO*  
*Monthly Meetings at Living Spirits*  
*September 26, October 24, November 28*  
*6:30-8 p.m.*

## Make Swissvale Home

Sunday, September 11, meet at Goodfellas at 2 p.m. for the kick-off of this special event that lets you take a self-guided tour of several hand-picked, for sale Swissvale homes with incredible potential and you'll learn how to turn a house you like into a home you'll love. This event is hosted by SEDCO and Mon-Valley Initiative.

## Partner of the Year

Congratulations to Tracey Crombie Collins who is SEDCO's recipient of the 2016 Community Partner of the Year. This award is given each year to a volunteer that has contributed generously of their time and energy for the benefit of their community. This award is presented at Mon Valley Initiative's Annual Dinner and Community Awards Ceremony October 20.

## Clean-Up Dates

SEDCO members are looking for help on the monthly clean-up days the 2nd Saturday of each month. Meet at Goodfellas at 9 a.m.

## WPSD COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

The Western PA School for the Deaf is hosting a Block Party, Saturday, September 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the WPSD campus, 300-400 block of Swissvale Avenue. This event is free and open to the public. Enjoy music, food, games, Children's Talent Show (noon to 1:30 p.m.), Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium Exhibit with animals and more.

For more information contact Sarah Bartlebaugh at 412-371-7000 or [sbartlebaugh@wpsd.org](mailto:sbartlebaugh@wpsd.org).

# CARNEGIE FREE LIBRARY OF SWISSVALE

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Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## THE ANNUAL FALL BOOK & BAKE SALE

The 3-day event is September 22-24. The sale has a huge selection of books, including hardcover and paperback fiction, nonfiction, reference and children's books. There is a huge inventory of VHS tapes. The books are sorted by type so they can easily be reviewed. Best of all, nothing is priced over \$1. It's a great opportunity to try a new author. This annual fundraiser enables the 'Friends of the Library' to purchase new materials and is an important event for the library. A large bake sale is planned and will feature goodies with a Fall theme. It's also a great place to get unique ideas for gifts. A gently used book makes a great gift! Pam & Donna will return with a large selection of hand knitted items, including scarves, hats, seasonal dishtowels and, of course, scrubbies. The sale begins on Thursday, September 22 at 4 p.m., continues on Friday the 23rd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and finishes on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> with the \$2 Bag Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. As always, all proceeds benefit the library. Stop by and meet some neighbors and join in the fun. Addition information can be obtained at 412 731-2300 and at [www.swissvalelibrary.org](http://www.swissvalelibrary.org).

## BIG NEWS FOR READERS, DVD WATCHERS AND MUSIC FANS!

Adults may now borrow as many DVDs, CDs and books as you want! Kids may borrow up to two DVDS and eight books. Also, did you know, you can borrow e-books, e-audio-books, movies, music, and magazines with your library card? Use your Kindle, Kindle app or Nook. Go to

the eLibrary page on our website and follow instructions. If you need help, stop by the library and one of us will get you started.

## SEPTEMBER IS LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH - All Contributions to the Swissvale Library Will Be Matched!

This September, libraries across Allegheny County are inviting residents to participate in a special fundraising collaboration to show support for their local library. Love Your Library, a first of its kind county-wide campaign developed by the Allegheny County Library Association and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, encourages residents to show their library love by investing in their libraries. This campaign is made possible by the generous support of the Jack Buncher Foundation. The book and bake sale proceeds will also be matched.

## ENCOUNTERING WELLNESS IN THE COMMUNITY SEPTEMBER 17

The Swissvale Library and Reach Up Inc.'s Faith, Fun and Fitness Family Wellness Center (non-profit affiliate of Union Baptist Church in Swissvale) will host the second annual community-wide health fair in Swissvale on Saturday, September 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come to this fun and informative event for free health screenings, fun fitness activities, healthy snacks, raffles and more.

## FOR KIDS:

**Preschool Classes** – For kids 3-5 play, learn and hear stories. Mondays from 11 a.m. to noon, begins September 12.

**Afterschool Games** – board games, card games, BINGO – Mondays at 4 p.m., begins September 12.

**Saturday Fun** – Kids learn and have fun with a variety of craft, cooking and game classes at 1 p.m. beginning September 6.

## FOR ADULTS:

**Computer Tutor** – Bring your computer questions to our Computer Tutor, who provides free, helpful tutoring sessions. Get the information and confidence you want. Sign up at the library front desk. Tuesdays 1 to 4 p.m.

**Book Discussion Groups** – Check out one or more of our book discussion groups. By popular demand, we host two mystery discussion groups (on the 4th Monday of each month, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.) and two eclectic groups, meeting on the 2nd Thursday 3 p.m. and 1st Thursday at 7 p.m. New members welcome anytime.

**Knitting and Crocheting** – 2nd Thursday of each month, 6 to 8 p.m. Bring your own project, get tips from veteran members, have fun. New members welcome anytime.

## FOR FAMILIES AND EVERYONE:

**Book Bucks** – Track your reading from September 10 through mid-May on the Book Bucks form, win prizes in the auction in May. All independent readers, including adults, are welcome to participate.

**Wizard Tournament** – This ever-popular weekly card game tournament begins on Saturday, September 17 at 7 p.m. Participants ages 10 to adult welcome!

**Penny Auction** – October 21 – Bring pennies (no other currency accepted) and buy treasures! Benefits the children's library. Help surpass last year's take of \$100!

## WILKINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER

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### How to Choose High Quality Childcare Workshop October 2

Early childhood education is constantly evolving, and the early education community is placing greater emphasis on teacher qualifications and research-based practices than ever before. At the same time, centers still vary greatly in staff preparation, beliefs about learning, and richness of learning environments. We'll explore some of the characteristics and markers of program quality so you will leave feeling more confident in choosing the center that is right for your child.

The October 2 workshop runs 10 a.m. to noon and is \$25 per family. Register at WSCC at [www.wscpcgh.org](http://www.wscpcgh.org).

### Reconnect 2016

After a one-year hiatus, WSCC's fall festival (formerly called Eco-Fest) is returning as Reconnect. The theme of this year's fair is Reconnecting with Nature through Art because the theme is inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy, as portrayed in the beautiful documentary "Rivers and Tides." The fair will open on Friday, October 7, at 7 p.m., with a free showing of "Rivers and Tides" at WSCC. The film will be followed by a discussion and a ceremony to connect with Nature as inspiration for our artistic creations for the weekend.

Saturday morning begins with activities for both adults and children. The schedule of events is still being finalized, but you can anticipate a plant and bulb swap, an art supply swap, kid-friendly artistic/crafty up cycling activities, a gardening lecture, nature walk, the building of a bug hotel, a nature photography workshop and a rechargeable transportation petting zoo. In the afternoon, in the spirit of Goldsworthy, we will make an off-site trek to make our own ephemeral installation art using only found nature materials: leaves, rocks, twigs, etc.—an activity that is as much meditation as creation. The kid's version will take place at WSCC—building a mandala or Green Man with natural materials. Late on Saturday afternoon, back at WSCC, the creations of the day will be available for the enjoyment of all via a slideshow presentation over hot drinks. All of this with no admission fees and a chili lunch provided by WSCC members.

If you would like to help out with the event, please contact [wscpcvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:wscpcvolunteer@gmail.com).

### CLASSES OFFERED

**Daytime Adult Tap Class** Beginning Wednesday, September 14, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ages 18 and up—all levels welcome. Learn to dance in a welcoming environment where everybody fits in!

**Daytime Ballet/Tap Sampler** Beginning Wednesday, September 14, 10 to 11 a.m.—bring the wee ones for a fun and welcoming introduction to dance.

**Beginner Pilates Mat Class** with Deirdre Adkins—Tuesdays at 10 a.m. beginning in September. \$12 Drop-in/class or \$10/class with a 10 class pass. Perfect for those new to the method or those wishing for a review.

**Eclectic Chorus**—Tuesdays 7:30 to 9 p.m. Sessions run September 13 through October 11 and October 18 through November (two sessions, \$60 each). Come sing music in two, three, or four parts, using our voices and occasionally our hands and feet, as we will make music drawn from cultures ranging from southern Africa to New England, from the 14th to the 21st century.

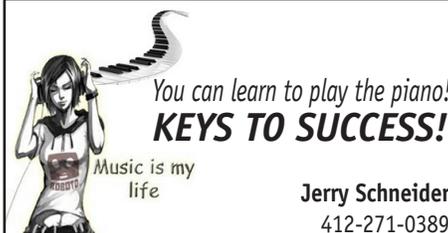
## MAYA ORGANIZATION

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Classes and counseling are provided at no cost for expectant parents. Mothers-to-be and their partners can learn about pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum recovery, breastfeeding and caring for a newborn.

Mommas Group is every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Pregnancy Classes every Thursday (except Thanksgiving) 10 to 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.



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# Swissvale Ministerium

## MINISTERIUM - RIVER CITY

2037 Noble Street, Swissvale, PA 15218,  
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**Weekly Worship Services:** Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at 2037 Noble St. (the building with the bright yellow door). River City Kids program is available for infants up to 3rd grade during the service. For more information visit RiverCityPGH.com or call 412-501-3161.

**Block Party in the Heart of Swissvale:** River City Church celebrated the opening of its new location on Noble Street in Swissvale with a community block party on August 5. Many people gathered in the municipal parking lot for the free event and to enjoy games, music, and food. Kids of all ages had fun getting balloon animals, having their face painted and doing other crafts to take home and proudly display on the family refrigerator.

**Find us on facebook at:** *River City Church*

## SWISSVALE PRESBYTERIAN

1825 Monongahela Avenue  
Swissvale, PA 15218

**New Worship Hours:** Effective September 11, new hours go into effect: Sunday School (all ages) 10 to 11 a.m. and Worship Service 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Annual Sale October 8:** Join us for the Annual Craft Fair and Flea Market and Soup Sale is October 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 pm, proceeds benefit the needy of the community. Tables are available for \$12 (call 412-351-0900 or email [thesower@verizon.net](mailto:thesower@verizon.net) to reserve).

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES

### Madonna del Castello and Word of God

**Madonna:** 2021 S. Braddock Avenue, 412-271-5666

**WOG:** 7447 McClure Avenue, 412-241-1372

**Oktoberfest 2016:** Saturday, October 15 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. on the Word of God Parish church grounds. Come join us “under the tent” for good food (catered by Veltre’s), music by Deacon DJ Len, plus several small games of chance. Come out and enjoy getting together with old friends and making new friends. Tickets are \$25 and include food, entertainment and soft drinks; \$35 includes the previous plus beer and wine. All proceeds benefit Word of God Parish. Over 21 years old ONLY; no tickets sold at the door. Tickets available for purchase in September. Contact Word of God Parish Office to purchase tickets or if you have any questions at 412-241-1372.

**Find us on facebook at:** *Catholic Community of Swissvale & Rankin.*

## SWISSVALE UNITED METHODIST AND LIVING SPIRIT MINISTRY

2011 Noble Street, Swissvale, PA 15218

Check out all of the happenings at [www.livingspiritministry.org](http://www.livingspiritministry.org).

## CITYREACH CHURCH

7327 McClure Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218, 412-418-7335

**Annual Pumpkin Palooza:** The October 31 party will be a great time for children in the neighborhood to wear their costumes and come have some safe family fun! We’ll have lots of games, candy, music, dancing, and more! The event is outside weather permitting.

**Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Coat Giveaway:** November 19 members of our community are encouraged to join us for a delicious home cooked Thanksgiving Dinner. We will be serving food restaurant style from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will have take-outs available from 1 to 2 p.m. There will also be the distribution of winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves on a first come first serve basis to children and adults in need. Please contact Christine Shaffer at 610-888-2611 if you have winter items that you would like to donate. Check out all of the happenings at [swissvale.cityreachnetwork.org](http://swissvale.cityreachnetwork.org).

## UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF SWISSVALE

2117 Collingwood Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218, 412-271-3900

Check out all of the happenings at [www.unionbaptistpgh.org](http://www.unionbaptistpgh.org).

**Find us on facebook at:** Union Baptist Church of Swissvale.

## MINISTERIUM - SWISSVALE BAPTIST CHURCH

7417 Schoyer Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218, 412-731-9646

**Free-Cycle Day:** September 17, good used items to those who need them or want them—Free of Charge! (For Personal Use Only—Please, No Re-sellers!) Call Pastor Mark Strangman at 412-731-9646 for more information. “Shining Forth the Light of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ”

## SWISSELM PARK PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH

241 Homestead Avenue, Swissvale, PA 15218, 412-????

**Annual Community Fall Fun Fair:** Sunday, September 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. Free food! Games! Prizes! Fun for all ages!

**Community Blood Drive:** Saturday, October 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 412-751-090 to pre-register.

**“Building Healthy Relationships” Workshop:** Saturday, October 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch is provided and registration is necessary by calling 412-751-0930.

**Trick or Treating:** Monday, October 31, stop by the church when you are out Trick or Treating! We’ll have plenty of treats and adults can grab a cup of coffee!

Check out all of the happenings at [www.swisshelmparkpmchurch.com](http://www.swisshelmparkpmchurch.com).

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## SWISSVALE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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2011 Noble Street, Swissvale  
412-351-1802

Food Pantry distributions are on the first and third Thursdays of the month, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## SWISSVALE SENIOR CENTER

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

Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Come check out the new Bingo machine! A variety of activities are offered so stop by the center to get the complete schedule and information about the lunch program.

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## THE 3RD ANNUAL SWISSVALE MILE IS BEST YET!

What an incredible morning! Race morning produced the best weather and the biggest crowd this event has experienced in its three years. Seasoned runners, fun-runners, kids, parents pushing strollers, and dog-walkers mingled together at the start line. Music pulsed from speakers as two Mile sponsors provided pre-race stretching and massage. New this year, Steel City Road Runners provided a 6:00 minute/mile pacer to help participants desiring to qualify for the Liberty Mile.

The organizers of The Swissvale Mile are beyond thankful for all of the sponsors, as well as the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Mayor Swartzwelder and members of Council for all the ways they made the event possible. Special thanks to our

K-9 officers Brando and Echo with their handlers, Officer Zacchia and Officer Sitzman, who lead the pack.

Proceeds for \$5,802.67 were presented to Council President, Michele Stanton, at the July Agenda Meeting. Funds will benefit the Swissvale K-9 officers and Swissvale Recreation. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, walked, ran and made this our best year yet! Save the date for The 2017 Swissvale Mile—June 24, 2017!



*Pictured Michele Stanton, Monica Fletcher, Megan Vrcic, Sarah Ansell*

# FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DETAILED INFORMATION ON ALL EVENTS CAN BE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE NEWSLETTER.

## SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Book Club @ Library; Pregnancy Class	2	3 Farmers Market; Kids @ Library
4	5 Labor Day	6 Library computer tutor; Momma's Group	7 Council Meeting	8 Book Club and Knitting and Crocheting @ Library; Pregnancy Class	9	10 Farmers Market; Book Bucks start; Kids @ Library; Clean Up Day
11 Make Swissvale Home	12 Kids @ Library	13 Library computer tutor; Momma's Group	14	15 Pregnancy Class	16	17 Farmers Market; Kids @ Library; Block Party; Wellness Fair; Wizard Tournament begins; Car Cruise and Corn Roast
18 Fall Fun Fair	19 Kids @ Library	20 Library computer tutor; Momma's Group	21	22 Library Book & Bake Sale; Pregnancy Class	23 Library Book & Bake Sale	24 Farmers Market; Library Book & Bake Sale; Kids @ Library
25	26 SEDCO; Kids & book discussion @ Library	27 Library computer tutor; Momma's Group	28 Council Meeting	29 Pregnancy Class	30	

## OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Farmers Market; Kids @ Library
2 WSCC Workshop	3 Kids @ Library	4 Library computer tutor; Momma's Group	5 Council Meeting	6 Book Club @ Library; Pregnancy Class	7 Reconnect; Fish Fryday	8 Farmers Market; Kids @ Library; Annual Craft Fair & Flea Market and Soup Sale; Reconnect; Blood Drive; Clean Up Day
9 Fire Prevention Week Begins	10 Columbus Day Kids @ Library	11 Library computer tutor; Momma's Group	12	13 Book Club and Knitting and Crocheting @ Library; Pregnancy Class	14	15 Farmers Market; Kids @ Library; SBC workshop; WOG Oktoberfest
16	17 Kids @ Library	18 Library computer tutor; Momma's Group	19	20 Pregnancy Class	21 Penny Auction	22 Farmers Market; Kids @ Library
23	24 SEDCO; Kids & book discussion @ Library	25 Library computer tutor; Momma's Group	26 Council Meeting	27 Pregnancy Class	28	29 Farmers Market; Kids @ Library; Halloween Parade 12 noon
30	31 Halloween; Kids @ Library; Pumpkin Palooza; Trick or Treating					

## NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Library computer tutor; Momma's Group	2 Council Meeting	3 Book Club @ Library; Pregnancy Class	4 Fish Fryday	5 Kids @ Library
6 Daylight Savings Ends	7 Kids @ Library	8 Election Day; Library computer tutor; Momma's Group	9	10 Book Club and Knitting and Crocheting @ Library; Pregnancy Class	11 Veteran's Day	12 Kids @ Library; Clean Up Day
13	14 Kids @ Library	15 Library computer tutor; Momma's Group	16	17 Pregnancy Class	18	19 Kids @ Library
20	21 Kids @ Library	22 Library computer tutor; Momma's Group	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26 Kids @ Library
27	28 SEDCO; Kids & book discussion @ Library	29 Library computer tutor; Momma's Group	30 Council Meeting			

- MEETINGS:**
- Council Meetings are held at the Borough Building at 7 p.m. (Last Wednesday is Agenda setting)
  - Swissvale Economic Development Corporation (SEDCO) meets at Living Spirit Ministry at 6:30 p.m.
  - Woodland Hills School Board Meetings are held at the Administrative Building Board room at 7 p.m. (first meeting is Agenda setting and second is Legislative).