



Home Grown: Scales Selected as 2020 Community Partner

Each year the Community Development Corporations in the Mon Valley are invited by the Mon Valley Initiative to choose a Community Partner of the Year. This year SEDCO (Swissvale Economic Development Corporation) selected Leland Scales as the 2020 Community Partner for his vision, dedication, and tireless efforts with the Swissvale Community Garden.

After returning to his hometown of Swissvale, Leland wanted to give back to the community. During the fall of 2014, inspired by his Master of Arts in Food Studies from the School of Sustainability and Environment at Chatham University, Leland formed the plans for the Swissvale Community Garden. The Swissvale Community Garden was created to both beautify a part of his community and to provide some much-needed healthy produce for Swissvale residents.

Leland designed the Swissvale Community Garden to be a community-based initiative that is managed and operated by volunteers of the community. Fundraising events and grant applications are all part of his commitment to improve and expand the Swissvale Community Garden. He continues to oversee the garden as neighbors, volunteer groups, scout troops, and church groups contribute to building raised beds, planting, watering, and harvesting the produce. The garden produces a variety of flowers, herbs, and vegetables with the crops being given to volunteers, as well as donated to the Swissvale Food Bank, and to Leland's church, the Union Baptist Church of Swissvale.

Leland comes from a culinary background with over 20 years of experience working in the restaurant/hospitality industry. Currently, Leland is the Nonprofit Partner Manager for 412 Food Rescue, where he works to connect donors who have excess food to local nonprofit organizations that distribute the food to those in need. He is actively involved with various food ministries at Union Baptist Church in Swissvale, as well as Reach Up Pittsburgh. His dedication to the community of Swissvale is demonstrated as he grows food in the garden, teaches local youth how to grow food, and re-distributes excess food to multiple organizations where it is needed. In addition, Leland is also the founder of the Swissvale Community Action Committee, a group of residents who seek to work towards the betterment of the Swissvale community.

While this year's Annual Dinner will not be a live event due to the pandemic, Leland, along with individuals or organizations who have gone above and beyond in service to Mon Valley communities, will be recognized and honored virtually on Thursday, October 15, 2020.



The Swissvale Community Garden's mission is to provide opportunities for community engagement through gardening to help nourish community relationships, as well as the residents of Swissvale and surrounding neighborhoods, with the growth of fresh produce.



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Borough Administration

Borough Manager's Message

It is with great honor and privilege that I write this column as the Interim Borough Manager of Swissvale Borough. I feel humbled to have been asked by Borough Council to lead Swissvale Administration until a permanent replacement for Mr. Wilhelm is found as he has stepped down as Borough Manager effective July 31st and has returned to his position as full-time Fire Chief. I have worked for the Borough for over 5 years, first as the Public Works Director and now as the Assistant Borough Manager and Public Works Director. During this time I have been impressed with Council and Staff who have made great strides in many areas including intradepartmental cooperation, intermunicipal cooperation, capital improvements, fiscal responsibility to the citizens, and improvements in communications through this newsletter, Social Media, Savvy Citizen and our website www.swissvaleborough.com.

Swissvale is facing a number of challenges in the near future including crafting a balanced 2021 budget in a time of uncertain revenues as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, continuing to navigate the uncertainty of COVID-19 and keeping our employees safe, searching for the right candidates to fill the roles of Borough Manager and Finance Director, developing a plan for new Borough facilities for Administration, Police and Public Works and continuing to provide the same level of high-quality public services that the residents of Swissvale are accustomed.

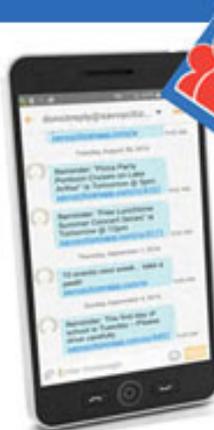
I would like to thank outgoing Borough Manager Clyde Wilhelm for his hard work and dedication to Swissvale Borough as he worked tirelessly for the past 6½ years as he has been devoted to making his hometown a better place for all. He has succeeded in his efforts and I hope to sustain the good work that he has done for the short time that I am in this position. I would also like to thank our current Finance Director, Ms. Diane Turley for all her hard work and dedication for almost eleven years as she will be retiring from the Borough in mid-September. Mr. Wilhelm and Ms. Turley were the change that Swissvale needed and should be proud of their accomplishments during their respective tenures. The next Borough

Manager and Finance Director will have their work cut out for them to continue the excellent leadership that Mr. Wilhelm and Ms. Turley have displayed.

I look forward to serving Swissvale as your Interim Borough Manager for as long as I am needed and then working with our new Borough Manager and Finance Director into the foreseeable future to continue to make Swissvale a desirable community in which to live and work.

- Greg Bachy

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Fire Department



Summer Fish Fry Fridays, September 11 & October 9

Swissvale Fire will continue running a special summer Fish Fry schedule on the 2nd Friday of September and October.

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 2 on the KDKA Top 10 Best Fish Fries in Western Pennsylvania!

Monthly Specials

In September, we will have Meatball Hoagies. In October, we will have the Chief's Homemade Stuffed Cabbage, in addition to our regular Fish Fry Menu.



Fire Prevention Week: October 4-10

This year's message is:
"Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen"

Why cooking safety matters:

- Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
- Unattended cooking fires is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.
- Scald burns are the second leading cause of all burn injuries.



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Fire Prevention Week: October 4-10

STAY

focused on the food



Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. Turn off the burner if you leave the kitchen—even for a short period of time.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and stay in the home.
- Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking, or carry around a wooden spoon as a reminder.
- If you are sleepy, have consumed alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy, don't cook. Place a delivery order!

PUT

a lid on it

You can take simple steps to keep a small kitchen fire from getting out of control.

- Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it's cool.
- Never discharge a portable fire extinguisher into a grease fire because it will spread the fire.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed until the oven is cool. After the fire, have the oven serviced before using it again.
- If you have a microwave oven fire, turn the appliance off immediately and keep the oven door closed. Have the microwave oven serviced before using it again.

KEEP

cooking areas clear

Clear away clutter and give cooking appliances space to lessen the chance of a kitchen fire.

- Keep anything that can catch fire—oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers, towels, curtains—away from the stovetop.
- Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Keep pets off cooking surfaces and nearby countertops.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and the stovetop.

PREVENT

scalds and burns



Hot liquids and steam from the stove or oven can cause devastating injuries.

- Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.
- Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges.
- Keep your face away from the oven door when checking or removing food so that the heat or steam does not cause burns.
- Open microwaved food slowly, away from your face. Let food cool before eating.
- Keep appliance cords coiled and away from counter edges.



Police Corner



Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law

School bus safety is a high priority in Pennsylvania. Students, parents, teachers, administrators, transportation providers and the motoring public all play important roles in keeping our children safe while on or around the school bus.

- When you meet a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**, whether you are on the same street or the cross street.
- You **MUST STOP** at least 10 feet away from the school bus.
- Drivers do not have to stop on a highway with clearly defined dividing sections or physical
- barriers providing separate roadways. This only applies when the school bus is on the opposite side of the road.
- You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- **DO NOT MOVE** until all the children have reached a place of safety. Pennsylvania's School

If you are convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive all of the following penalties:

- 60-Day Driver's License Suspension
- Five points on your driving record
- \$250 Fine

School Bus Safety Tips

- Caregivers should take an active role in promoting school bus safety with children.
- Children should always be walked to and from the bus stop.
- Get to the school bus stop five minutes early so students don't have to run across the road to catch the bus.
- Children should be supervised at the bus stop.
- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic. Line up at least five giant steps away from the curb or the roadway to wait for the bus.
- Students should walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus when crossing so the school bus driver can see them.
- Never cross the street behind the school bus.
- Students should wait until the school bus has stopped all traffic before stepping out into the road.
- When the school bus is moving, students should always remain in their seats. They should never put their head, arms or hands out of the window.
- Amber lights flashing on a school bus mean "caution." When driving, watch for children on both sides of the road.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop.

For more information about the school bus stopping law and to see photo examples, visit www.dmv.state.pa.us.

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Leaf Collection Beginning Soon

The annual leaf collection program will begin on Monday, November 2, 2020 and will continue through Friday, December 4, 2020, weather permitting. The leaf collection program may be extended for up to one week if the weather is conducive. Leaves will be collected following the street sweeping schedule. You do not need to move your cars for leaf collection, but please do not park your cars close to a pile of leaves as the leaf collection vehicles are rather large and may not be able to get close enough to pick them up.

Leaves must be raked onto the edge of the street by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day. Due

to the volume of leaves in the Borough we can only clean each street once a week, so if your leaves are not out when the truck is in your neighborhood they will not be collected until the following week!

All leaf waste is shredded and disposed of at a DEP permitted leaf composting site in Wilkins Township. Since the leaves are deposited at a leaf composting facility, you cannot place dirt, grass clippings, tree branches, other yard waste or trash in your leaf piles. Any contaminated leaf waste will not be collected until all materials other than leaves are removed.

Recycling Collection

Swissvale has been lucky that there have been very few changes to our recycling program as a result of changing international markets for the products that we currently recycle. Many municipalities have discontinued collection of a number of items that we are still able to collect as the processing facility where we dispose of our recycling has agreed to continue to collect these items. Two changes that were reported on earlier this year will begin to be more strictly enforced in the near future which are detailed below:

Bags – Plastic bags cannot be disposed of as part of your recycling. Although many grocery stores collect plastic grocery bags for recycling you cannot dispose of them in your recycling bin or use them to store your recyclables. This is also true for the blue transparent bags that many residents have been using to dispose of recyclable materials. Any recycling that is placed in a plastic bag of any type or color will no longer be collected. All recyclable materials must be placed loose in a recycling bin. If you do not have a recycling bin and need one, please contact the Department of Public Works at 412-271-0350 and one will be delivered to your home.

Contaminated Food Containers – Our recycling processor has informed us that they will no longer accept contaminated food waste containers. This would include jars, cans and plastic bottles that contain a large amount of the food that was originally contained within. Examples are peanut butter containers, jelly jars, butter or margarine containers and similar containers where the product sticks to the inside

of the container. If you are not willing to clean out the container please just throw it away in your household trash. A large quantity of contaminated containers will allow the recycling facility to fine the Borough for delivering items to the plant that are non-recyclable as they now have to pay a fee for disposal of this waste.

The plastic bags and contaminated food waste containers are currently the two biggest issues with recycling in Swissvale Borough. There are a number of other non-recyclable items that we see residents placing with their recyclables on a less frequent basis but must also be addressed. The Borough will not collect any of the following items in the recycling collection:

- Styrofoam (If you purchase a new TV, the TV box is recyclable but the Styrofoam must be collected with your household trash)
- Take-out food containers (Plastic or Cardboard)
- Pizza boxes or Pizza box lids
- PVC pipe, flex pipe or anything similar
- Bed frames
- Scrap metal or scrap iron
- Vehicle parts
- Wheels and tires
- Syringes or sharps containers
- Contaminated food containers
- Plastic bags or anything contained in a plastic bag

Your recycling bins must be placed at the curb prior to 6:00 a.m. on your regular collection day to ensure that they are collected. Many locations throughout the Borough have a different location for collection of trash and recycling. Where alleys are present the trash is typically collected in the alley while recycling is typically collected on the street. If your recycling is not in the proper location it will not be collected by the trash or recycling crews. If you are unsure of where your recyclables will be collected please call the Department of Public Works at 412-271-0350 for clarification.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping is occurring on a regular basis and in the neighborhoods on their scheduled days. Due to the high volume of cars on the streets since many people have now adapted to working at home while others may be without work, Swissvale Borough will not be ticketing any vehicles that are impeding the street sweeper for the remainder of 2020. The sweeper will continue to traverse the streets on the scheduled days and clean areas where it is safe to do so.

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Environment



Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee Update

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. Tree plantings, mulching, pruning, and weeding events take place predominantly in the spring and fall of each year. Like everyone else, the SSTAC has had to cancel or postpone numerous activities due to the pandemic. As the country returns to more normal times, so will the SSTAC.

However, using social distancing and wearing masks, the SSTAC was able to accomplish two events so far this year. On July 18th, the tree pits along the busway on Swissvale Avenue were weeded and mulched to help maintain the health of the trees, as well as beautify the area. During the spring, tree tags were added to many of the trees planted by the SSTAC. If you have not done so already, be sure to stop and read the tree tags that help you identify the

various types of trees in the parklet on Church and Braddock, along Harrison Street McClure Avenue, and the park on Park Place off of Monongahela Avenue.

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



Fall Tree Care

It is time to think about fall tree care. Meghan Shinn from Horticulture recommends the following in her November 2011 article.

Rely on mulch. Put mulch under your tree in the fall or early winter to help retain water and reduce temperature extremes in the soil. A thin layer of mulch will act like a blanket and give the tree’s roots a little extra protection.

Give your trees a drink. Winter droughts require watering as much as summer droughts. If temperatures permit, an occasional watering during the winter for young trees can be a lifesaver.

Prevent mechanical injuries. Branch breakage or splitting can be caused by ice and snow accumulation or chewing and rubbing by animals. You may prevent problems with young trees by wrapping their base in a hard, plastic guard or a metal hardware cloth. Wrapping trees with burlap or plastic cloth also can prevent temperature damage. However, it is important

to remember to remove the wraps and guards in the spring to prevent damage when the tree begins to grow.

Prune your trees. Fall is a good time to prune your trees. Not only are trees dormant in the colder months, but it is also easier to see a tree’s structure when there are no leaves on the branches. Just be aware that each tree is different, and pruning at the wrong time or the wrong way can injure a tree making it more susceptible.

Plant now. Since autumn is the time of year for colorful, falling leaves, many people do not realize that it is also a prime time to plant new trees. After cooler weather has set in, conditions are perfect for stimulating root growth in new trees. Once roots are established throughout the fall and dormancy of winter, spring showers and summer warmth encourage new top growth. Fall is the optimum time to plant balled and burlapped trees and shrubs.

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	Twice Weekly	\$250.00
8 yard dumpster	Weekly	\$190.00
	Twice Weekly	\$360.00

For more information about Swissvale providing your garbage collections, contact:

Assistant Manager Greg Bachy
412-271-0350



Employee Spotlight



Jon Smeltzer Fire Department

Jon has worked in Swissvale as a firefighter since November of 2008 before which, he was an EMT. Some of his day to day tasks involve responding to medic and fire calls. He also maintains and prepares the equipment used by our firefighters. His favorite part of the job are the friends he has made along the way. John says that people would be surprised to know that the Swissvale Fire Department responds to more medical calls than they do fire calls. The funniest memory of his time at work was the time a tow truck flipped a car onto its side... the wrong side. Jon's biggest pet peeve is laundry left out when people leave work.

When he isn't working, Jon enjoys spending time with his girlfriend and kids. He also likes to spend time at camp. His favorite vacation spot is Outer Banks, North Carolina. His favorite food is tacos, and his favorite show is Peaky Blinders on Netflix. The best actor to play him in a movie is Michael Chiklis. An interesting fact about Jon is that he has a pet German Shepard that went to "dog jail" after eating a door knob and biting a cop. Jon is also an avid hat and shoe collector. Jon's words of wisdom, "Don't stand up in a canoe in rapid moving water".



Nick Kalogeris Police Department

Nick has worked with the Borough as a police officer since 1997. He first worked here as a part-time officer until he was hired full time in 2006. He has worked as a full-time officer since then. On a day to day basis Nick spends his time going on patrols and answering calls. He enjoys his work because each day is different. He also likes working with the new, younger officers and acting as a mentor. He is very proud to be an officer in the Swissvale Police Department. One of his funniest memories on the job comes from his rookie year when he accidentally locked himself in the back seat of a police car. His pet peeve is tardiness.

When he isn't working Nick likes to relax by fishing and playing a few rounds of Texas Hold 'Em. His favorite vacation spots are San Diego or Laguna Beach in California. His favorite food is steak and seafood on the grill. His favorite show is CSI Miami. An actor who he'd have play him in a movie is Matt Dillon. An interesting fact about Nick is that he was ranked second in basketball his senior year of high school in the city of Pittsburgh. His words of wisdom, "treat people how you would like your mother to be treated".



Nick Hudek Public Works Department

Nick has worked for the Borough for one year. Before working here, he delivered municipal equipment. Nick's day to day duties include driving the garbage truck around town, throwing garbage, and taking the garbage truck to the dump. Nick says that the best part of the job is the schedule. As you can imagine, our public works employees start early and finish early as a result. He says that the old adage "one man's trash is another person's treasure" holds true. He and his coworkers frequently find salvageable objects during their daily routes. One of his most memorable moments on the job happened after working here only a month. He was collecting bags of trash that day and at a certain point he was hit with a "tidal wave of garbage juice".

When Nick isn't working he likes to spend his time firefighting, diving, playing softball, volleyball, and video games. His favorite food is shrimp and rice, his favorite TV Show is Lucifer. An actor who could play him in a movie is Jason Segel. An interesting fact about Nick is that he once totaled a car trying to drift during a competition. His words of wisdom, "everything happens for a reason".

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Community Happenings



Borough Calendar*

09/02 Council Meeting	10/01 Food Pantry Distribution Day
09/03 Food Pantry Distribution Day	10/07 Council Meeting
09/07 Labor Day (Administrative Office Closed)	10/15 Food Pantry Distribution Day
09/17 Food Pantry Distribution Day	10/19 Last Day to Register to Vote Before November Election
09/29 Produce for the People - Swissvale Community Food Bank	10/27 Produce for the People - Swissvale Community Food Bank
09/30 Agenda Meeting	10/28 Agenda Meeting
09/30 Deadline to Complete the Census	10/31 Halloween

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

Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority has suspended lobby operating hours. The drive thru is open for payments only from 8 am to 4:15 pm. A self-imposed moratorium on shutting off customer water service has been in effect since March 16 but delinquent notices are still being issued.

As of August 1, there is no date to lift the moratorium but, when this happens, delinquent accounts that are 60 days past due will be reissued a new pink notice with a new water service shut off date. A past due bill of \$150 or more may be eligible for a payment plan, making payment easier.

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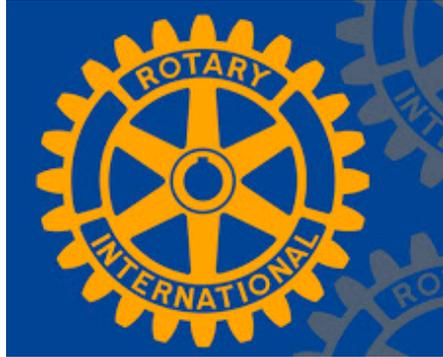
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Community Happenings

Rotary Club of Swissvale

Please support the Rotary Club of Swissvale in their current fundraising program through GoFundMe at <https://charity.gofundme.com/en/campaign/swissvale-rotary-fundraiser>. While the global pandemic has stopped a lot of things from happening, it hasn't stopped the Rotary Club of Swissvale! The annual Spaghetti dinner and Community Stroll fundraisers have been replaced by the online option and by hitting the streets - you may have seen members during a recent bucket campaign collecting donations from those driving through town. The club sponsorship continues for many projects in Swissvale including the Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale and Swissvale Senior Citizens programs. The club has recently sponsored the 2019-2020 Woodland Hills Girls Basketball team, the 2019 Swissvale-Braddock Wolverines, the 2019 Edible Garden Tour and many other



programs. Each year the club also has a focused project that includes 2019-2020 Birthday Kits for Food Pantry Families (in conjunction with Beverly's Birthdays), 2018-2019 Church Street Parklet benches/garbage cans/doggie stations (awaiting installation), 2017-2018 Church Street

Parklet trees - 20 planted May 11 in honor of members and in memory of Len Shockling and Ann Peelor (in conjunction with Shade Tree Committee & Nine Mile Run Watershed Association) and 2016-2017 Garbage/Recycling cans throughout the business district. One of the other changes is the club is now meeting on ZOOM bi-weekly at noon on Thursdays. Contact a member or through the Facebook page for more information.

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Wilkins School Community Center COVID 19 Update

Due to the recent surge in cases, the approach of the fall and flu season, the WSCC will remain closed to the public through 2021. With the losses in revenue due to COVID 19, we are approaching a \$3000 deficit per month. In addition, opening during the pandemic will incur higher expenses for operations than in past years. To open safely and in compliance with CDC guidelines we would not be able to operate at full capacity. Of equal importance is the survey result stating that an overwhelming majority of our community is not comfortable to return in person, regardless of the safety measures, until there is a vaccine and/or a dramatic reduction in cases. If conditions change we will change with them.

In the meantime, we want to stay connected with you. We will be offering virtual art shows, classes and events during this time. Look for fun, easy virtual sewing sessions and craft sessions this fall. Mondo Italiano regularly offers live Facebook cooking sessions featuring fresh pasta and other



delectable Italian dishes. Sing and dance with the wee ones from home with Music Together First Notes classes. Ladies of Charity will continue to offer home health care services.

Send us any wishes or suggestions of virtual activities you would like to do. Contact us if you wish to offer/lead a virtual class. We would love to hear from you. We miss you and all the life you bring to the WSCC.

Please consider the WSCC when making donations to organizations that have needed to close operations during these trying, confusing, ever changing times. We look forward to when we can all meet, play, learn and grow in person again.

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Library

September is Love Your Library Month

One event NOT being cancelled during the pandemic is Allegheny County's Love Your Library Month in September. Usually, our wonderful Friends of the Swissvale Library hold an amazing fall book and bake sale as part of the Love Your Library celebration, and it is one of our most successful annual fundraisers. The Friends cannot hold the book and bake sale this year, so we're counting on our community to show its support for the Library through direct donations. Your generosity can have an even greater impact as all funds raised during Love Your Library Month will be proportionately matched by the Jack Buncher Foundation.

This year, we're excited to announce that all funds raised will go towards our campaign to renovate the library. We plan to keep its historic beauty, while making it accessible and up-to-date for the 21st century. Imagine, no carrying your stroller up the steps! No sore knees when you make it into the library!



Our 2020 Love Your Library goal is \$7,500, which will kick off our campaign. If you're able to contribute during these challenging times, you may do so online at <https://aclalibraries.org/library-finder/carnegie-free-library-of-swissvale/>, by mailing a check to The Friends of the Swissvale Library, 1800 Monongahela Ave 15218, or simply by visiting the library to contribute in person. You can also pick up a Love Your Library yard sign!



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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Sadly, No In-Person Programs at this Time

For everyone's safety, we are not yet holding any in-person programs at the Swissvale Library. Keep reading and recording your books for our Book Bucks for our delayed 20th annual Book Bucks Auction, which will be held when it is safe to do so. 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! You can pick up Book Bucks forms at the front desk or in the lobby.

But Check Out Our Online Programming this Fall...

All library programs will be held online through at least October 31st, 2020. Check our Facebook page or website for Miss Cece's Virtual Preschool Storytimes (Fridays at 12pm), Kate's Mystery Book Club via Zoom (last Monday of the month at 2pm), special Music (Not) At the Library virtual concerts, and links to other programs offered virtually. Stay connected! Stay safe!

Virtual Programming with Miss Cece

Check out our website, Facebook, or YouTube channel for our virtual programming! Every week, we will have preschool storytimes, Stories and Science videos for school-age kids, and live Zoom meetings on Thursdays at 4 with games and comic read-alouds for tweens and teens. (E-mail Cece at caroc@einetnetwork.net for the meeting ID and passcode and list of topics.

Not online? No problem! Every week take-home crafts or activities will also be available here at the library.

Come in Weekly to Pick Up a Puzzle-of-the-Week

Swissvalians love puzzles, and to encourage our puzzlemania, Miss Bonnie creates a paper Puzzle-of-the-Week, available in the lobby or inside the library. One entry per family, return your completed puzzle for a small prize. Even if you don't return them for a prize, they are thought-provoking and fun.

We Are Open!

Patrons can now come into the library to pick up books, browse our collection, order items, use our computers, printer, and copier, pick up a WiFi printing request, and/or say hello. We've missed you!

All patrons over the age of 2 must wear a face mask and practice social distancing. Library visits are limited to 30 minutes at a time. Also, if you are sick, have a fever, or have been exposed to anyone who has Covid19, 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.

Curbside and lobby pickup of library items is still available, for those who prefer. Call us for details at 412-731-2300.

As of press time, our current hours are 10am-4pm, MON-WED-FRI-SAT, and 12pm-6pm TUES & THURS. Please check our current hours of operation before planning a visit. Go to swissvalelibrary.org or call us at 412-731-2300.



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