

Regent Square Civic Association

Fall 2023 Newsletter

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Spooky Saturday

Join the RSCA and 3 Rivers Outdoor Company (3ROC) for Spooky Saturday on October 14th from 2-6pm in the 3ROC parking lot at the corner of S Braddock Ave and Sanders St. There will be fun for the whole family including 3ROC's annual Pumpkin carving competition, a halloween costume contest, and a hike in Frick Park to show off everyone's costumes! Win prizes, try your luck in a raffle, and enjoy live music.

All proceeds will support the RSCA to ensure that we can continue to hold events that enrich our community.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 2-6PM
3ROC'S LOT - CORNER OF S. BRADDOCK AVE. & SANDERS ST.

SPOOKY SATURDAY IN THE SQUARE

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST FAMILY HIKE IN FRICK
LOCAL ARTIST VENDORS MUSIC BY LOCAL MUSICIANS
RAFFLE & MORE!

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Call for Board Members

Would you like to take an active role in community initiatives such as the holiday lights, the annual yard sale, or Second Saturdays?

Is there a project or improvement that you would like to see in the neighborhood? Maybe you have a little enthusiasm, creativity, and/or want to connect to your neighbors?

Send us an email at contact@rsca.online or visit our website rsca.online to get involved!



CC Mellor Library



Chilly weather making you want to curl up with a good book? Get cozy with C.C. Mellor Memorial Library! This season, we are excited to share a slew of events and programs for all ages and interests – and of course, our large collection of books, DVDs, and audiobooks. Feeling generous this Giving Tuesday? Don't forget about your favorite local library! C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, along with other local non-profits, will be taking part in Pittsburgh Magazine's Give Big Pittsburgh online giving day, November 28.

Here's a peek at some of our events this fall:

- **Halloween Party and Parade** -- Our annual Halloween Party and Parade is BACK! On Monday, October 23 join us outside Edgewood Elementary STEAM Academy at 6 p.m. in your costumes to parade down to the library, then stay for snacks and a kids' dance party at the Edgewood Club (down the hall from CCM Edgewood)! All are welcome at the parade, but we'll have limited space at the party, so please register at ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.com starting October 1.
- **Nature's Tricks and Treats** -- While we celebrate tricks and treats with candy on Halloween, nature is full of hidden "tricks" that animals and plants use for survival all year round! Join us and learn more Wednesday October 11, 6-7 p.m. @ CCM Edgewood.
- **Meet the Candidates** -- Come to this virtual town hall event to meet your municipal candidates and hear their platform for the upcoming November 7th elections. This event will span several dates through October and November – check out our website for more information and a zoom link to attend!
- **Arts & Crafts Fair** -- Every December, C.C. Mellor Memorial Library hosts a curated fair featuring arts, crafts and gifts made by dozens of local artists. This year's fair will take place on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Some of our other Fall events include **Family Tree Basics** (10/07), **Braddock's Battlefield History Lecture** (10/21), **Squirrel Hill Poetry Workshop Reading** (10/21), **Seed Swap & Launch of our Seed Library** (11/04), **Flights of Wonder** (11/8), and **Make Your Own Tutu** (12/09). To find more information or register for these events, go to www.ccmellorlibrary.org!

Our full slate of programming also continues through the fall with programs including Family Storytime, Baby Talk, Pajama Storytime, Music and Movement Storytime, Makerspace Mondays, Adventure Club, Teen Group, Tween Club, Board Game Club, Dungeons and Dragons Club, and our adult book clubs and Social Hours at CCM Edgewood and CCM Forest Hills.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ccmellorlibrary and check our website for the latest events and news!

Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale



Check out these upcoming events!

Friends of the Swissvale Library Halloween Bake Sale & Crafts

Saturday, October 28th, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (lower level)

Support the library by buying delicious homemade treats – no tricks! -- from our talented and generous Friends of the Swissvale Library. Everything is monstrously good! Knitted goods from Pam & Donna will also be available for sale.

Art Exhibit

September - October 2023

Melanie Marshall's art will be shown at the library during September and October – including mosaics and collage, with a hint of Swissvale history. Stop by and enjoy her beautiful works.

Open Mic Nights

3rd Friday of the month (October 20th, 6 – 8 pm)

Do you want some time in the spotlight? Are you ready to watch your friends and family shine? Join us for the library's open mic night! Singers, musicians, puppeteers, magicians, poets, & others of ANY age are welcome to showcase their art and performances for others! If you're interested in performing, contact

carnegiefreelibraryofswissvale@gmail.com or call 412-731-2300. There will also be signups at the door, but slots are limited. Or come as part of the audience!



Fall Robotics FIRST LEGO League Team and Classes

Join our robotics team in the Fall for fun and excitement learning how to build and program LEGO robots for competitions. Compete in scrimmages and tournaments. Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 12:30. Learn JavaScript and Python. Ages are 5th grade to 8th grade. Seating is limited, so, sign up today at the Library. Classes start August 12th. Registration will close on October 15th.

For information about these programs and more (such as **Therapy Dog Visits, Wizard Card Tournament, art classes, Career Support, and book discussion groups**) sign up for the library's email list and receive weekly updates of library programs, services and events. Visit swissvalelibrary.org/newsletter to subscribe.

Follow our posts on Facebook (facebook.com/swissvalelibrary) and Instagram (@swissvalelibrary) for library service updates, reading fun, and activities!

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years



A message from ECS

ECS recently installed decorative fencing at its Milton St. school to protect its gardens from deer and other woodland friends.

With the school year starting back up, ECS is dedicated to being a good neighbor. The community is encouraged to inform the school of any concerns by emailing media@ecspgh.org.

Are you registered to vote?

The November 7th election is quickly approaching!

Make your voice heard and cast your ballot for local positions such as judges, district attorneys, county council, school director, tax collector, and more.

Important Dates:

- **Register to vote** online or to the county elections office by **October 23**
- **Request a mail-in ballot** online or in person by **October 31**
- **Ballots are due by November 7th, 2023 at 8pm**

Visit www.pavoterservices.pa.gov to:

- **Check your voter registration status** to ensure its accurate
- **Register to vote** online
- **Request a mail-in ballot** online
- **Find your polling location**

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News from the Pittsburgh Mayor's Office

Job Opportunities

The Neighborhood Services team is hiring an *Engagement Manager* and a *311 Call Center Rep!* To apply visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/pittsburgh>

Visit <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov> for more information on the following events and initiatives:

Deer Management Pilot

The City of Pittsburgh has entered into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to cooperatively manage the wildlife damage from white-tailed deer.

International Day Parade & Festival

Saturday, October 21st : Parade Begins: 10:30am & Festival Market Hours: 10am-3pm

Join an international parade and festival to celebrate the rich heritage of the different nationalities who call Pittsburgh home, whether new to the area or living here for generations.

Months of Peace

In alignment with the Mayor's vision of making Pittsburgh the safest, most welcoming, and thriving city in America, the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs has launched an engage page to highlight and uplift important events happening in communities to promote peace and nonviolence.



My Pittsburgh Mobile App Pilot

The City of Pittsburgh is now using its My Pittsburgh. Find out when the next City Council meeting is. Share your voice by taking polls/surveys, report resident issues, and learn about all things related to local government. Download on Google Play or the Apple App Store.

Reach our community liaison Ashley Bryant at Ashley.bryant@pittsburghpa.gov with concerns or questions.

PAID SICK LEAVE

For workers in the City of Pittsburgh

WHO CAN EARN PAID SICK LEAVE?



Any full time employee working 40 hours a week OR any part time employee who works at least 35 hours within the City of Pittsburgh is eligible.

This excludes State and Federal employees, and independent contractors.

CAN MY EMPLOYER DISCIPLINE ME FOR USING PAID SICK LEAVE?



Employers are prohibited from retaliating, punishing, discriminating, or otherwise discouraging workers from using their earned sick time.

Examples of the above behavior include:

- Demotion
- Loss of hours
- Relocation to another work site (absent a request for such)
- Threatening to take any of these actions

HOW IS PAID SICK LEAVE EARNED?



Workers earn 1 hour of paid sick time off per 35 hours worked within the city limits. Employers may increase, but shall not decrease, this rate. Unused time earned may be carried over to the next year, up to the maximum of 40 hours annually.

HOW CAN I USE MY PAID SICK LEAVE?



Workers can use their earned time for medical treatment/diagnosis, both in physical and mental health. This includes doctor's visits, ER visits, and many other types of care. Paid Sick Leave may also be used to care for immediate family members in certain circumstances.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I FEEL MY RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED?



The Mayor's Office is responsible for the investigation and handling of Paid Sick Leave claims. If you feel you have been discriminated against or your rights have been violated, please contact us at paysickleave@pittsburghpa.gov.

Employers will be cited for violations of Paid Sick Leave, and will face civil monetary penalties, as well as other possible sanctions.



For more information or to file a complaint, please visit pittsburghpa.gov/mayor/paysickleave or email paysickleave@pittsburghpa.gov

Happy Fall from your Frick Park Rangers!

The Autumn season brings a lot to do and see here at Frick Park! The cooler temperatures combined with the beautiful patchwork canopy of reds, yellows, and browns make this one of our favorite seasons to walk the trails. Don't forget, hiking is always better with a buddy! The approaching winter makes this an active time for local wildlife. It's exciting to see, but it's extra important to stay on the trails to avoid interfering with their preparations.

Join us for upcoming events in Frick Park:

- 10/3: Registration opens for Bump in the Night <https://pittsburghparks.org/bump-in-the-night/>
- 10/16: Conservation Crew; Email christopher.cwenar@pittsburghpa.gov to sign up
- 10/21: Stream Sweep of Nine Mile Run; register at upstreampgh.com
- 11/18: Smash & Trash at the Blue Slide Playground
- 12/16: Smash & Trash at the Biddle building (trash clean up + lanternfly egg smashing)

For city-wide park ranger events, please visit our website: pittsburghpa.gov/publicsafety/park-rangers

As always, make sure to follow us on instagram @pghparkrangers and contact us at parkrangers@pittsburghpa.gov or 412-518-0280 with any questions or concerns!

Thanks for reading, and we'll see you on the trails!



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Run Around the Square Returns to Form

The Run Around the Square was run on August 26, 2023, using the traditional course used before the Fern Hollow Bridge collapse. This year's race was one of the most successful, with over 1900 runners and walkers, beautiful weather, and a packed Fern Hollow for the after race party.

The Board would like to thank course sponsor, Kefalos & Associates Real Estate, and the following sponsors for being such an important part of the success of the race:

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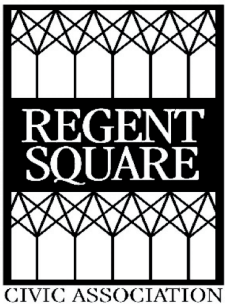
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sponsors page for a
complete list of sponsors
and links to their pages**

This race could not happen without the community. Volunteering, cheering along the course, parking cars off the race course - it all makes for a very special day and is one of the things that makes the Regent Square area so unique.

Next year's race will be held on August 24, 2024, so mark your calendars, lace up your shoes, and consider joining the team to help plan and prepare. Planning for next year's race will begin in the spring. Connect with us at runaroundthesquare.com to get involved in the fun.



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