



President's Message ... Bill Danchuk

Your Block Captain is _____

WHY JOIN THE RSCA?

You've undoubtedly wondered what the RSCA is or why you should join it every time you receive a newsletter or flier from us. The answer is, in short, representation. The RSCA is dedicated to representing our interests as a Regent Square neighborhood before the city and boroughs in matters and issues which affect you directly. In addition to meeting "emergency" situations, we continue to promote social and educational activities which provide the opportunity for us to meet each other and form the basis of a cogent community. The following are *some* of our successes in the last two years:

1. Retaining one-way status of "short-cut" streets in our neighborhood;
2. Analyzing the lighting situation throughout the Square and making additional lighting requests;
3. Relating our feelings regarding replacement of our brick streets with black top;
4. Initiating communications with the city for a study of alternate entrances to Frick Park leading to a possible closing of the Lancaster entrance;
5. Beginning a spring and fall picnic;
6. Getting trash barrels for the business district;
7. Starting the businesses into their own business group;
8. Providing input to council and the school board for various subjects which affect your taxes, streets and children;
9. Initiating a tree planting program to replace and supplement our existing trees;
10. Requesting and obtaining additional police patrols and street cleaning in the Square.

Time and space do not permit me to explain additional areas which concern us and should concern you. Through our time and energy we have become a powerful and recognized association which has a definite say in how problems and their solutions are handled. We can continue to represent you only with your membership support and your presence at our general meetings. We need your concerned input to add to our successes.

**- NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING -
REGENT SQUARE CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

April 30, 1981 - 8:00 PM

A general meeting of the R.S.C.A. will be held on Thursday, April 30, 1981 at 8:00 PM at Wilkins Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. The agenda for the meeting is the following:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of Meeting - 8:00 P.M. 2. Secretary's Report 3. Treasurer's Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Membership notification b. Annual Dues 4. Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Business Liaison Committee b. Streets and Traffic Committee c. Wilkins School d. Other | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Other Old Business 6. New Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parkway Problems b. Spring Fling 7. Primary Candidates Position Forum with Question and Answer Period 8. Adjournment - 10:30 P.M. |
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Business Liaison
Jim Hilliard - Chairperson**

The R.S.B.A. continues to gain momentum with its twenty-five members. Recently an issue developed concerning business signs by the Swissvale Borough. Several R.S.B.A. members attended the Swissvale Council meeting to discuss the issue. Misunderstandings were identified and the issue was resolved, thanks to the Swissvale Council.

The request by the R.S.B.A. to the Edgewood Borough for six disposal cans has met with success. The Edgewood Council has approved the request, the cans have been received and painted. They have now been placed in the business district. Thank you Edgewood Council.

Another project has been initiated concerning signs to identify the business district. These small road signs might be placed on Braddock Avenue to assist potential patrons.

Streets and Traffic Committee Report
Mickey Greenwald-Chairperson

Streets

The proposed Braddock Avenue Traffic Flow Study, which was reported on previously, is still pending before the Allegheny County Department of Development. If approved, the study would review such matters as stop light timing, parking (Do local Businesses require off-street parking? If so, where? At what cost? With what impact on our neighborhood?), the need for additional stop lights (e.g., near Foodland or at Sanders) and structural improvements of the Braddock - Waverly - Edgewood Avenue intersection. The boro requested \$10,000 for the study, which the RSCA has endorsed in a letter to the county. Written testimony for the county's hearing record on this issue will shortly be submitted by Mickey Greenwald. Among other points to be stressed is the value of county initiative in dealing with a street common to two municipalities. Certainly the impact on Braddock Avenue of the Parkway reconstruction project serves to emphasize that Braddock is a major artery connecting many communities in the area and we should welcome a professional study for its improvement.

To ease the local impact of the Parkway reconstruction project, the boro has considered a number of measures, including a proposal of particular importance to Regent Square. To avoid congestion on Braddock Avenue, many drivers use Milton Avenue as a would-be short cut. Unfortunately this practice makes Milton into a car and truck speedway with considerable danger to area children and it detracts from the residential quality of the street. To curtail the practice, the boro would make Milton into two one-way segments extending from Hutchinson Avenue. Area residents must weigh the safety factor against the matter of personal convenience. At the boro council meeting on *March 11th*, the council is likely either to consider the change on a temporary basis or to submit the proposal to the Planning Commission for a public hearing. Residents are advised to make their views known to this committee (Mickey Greenwald - 578-2869 or 578-2833) and to the boro.

The Swissvale Community Development Corporation has been started to oversee the renewal of Monongahela Avenue and adjacent areas. Regent Square will benefit indirectly from the planned improvements in the heart of Swissvale and the RSCA has been encouraged to participate in the monthly discussions held by the new non-profit Development Corporation. By the rules of the SCDC, residents and merchants in Regent Square are fully eligible to become active members of the Corporation.

Trees

Volunteers are being sought to help plan and carry out the 1981 tree survey of Regent Square. Our committee has slated the Pittsburgh section of the Square for a thorough tree survey in 1981 and it will be necessary to update our previous survey of Swissvale trees as well. Please call our tree subcommittee chair, Sybil Margaritis (247-1235). Regent Square tree experts, please heed the call.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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Who: Residents of Regent Square, age 21 and over
What: April Fool's Day Party and Dance
Where: Wilkin's Community Center, corner Milton and Charleston Avenues
When: Saturday, April 4, 1981, 8 p.m. to midnight
Why: Benefit for the improvement of the playground at the Wilkin's Community Center

Dust off your whoopee cushions, wind up your hand buzzer, load your squirting boutiniere and bring along your sneezing powder for an evening of riotous laughter guaranteed to cure even the worst case of winter cabin fever.

Anything goes as the Regent Square Civic Association presents an outrageous evening of hilarious hi-jinx; and the best part is that proceeds will go to the improvement of the playground at the Wilkin's Community Center.

There will be disco dancing (with a live disc jockey), square and folk dancing (no partner needed), but that's just the beginning. We're planning games, food and drink...even a raffle, and you won't believe some of the prizes (tee-hee).

Can't wait to get in on the fun? We need a little more help, so if you can contribute to the planning and execution (BANG?) of this foolish folly please call Tricia DeBoo (242-8852) or Paul Cooper (371-0617). We also need contributions of finger foods, hors d'oeuvres, munchies and sweets (no Ex-lax brownies please...that's not funny). Contact Jane Singer (371-3332) if you can cook up something.

We've lined up babysitting coordinators, Judy Richardson (242-6449) and Judy Meyers (731-1023). If you know someone who is willing to babysit that night or if you will need a babysitter, contact them.

Tickets will be available in advance and will also be sold at the door. If you can purchase your tickets in advance, please do, so we will have an idea of how many to buy drinks for. They are available from all of the RSCA Board members.

So be there, or be a (Regent) Square, but beware - don't let your neighbor get the last laugh.

C O M E S O O N ! !

"Another Man's Treasure"

F L E A M A R K E T

Save your "treasures" to sell !!

Why: Benefit WILKINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER of Regent Square

When: Saturday, May 2, 10:30-3:00 Rain or Shine!

Where: Wilkins School Community Center, Regent Square

How: Fill out the attached reservation form to reserve your space at the Community Center to display and sell the "treasures" you have not been able to part with. A \$5 donation entitles you to a double-card- table-size (approximately 3' x 6') space.

For further information call 242-7673.

Name _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

Number of spaces reserved: _____ Amount enclosed
@ \$5 per space: _____

Return this form by Monday, April 27, with your contribution
Alice Artuhevich
1211 LaClair St.
Swissvale, Pa. 15218

Make checks payable to Wilkins School Community Center.

"Another Man's Treasure"

-FLEA MARKET-

...to benefit the Wilkins School Community Center. Save your "treasures" for sale on Saturday, May 2. Rent a space (rental proceeds go to benefit the Community Center) and make some money while having a great time. Join the group for fun and profit at the Wilkins School Community Center -Rain or Shine. WATCH FOR FLIER and more information.

AMERICAN WIND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Citizens of Regent Square and Swissvale will be hosting the American Wind Symphony Orchestra from June 20 through June 24.

As a host community, we will be responsible for housing the musicians in resident's homes, raising contributions for the Symphony, choosing sites for community performances and arranging for a patron's private tour of the Wind Symphony's barge with a special concert.

Westinghouse Air Brake Company (WABCO), which will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year, will have a concert at the plant on June 20 to kick off the festivities. They have contributed a large share of the monies necessary to support this grassroots community effort. Preliminary plans include the opportunity for residents to attend the WABCO concert and then tour the facility.

The American Wind Symphony is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. The Pittsburgh-based Orchestra has become a focal point on the Allegheny River where its floating home Point Counterpoint II is docked. Each year the Orchestra draws a broad cross-section of young, professional musicians from all over the world who come to Pittsburgh to work and learn with Music Director Robert Boudreau. This summer after several concerts in Pittsburgh and in several other surrounding communities, the Orchestra will begin its first Caribbean tour.

So be thinking about having a tuba in your hallway or a cello propped up against the wall. It will be an exciting experience for your families to house these young musicians.

As plans progress, more information will be distributed to all residents in the square. Contact Suzanne Wilkinson.

WILKINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER

Happening at the Center

Our Spring term of classes will begin the week of April 6th. This term will include Fitness classes, a French class, Stitchery, Pottery, Woodcarving, Computer Science, and many others. Watch for our new brochure in the mail and plan to sign up for a class in the Spring. If you don't receive a program or have questions about the program, please call.

Spring Theater Party at Wilkins Friday, April 24 at 8:00 p.m. Ann Biegel will do her exciting one woman show "Rege and Marge." This is a very touching show about Ann's family and all families. The show is certain to make you laugh and think of your own family in a new way. "Rege and Marge" received excellent reviews in the Press and Post Gazette when it played at the Mattress Factory. There will be a three dollar donation to see the show and proceeds will go toward improving the stage area at Wilkins. Look for more information about tickets.

One Womens Guild organized by Anne Grana and others who worked to make the Christmas Mart a success is meeting and planning some fund raising events for the Spring. You are most welcome to join this group. For information call Anne Grana 371-5921. Future events planned by the Guild include

"Any Man's Treasure" - (A giant Garage Sale) - May 2, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Election Day Bake Sale - May 5 - Wilkins
Fashion Show Card Party - Saturday, May 23 at 1:00 -p.m.

Future Plans

Nursery School in Wilkins by Fall
Improvements in Playground Area
Improvements in Performing Space
Development of Kitchen

Special Needs

Someone with experience or expertise in writing funding proposals who might like to spend some time helping the Center with this specific task.

Someone who might like to develop a summer day camp program or crafts program at Wilkins. We believe there is enough interest in such a program to support it. This would not need to be a volunteer job.

As you can see many people are working hard to help Wilkins grow and improve as a Community Center. We would like to see the whole building used all the time by activities that would add to our neighborhood. We will always need to be raising money to help meet the operating expenses of the building and to improve the building so that it is more usable. Please feel free to call if you have suggestions or if you would like to be involved in some specific program. Contact Kay Wetzel at 731-8057.

MAKE SWISSVALE SHINE

The USA-ICO is sponsoring a "clean up the litter" program April 27 - May 2 with the approval of the Mayor, Borough Council and the School Board. The first portion of this program is a poster and essay contest for grades 3-5, 6-9, 10-12. Call the library or 241-4753 for details.

A captain has been appointed for each district. Each home owner, business owner, etc., is being asked to clean up the litter, weeds and leaves in front of his property during the week of Saturday, May 2. All who can are asked to help clean the gutters of the streets, cut the weeds and grass around poles, trees, sewer openings and bag. Bags will be provided by the Borough as well as pick up service that Saturday. Various youth groups will assist. This is to be a complete citizen participation program to make Swissvale Shine. Day will end with a program about 4:00 p.m. at possibly Dickson Field. Rain date - May 9.

For any further information please call:

Florence Kirk - 241-4753
Chairperson


Andy Lefeure - 271-2663
Co-Chairperson

SWISSVALE DAYS

The United Swissvale area Independent Citizens Organization USA-ICO is promoting the Revival of *Swissvale Days* July 9, 10, 11 - 1981 to get the community together for some good times and fun for all ages. There will be games for the young and entertainment for all. Any persons or organization wishing to have a booth should call Patty Aducci - 271-5085 or if you wish to provide entertainment call Andy Lefeure - 271-2663.

Please come and enjoy.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS	
(Please cut out and put by your phone)	
Police and fire	
Swissvale	- 271-0430
Pittsburgh	- 911
Park Police	- 255-2045
Poison Center	- 681-6669
Animal Control	
Swissvale	- 261-5133 or 276-7950
Pittsburgh	- 255-2036

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	Co-ordinators:	Margee Bilyak Leslie Reicher Barbara Kovach
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HAPPY NEW YEAR..... ??????

You say, it's March!!!! What goes? Well since the New Year many past members of R.S.C.A. haven't renewed their membership.

We realize many are under the impression they have already paid dues for 1981. We feel this is due to the many membership drives we conducted in 1980. Many of our Board of Directors assumed they were current and found they were not.

In an effort to clear up confusion, our treasurer has sent post cards to all persons who have paid 1981 dues. If you have not received one of these post cards, it means you need to renew membership in R.S.C.A.

Please sign and send in the membership form below, to our treasurer, along with a check for \$2.00. This year we offer only individual memberships. This is to attempt to represent members more equitably.

Hope to hear from you soon.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome all NEW residents of Regent Square. We hope that you will become active in your new community in whatever way you can. Below we have included an application for membership in the Regent Square Civic Association. If there are people who have been living in the community and are not part of the Association, we also hope that they will join.

RSCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I, _____, wishing to become a member of the REGENT SQUARE CIVIC ASSOCIATION for year 1981-82, enclose the sum of \$2.00 Individual

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Signed _____

Make check payable to - Regent Square Civic Association
Send to - Leo Stefano, Treasurer
1306 Milton Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15218