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Swanssea Metro Landing Apartments Complete



On a cold day back in January of 2018 earthmoving equipment began converting an unused parcel of land at the Swanssea MetroLink Station into a 62, unit \$11 million dollar senior apartment complex. Through the hard work of the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority (SWIDA), Bywater Development, General Contractor Altman-Charter, and an exceptional group of sub-contractors, phase one of the Metro Landing redevelopment project is complete.



Jim Nations, Chairman of the SWIDA recently said, "we are very excited to see the completion of this development, which is in an incredible location, with access to MetroLink, and close to vital amenities to our residents," he also added, "this project was a great success due to the hard work of all involved and we especially want to thank Swanssea Mayor, Mike Leopold and all of the Village staff."

Aaron Burnett, President of Bywater Development Group, previously commented, "Metro Landing of Swanssea is reflective of a very strong and effective public/private partnership and stands to serve as a model for transit oriented senior housing. It will create both a positive impact on the community and an ideal living environment for its residents."

The three-story building has 62 units. Monthly rent is \$560 for a one-bedroom apartment and \$700 for a two-bedroom apartment. Prospective residents must be 55 or older and meet income guidelines. For a single family household they cannot earn more than \$32,280, a year and a two-person household cannot earn more than \$36,900.

One main feature that sets Metro Landing apart from other apartment complexes is that it is a transit-oriented project, which allows older adults seeking an independent lifestyle car-free transportation options via MetroLink and MetroBus. In addition the complex features a direct connection to the MetroBikeLink trail system, which allows opportunities for exercise and recreation.

It's a project that adds a lot of great potential for that area and we hope that spurs more building," said Mayor Mike Leopold. "It's a great spot. You've got light rail there. You've got everything that you need there. You're close to shopping centers. You're close to doctor's offices."

Those who are interested in inquiring or leasing please contact Lakesha Dabbs at (314) 337-1108.

News Briefs

Government Center Closed Feb 19th for Presidents' Day

No interruption to Refuse & Recycling Collection



The Swansea Government Center and all non-emergency services of the Village will be closed on Monday, February 18th, in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.

The Village Board and committee meetings normally held on Monday, February 18th will shift to Tuesday, February 19th. Meeting times and location remain the same.

President's Day is not a holiday observed by Republic Services so collection dates for refuse and recycling will not be affected.

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Swansea Fire Department BBQ

On February 17th the Swansea Fire Department will be hosting a barbeque at Engine House #1 located at 1350 North Illinois St. The barbeque will begin at 11:00 AM and will run until SOLD OUT!. Meat selection will be ribs, pork steaks, pulled pork, and chicken. Don't forget to swing by and enjoy some delicious barbeque from the Swansea Fire Department.



2nd Annual Adult Only Easter Egg Hunt

The Swansea Park Board and The Swansea Patriots are holding their 2nd Annual Adult Only Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 12, 2019 at Schranz Park. Doors open at 7 PM and the Easter egg hunt will begin at 8:30 PM rain or moonlight.

A television is one of the many super prizes available to win. Participants must be 18 or older to participate. Music will be by Jim Hursey with Sounds Unlimited Entertainment. There will be food and refreshments available as well.



Registration is \$15.00 for one carton. Each additional is \$10.00. Advance registration not required but is encouraged. Credit cards are accepted for registration. Please call (618) 363-8694 to register with a credit card.

If paying by check, make check payable to Swansea Patriots and mail to 2661 North Illinois Street P.O. Box 149, Swansea, IL 62226.

Don't forget to bring a flashlight so you can spot the eggs!

Swansea Veterans Names Needed

The Swansea Memorial Day Ceremony will be Monday, May 27, 2019 at Mel Price Park at 10 AM. Veteran Residents of Swansea, please send your information to: mneumeyer@swanseail.org or call (618) 363-8694 to have your name and service added to the Memorial Day Ceremony booklet.

Advertising In the Swansea Report

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Village of Swansea Project Timeline for FY20 Budget

January 25th—Distribute department Budget Worksheets, Capital Expenditure plan and Memo to Department Supervisors.

January 28th through February 1st—Revenue and expense projections.

February 1st—Budget Worksheet and Capital Expenditure plans reviewed and submitted to Finance Committee for review.

February 4th—Overview of projections, salary and benefits, and capital expenditure/large item spending review with Village Administrator/Finance Director.

February 11th through February 15th—Management team meetings to discuss departmental budgets and capital expenditures.

February 19th—Meet with Finance Chairman, Trustee Lanter, to review draft budget expenses, revenues,

capital expenditures, budget notes and recommendation and brief Finance Committee on the status of the budget.

February 20th through March 14th—Continue reviewing the budget and updating projections with actual data.

March 18th—Brief Finance Committee.

March 28th—Tentative budget to Clerk for board packet.

April 1st—Review and discuss the latest draft budget. Announce that the tentative budget will be available for public inspection on Tuesday, April 9th after 8:30am—Set the public hearing for the budget as Monday,

April 15th at 5:45pm—Review the cover ordinance for adoption of the budget and forward from Committee to the Board. Submit to the Belleville New Democrat (BND), the Notice of Public Hearing to be held on April 15th.

April 4th—Notice of Public Hearing published.

April 9th—Post the tentative

budget at Village Hall by 8:30am to make available for public inspection.

April 15th—Public Hearing held at 5:45pm. Discuss any proposed changes or modifications to tentative budget with the Board.

April 22nd—Special Board Meeting to review the final budget, pass the ordinance and adopt FY20 Budget.

April 30th—Last date possible for Budget approval by state law. Copies of the Annual Budget are on file in Village Hall and posted on the Village web site. FY20 approved budget distributed to all departments.

May 30th—Last day to file Certified Copy of Budget with the County Clerk (within 30 days of adoption).



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Leaf Burning Resumes March 15th

Leaf Burning will resume March 15th through May 15th on Wednesdays and Saturdays only from 9 AM to 6 PM. Burning is not allowed on Village streets or within the Village right-of-way. Fires must be attended and kept under control at all times.

Should the weather be excessively windy, conditions be wet, or air forecasted to be Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (101 – 150) or higher as determined by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency dates in (B) (1) above, burning on said dates shall not be permitted. In the event of such conditions, the Village will post its determination on the Village's website, and send a Code Red alert to residents registered for such alerts. However, it shall be incumbent on anyone intending to burn yard waste, to first reference the Village website for any such notice.

While the Village makes this temporary allowance, all residents should consider the impact, burning yard waste might have on their neighbors. Those with

asthma or other respiratory issues can be significantly affected by smoke.

Other options available to residents for the disposal of yard waste include mulching leaves with a lawn mower, composting, curb side collection through Republic Services (618 656-6883), or dropping off yard waste at St. Louis Compost, located at 3521 Centerville Ave., in Belleville.

Swansea's Market Manager, Norm Geolat Retired

Thanks Norm!

The Swansea Farmer's Market Manager, Norm Geolat has retired. He has been the only manager, dating back to June 3, 2009. His expertise and hundreds of volunteer hours of service for Swansea will be greatly missed.

Norm was Belleville's Market Manager before Swansea was lucky enough to work with him. Without Norm Geolat, it is doubtful Swansea would have had a

market. He assisted with bringing in vendors and customers. Norm was always thinking of ways to improve the market and community.

Due to Norm's retirement, the Swansea Farmer's Market is currently looking for a new volunteers and a market manager to continue on with the Swansea Farmer's Market.

The market manager will take care of negotiating with vendors and oversee the market to ensure vendors abide by the rules and regulations.

The market's current operating time is on Thursday's from 10 AM to 2 PM the first Thursday in May through October. This time is not set in stone.

Future volunteers could change this time. We have volunteers that can and will assist new volunteers no matter what job they wish to perform—Manager, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Volunteers are crucial in order to continue on with this tradition. Contact Trustee Brian Wells @ bwells@swanseaill.org if you wish to be a part of the Swansea Farmer's Market.

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Swansea Rotary Club Again Offers Chad Wood Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Swansea annually sponsors scholarships in the memory of Chad Wood, who was a student at Belleville East when he died in a May 9, 2005 automobile accident.

In 2019, the club will award three \$2,500 scholarships, with the competition open to all graduating high school students who reside in the Village of Swansea at the time of the April 1, 2019 application deadline, and/or who have resided in the Village of Swansea for at least three of the past five years immediately prior to the April 1, 2019 application deadline.

Students who expect to graduate from Althoff Catholic High School; Belleville East; Belleville West; Governor French Academy; private or parochial schools in Madison County or St. Clair County, IL; St. Louis City or St. Louis County (MO), and who satisfy the residency requirements as above stated, are eligible, subject to the following qualifications:

- The applicant must be a person of good moral character who has

demonstrated a commitment to the concept of community service and volunteerism.

- Each applicant must submit an essay of 350-500 words on a subject related to Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."
- The applicant must have attained a GPA of at least 3.0+ at the time of application (if school is on a 4.0 basis) or 4.0+ (if on a 5.0 basis).
- The applicant must submit at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, clergy member, or other unrelated adult who knows the applicant's interests, work habits and capabilities.
- The application, essay and letter of recommendation must be submitted by mail no later than Monday, April 1, 2019. The envelope must bear a post-mark date of April 1, 2019 or earlier.

Please visit the Swansea Rotary website at www.swansearotary.org to download a copy of the application form and to review complete rules and regulations.

The completed application form, essay and recommendation letter(s) must be mailed to:

Ruth Ann Erdmann
2238 Deer Springs Trail
Shiloh, Illinois 62221

Selection of recipients will take place in the first few weeks of April and recipients will be notified by the Rotary Club. The selected scholarship recipients and their parents will be invited to attend the Swansea Rotary Club's 7:30 AM meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2019 and will be presented with their certificates and scholarship checks at that time.



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Congrats

Swansea Fire Department Annual Awards

The Swansea Fire Department held their annual Awards Dinner for 2018 on January 12, 2019. We would like to congratulate the following members on their years of service to the Fire Department and the Fireman's Civic Association.

- 5 Years- Firefighter Cole Kaemmerer and Firefighter Ben Sullins
- 10 Years- Firefighter Brett Korves
- 15 Years- Firefighter Kody Koudelka
- 20 Years- Firefighter Kevin Schnarre, Lieutenant Douglas Little
- 25 Years- Retired Firefighter Dennis Grainger, Retired Captain Kent Schloemann and Chief Christopher Tell

- 30 Years of Service- Retired Engineer John Budde and Retired Chief John McGuire
- 40 Years of Service- Retired Asst. Chief Fred Schnarre
- Trainings Attended Lt. Douglas Little
- Most Calls Answered Captain Richard Drury
- Cadet of the Year Lucas Springer
- Rookie of the Year FF Eric Jacobsen
- Officer of the Year Capt. David Schaefer
- Firefighter of the Year FF Benjamin Sullins

Thank you to all for their service and dedication to the Swansea Fire Department and the Swansea Fireman's Civic Association. What an outstanding group of individuals!



Ben Sullins Firefighter Of The Year



Casey Schaefer Officer Of The Year

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Swansea Rotary Club Sponsors Dinner and Auction Feb 16th

The Rotary Club of Swansea is sponsoring *A Sweet Ride Dinner and Auction* on Saturday, Feb 16, 2019. The event will be held at the Gateway Classic Cars, 1237 Central Park Drive, in O'Fallon, IL.

Doors open at 5:00pm with wine tasting & hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Both a silent and live auction will also be part of the fundraising event. Proceeds will be used by the club to support several local charities and projects in local community schools, as well as worldwide projects served by Rotary International.

Tickets for the dinner and auction are \$50 per person. Those interested will find more information on the club's website at www.swansearotary.org, and can simply register through the link on the site, or contact Marion at 618-520-8678 or Lisa at 618-292-3669 with any questions.

Congratulations To Officer Peter Wszalek On Promoting To Sergeant

The Village of Swansea was honored to promote Officer Peter Wszalek from Officer to Sergeant at the January 7th Personnel Committee Meeting (picture to the right). Sergeant Wszalek cares about the officers and has shown great leadership skills when he has worked as Officer in Charge.

Also, not pictured, Officer Matt Lindley, accepting his 5 years of Service with the Village of Swansea Police Department at the January 7th Personnel Committee Meeting. Congratulations to Officer Matt on his 5 years of Service to the Swansea Community and the Police Department.



News Briefs

Is The Ice Safe

No ICE is ever SAFE ice! The ice we get in our area on our lakes and ponds is what we call snow/gray ice. This is not clear ice which is found in the northern states. Our ice develops air bubbles and air pockets in the layers due to the fluctuation in temperatures. When this happens the developed ice is weak and misleading. It is always best to just stay off the ice! It's not worth the risk!

Swansea Fire Department encourages everyone to play ice hockey at a local hockey rink rather than taking chances on a frozen lake or pond.

If your pet would happen to fall through the ice, DO NOT go after it, Call 911 and get the appropriate responders. If you choose at your own risk to go onto the ice make sure you have a Safe Rescue Plan.

HAVING A SAFE RESCUE PLAN
Preparing and having a "just in case" plan could mean the difference between life and death. No ice lake is completely impervious - ice sheets can cave in without warning.

Be prepared with these tips.

- Make sure you have on all the proper attire and are bundled up. The types of material that you wear could help you float in the event that you fall through the ice. Carrying an ice pick that's easily accessible will help you get a physical grip if you start sliding, or if you are trying to get out of the water.
- Always make sure to have at least one person with you – do not go alone! If it's just you and another person, make sure you let others know where you are heading out to prior to embarking on the ice. It is also wise to provide friends with your expected return time from an excursion on an ice lake.
- Always have an extra set of clothes that are warm and thick. Keeping them in a waterproof bag can ensure that your risk of hypothermia is reduced greatly. Other things you may want in your kit include candles, matches, thick socks, foot warmers, and blankets. Remember, It is always best to just play it safe and stay off the ice!

Car Winter Survival Kit

Swansea has seen significant snow-fall accumulation last month. This is a reminder to not park in emergency snow routes. If you want the street plowed in front of your house, please park in your driveway. If you have to drive, be very cautious and keep a car winter survival kit in your car.

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Clinton Hills Golf Course

THE VILLAGE OF SWANSEA RECEIVES 163 ACRE DONATION OF FORMER CLINTON HILLS GOLF COURSE SITE, INTENDS TO OPEN AS PARK

As of January 1st, the Village of Swansea is the new owner of the site formerly known as Clinton Hills Golf Course. Thanks to the generous donation from the Clinton Hills Redevelopment LLC, whom acquired the property in January of 2018, the Village is the benefactor of a vast new green space.

"It's a beautiful property, and we're ecstatic about the potential it provides the Village moving forward. What we have in this property is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to provide another first-class park for our residents, and thanks to this development group, we'll be doing so at minimal cost to our taxpayers," said Mayor Michael Leopold.

Prior to their donation to the Village, Clinton Hills Redevelopment LLC sold roughly 1.5 acres including and surrounding the former golf course club house. The buyers, Derek Betz and Mike Eiskant, owners of Fletchers Restaurant in West Belleville, are opening a second Fletchers location there, with renovations on the club house currently underway. They hope to be open to the public by March of this year.

In order to be involved in the ongoing plans for development, the Village began leasing the property for a nominal

\$1 fee from Clinton Hills Redevelopment LLC back in May 2018.

Mayor Leopold has indicated that a working group consisting of elected officials, staff, and residents will be convening over the coming weeks with the purpose of strategic planning for the future park.

While the property is not currently open to the public, city officials hope to soon provide information detailing it's opening schedule.

"As eager as we are to open the property to our residents, this process needs to take comprehensive stock of our assets so that we can utilize them for the highest value to our residents, and provide them with another excellent Village amenity."



The donation also included a monetary gift, intended to help pay for property taxes and future development of the property.

Musick Dermatology Completes New Office

Musick Dermatology recently completed construction of a new, state of the art, 10,000 square foot office. Musick had been operating in a suite at 4932 Benchmark Centre Drive for many years, and had long outgrown the facility. Their new location at 4956 Benchmark Centre Drive is only a few doors down from the old location, but features increased space of staff and patients as well as ample parking, and expanded dermatological services.



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3	4 Committee Meetings 6:00pm Govt. Center Village Board Meeting 7:00pm Govt. Center	5	6	7 Swansea Rotary Club 7:30am - 8:30am; Thompson Center—	8	9 Swansea Park Board Meeting 7:00am Norman Lehr Center Swansea Patriots Meeting 8:00am Norman Lehr Center
10	11	12 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6:00pm Govt. Center	13	14 Swansea Rotary Club 7:30am - 8:30am; Thompson Center—	15	16 Swansea Rotary Club—A Sweet Ride Dinner Auction @ Gateway Classic Car
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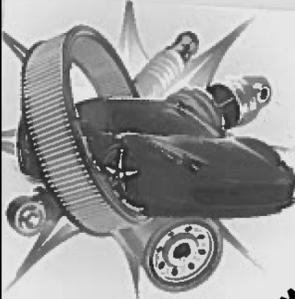
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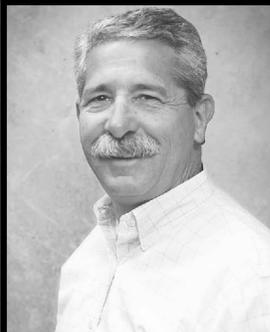


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