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Village To Host Old Town Swansea Streetscape Masterplan Open House

Swansea is creating a Master Plan to strengthen community identity, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, and plan future infrastructure projects. Your input is needed to make it happen. On June 5th from 6 pm to 8 pm the Village will host an open house at the Moose Lodge, 2425 North Illinois Street, Swansea. Outreach to the general public is crucial for this effort, and it is critical to involve representatives of both traditional and nontraditional audiences to make sure engagement is equitable as plans are made for the future of Old Town. Traditional audiences include business leaders, developers, board and commission members, as well as long-time residents. Particular attention will also be paid to young families, emerging business owners, recent transplants, and those not usually in attendance at regular public meetings. While residents and stakeholders in Swansea will have multiple opportunities to share their vision and feedback throughout the process, this open house will provide the planning team with vital information that will be used to shape the Masterplan.

The public is welcome to attend the event and give their input on what redevelopment they would like to see in the focus area. For those unable to attend—a website has been created that will provide a wealth of information about the project and allow for comments to be submitted. During the next several months online surveys will also be released. To receive updates on the project visit <http://www.swanseaplan.com> or find Swansea Streetscape Plan on Facebook and @SwanseaPlan on Twitter.

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News Briefs

Government Center Closed Monday May 27th Refuse & Recycling Collection Also Affected on May 27th

The Swansea Government Center and all non-emergency services of the Village will be closed on Monday, May 27th for the Memorial Day holiday.

Republic Services will observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th as a holiday as well.

The collection of refuse and recyclables will shift one day for all routes, with Monday's refuse and recyclables picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday's picked up on Wednesday, Wednesday's on Thursday, Thursday's on Friday, and Friday's on Saturday. Yard waste collection will move from Thursday to Friday.

Farmers Market Now Open For Season

The Swansea Farmers Market is open for the season. The market runs every Thursday from 10 AM to 2 PM. And is located in the parking lot of Rural King, 2801 N. Illinois St., Swansea. Every week, fresh local produce, baked goods, and unique

handmade crafts will be available for sale. For more information, contact Connie Morriss at (618) 520-5107 or email swanseafarmersmarket@yahoo.com.

Save The Date—An Evening In The Park

Mark your calendars for 'An Evening In The Park' Saturday, September 28th from 4PM to 8PM. There will be a fundraiser event held at the pavilion located at Swansea Clinton Hills Conservation Park, 3700 Old Collinsville Road, Swansea, IL. All funds raised will go back into the park.

**Don't
Forget!**



Do You Contribute To Pollution of Streams

Most homeowners would probably answer "No" to that question, but storm sewers and drainage areas near your home eventually lead into creeks, streams, major rivers and ultimately large lakes or the ocean.

So, for example:

Using fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides and other lawn chemicals shortly before it rains, might result in some of those chemicals washing into and polluting waterways. Sweep granular products left on drives, walks, or streets, back onto grass.

When it comes time to drain a swimming pool, make sure that your test kit detects no chlorine, so you do not drain chlorine into those waterways as well.

If you change oil, antifreeze or other chemicals in your car, avoid driveway spills or clean them up quickly. Absorb with kitty litter and dispose of properly.

Don't pour any chemicals, paints or other materials into the storm sewer inlets along your street. Don't clean paint brushes over an inlet.

In addition, keep grass clippings and other yard waste out of street gutters and out of drainage ditches. Those materials can block the effective flow of storm water drainage, causing problems for homeowners as well as the Village.

Grass clippings discharged into the street flow downstream during rain events causing storm drains and ditches to clog and preventing the excess water to flow through its natural course. When this happens, Street Department crews must be dispatched to the area to unclog the storm drains and culvert pipes in order to allow the water to flow freely.

Many times call-outs for flooded streets and ditches occur after hours and in severe weather conditions. Each call-out creates a negative impact on our budget and resources. Using a leaf blower to simply blow any grass clippings or other yard debris back into your yard only takes a few minutes and will save valuable time and resources for all Swansea residents.

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The Splash Pad in Schranz Park is a popular attraction. But when users violate the rules, it often requires that the splash pad be shut down for some period of time. That means your children or others may not be able to use it when you want. And tax dollars get diverted to cleaning and repairing it.



(cigarette butts), or other debris in the splash pad area. All can clog spray nozzles.

No glass (it may shatter)

No dogs or pets (it is unsanitary)

No infants/toddlers in regular diapers (also unsanitary). These children must wear tight plastic pants designed for swimming.

The Village provides our parks and the splash pad primarily for the use of our residents. Please take care of them like they are your own. And please report anyone who is not following these rules.

While the Village is taking steps to encourage compliance from those who rent the facility, those who simply stop by to use it on a hot day can have the same negative impact.

Among the rules are a few that are very important to keeping the spray nozzles and filter system clean and unblocked:

No food, drink, trash, dirt, grass, water balloons (broken pieces), smoking

Occupancy Permits Are Required in Swansea

The Village of Swansea requires all residential properties and dwellings, whether tenant or owner-occupied, to be inspected when there is a change in the tenant or owner. This helps determine if the property may be safely

occupied by the new owners or new tenants.

For the health, safety and protection of the new residents, properties can not be occupied until they successfully pass that inspection and the Village issues an occupancy permit.

Call the Village of Swansea at 234-0044 with any questions or to schedule an inspection.

Permits must be requested in person, Monday through Friday, from 8:00am until 4:00pm. Specific documentation is required at the time of application:

A photo ID for the person applying for the permit

A copy of the lease if renting

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After a long career of exceptional service to the Village of Swansea, Street Superintendent John Budde's last day was May 31st. A lifelong Swansea resident, John's long tenure and diverse contributions began back in 1986, when he started as a volunteer in the Fire Department, a capacity in which he served for 13 years. From 1990 – 1997 he served as the Village representative for the Emergency Disaster Agency. He stepped down from that role in 1997 when he became a laborer/mechanic in the Public Works Department, and additionally began his 20 year tenure on the Swansea Parks Board. In

2007 he took over the Public Works Department as the Streets Superintendent, where he remained until his retirement from the Village.

All told, John served Swansea in four different capacities, served five mayors, and provided nothing but exemplary service over the course of his 33 year career. While he operated a tight, highly efficient budget during his tenure, he maintains that the beautification and expansion of Swansea's parks are among his greatest points of pride. To that end, he credits the support of Swansea Trustees, and the unending hard work of his staff over the years that has allowed the park system to flourish.

After leaving the Public Works Department, John intends to spend

more time with his wife Lynn, with whom he has two daughters, Alyssa and Lindsey, of Belleville and Columbia. He looks forward to spending time in Swansea Parks 15 years from now, and telling his granddaughter Piper that he helped create, expand, and maintain the beautiful space.

The Village of Swansea would like to express their deepest appreciation for his 33 years of hard work and service, and wish him the very best in all future endeavors.



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Residents Are The First Line Of Defense Against Mosquitoes

In light of past news stories regarding the Zika and West Nile virus, some residents might be asking if the Village is going to do anything this summer to address mosquitos.

But to be effective, fogging for mosquitoes must be conducted in the evening or early morning hours, with temperatures between 60 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit, and with low wind speeds. In addition, the aerosol fog kills only adult mosquitoes that come into direct contact with the insecticide droplets. Once the fog dissipates, it is no longer effective.

So while the mosquito population in the immediate area of a street may be reduced by fogging, it does not prevent mosquitoes from re-entering that area, and does nothing about mosquitoes in residential yards.



To effectively control the "house" mosquito, which is responsible for 70% of West Nile Virus, you need to kill its larvae. That mosquito breeds most prolifically in stagnant water. And since House mosquitoes don't fly too far from where they hatch, your best defense is to eliminate breeding areas within your own back yard or neighborhood.

Ways you can eliminate standing water include:

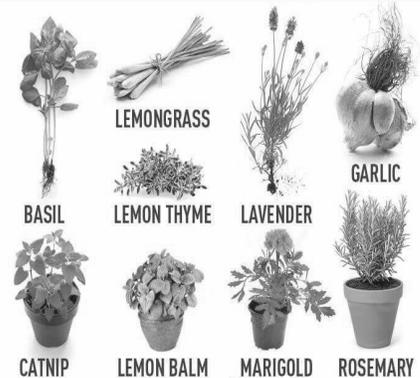
- Get rid of old tires, cans, or similar containers that tend to hold water.
- Fill in depressions in your yard that tend to retain water, or create ways for them to drain.
- Keep drainage ways, ditches and culverts free of weeds, high grass and trash so water will drain and the ditch dry out between storms.
- Clean out roof gutters where leaves can cause water to stand.
- Cover trash containers to keep out rain, or drill a hole in the bottom.
- Empty wading pools at least once a week and store indoors. Use other

pools regularly.

- Fill in any tree rot holes or hollow stumps that might hold water.
- Change birdbath water weekly.
- Store boats upside down, cover them, or remove rainwater weekly.
- If you have an ornamental pond add fish that eat mosquito larvae.

The Village will also work towards eliminating standing water on it's properties, including in its parks.

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Peddlers And Solicitors Going Door To Door

While state laws will not allow municipalities to completely ban door-to-door peddlers and solicitors, the Village is allowed to regulate those activities to some degree.

Everyone has heard stories of companies offering asphalt resealing or roof repair who have knocked on someone's door, made them an offer that seems too good to be true, and then did shoddy work, or took financial advantage of that person in some way. Burglars have also posed as door-to-door sales people in order to gain access to a residence, or case it for a future burglary.

So it is in the public's best interest for the Village to closely regulate these activities.

Applications for peddlers and solicitors are now only accepted at the Swansea Police Department and administered through that department.

Every applicant must provide the

police with the following:

An application form, completed and signed by each individual along with an information release waiver.

A government issued photo ID.

Proof of possession of any license or permit which, under federal, state or local laws and regulations, the applicant is required to have in order to conduct the proposed business, or which, under any such laws or regulations, would exempt the applicant from the permit requirements of this chapter. For example, roofers in Illinois must have a state license to do business as a roofer.

A non-refundable application fee of \$50.00.

An additional annual fee of \$50.00 for each person to whom a permit is issued.

Proof of a Surety Bond in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) covering the applicant's employer or principal, as the case may be, or if none the applicant himself. This bond must be in place before a permit is issued and stipulate that the applicant will fully

comply with the ordinances of the Village and statutes of the State of Illinois regulating solicitors, and guarantee to the residents of the Village that all money paid to the applicant (or his employer or principal) will be accounted for or applied according to the representations of the applicant, and further guaranteeing the residents of the Village doing business with the applicant, that any property purchased will be delivered according to the representations of the applicant. Actions on this Bond can be brought by the person aggrieved or for any others in whose benefit the Bond is given.

In addition to posting the surety bond, the applicant must also post a cash bond in the amount of \$100.00, to help ensure compliance with the code of ordinances of the Village. That way, if the Village were to issue a citation against the permit holder, the cash bond could be applied towards any fine levied.

In addition, every applicant will now be fingerprinted and those prints sent to local, state and federal law enforcement authorities as part of a background check on each applicant.



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The Police will also photograph each applicant seeking a permit.

Once a complete application has been filed the Village has up to 15 days to review and approve or deny the application.



If approved, the Police Chief will issue a permit good for the calendar year along with credentials to the applicant. These credentials are provided in a bright orange pouch labeled "SOLICITOR" which must be worn by the solicitor whenever going door to door. The credentials pouch has to be worn in such a manner that it is readily visible to all individuals being solicited. So if someone comes to your door, you should expect to see this 'solicitor ID' around their neck and on the outside of any coat they might be wearing.

What To Do If You Suspect A Solicitor Is Unlicensed

Note that Supreme Court rulings prohibit municipalities from regulating soliciting from specific individuals and organizations. So permits are not required for religious groups, politicians, candidates for public office, or minors under the age of 18 who solicit for fundraising activities such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or students selling high school-sponsored items.

So also note that the stereotypical 'college student selling magazine subscriptions door-to-door so they can win a trip', is not exempt from getting a permit.

It is probably safe to assume that

anyone who approaches your door who is not in one of the exempt groups and is not wearing the required ID pouch, has not registered with the Police Department.

First and foremost, you do not have to open your door to anyone you do not know, so do not feel compelled to do so.

Second, if you ask any peddler or solicitor to leave your property, even if they are registered with the Village, they must do so. If they refuse, they are in violation of the law.

Residents should report anyone going door-to-door illegally to the Police by calling the Dispatch at 618-233-8114. Provide details to the dispatcher and they will dispatch an officer to investigate as soon as it is possible to do so.

This also includes any ice cream truck that might drive through your subdivision. While nostalgic, and a bit of the past that you might want your children or grandchildren to experience, no ice cream truck vendor has yet applied to the Village for a permit. Therefore, we do not know if any such person has a criminal history that might prohibit them from being in contact with children. Better that an ice cream peddler register with the Police and remove any such doubt.

Finally, residents can post a No Solicitor sign and place this in a front window or storm door so that it is clearly visible to those approaching your front door, you make your individual wishes known, and those individuals should turn around and leave your property.

VILLAGE OF SWANSEA CONTACT INFO

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swanadmn@swanseail.org

Building, Zoning, Permits
Phone: 618-355-0280
swanbnz@swanseail.org

Swansea Police Department
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Non-emergency: 618-233-8114
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Lamp of Learning Awards Given To Four 8th Grade Students

"Lamp of Learning" awards are given each year by the Village of Swansea to eighth graders graduating from High Mount and Wolf Branch schools. Teachers within each school select students who have demonstrated exemplary achievement in and out of the classroom.



This year, Chairman of Public Safety, Trustee Jeff Parker, presented the awards at High Mount School's May 23rd graduation to recipients Bradin Ellis and Logan DeFosset. Mayor Mike Leopold presented the awards for Wolf Branch School at their May 23rd graduation held at Christ Church in Swansea to recipients Braden Schnarre and Sydney Jacobsen.



Join HeartLands Conservancy's 10th Annual Field to Fork Dinner

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Saturday, July 20, 2019

5:00 PM—doors open, amuses and cocktails

6:15 PM—seated courses begin

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Reservations required (names held at the door)

Field to Fork is an exquisite culinary experience featuring a six-course meal prepared by six local chefs. All of the ingredients are locally sourced from farms in southern Illinois. The event also features live music, a silent auction, and live auction. All proceeds benefit HeartLands Conservancy.

2019 Chef Lineup

- Kelsi Baker Walden—Bakers & Hale
- Evan Buchholz—Perennial Artisan Ales
- Tim Faltus—Bellecourt Manor
- Krissana Frawley—Hi-Pointe Drive-In
- Samatha Mitchell—Farmtruk
- David Sandusky—Beast Craft BBQ Co.

Additional Information: Vegetarians must pre-register. Due to the last-minute nature of collecting the fresh produce and ingredients, we cannot accommodate dietary restrictions and allergies. Dress code is business casual. No refunds.

For questions, contact Kim O'Bryan at 618-566-4451 x 10 or kim.obryan@heartlandsconservancy.org.

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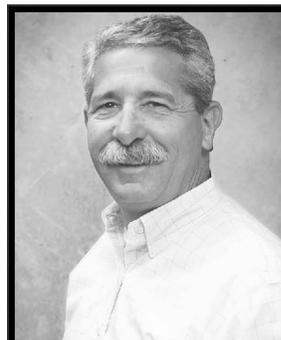
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Swansea Resident Earns Highest Advancement in Boy Scouts—Eagle Scout Court Of Honor

On March 31, 2019 Swansea resident Wendell Fitzgerald Miller, of Troop 52 attained the highest advancement in the Boy Scouts; Eagle Scout. This was no easy task. It takes years of study and volunteering in the community to attain this rank. Swansea has benefited directly from Wendell's service on numerous occasions. In the words of the Eagle Scout Promise, Eagles do their best each day to make their training an example, their rank and their influence count strongly for better scouting and for better citizenship in their troop, in their community, and in their contacts with other people. To this they pledge their sacred honor. We can all be very proud of Wendell. His mother, Donna Miller,



another dedicated volunteer in the community, is extremely proud of her son, and rightfully so. We can expect more great things to come from this young man.

Swansea Rotary Club Awards Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Swansea announces the recipients of the 2019 Chad Wood Memorial Scholarships. The Scholarships are made possible through funds raised at the "Annual Service Above Self 5K" that is to be held June 1, 2019.

This year three \$2,500 Scholarships were available to deserving high school seniors residing in the Village of Swansea. The recipients are: Allison Dyer, a graduate of Belleville East High School and daughter of Rev. Robert & Dr. Sarah Dyer; Erin Kelley, a graduate of Belleville East High School and daughter of John & Julie Kelley; and Olivia Melichar, a graduate of Althoff

Catholic High School and daughter of Steve & Jen Melichar.

The Chad Wood Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Chad Wood, who passed unexpectedly in May of 2005. Chad was a fine student, a superb athlete for the Belleville East Lancers, and a devoted and loving son to his parents, Ray and Penny Wood. Ray Wood was the Charter President when the Rotary Club of Swansea was formed in 2002.

Besides perpetuating Chad's memory and commemorating the wonderful gifts he shared with the many lives he touched, the Scholarship



looks to support the educational opportunities of the future leaders of the Swansea community.

"The Rotary Club of Swansea congratulates each recipient, and wishes continued success to each applicant", said President Jeff Parker.

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This publication provides vital information to the community, but production takes hours from time-constrained staff, as well as financial costs that continue to rise. While advertising has helped bridge that financial gap in recent years, it still represents a minimal offset. While a few measures have been considered, the Board of Trustees would like to know residents' opinions to appropriately assess how this publication is valued.

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Please provide any additional comments that may be helpful in deciding programming for the Swansea Report moving forward:

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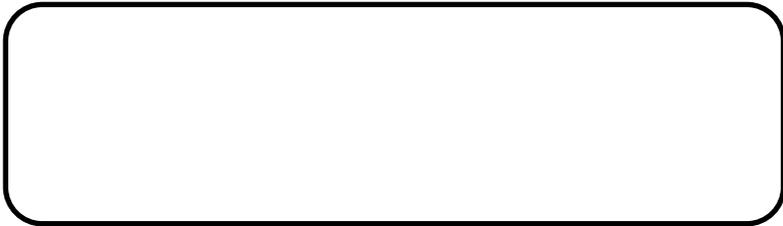
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