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The 33rd Annual Memorial Day Ceremony was held on May 31. A large group of Veterans and families join us to honor and recognize all the loved ones who are not with us. Each year the list of veterans who live or lived in the Village of Swansea. We are pleased to recognize their service to the freedom, to serve and protect us.

We were thankful for U.S. Marine Corporal Jerry Dallape spoke to us about his experience serving during the Vietnam Conflict and for his safe return.

Thank you to Steve Pulley, retired Trustee a retired U. S. Air Force member, on his presentation of the POW/MIA Ceremony. May we never forget.

Thank you Deacon Art Hampton, from Holy Trinity Catholic Church, a retired U.S. Marine for his thoughtful and caring words.

There are many groups who helped bring this Ceremony together –

The Village of Swansea Park Board
Mayor Mike Leopold
Swansea Administrative Staff
Swansea Board of Trustees
Swansea Fire Dept. Color Guard
Swansea Public Works Dept.
Swansea Police Dept.



News Briefs

Govt. Center Closed Monday, July 5th

The Swansea Government Center and all non-emergency services of the Village will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. There will be no delay in refuse collection that week. Trash, recycle and yard waste will all be serviced on the normal collection days.

July Farmer's Market

It's July, and the Swansea Farmer's Market is heating up. Unique fresh crops and crafts are in even more abundance and every week they serve up something good to eat. Find them May to October from 10 to 2 p.m., in the parking lot of Rural King, at 2801 N. Illinois Street. We're looking for produce vendors and food vendors. Just come talk to us at the market.



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Follow The Splash Pad Rules-Report Those Who Do Not

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.

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 (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.

Trash In Our Parks

More and more trash is being left behind in the Village Parks. The pictures below were recently taken. Please throw away your trash before leaving the parks. The Village Of Swansea is a beautiful place, so let's keep it that way.



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Swansea Senior Van

Swansea offers a senior van service that runs Tues., Wed. and Thurs. To utilize this service, one must be a Swansea resident, 60+ or disabled. Riders should call the Government Center at 234-0044 the day prior by 2:00pm to schedule a ride.

Swansea Senior Van



Swansea Residents only

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By reservation only
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Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday
before 2:00 pm
for next day pick up

For pick up after appointment
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Scheduling:

- Riders must call the day before by 2:00 pm to schedule a ride (Monday for Tuesday etc.).
- Be prepared to provide name, address, and a working phone number.
- Riders must provide the name, address including suite #, and apt time for their destination.
- Riders may only request 2 destinations per day.
- 4 rider's maximum per day.
- Riders must be reachable by phone from 2 pm till pickup for time adjustments.

- Medical appointments supersede all other requests.
- Rider will be given a card with return trip phone (618) 779-5521.
- The van doesn't go out on holidays or the day after.
- The van is not equipped for wheelchairs or motorized carts.

Riders:

- Riders are expected to be mobile and able to enter and exit the van without help.
- NO smoking, vaping or eating on the van. No weapons.
- Rider are expected to be ready 15 minutes prior to and at their door for pickup.
- If the van does not arrive 15 minutes AFTER your pickup time call 779-5521 for an update.
- Riders that are shopping will be given a pickup time and need to be ready and waiting. Must be willing to help with loading and unloading of packages.
- Failure to cancel a scheduled trip or be a no-show will result in loss of service. (2 warnings only)
- Riders must maintain an acceptable standard of personal hygiene.
- Service animals are allowed for person with disabilities.

Drivers:

- Driver cannot go into appointments with riders.
- Drivers cannot enter private residences or lock and unlock doors.
- Drivers are only authorized to pick up and drop off at location on schedule.
- Drivers are not permitted to lose sight of van. So for apartment building all packages will be left at main door.
- Drivers will use his/her discretion to judge if a person is incapable of being transported safely.
- Drivers can cancel all appointment due to bad weather. Riders will be notified by phone.

Destinations:

- Shop Swansea First
- Belleville Walmart the first Tuesday of the month.
- Target located at 159 and Frank Scott
- Dollar General off 161 by 17th Street
- Dollar Tree: SWANSEA only
- Medical appts. in Swansea, O'Fallon, Shiloh, Belleville, Fairview Heights only.
- The van doesn't travel to Scott Air Force Base.
- Tips are appreciated but not required. Driver's are volunteers.
- Pickup and drop off will be at same location.



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3. Metal Cans
4. Plastic Bottles & Jugs
5. Glass Jars



How to prepare your recycle

Empty. Clean. Dry

Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid

Keep it loose

Never put recyclables in containers or bags

NEVER place these items in the recycling container

Plastics bags & Wrappers, Soiled Paper, Styrofoam, Clothing and Shoes, Greasy Pizza Boxes, Tools, Food, Toys, Electronics & Batteries, Construction Waste, Medical, Yard Waste, Diapers, and Scrap Metal

News Briefs

2021 Chad Wood Memorial Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Swansea announces the recipients of the 2021 Chad Wood Memorial Scholarships. The Scholarships are made possible through funds raised at the "Annual Service Above Self 5K".

The event this year was a Virtual 5K held on June 5, 2021.

This year two \$2000 Scholarships were available to deserving high school seniors residing in the Village of Swansea.

The 2021 recipients are: Zachary Bilzing, a graduate of Belleville West High School and the son of Brian and Tina Bilzing; and Vinhhy G. Pham, a graduate of Belleville East High School and the daughter of Hien T. Tran

Chad Wood Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Chad Wood, who passed unexpectedly in May 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 **Ed Henrichs**

Food Pantry

The pantry is open Mondays and Thursdays 9-11 for Swansea residents. Masks are currently required. For questions contact Kim Jones at 618-960-7155 and leave a message. Swansea Food Pantry @ Swansea Church 292 Frank Scott Parkway East Fairview Heights, IL 62208

For Donations / Food Drop-Offs:

Monetary donations for this program can be mailed to the above address at any time. Food donations may be dropped off preferably on days the Food Pantry is Open. If that is not possible, please call first to make other arrangements.

For Food Pick-Up:

The pantry is available to Swansea residents in need, with proof of residency (Driver's license, State I.D., etc. showing a Swansea address). It is also available to others in need, regardless of residency, if they have a referral letter, on letterhead, from a source like a Police Department, a Church, a hospital, W.I.C. Program, another food pantry (if they were out of food or unable to assist), etc.



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Fire Department Urges Fire Safety In Summer

With summer months always come outdoor cookouts and barbecues. The Swansea Fire Department has a few tips to make sure you stay safe while enjoying your time with friends and family.

Barbeque Safety Tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors to prevent any carbon monoxide build up in an enclosed area.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- When starting a gas grill, open the tank valve to full to light the grill then back off 1/4 turn once lit.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

Home Fire Safety

- Have a working smoke detector in every bedroom and at least one on every level of the residence.
- If you need assistance with smoke detectors, please contact the Swansea Fire Department for installation of up to three (3) 10 year smoke detectors at no cost.
- Illinois state law requires a working carbon monoxide detector within fifteen (15) feet of every occupied bedroom.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on a monthly basis to make sure that they are working properly.
- Replace carbon monoxide detectors every five (5) years from the date of manufacturer and replace smoke detectors every ten (10) years from date of manufacture.
- Never leave lit candles unattended.
- Summertime Burn Safety

- Wear short sleeves or roll them up when cooking on the grill.
- Use long-handled barbecue tools.
- Keep a 3-foot safe zone around grills, fire pits and campfires.
- Attend public fireworks displays; this leaves the lighting to the professionals.

Campfire Safety Tips

- Always follow the campfire rules for the area where you are camping or living. Some parks and towns prohibit fires, and these rules are there for a reason. Check the local regulations before you build your fire.
- Do not store gasoline, liquid fire starter, or any other type of flammable liquid near the campfire. It's too easy for stray flames to ignite these materials.
- Do not build large campfires, even if they seem impressive. It's much safer to keep fires small so they are easier to control.

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SUMMER IS HERE!

Warm weather is here, school is out, and so are the kids!

The Village of Swansea would like to remind drivers to drive slowly and cautiously, especially in neighborhoods, and to watch for children as they play outdoors this summer.



Swansea Scavenger Hunt 2021

Pirates have invaded Swansea! Cap'n Graybeard needs your help to find his missing treasures. Gather your crew (18 and older) and join us for the treasure hunt at Schranz Park on Friday, August 13 from 6P – 9P. During your scavenger hunt, you'll be solving puzzles, taking photos, and picking up treasure along the way to trade in for a chance at exciting prizes. The cost is \$15 per booty bag or \$25 for 2.

Once you've found your treasure, stick around and party with your crew. Refreshments will be available before and during the event for purchase and music to hunt treasure by will be provided. Har-de-har mateys, all proceeds go to our parks!! Be there or walk the plank!



Composting Could Save You Money

A resident recently suggested that the Swansea Report provide information about how to effectively compost yard waste and some kitchen scraps to help residents understand the process. While such an article might be helpful to some, the many options and approaches to composting as well as the details that need to be presented with each, would take up more space than we could devote in this newsletter.

Please visit the link below for more information.

<https://www.clf.org/blog/zero-waste-saves-money/>

COMPOSTING

Composting is a natural form of recycling that turns certain waste into organic material that can be used in a variety of ways.

It's Easy to Do!
 Here's what You'll Need:
 - A container
 - Food scraps
 - Brown materials (such as cardboard)
 - Green materials (such as manure)

38 million tons of food waste was generated in 2014

5.1% of food waste was composted

20% of discarded waste is food waste

Benefits

- Reduces the waste that goes into landfills
- Reduces methane emissions
- Acts as a natural fertilizer, saves time and soil amendment agents
- Reduces the need to purchase lawn and garden fertilizer or weed killer
- Reduces collection fees for landscape waste

WHAT CAN BE COMPOSTED?

Where can I Compost?	Nuts and Seeds	Paper	Leaves and Yard Trimmings
Indoors	Coffee Grounds Tea Bags and Leaves		Fruits and Vegetables
Outdoors	See Your Dogwings		

Tips For Keeping Your Pets Safe This Summer:

- Give them plenty of food and water
- Provide shaded areas when possible
- Bring them inside when you can
- Take them on short walks

It's never too early

No matter what stage of life you're in, it's never too early to start planning for retirement. Let us help you balance your need to protect what you have with your desire to build for the future.



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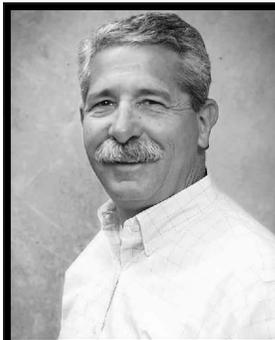
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Most Fireworks Are Illegal In Illinois

If you are new to the area, please note that it is illegal for anyone in the State of Illinois to shoot off fireworks, or to even have them in their possession. Illegal "fireworks" are specifically defined in the laws but generally include any that explode, including firecrackers, bottle rockets, other rockets and Roman candles.

Possession is a petty offense if you have less than one pound of illegal fireworks, a class B misdemeanor if you have between 1 and 3 pounds, and a class A misdemeanor if you have more than 3 pounds.

As specified in the law, the term "fireworks" does not include snake or glow worm pellets, smoke devices, party poppers, or sparklers. So if you see "fireworks" for sale in local stores, they should be these legal varieties. And while most vendors who set up temporary stands on parking lots will only sell what is legal, it seems as though every year brings a newspaper story about a vendor who tries to sell fireworks banned by the law. Therefore, you can't always assume that because you bought it in Illinois it is legal in Illinois.

In our area it is also not unusual for Illinois residents to cross over into Missouri, buy fireworks that are legal there, but then bring them back into Illinois where they are illegal.

But Illinois' laws are not waived or suspended for the 4th of July or any other special day. So if you are thinking of bringing illegal fireworks into Swansea and shooting them off for the holiday, please consider the potential consequences

First, suppose your illegal sky rocket goes off course, through your neighbor's window, and burns their house to the ground. Does your homeowner's policy cover your illegal acts? Or

suppose a neighborhood child is seriously injured by a cherry bomb or pack of firecrackers. Are you covered for that injury?

Insurance coverage may be more certain if your neighbor's child is hurt by your "legal" sparkler but you may still be financially liable, and a child would still be injured. A sparkler burns at a temperature of 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. And the scenario doesn't have to be a neighbor's child...it could just as easily be your own child or grandchild who is injured.

A second possibility is that a neighbor complains to the Police Department and a police officer shows up at your home. The consequence could range from having to simply cease your actions and surrender your fireworks, to the potential of being cited. Some residents might be willing to gamble with that - believing that even if a neighbor calls, the police have better things to do than handle "fireworks calls". And they may.

Certainly if two calls come in at the same time, one for an auto accident and the other a neighbor complaining about the noise of your fireworks, the police officer will be dispatched first to the auto accident. But that also puts the Village into a tough position of having to prioritize our response to calls when in fact the simple complaint about the noise of fireworks could escalate to that house fire or child being injured.

So in reality on the 4th of July as well as the days surrounding the holiday, those who illegally shoot off fireworks add to the workload of our Police Department, and maybe our Fire Department. They pull resources away from other needs.

VILLAGE OF SWANSEA CONTACT INFO

Swansea Government Center
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Swansea Community Calendar - July 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
			HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!		1 Farmers Market Rural King Parking Lot 10AM to 2PM Swansea Rotary Club 5:00 p.m. Moose Lodge	2	3
4 Happy Independence Day! 	5 Village Office Closed For Independence Day	6 Committee Meetings 6:00pm Govt. Center Village Board Meeting 7:00pm Govt. Center	7	8 Farmers Market Rural King Parking Lot 10AM to 2PM Swansea Rotary Club 5:00 p.m. Moose Lodge	9	10 Swansea Park Board Mtg. 7:00am - Norman Lehr Swansea Patriots Mtg. 8:00am—Norman Lehr	
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