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The Village of Swansea Park Board and the Swansea Patriots would like to thank the following Sponsors of our events for 2021. Those events include the Scavenger Hunt held on Aug. 13th, The Boo Best held on Oct. 23rd, and the Santa House starting Sat., Nov. 27th until Thurs., Dec. 23rd. Without the following sponsors we could not have held these events.

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News Briefs

Government Center Closed For The Following Holidays ,



Refuse Collection Also Delayed For Some Holidays

The Swansea Government Center and all non-emergency services of the Village will be closed on the following holiday's:

NOVEMBER: Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day. Waste Collection will **NOT** be affected by the Veterans' Day Holiday.

Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Collection of refuse and recyclables will shift one day for Thursday customers-Thursday on Friday and Friday on Saturday.

DECEMBER: Friday, December 24th in observance of Christmas Day. Trash, recycling, and yard

waste collection will **NOT** be affected and will be collected on your normal scheduled pick up day.

JANUARY: Friday, January 1st in observance of New Years Day, and on Tuesday, January 18th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Trash, recycle and yard waste collection will **NOT** be affected and will be collected on your normal scheduled pick up day. **The last collection day for yard waste for the year will be Thursday, December 30th.**

Leaf Burning Update

Leaf Burning Begins November 1st And Ends December 15th Only On Wednesdays And Saturdays From 9 Am To 4 Pm.



Swansea Farmers Market

The Swansea Farmer's Market 13th season has come to a close. The market had many of its vendors from the past and many new ones. We had an average of 20 vendors each Thursday. Every Thursday seemed to offer something new. Thank you to all who supported the market and to those who make it possible each year.

Visit and like Swansea Farmers Market Facebook page as: Swansea Farmers to stay up-to-date on the Market.

Yard Waste

Yard waste for Republic Services will resume the first week of April.

Fire Dept. Lighted Christmas Parade

Join the Swansea Fire Department as they start off the Christmas Season right. The parade is on Friday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (Rain Date of December 4th). Parade will begin at Wolf Branch Middle School and travel up Old Caseyville to Baron Dr. to Heatherwood, to Greenhaven, to Big Bend, to Twin Lake and end at Fire Station #2. Following the Parade at the Firehouse there will be:

- Pictures with Santa
- Bounce Houses
- Refreshments

Interested in participating in the parade, please contact Jack Korves at 618-410-6378 or

jkorves@swanseaill.org for more information

Visit our Swansea Fire Department Facebook Page for more details

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Swansea Family Christmas Program

Every year, the “Swansea Family Christmas” program assists many local Swansea residents in need, by providing a holiday dinner and/or gifts. The program is funded by donations from generous residents, local businesses and civic organizations. Volunteers and a representative of the Village Hall administers this program. The Village provides a point of contact to help those volunteers effectively reach residents in need. Last year 55 Swansea families received assistance.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP

If you are able to help with this effort please consider donating to the program this year. Donations typically come from individuals, families, neighborhood associations, civic organizations, churches and businesses.

Monetary Donations are greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we will not be able to accept any outside purchased items this year. The Monetary donations allow the volunteers to purchase gift cards which in turn allow families in need to purchase specific gifts for their children or to buy food for a holiday meal.

Checks in **any** amount can be made payable to the “**Swansea Family Christmas Fund**” and mailed or dropped in our drop-box at the Swansea Government Center, 1444 Boul Ave. Please do so no later than **Friday, Dec 10th**. Please call the Village office with any questions at 234-0044.

IF YOU NEED HELP

If job loss, illness, or some other reason, you may not be able to provide Christmas gifts or a decent meal for your family and could use some assistance, please let the Village know.

There are generous individuals, businesses, and organizations in Swansea who are willing to help individuals and families in these situations. The Village assists that effort by gathering information from residents who need help, and then providing that information to volunteers who distribute gift cards and donations to those families.

In order to be eligible, applicants must be:

- Swansea residents
- Have a genuine need
- Provide current proof of residency, identification, & valid occupancy permit on file with the Village.

Applications will be accepted in person at the Norm Lehr Center, 1500 Caseyville Ave. between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, on the following dates: Tues. Nov 30th, Wed. Dec. 1st, Thurs. Dec. 2nd and Fri. Dec. 3rd, 2021. No late applications will be accepted.

(This location provides better opportunity for social distancing. Please make sure to wear a mask.)

Applicants should bring both: A current, valid driver’s license or State I.D. card **AND** a current public aid card, or current power, water, or sewer bill showing the same name and **Swansea address** as proof of residency. **Absolutely NO applications will be accepted at the Government Center.**

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Would You Like to be a Rotarian?

Rotary? What's Rotary? Does Swansea have a Rotary Club? All good questions.

In short, Rotary is a global service organization of 1.2 million members united to create lasting change in the world and communities. The Swansea Rotary Club's main focus is on the local community, schools and children. The club is also connected to the programs of our District 6510 and Rotary International.

What does it take to become a Swansea Rotarian? What are the criteria required to be a Rotarian? To be a member of a Rotary Club you must have; a heart for service, be a good person and have a passion for your community. Some of our past projects include:

- Sleep in Heavenly Peace – assist in assembling bunk beds for kids
- American Holiday Flag Program
- HMS & WBS Student of the Month
- Service Above Self 5K

In addition to hands-on projects, we also financially supported:

- Swansea Police & Fire Youth Academy
- "School Break" Food Program
- Student Resource Officer
- Chad Wood Memorial Scholarships

Outside of the community, the club supports the Districts Belize Children's Program and Rotary International's challenge for global polio eradication.

The club meets on Thursday mornings, 7:30am at the Thompson Civic Center on Caseyville Avenue. With exception to the 1st Thursday of the month when we have our Club Social Meeting, 5:30pm at the Swansea Moose Lodge.

If you have an interest in learning more about Rotary or would like to become a member, please feel free to contact either Jim Riess, 618-920-9698, jmriess87@gmail.com or Ed Henrichs, 618-920-0213, ed@henrichs.cc.



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Have you seen the United States and Rotary Flags flying on Rt159 during various Holidays? This happens because Members of the Swansea Rotary Club are out there putting them up.

The Flags are put up in front Businesses which give a donation to the Swansea Rotary Club. The monies collected are then used by Swansea Rotary to support programs for kids. Some ongoing and recent programs supported by the Swansea Rotary are Food programs over the holidays for students of need, Scholarships, playground equipment and others. Swansea Rotary recently donated to the Veterans Memorial at the Wolf Branch Middle School.

Swansea Rotary members finish each meeting with the "Four Way Test"

- 1) Is it the truth?
- 2) Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
- 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

If you like what we do and what we stand for then look us up on Facebook and come to a meeting and consider joining the Swansea Rotary Club.

New members are always welcome!

Feel free to contact me at 618-980-6440

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Designated Snow Routes For The Village Of Swansea

What You Need To Know About Snow Plowing

A reminder as to how the Village approaches snow plowing



might be helpful towards understanding the process, and will hopefully prompt residents to maintain reasonable expectations.

First, snow plows move snow from the middle of the road to the sides. So by design, plows will inevitably deposit some snow at the ends of driveways and sidewalks that may have already been cleared. The reality is that you may have to shovel that area again. Consider helping neighbors who are elderly or physically unable to do so.

Knowing that, if you pile snow at the end of your drive, do so on the right side as you face the street. Why? Because a snow pile on the left might get pushed across the drive as the plow moves past.

Check to ensure that your

mailbox doesn't hang out into the roadway. The closer it is to the road, the more likely it could be damaged by the snow pushed aside by the plow. Wet snow is heavy and it doesn't take much to knock over a mailbox.

And if possible, don't park on any street until plowing has ended. Crews often clear drive lanes first and then return later, maybe even the next day, to "plow back" snow at the edge of the streets or around the perimeter of cul-de-sacs. Designated snow routes are listed on page 7. The 'route' a snow plow travels may not make sense to some. In some neighborhoods it might seem as though they plow half of your street and then disappear for awhile. But the routes are designed to minimize backing up and turning around and doing so may mean that the truck travels over other streets before it returns to yours to finish the other side of the street.

Designated snow routes in Swansea are as follows:

When it snows, it's a good idea to move all vehicles off Village streets before snow plows come through. Not doing so will hamper the Village's ability to effectively clear the streets. However, there are streets in the Village specifically designated as snow routes. Section 72.40 (A) of the Swansea Municipal Codes states: "Within the village, whenever there is an accumulation of three inches or more of snow, no person, firm, or corporation shall park or allow any motor vehicle to remain parked, on any designated snow route ...for a period of 24 hours following said accumulation, or until said route has been sufficiently cleared of snow." There is a very logical reason for this regulation. Designated snow routes are those primary arterials for moving traffic in or out of residential areas and as such they are cleared first to make it easier for you to get to or from your home. The Village needs to do so as quickly as possible - without having to navigate around parked vehicles to move on to residential streets that don't carry as much traffic. (continued on page 7)



News Brief's

Beau-Gon: for its full length within Village limits

Bettina Dr.: Lakeland Blvd. to Big Bend Blvd.

Big Bend Blvd.: Bettina Dr. to Leawood Dr.

Bobbie Dr.: Castle Dr. to Brian Dr.

Brian Dr.: Bobbie Dr. to Mary Jo Dr.

Caseyville Ave.: Gilbert St. to North Belt West

Castle Ct.: Route 161 to Castle Dr.

Castle Dr.: Castle Ct. to Bobbie Dr.

Creekside Ct.: Creekside Dr. to Old Collinsville Rd.

Fawn Meadows: Lake Lorraine Dr. to Old Collinsville Rd.

Fournie Dr.: Mary Jo Dr. to Josephine Dr.

Fullerton Road: Rte 161 to Rte 159

Gilbert St.: North Illinois St. to Kenwood Dr.

Green Haven Dr.: for its full length

Huntwood Road: for its full length

Josephine Dr.: Fournie Dr. to Rte 161

Kenwood Dr.: Gilbert St. to Kingsbury Dr.

Kingsbury Dr.: Kenwood Dr. to North 17th St

Kinsella Ave.: West "H" St. to Caseyville Ave

Lakeland Blvd.: Rte 159 to Bettina Dr.

Lake Lorraine Dr.: for its full length

Leawood Dr.: Big Bend Blvd to Twin Lake Dr.

Lyonshall Blvd.: w/in Village limits

Mary Jo Dr.: Brian Dr. to Fournie Dr.

Morgan St.: 17th St. to Rte 161

Polo Run: for its full length

Rand Lane: for its full length

Roger St.: 17th St. to Rte 161

Smelting Works Rd.: North Illinois St. to Frank Scott Pkwy. Rd. for those portions w/in the Swansea limits

Steinberg Farm Rd.: Rand Lane to William Lane

Twin Lake Dr.: Leawood Dr. to Huntwood Rd.

William Lane: Old Collinsville Rd to Steinberg Farm Rd.

Make Sure Your Address Numbers Are Visible

Reminder:

The address of your home, business, or apartment building must, by law, be clearly visible from the street.

To test the visibility of your address numbers, stand at the street at night. Do so with your porch light on, and then with it off. Then ask yourself: How well will Police, Fire or EMS personnel be able to see them when looking for your home? This is not just a code requirement - treat it as if your life depends on it, because it may.



Monthly Recycling Drive In Collinsville

When: 2nd Saturday of every month (except January) from 9-12 p.m.

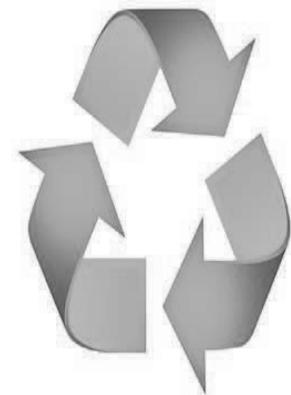
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Not accepted: Paper, glass, plastic, wood, cardboard and tires



Scrap Metal & Electronics Recycling Drive In Swansea

When: 3rd Saturday of every month (except January) from 9-12 p.m.

Where: St. Clair Township 107 Service Street

For questions call: 618-344-7232

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Swansea Food Pantry is open... Mondays and Thursdays, from 9 to 11am, Masks are required. Address is Swansea Church at 292 Frank Scott Parkway East in Swansea. For more information please contact Kim Jones at (618) 960-7155 and leave a message.

Swansea Senior Van Service
The van runs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00 pm of each week. Riders must be 60 or older, or disabled and 55. If you would be interested please contact the Village of Swansea at (618) 234-0044 from 8:00am to 4:30pm for complete policy for riders.



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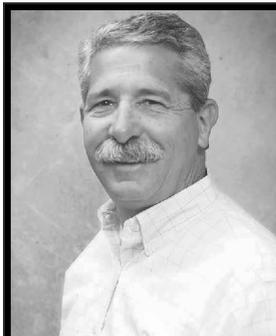
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Use Caution When Buying and Selling Items Through Social Media Sites

Swansea is a very safe place to live, work and play. We have amazing bike trails and phenomenal parks, in fact, some of the best in the entire state. But, Swansea is no different than any other town, village or city in the St. Louis Metro East area...we have our crime problems. Statistically the crime rate is very low especially with one of the lowest crime rates in the area. My opinion is this is mostly due to the great residents we have. Many residents watch out for their neighbors and call us when anything suspicious happens. That's what good neighbors are supposed to do.

Recently we had an armed carjacking near Green Haven in Swansea. A female had placed her vehicle for sale on Facebook Marketplace. Two males arranged to test-drive the vehicle and came to her house. She got in the car with them and one of the males held a gun to her head and forced her out. There are more details to this and we are very sure it was a traumatizing event for this young lady. We tell you this story to give you simple tips on how to avoid this:

Never, ever sell anything at your house where people come over that you do not know.

Arrange to meet them at the Swansea Police Department parking lot. It is all under video surveillance. Bad guys don't like to go near cops. Especially us.

Bring a friend. A big one if you can. Maybe someone who lifts weights or looks mean. A mother-in-law will do.

Stop in our lobby and let us know first and we will provide extra eyes and ears to watch. An officer might even be on the parking lot.

If they do not show up for the arranged meeting or are hesitant... well then you have your answer!

Understand that virtually every out-

of-area buyer is a fraud. Guaranteed.

Don't give out your personal information.

Don't accept checks or money orders...they can easily be faked.

Don't accept partial payments.

If the potential buyer wants time to consider and comes back later, follow the same procedures. Don't get careless the second time around and let your guard down.

Trust your gut. The suspects will have fake social media pages and made up identification.

Always think safety and expect the worse, but don't live that way.

Above all, be safe and watch out for your neighbors, friends and family. Call us if you need us. We will be there!

Steve Johnson

Chief of Police

If Your Sewer System Backs Up, Call The Village First

A friendly reminder to residents: call the Village first if your sewer system starts to backup.

Because storm water can infiltrate the sanitary sewer system during periods of heavy rain, that additional water can overload the system and cause it to slow down or backup. It generally will do so into low lying basements. Residents who have experienced that before probably recognize the signs, or have installed a check valve to prevent backups.

On non-holidays, Mon - Fri, 8:00am - 4:30pm, call 234-0044, and Government Center staff will dispatch Public Works. After hours and on weekends, call 233-8114. A police dispatcher will answer, but explain that you need Public Works to respond to a sewer backup and they will route your call or message.

VILLAGE OF SWANSEA CONTACT INFO

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Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm, M-F
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Swansea Community Calendar November 2021	
1 st	Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center
4 th	Swansea Rotary Club 5:30 p.m. Moose Lodge
9 th	Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6 p.m. Government Center
11 th	Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center Happy Veteran's Day Government Center Closed
13 th	Swansea Park Board Meeting 7 a.m. Norman Lehr Center Swansea Patriots Meeting 8 a.m. Norman Lehr Center
15 th	Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center
18 th	Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center
25 th	Happy Thanksgiving Government Center Closed
26 th	Government Center Closed For Thanksgiving Holiday
27 th	<u>Santa Claus Is Coming To Town To A New Location November 27th until December 23rd Please see page 11 of report for details</u>
30 th	Swansea Christmas Program 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Norman Lehr Center

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24 th	Government Office Closed For Christmas Holiday
30 th	Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town To A New Location

Santa is coming and he has moved to a new location at Mel Price Park. The Santa house has been moved across Caseyville Ave. to be next to the Thompson Center.



Santa will be visiting the children in his house and the Thompson Center will be turned into an area where many scenes will be available to take all the pictures you want with your camera or cell phones. Santa will arrive on Saturday, November 27 until Thursday, December 23. His hours will be Saturday & Sunday from 12 pm to 5 pm. and Monday to Friday 5pm to 8pm.

Bring your smiles and come to see Santa!! Santa has on ornament from his tree & a gift for you.

Santa also needs some helpers if anyone is interested.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Classic Auto Body for transporting the Santa House to its new home next to the Thompson Center.

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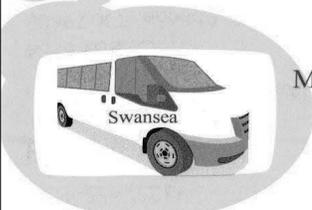
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