



# THE SWANSEA REPORT

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## Village Board Adopts Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2022

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On December 20th, the Village Board passed an ordinance establishing tax levies for all corporate purposes to be levied against all property subject to taxation within the Village for the purpose of providing funds for next year. While many municipalities have faced financial challenges arising from the pandemic, Swansea remains in a strong position for the future. In spite of a difficult year, the hard work of the Village Board and staff will result in residents seeing only a moderate increase for fiscal year 2023. Total funds levied come to just under \$2.3 million, representing an increase below 1.3%. As always, levied funds for pensions come directly from village actuarial reports, and almost every category has remained flat.

The category with the largest growth is the public parks tax, as an additional \$30,000 is being levied to offset costs for Clinton Hills Conservation Park. These funds are intended to be used only for capital expenditures improving the parks, not for operations.

The following is a listing of all property taxes to be levied by the Village of Swansea for the fiscal year commencing May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and ending April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

<b>General Corporate Purposes:</b>	<b>\$229,500.00</b>
<b>Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund</b>	<b>\$100,980.00</b>
<b>Municipal Fire Protection:</b>	<b>\$183,600.00</b>
<b>Municipal Fire Pension Fund:</b>	<b>\$83,436.00</b>
<b>Municipal Police Protection:</b>	<b>\$207,060.00</b>
<b>Municipal Police Pension Fund:</b>	<b>\$1,359,018.00</b>
<b>Municipal Auditing Tax:</b>	<b>\$10,710.00</b>
<b>Tort Judgments, General and Liability Insurance:</b>	<b>\$47,736.00</b>
<b>Public Parks Tax:</b>	<b>\$56,100.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,278,140.00</b>

While downturns do persist in multiple sectors across the country, the Village was able to attract new restaurants, new retail, and some significant new construction projects. With additional investments in streets, sewers, and other general infrastructure planned for fiscal year 2023, the future continues to look bright in Swansea. As elected officials and staff continue to tighten budgets where possible, they are ever vigilant in identifying and encouraging new revenue streams to assist in the cost of providing the excellent public services you've come to expect.

# 10 Shared Principles

This article ran in the Swansea report a year ago. We thought it was important for all Swansea citizens to know of the progress we have made with police community relations and constantly improving our professionalism. Although we have always had a great relationship with our community we cannot rest on that. "Normality is a paved road: It's comfortable to walk, but no flowers grow on it." We took an oath to serve you and we take that oath very serious. Almost two years ago Pastor Monty Weatherall from Love Church in Swansea and Police Chief Steve Johnson started meeting and talking about nationwide events in law enforcement. Both were troubled by the events and the response from the news media and the public. These discussions were not directly related to local events in town but both understood it could have a trickledown effect on perceptions. The discussions were about understanding all walks of life and how different people see things differently. They hatched the idea of starting the first ever Swansea Cultural Working Group: Pastor Monty Weatherall; Kendrick Bell – teacher/lives in Swansea; Police Commissioner Ranodore Foggs; Brandon Crisp – Swansea business owner; Mayor Mike Leopold; Deputy Chief Matt Blomberg and Chief Steve Johnson. With support from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), NAACP and McKendree University SJEC (Social Justice and Equity Committee) the Working Group had many discussions about social justice, modern day law enforcement, best practices and just getting a better understanding of what was really going on. Through the dialog, the concept of the Ten Shared Principles was introduced. Some meetings entailed detailed discussions about each and every point. The Ten Shared Principles was originally designed by the IACP and the NAACP in 2018 but we wanted to tailor it specific to the Swansea community and what made sense to all of us. The Working Group decided it was important to Swansea citizens to advertise the work that was done on the important document. The 800 member Illinois City/County Management Association Board of Directors and 250 police departments in the State of Illinois had voted to endorse them. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Swansea Cultural Working Group signed the Ten Shared Principles in front of the Swansea Board of Trustees. The Trustees then passed it as a resolution for the entire community. It is forever now part of our culture, policies and procedures and what we do.

## **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TEN SHARED PRINCIPLES AGREED TO BY THE NAACP ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE, THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE AND THE SWANSEA CULTURAL WORKING GROUP**

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2018, the NAACP Illinois State Conference and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police agreed to 10 Shared Principles designed to build trust between law enforcement and communities of color, and;

WHEREAS, the two statewide associations vowed "by mutual affirmation to work together and stand together in our communities and at the state level to implement these values and principles, and to replace mistrust with mutual trust wherever, whenever, and however can,"

WHEREAS, the Swansea Police Department adopts these same Ten Shared Principles as their own, and thereby add its name to the historic agreement between the Illinois NAACP and the ILACP. These are the Ten Shared Principles:

1. We value the life of every person and consider life to be the highest value.
2. All persons should be treated with dignity and respect. This is another foundational value.
3. We reject discrimination toward any person that is based on race, ethnicity, religion, color, nationality, immigrant status, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or familial status,
4. We endorse the six pillars in the report of the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing. The first pillar is to build and rebuild trust through procedural justice, transparency, accountability, and honest recognition of past and present obstacles.
5. We endorse the four pillars of procedural justice, which are fairness, voice (i.e., an opportunity for citizens and police to believe they are heard), transparency, and impartiality.
6. We endorse the values inherent in community policing, which includes community partnerships involving law enforcement, engagement of police officers with residents outside of interaction specific to enforcement of laws, and problem-solving that is collaborative, not one-sided.
7. We believe that developing strong ongoing relationships between law enforcement and communities of color at the leadership level and street level will be the keys to diminishing and eliminating racial tension.
8. We believe that law enforcement and community leaders have a mutual responsibility to encourage all citizens to gain a better understanding and knowledge of the law to assist them in their interactions with law enforcement officers.
9. We support diversity in police departments and in the law enforcement profession. Law enforcement and communities have a mutual responsibility and should work together to make a concerted effort to recruit diverse police departments.
10. We believe de-escalation training should be required to ensure the safety of community members and officers. We endorse using de-escalation tactics to reduce the potential for confrontations that endanger law enforcement officers and community members; and the principle that human life should be taken on as a last resort.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF SWANSEA, ILLINOIS on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, 2020 adopts the Ten Shared Principles as agreed to by the NAACP Illinois State Conference, the Illinois Association of Chiefs Of Police and the Swansea Cultural Working Group.



To watch the video, go to:

<https://www.swanseail.org/1086/Police-Department>  
or <https://youtu.be/ygBZzFbB-qw>

## Designated Snow Routes for the Village of Swansea



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.

Designated snow routes in Swansea are as follows:

- 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.

- Bristol Hill Drive**
- 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.

## Drivers Needed for the Senior Van



Drivers needed for the Swansea Senior Van that runs Tuesday-Thursday 9a-12p. Drivers are volunteers and must pass background check and driver license check. If you would like more information please contact Doris at 618-558-1397.

## Swansea Fire Dept. Winter BBQ



**When:** Sunday, February 20th, 2022

**Where:** 1350 N. Illinois St.

**Time:** 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (or sold out)

**Menu:** Ribs, Pork Steaks, Pulled Pork and Chicken

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# News Briefs

## 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 senior at Belleville East High School when he died in May 2005 in an automobile accident.

In 2022, the club will award three \$2000 scholarships, with the competition open to all graduating high school seniors who reside in the Village of Swansea at the time of the March 26, 2022 application deadline, and/or who have resided in the Village of Swansea for at least three of the last five years immediately prior to the March 26, 2022 application deadline.

Seniors may inquiry with their high school counselors for the application or visit the Swansea Rotary website at [www.swansearotary.org](http://www.swansearotary.org) to download a copy of the 2022 application form

## Santa 2021

Santa was in his new house next to the Thompson Center with new scene's for the children to enjoy. There was hot cocoa and Schnuck's cookies for them while they waited for Santa. The children were dashing from scene to scene laughing all the way, while waiting for their Mom's to take pictures of them in Santa's sleigh, by the Grinch or on stage with the presents.

Santa had candy canes, ornaments and a gift basket filled with toys for the children to choose one to take home. Best of all they had a picture with Santa to remember in the years to come.

Santa was very busy this year with over 500 children who visited at his new location in Mel Price Park. Thank you to the Village of Swansea Public Works Department staff for all of their hard work and dedication to move the Santa House and building of the scenes. Also, thank you to all the helpers Santa had and to the Administration Department.



Merry Christmas from the Village of Swansea Park Board and the Swansea Patriots.

Santa will see you next year!

## 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.

## Refuse Collection Will Not Be Effectuated

Christmas and New Years will **NOT** affect the trash schedule this year.

## Yard Waste Update

Yard waste starts back up first week of April.



## Republic's Christmas Tree Collection

If a resident is subscribed to the yard waste collection service, they can sit out Christmas trees on their yard waste day from January 3rd—14th, at no charge. If a resident is not subscribed to the yard waste service, we will pick up their trees on their normal trash day from January 3rd-14<sup>th</sup>, but they will need to put 1 sticker on them. If they have yard waste service it will be on Thursdays, but if they don't, it would be on their normal trash day .



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### Police Offer Tips On Security

The Swansea Police Department is reminding residents to:

-Lock vehicles left outside overnight. Auto burglary is usually a crime of opportunity, so if you can, park your car in a garage, and check to make sure your garage door is down and secured at night before you go to bed. (Tech places now make devices you can easily install which automatically closes a garage door at a certain time of night.)

-But if you must park outside, do so in your driveway or in a well-lit area away from places of concealment, such as an alley or behind bushes.

-Do NOT leave your garage opener in the vehicle. We recently had a home invasion and it is believed they made entry into the residence because of using the garage opener in the vehicle.

-Double check that all windows are closed and your doors are locked.

Most burglars simply walk along a street and check all cars for an unlocked door. If yours are locked, most burglars move on to easier prey. But also remember to take your wallet, cell phone and other valuables with you when you leave your car. When those items are in sight, a burglar may break a window to get to them in a locked vehicle.

-Lock the door from your garage to your house. There are many easy ways to make entry into a garage but make it difficult for them to get into your house.

-Don't leave a spare key in the car (it happens), and don't hide a key in one of those magnetic key boxes. If it is in an easily reachable spot for you, a burglar could find it as well. They get very good at looking for them.

-It is also a good idea to not attach personal info to your keys in case they are lost or stolen.

-Car alarms remain an effective deterrent to a burglar so consider getting one if you must always park outside.

-Light, light and more light. Criminals don't like to be lit up. Have motion lights or lights on all the time at night. Don't forget to turn them off during the day! If they are left on during the day that can be a signal to the burglar you are out of town.

-Visible cameras and alarms are a great idea. Criminals don't love being on tape or being startled.

It is OK to be a nosy neighbor and call Swansea Police Department the second you see something suspicious happening in your neighborhood. Call the police! They don't mind. It is their job.

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## Swansea Christmas Program Helps 56 Families

This year the Swansea Family Christmas Program was able to help 56 Swansea families in need. We were able to give each family gift cards to Swansea grocery chains to help purchase their holiday meals and we also collaborated with Soulcial Kitchen to provide gift certificates for meals. They also donated toys from their toy drive. Honorable Mention to the following organizations; Swansea Improvement Association, Christ Church (Fairview Heights), Parkview Church of the Nazarene (Fairview Heights), Swansea Women's Fire Auxiliary, The MetroEast Chamber of Commerce, some very generous Swansea residents along with so many other generous donors. Without any donation large or small, this program could not survive! This event is coordinated and handled through the Village of Swansea Government Office but it could not be completed successfully without the help of our wonderful volunteers. These donations will truly make someone's holiday a little brighter! Wishing healthy blessings in 2022 to those that donated time, money and their expertise to keep this program

*Thank you!*

successful. Here's to many more years of helping those in need in Swansea!

## Government Center Closed For The Following Holidays Listed Below

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



**JANUARY:** Monday, January 17th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**FEBRUARY:** Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day.

## Christmas Tree Collection At The Parks

Christmas trees can be dropped off at Melvin

Price Park and Schranz Park until January 16th in designated drop-off areas. Village staff will collect them until then. This is a convenience provided to **Swansea residents only. Christmas trees only; No tree bags; no yard waste.**



## Republic's 2022 Holiday Schedule

MEMORIAL DAY - May 31, 2022 Residential - Service will run one day behind throughout the holiday week, beginning with services scheduled for the holiday.

INDEPENDENCE DAY - July 04, 2022 Residential - there will be no change in schedule those weeks.

LABOR DAY - September 06, 2022 Residential - Service will run one day behind throughout the holiday week, beginning with services scheduled for the holiday.

THANKSGIVING DAY - November 25, 2022 Residential - Service will run one day behind throughout the holiday week, beginning with services scheduled for the holiday.

## Information From Republic Services

Many industries are facing staffing challenges at this time and the recycling and waste disposal industry is no different. Trash and recycling collection may be delayed because of this and we appreciate your patience. We are always recruiting and hiring great people to join our team in Edwardsville and offer a competitive salary, generous benefits, paid vacation, safety bonuses, and numerous career advancement opportunities. For more information, please visit <https://republicservices.jobs>

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# Swansea Police & Fire Department Lighted Christmas Parade 2021

The Swansea Fire Department held the annual Lighted Christmas Parade on December 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year. Although the temperature didn't seem like December, the participants and especially the crowd made it feel like Christmas Time! The parade committee would like to thank everyone who participated this year as well as the generous donations we received to put this wonderful event together. We totaled over 30 units in the parade. After the parade, we had several hundred visitors who stopped at the fire station for refreshments, a visit with Santa and had a blast jumping in a fire station bounce house. Thank you again to all and we

wish you and your families a very Safe and Happy Holidays from the members of the Swansea Fire Department.



**CODE RED** is a program ran through the Swansea Fire Department that residents can sign up for to receive critical safety information. If you would like to sign up please visit the link to the right of this article OR visit [www.swansea.il.org](http://www.swansea.il.org) and click on the Code Red Signup button on the home page that will prompt you to complete the steps.

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# Important Information From The Swansea Police Department

Reporting Unemployment Insurance Fraud – from the Swansea Police Department



Identity thieves and hackers have long known how to use stolen identities to commit fraud – for example, to open a new credit card or file a false tax return – and criminals using stolen identities to defraud public assistance programs is not new. In fact, such schemes are so pervasive that federal rules require Illinois to have staff dedicated to preventing and stopping fraudulent activity in the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system.

Please take the time to review the information below, including how to spot UI identity theft, how to report identity theft to IDES, and what happens after you contact the agency.

How can I spot unemployment insurance identity theft?

- You receive a debit card or an unemployment insurance letter (UI Finding) and have not filed a claim for benefits.
- You are notified by your employer that a claim for benefits has been filed when you have not been separated from employment.
- You attempt to file a claim online and one already exists.
- You receive IRS correspondence regarding unreported UI benefits.
- You receive notice of a state or federal tax offset.

What steps should I take if I receive a debit card or a UI Finding letter, and did not file for unemployment benefits?

If you suspect a claim has been submitted using your information, and you have not applied for unemployment insurance benefits in Illinois, take steps as follows:

- ⇒ CONTACT IDES at (800) 814-0513 TO REPORT WHAT YOU RECEIVED
- ⇒ Select English or Spanish language option;
- ⇒ Select option #1 for claimants, and;
- ⇒ Select option #5 to report identity theft.

DO NOT activate the debit card that was mailed to you.

DO NOT contact KeyBank.

Request your free credit reports via [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) and review them for other fraudulent activities.

Chief Steve Johnson

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# Winter Holiday Safety From The Swansea Fire Department

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together.

But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

## Holiday decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

## Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



## Before Heading

## Out or to Bed

**Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.**

## FACTS

More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles.



More than two of every five decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

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**Swansea Police Department  
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## NEWS BRIEFS

### SWANSEA ROTARY CLUB SPONORS DINNER AUCTION

The Rotary Club of Swansea will host “Swansea Rotary Dinner Auction & Celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club Charter”. The event will be held at the Swansea Moose; 2425 North Illinois St., Swansea, IL, on the evening of Saturday, February 26, 2022. The evening will include a buffet dinner; a Live and Silent Auction; a 50/50 Raffle and a Reverse Raffle drawing. The \$60 per person ticket will include a \$10 entry chance to the Reverse Raffle. One must be present to win. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. And the buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tables of 8 are available.

The event will also celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club Charter. February 28, 2002 the Swansea Rotary Club was presented their official Rotary International Charter. Since 2002 the Club has participated in many community and Rotary International projects and donated some

\$200,000 - \$300,000+, both locally and internationally.

All proceeds will go toward selected charities, which include High Mount & Wolf Branch school's Student of the Month, Clinton Hills Monarch Butterfly Garden, Swansea Police & Fire Youth Academy, Polio Eradication, Rotary Youth Exchange, Belize Children's program, and many other worthy projects.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.swansearotary.org](http://www.swansearotary.org). For ticket information or questions, contact Cory at (618) 623-8208 or Marilyn at (618) 363-8694.

### SWANSEA ROTARY RECEIVES DISTRICT AWARDS

At the Rotary District 6510 Conference, November 12 & 13, in Mt. Vernon IL, clubs were given various awards for the years 2019-20 and 2020-21.

District 6510 Assistant Governor Holly Austin, attended the Thursday, December 9, Swansea Rotary meeting via 'zoom' to announce the Club Awards for 2019-20 and 2020-21.

The Club Awards for 2020-21 were presented to Immediate Past President Ed Henrichs. Received was a “Certificate of Appreciation” for club donations made to Polio Plus.

Also awarded was a banner recognizing 100% giving to Rotary Foundation with \$100 average giving per member and 100% member participation, and a banner recognizing giving by “Every Rotarian Every Year” with \$100 per capita and 100% member participation.

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International, which helps clubs and districts work together to perform meaningful, sustainable service. In 2020-21, the Rotary Foundation ranked 4 stars with Charity Navigator for the 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

Person in photo: Ruth Ann Erdmann - Club Foundation Chair Ed Henrichs - 2020-21



# January and February Calendars

January 2022	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Committee Meeting 6 p.m.- Government Center Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.- Government Center
6 <sup>th</sup>	Swansea Rotary Club 5:30 p.m.- Swansea Moose
8 <sup>th</sup>	Swansea Park Board Meeting 7 a.m.- Norman Lehr Center Swansea Patriots Meeting 8 a.m.- Norman Lehr Center
11 <sup>th</sup>	Planning & Zoning Board Meeting 5 p.m.- Government Center
13 <sup>th</sup>	Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m.- Thompson Center
17 <sup>th</sup>	Government Center Closed Martin Luther King Jr 
18 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting 6 p.m.- Government Center Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.- Government Center
20 <sup>th</sup>	Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m.- Thompson Center
27 <sup>th</sup>	Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Center

February 2022	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swansea Rotary Club 5:30 p.m.- Swansea Moose
7 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting 6 p.m.- Government Center Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.- Government Center
8 <sup>th</sup>	Planning & Zoning Board Meeting 5 p.m.- Government Center
10 <sup>th</sup>	Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m.- Thompson Center
12 <sup>th</sup>	Swansea Park Board Meeting 7 a.m.- Norman Lehr Center Swansea Patriots Meeting 8 a.m.- Norman Lehr Center
17 <sup>th</sup>	Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m.- Thompson Center
21 <sup>st</sup>	Government Center Closed Presidents' Day 
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Committee Meeting 6 p.m.- Government Center Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.- Government Center
24 <sup>th</sup>	Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Center

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## Swansea Farmers Market

We would like to thank the vendors and customers for making the year 2021 a success and am hoping to see everyone in May 2022. Check our Facebook page for any updates regarding the market.

**THANK YOU AND SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**

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