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## Village of Swansea Project Timeline for FY23 Budget



### January

#### Week of January 10th

Distribute department Budget Worksheets and Memo to Department Managers  
Review revenue and expense projections

#### Week of January 24<sup>th</sup>

Budget Worksheet and Capital Expense plans reviewed and submitted for review  
Must be submitted no later than Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

### February

#### February 1 - 13

Overview of projections, salary and benefits, and capital expenditure/large item spend review

#### February 14-18

Management Team meetings to discuss departmental budgets and capital expenditures

### March

#### March 7

Meet with Finance Chairman, Trustee Lanter, to review draft budget expenses, revenues, capital expenditures, budget notes and recommendations  
Brief Finance Committee on the status of the budget

#### March 1 – March 21

Continue reviewing the budget and updating projections with actual data

#### March 21

Brief Finance Committee

#### March 31

Tentative budget to Clerk for board packet

### APRIL

#### April 4

Announce the tentative budget will be available for public inspection on April 6<sup>th</sup> - after 8:30 a.m.

Set the Public Hearing for the budget as Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:45

Review the cover ordinance for adoption of the budget and forward from Committee to the Board

Contact BND to publish Notice of Public Hearing on Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>

#### April 6 (10 days prior to adopting budget)

Post the tentative budget at Village Hall by 8:30 a.m. to make available for public inspection

Notice of Public Hearing to be published in BND

#### April 18

Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m.

Discuss any proposed changes or modifications to tentative budget with the Board

Review the final budget, pass the ordinance and adopt FY23 Budget

#### April 29

Last date possible for Budget approval by state law. Copies of the Annual Budget are on file in Village Hall and posted on the Village website. FY23 approved budget distributed to all departments

### May

#### May 27

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

# Dates To Remember

## Office Closed

The Swansea Government Center and all non-emergency services of the Village will be closed on Friday, April 15th for the Easter Holiday.



*Easter Holiday is not observed by Republic Services so collection dates for refuse and recycling will not be affected.*



## *Annual Adult Only Easter Egg Hunt*

The Annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt which was scheduled for March 26, 2022 has been **cancelled**.

We are hoping to have an event this summer as a fund raiser for the Swansea Patriots.

The Patriots raise money to make additions and improvements at the Village of Swansea Parks.

We welcome donations to sponsor our events.

## **Swansea Veterans Names Needed**

The Swansea Memorial Day Ceremony will be Monday, May 30, 2022 at Mel Price Park at 10 AM.

Veteran Residents of Swansea, please send your information to: [mneumeyer@swanseail.org](mailto:mneumeyer@swanseail.org) or call (618) 363-8694 to have your name and service added to the Memorial Day Ceremony booklet.



## **Leaf Burning Resumes March 15th**

Leaf Burning will resume **March 15th through May 15th on Wednesdays and Saturdays only from 9 AM to 6 PM.**

Burning is not allowed on Village streets or within the Village right-of-way. Fires must be attended and kept under control at all times.

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

While the Village makes this temporary allowance, all residents should consider the impact, burning yard waste might have on their neighbors. Those with asthma or other respiratory issues can be significantly affected by smoke.



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## News Briefs

### Sign Up For The Sports Field

Starting in March, the Village of Swansea will start accepting applications for the 2022 sports field. The application can be found at [www.swanseail.org](http://www.swanseail.org) under the Document - Form Center



### New Park Reservation Fees and Rules As Of January 3rd, 2022

**NEW** Cleaning Deposit Fee \$100

**NEW** Fees for the Thompson Civic Center:

Rent: \$200 Deposit Fee \$250=\$450

### NEW Rules

For all pavilion and building rentals the renter will need to take a picture upon arrival and send to [swanadm@swanseail.org](mailto:swanadm@swanseail.org) with the renters name to establish the pavilion or building was clean upon arrival and do the same after the event and clean-up is completed to receive deposit back. There will be no return of deposits if pictures are not sent to the email above. No exceptions. Call the Government Center with questions. 234-0044



## Monthly Recycling Drive Information

### Monthly Recycling Drive In Collinsville

**When:** 2nd Saturday of every month

**Time:** 9-12 p.m.

**Where:** Public Parking Lot 227 W. Main Street

**For questions:** 618-344-7232

**Items accepted:** Screen 32" and smaller \$20, Screen 32" and larger \$30, Office Equipment, Electronics, Batteries, Vehicles, Appliances, Machinery, CRT TV/Monitors \$20-\$40 based on size

**Items Not Accepted:** Paper, Glass, Plastic, Wood, Cardboard, and Tires

### Scrap Metal & Electronics Recycling Drive In Swansea

**When:** 3rd Saturday of every month

**Time:** 9-12 p.m.

**Where:** St. Clair Township 107 Service Street

**For questions:**  
618-344-7232



# Reminders

## Trash Sticker Price Increase/ Yard Waste Begins



Trash stickers do not expire at any time, so if you would like to purchase several sheets before the increase you may do so.

The price of Trash Stickers will increase as of May 1st, 2022. Weekly Trash Stickers will increase in price from \$23.35 per sheet of five stickers to **\$24.30**. Any stickers purchased at the current price will still be honored if used beyond May 1st. Yearly Trash Stickers will increase in price from \$256.94 to **\$267.22** on May 1st. Thereafter, the cost for the annual sticker is reduced on a pro rata basis by \$5.14 each week, until the stickers expire on April 30, 2023. That way, someone purchasing an annual sticker after May 1 only pays for that portion of the year they are actually have the service. New annual stickers will not be available until the last week of April 2022.

## Village's Sewer Rate Increase

For over a decade, the Village's sewer rates have remained unchanged, in an effort to run an efficient and cost-effective Waste Water Treatment Plant. With many significant capital projects upcoming, Officials understand that more resources will be required to maintain the plant and the system for the next ten years. After completing a six-month Rate Study, the Village has passed an ordinance increasing sewer rates as follows:

Effective Date	Basic User Charge	Basic Service Charge
March 1, 2022	\$2.58	\$25.79
March 1, 2023	\$2.68	\$26.82
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March 1, 2025	\$2.90	\$29.01

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**Republic yard waste services will begin in April.** Yard waste prices will increase to **\$12.99** and are billed on a quarterly basis.



Yard waste services require a minimum commitment for three months. Call Republic Services for details 618-656-6883.

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## Permit Required For Non-Highway Vehicles

### Non-Highway Vehicles

The Village has adopted a program for permitting non-highway vehicles on local streets. Similar to the policies for Belleville and other St. Clair County communities, non-highway vehicles are permitted to be driven on streets with a speed limit of 35 miles-per-hour or less. Vehicles can cross streets with a higher speed limit, but not drive along them.

Persons wanting to operate a non-highway vehicle within Swansea must obtain a permit and have their vehicle inspected. Permit application forms are available at the Swansea Government Center (1444 Boul Ave.) and on the Village website ([www.swanseail.org](http://www.swanseail.org)). The annual permit is \$50 for a Village resident and \$75 for a non-resident, and the inspection is \$50.



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# Spring In Swansea

## Spring Rains Always Bring The Potential For Flooding

Spring in Swansea means the grass is growing, flowers are blooming, and rain is falling. While heavy rain and flooding occur during any season of the year, most of the major floods in our area have occurred during the spring and fall rains. And while only about 60 acres in the Village of Swansea are within the regulated floodplain, many other areas outside the designated floodplain are also susceptible to flooding.

So the Village wants to remind its residents of a few safety tips relating to flooding:

Do not walk through flood waters. Currents are deceptive. Six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you must walk, use a stick to test that ground remains under the water ahead of you.

Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else.

Do not drive around barriers, as the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Report downed power lines to the power company or 911.

Turn off all electrical circuits and gas lines that may come in contact with flood water.

Residents of Swansea can help minimize flooding and the resulting damage by checking with the Building and Zoning Department prior to building on, altering, grading, or placing fill on your property. A permit may be required to ensure that a project is compliant with all codes. Report

any suspected illegal building, filling, or dumping to the Village at 618-234-0044.

If your house has flooded in the past or you fear that it may flood in the future, talk to the Village about protecting your house or business. There may be ways to modify your building to minimize flood damage.

Where flooding tends to be shallow, measures such as small floodwalls, regrading the yard, and flood proofing the walls or utilities can be relatively inexpensive. Where flooding is deep, a building may need to be elevated. Again, be sure to check if permits are required before performing any work.

Even if you're not in the mapped floodplain, your property may be subject to flooding from local drainage. In either case, flood insurance may be a good investment because most homeowners insurance policies do not cover damage caused by surface water flooding. Contact your property insurance agent to see if a flood insurance policy would help you.

If you have questions about your flood hazard you can contact the Building and Zoning Department.

Keep Pollutants Out Of Storm Water. As a reminder don't pour oil, grease, pesticides, or other pollutants down storm drains or into drainage ditches or streams.

Streams and wetlands help moderate flooding and are habitat for fish, frogs, and other species that provide recreation or food. Let's protect them and their homes.

## VILLAGE OF SWANSEA CONTACT INFORMATION

**Swansea Government Center**  
1444 Boul Avenue  
Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm, M-F  
[www.swanseail.org](http://www.swanseail.org)

**Administration,**  
**Mayor's Office, Village Clerk,**  
**Utility Billing & Public Works**  
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[swanadm@swanseail.org](mailto:swanadm@swanseail.org)

**Building, Zoning, Permits**  
Phone: 618-234-0044  
[swanbnz@swanseail.org](mailto:swanbnz@swanseail.org)

**Swansea Police Department**  
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Non-emergency: 618-233-8114  
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**Swansea Fire Department**  
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Engine House: 618-234-3291

### Village of Swansea Officials

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# Swansea Fire Department Awards

The Swansea Fire Department hosted their annual awards dinner on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2022. This annual awards dinner is hosted by the Swansea Fireman's Civic Association. At this dinner, the Fire Department and their families are able to celebrate all the achievements made by our department members from the previous year. This year the Fire Department recognized the following individuals:

## Years of Service:

5 Years- Eric Jacobsen

15 Years- Jack Korves, Eric Heinzl and Joseph Strube

20 Years- Douglas Iler

30 Years- Charles Heinzl and Larry Kania

35 Years- Dennis "Dutch" Diehl and James Bevrit

## Individual Awards for the following:

Most Trainings Attended- Benjamin Sullins

Most Calls Answered- Jack Korves

Fire Officer of the Year- Matthew Lanter

Firefighter of the Year- Jason Hark

The Swansea Fire Department responded to a total of 647 Calls in 2021 which was down from 727 calls in 2020.

The Swansea Fire Department appreciates all of the dedication and service our members provide to their community as well as we want to thank our families for their support as well!



# Swansea Rotary Club Again Offers Chad Wood Scholarship

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

In 2022, the club will award three \$2,000 scholarships, with the competition open to all graduating high school students who currently 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 past five years immediately prior to the March 26, 2022 application deadline.

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

The applicant must be a person of good moral character who has demonstrated a commitment to the concept of community service and volunteerism.

- Each applicant must submit an essay of 350-500 words on a subject related to Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."
- The applicant must have attained a GPA of at least 3.0+ at the time of application (if school is on a 4.0 basis) or 4.0+ (if on a 5.0 basis).
- The applicant must submit at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, clergy member, or other unrelated adult who knows the applicant's interests, work habits and capabilities.
- The application, essay and letter of recommendation must be submitted by mail not later than March 26, 2022. The envelope must bear a post-mark date of March 26, 2022 or earlier.

**Application must be complete at the time of receipt. Failure to follow instructions and/or an incomplete application will not be considered.**

Please visit the Swansea Rotary website at [www.swansearotary.org](http://www.swansearotary.org) to download a copy of the application form and to review complete rules and regulations.

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

Ruth Ann Erdmann  
2238 Deer Springs Trail  
Shiloh, Illinois 62221

Selection of recipients will take place in the first few weeks of April and recipients will be notified by the Rotary Club. The selected scholarship recipients and their parents will be invited to attend the Swansea Rotary Club's 7:30 AM meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022 and will be presented with their certificates and scholarship checks at that time.

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## Spreading The Joy Of Christmas

Swansea Police School Resource Officer Jason Tutterow worked with the schools to determine some families that could use a little extra Christmas cheer. Swansea Police Officers donated presents and police and fire, along with Santa and Mayor Mike Leopold, delivered the presents today.

Lots of smiles and happy kids!  
What a great day!



# Voluntary Crime Free Housing Program

Each year the Zoning Division and the Police Department put on a presentation to landlords about Swansea's Voluntary Crime Free Housing Program. The program's entire intent is to make living and working in Swansea as safe as possible and keep our quality of life exceptional.

The program gives landlords the tools to ensure they are renting to the right people who add to the community rather than create crime and commit criminal offenses. A critical element is respecting everyone's civil rights. The specifics of the program are:

- Conduct US Comprehensive background checks of all tenants 18 years of age or older. This would not prohibit people from renting but would give important information to the landlord.
- Provide the Village of Swansea a Crime Free Lease Addendum. This form outlines an agreement between the landlord and tenant(s), in which the tenant(s) understands that if the tenant commits certain crimes the landlord will take lawful actions to impede further criminal activity.
- Respond to all correspondence from the Swansea Police Department and Swansea Building and Zoning Department within 10 business days.
- Abate any Swansea municipal code violations within the specified timeframe without exception.
- Landlords living more than 50 miles from the rental property must have a local manager assigned to respond in the event of an incident.
- Property Management Companies must notify the Village, in writing, when they no longer manage a property.

As an incentive to landlords participating in this voluntary program the Village of Swansea will do the following:

- Give a discounted rate for annual landlord registration of \$25 (instead of the \$100 fee).
- Provide the landlord with timely reports of all code enforcement and Police Department cases related to the rental property.
- Recognize participants on the Village of Swansea website.
- Provide participants with the Village of Swansea crime free housing seal for their use.
- Availability of Building and Zoning staff and Police Department staff for presentations (for example a K9 demonstration).
- Availability of Building and Zoning staff and Police Department staff for environmental safety inspections of rental property.
- Direct contact with the Swansea Police Chief and the Swansea Building and Zoning Director.

Crime free housing is a nationwide program and many renters look for the official seal to ensure they are moving into a safe place to live and work. Quality of life is critical to all of us in Swansea.

**Crime Free Housing PROGRAM GOALS:**

- ◊ Reduce Crime in Rental Property
- ◊ Reduce the Fear of Crime
- ◊ Improve Communication
- ◊ Build Trust
- ◊ Provide Higher Quality of Life
- ◊ Protect Property Values

The graphic also features a photograph of a family (a woman and two children) standing in front of a police vehicle. The word 'POLICE' is partially visible on the vehicle.

# Calendars For March and April 2022

## March 2022

**Thursday- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Swansea Rotary Club 5:30 p.m. Moose Lodge

**Monday- 7<sup>th</sup>** Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center

**Tuesday- 8<sup>th</sup>** Planning & Zoning Board Meeting 6 p.m. Government Center

**Thursday- 10<sup>th</sup>** Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Center

**Saturday- 12<sup>th</sup>** Swansea Park Board Meeting 7 a.m. Norman Lehr Center and Swansea Patriots Meeting 8 a.m. Norman Lehr Center

**Thursday- 17<sup>th</sup>** Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Center

**Monday- 21<sup>st</sup>** Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center

**Thursday- 24<sup>th</sup>** Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Center

## April 2022

**Monday- 4<sup>th</sup>** Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center

**Thursday- 7<sup>th</sup>** Swansea Rotary Club 5:30 Moose Lodge

**Saturday- 9<sup>th</sup>** Swansea Park Board Meeting 7 a.m. Norman Lehr Center and Swansea Patriots Meeting 8 a.m. Norman Lehr Center

**Tuesday- 12<sup>th</sup>** Planning & Zoning Board Meeting 6 p.m. Government Center

**Thursday- 14<sup>th</sup>** Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Center

**Friday- 15<sup>th</sup>** Government Center- Closed for Good Friday

**Monday- 18<sup>th</sup>** Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center

**Thursday- 21<sup>st</sup>** Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Center

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