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Soulcial Kitchen

The Swansea food venue Soulcial Kitchen will have its first special event of the season with live music on Friday, April 22nd with live music starting at 6:00 PM. Additional similar events are planned through the spring and summer.

The Soulcial Kitchen is a gathering place offering food from a variety of food trucks with both indoor and outdoor seating available. More than a single restaurant, the venture was launched by retired Air Force General John Michel with a mission to invest in the community. The Kitchen serves through a program called Currency of Caring, which provides meals to those facing food insecurity. The Soulcial Kitchen also trains persons facing challenges to become employed through an apprenticeship program, expanding opportunities for veterans, young adults, single parents, and others looking to enter or re-enter the workforce. It also serves as an incubator for new food truck entrepreneurs, offering them a connection to potential customers.

The Kitchen received funding assistance from the Village of Swansea to open in 2021, but that was just the beginning. The Kitchen is expanding its food offerings this summer with the addition of an ice cream parlor. Additional amenities under construction include both a dog park and a playground. These additional enhancements are receiving funding assistance from the Village of Swansea in the form of a grant from the Business District Development and Redevelopment Commission. Businesses within the district collect an additional 1% sales tax that is reinvested to improve the Village.

The food offerings at Soulcial Kitchen include barbeque, tacos, burgers, and weekly specials. There is also bar service available, as well as catering. The food trucks can be booked for special events, and the facility can host private events. The Soulcial Kitchen is located at 127 North Belt East, just east of the intersection of Illinois 159 (North Illinois Street) and Illinois 161 in Swansea. Lunch and dinner are served Tuesdays through Saturdays.

For more information about the Special Business District, contact Swansea Building & Zoning Director Joe Iliff at 618-234-0044 x-107 or at <http://www.swanseail.org>.



News Briefs

Govt. Center Closed Monday, May 31st

Refuse Collection Also Delayed
The Swansea Government Center, all non-emergency services of the Village and Republic Services will be closed on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day. **The collection of refuse, recyclables, and yard waste will shift one day for all routes.**

Senior Van Now Running

Pick up Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 9-12 p.m. by reservation only. Call 618-234-0044 Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday before 2:00 p.m. for next day pick-up.

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Farmers Market

The Market is back open for the season beginning **May through October, rain or shine, every Thursday from 10-2.** Every week, fresh local produce, baked goods, and unique handmade crafts will be available for sale. It's located in the Rural King Parking Lot, 2801 N. Illinois St. If you would like to be a vendor please email:



swanseafarmersmarket@yahoo.com

Splash Pad

The Splash Pad in Schranz Park is a popular attraction and opens for the Summer starting Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Open daily from 9:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. You can rent the Splash Pad Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Please call 618-234-0044 for more information.



Grass Clippings

Grass cutting season is upon us and we would like to remind everyone that when you are cutting your lawn please do not discharge your lawn clippings into the streets. This will cause storm drains to clog and cause flooding.



Memorial Day Booklet

The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Monday May 30th, 2022 at 10:00 at Mel Price Park, 1500 Caseyville Ave. The Village of Swansea Park board will be honoring all Veterans who have served for our nation. Any Swansea resident who has served can submit their information to mlneumeyer@att.net for the booklet which will be printed for all. Please join us with your family and friends.



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Rotary Club of Swansea American Flag Program

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- Who:** The Rotary Club of Swansea
- What:** A heavyweight 5' x 3' American Flag on a sturdy steel pole. Service includes installation, removal and storage of the flags.
- Where:** In front of your business or in an area you designate.
- When:** Eight times a year on the following holidays.

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FLAG DAY ~ INDEPENDENCE DAY
LABOR DAY ~ PATRIOT DAY
ELECTION DAY ~ VETERAN'S DAY**

An annual donation will go into the general fund of the Swansea Rotary Club. The Swansea Rotary is a chapter of Rotary International – a worldwide service organization serving local, national, and international humanitarian causes.

Our club has contributed to the following: Belize Children's Program, "School Break" Food Program, Wolf Branch School ChromeBooks, High Mount School Community Garden, Student Resource Officer, Belleville East High School Outdoor Sensory, High Mount & Wolf Branch School Student of the Month Program, Polio Plus, Swansea Food Pantry, Swansea Police Dog, Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bunk Beds, Clinton Hill Monarch Butterfly Garden, and other worthy causes.

Participate in the spectacular patriotic display on Swansea's thoroughfares on these eight monumental days.

Please direct questions to Jeff Parker 618-980-6440 or Jim Wilson 618-978-9076

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Wonder Who Puts Out Flags On The Holidays?

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Swansea Rotary Members Readyng The Flags For A New Season

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Accepting applications for the 6th Annual Swansea Police and Fire Youth Academy:

When: June 6th, 7th & 8th, 2022 Time: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

(Youth academy shirts and lunch are included) (Graduation on June 8th at 4:00 PM)

Ages: 9-13 years (Preferential spots for Swansea residents and first time attendees)

Only 32 spots available... registration deadline: May 27th

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“Service Above Self”

Rotary Club of Swansea

19th Annual 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, June 4, 2022



On Saturday, June 4th Swansea Rotary will sponsor our Nineteenth Annual “Service Above Self” 5K Run/Walk. Exciting news is that after two years of the pandemic, we are ready to “Rock ‘n’ Roll” with a live 5K Run / Walk. We are no longer virtual! Yippee! Proceeds from the event will enable us to present three (3) \$2,000 college scholarships in honor of Chad Wood. Learn more about the scholarship application Chad Wood on our website.

You can find details and register for the 5K Run/Walk by going online at www.swansearotary.org. Entry fees are \$25.00 if registered by May 24th or \$30.00 the day of the Race. The 5K will start and finish at the Wolf Branch Elementary School. Race starts promptly at 8:00 am. Contact us if you would like a copy of our established 5K route in advance of the race.

For additional information on registering or if you would like to be a sponsor for the Nineteenth Annual 5K “Service Above Self” Run/Walk, contact Jim Riess at 618-920-9698; e-mail jmriess87@gmail.com .

The Metro-East Regional Chamber recently hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Doma Title to welcome them to their new location in Swansea. Michael Collins, Managing Director and Michelle Null, Area Director were joined by Mayor Mike Leopold, Chamber Members, clients, staff and friends. Doma Title uses machine intelligence and patented technology solutions to create a vastly more simple, efficient, and affordable closing experience for lenders, real estate professionals, title agents and homebuyers.

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Swansea Officer Of The Year And Awards

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2021 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Officer Matt Lindley received the Swansea Police Officer of the Year Award for 2021. Officer Lindley is exceptionally proactive with his police patrols in that he made over 40 felony arrests, took 15 illegal guns off the street while having a great ability to effectively handle any and all calls for service. He did his job so well he was nominated for and completed Field Training Officer School and now trains younger officers. He embodies the department's Vision Statement: To set the standard in law enforcement through leadership, innovation, and commitment to excellence in everything we do. Not only is he tough on violent criminals but he knows how to communicate effectively with everyone and turn bad situations into good ones. He is known for his caring style of law enforcement.

Civilian Police Aide Monica Allen received the Chief's Commendation of Certificate of Excellence. CPA Allen has such a quiet, calm presence but she is also a self-starter and has a work ethic second to none. Monica is typically the first to volunteer for special events in the community. Monica knows what is expected of her each shift and works diligently to complete her work. Everything she does she does with care and efficiency. Numerous citizens needing help have commented about her ability to make them feel important and the extra help, above and beyond, she offered. She truly cares about everyone.

Swansea Police Officer Erin Huff received the Chief's Commendation of Certificate of Lifesaving. Officer Huff responded to a citizen in active labor. Officer Huff was the first to arrive on scene and she assisted in the delivery of a healthy baby boy. During the situation, given her knowledge and expertise in nursing, Officer Huff noticed the mother had a significant prolapse. Officer Huff made the necessary adjustments to ensure both baby and mom were healthy.

Swansea Police Detective Gary Reuter received the Chief's Commendation of Certificate of Excellence. Detective Gary Reuter worked numerous Major Case Squad call outs, first to volunteer to help out short patrol shifts, great stats on IDOT grants and, all the while, available to offer help and expertise on case investigations. Det. Reuter has turned into the "go to" detective on Major Case Squad murder investigations. His work ethic was instrumental in obtaining criminal charges for lengthy investigations related to a home invasion and separate carjacking.

Swansea Police Officers Matt Lindley and Andrew Hewitt both received the Aggressive Criminal Enforcement Award (ACE). The objectives are to increase criminal apprehension and improve traffic safety. Officers are encouraged to use traffic enforcement methods to stop traffic violators and "look beyond the ticket" to detect felonies and other significant crimes and infractions in progress. The program is based on self-initiated activity focused on felony arrests, fugitive apprehension, firearms, drug offenses and recovery of stolen vehicles. Officer Lindley made 40 self-initiated felony arrests and Officer Hewitt had 20 self-initiated felony arrests.



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Memorial Day Celebration



Our annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 30, 2022 at 10am in Mel Price Park. There will be a presentation of the POW-MIA memorial by Steve Pulley and a presentation of four quilts from the Quilt of Valor.

Our guest speaker will be Matthew T. Fritz, Boeing Field Representative, Scott AFB USTRANSCAN & HQ SMC DEFENSE, SPACE & SECURITY. His career spans 26 years in the USAF with 2500 hours Command Pilot in the KC-135. He has earned an Air Medal during more than 250 hours of flight in combat. He has served as the Vice Wing Commander, Director of Office of Secretary of Defense field activity, Flight Test Squadron Commander & Air Mobility Command Chief of Requirements. Matthew has 10 combat deployments in both pilot, staff & Air Advisor roles. In 2014, he earned the Bronze Star as Chief of Staff for NATO Training Command in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was the Director of Mobility Forces in the AF Central Command Combined Air Operations Center in 2019. The public is encouraged to join the many veterans that will attend.

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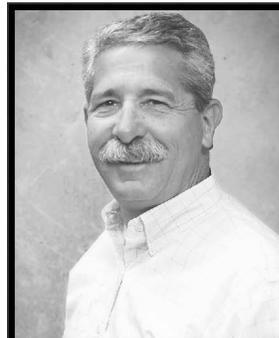
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Village of Swansea Officials

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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

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May and June 2022 Calendars

May



2nd Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center and Village

Board Meeting 6 p.m. Government Center

5th Swansea Rotary Club 5:30 p.m. Moose Lodge

7th Swansea Park Board Meeting 7 a.m. Norman Lehr and Swansea

Patriots Meeting 8 a.m. Norman Lehr

10th Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6 p.m. Government Center

12th Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Center

16th Committee Meetings: 6 p.m. Government Center & Village Board Meeting 6 p.m. Government Center

19th Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Center

26th Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Center

30th Memorial Day- Government Center Closed

Holiday Event: Memorial Day Ceremony- May 30th at 10 a.m. Mel Price Park (see page 8 for more details)

June



2nd Swansea Rotary Club 5:30 p.m. Moose Lodge

6th Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center and Village Board Meeting 6 p.m. Government Center

7th Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6 p.m. Government Center

9th Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 Thompson Center

11th Swansea Park Board Meeting 7 a.m. Norman Lehr

16th Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Center

20th Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center and Village Board Meeting 6 p.m. Government Center

23rd Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Center

Special Events: Rotary Club of Swansea- 19th Annual 5K Run/Walk, Saturday, June 4, 2022 (see page 6 for more details)

Swansea Police and Fire Academy- When: June 6-8 Time: 8-4 (see page 5 for more details)

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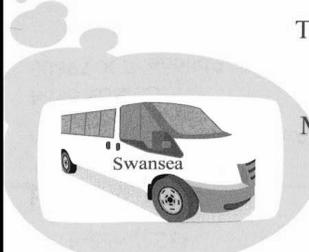
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