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Rapid Response Training

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REFERENCE THE COMMUNITY CALENDARS ON PAGE 11 TO REFERENCE EVENTS, IMPORTANT DATES AND MEETINGS.

Illinois State Police provided Rapid Response (Active Shooter) Training to members of the Swansea, Belleville, Fairview Heights and Shiloh Police Departments. Those departments were selected because they would most likely be our first back up. The real-world training involved aspects from after-action reports and "lessons learned" from other nationwide events. Thank you ISP and Director Brendan Kelly!

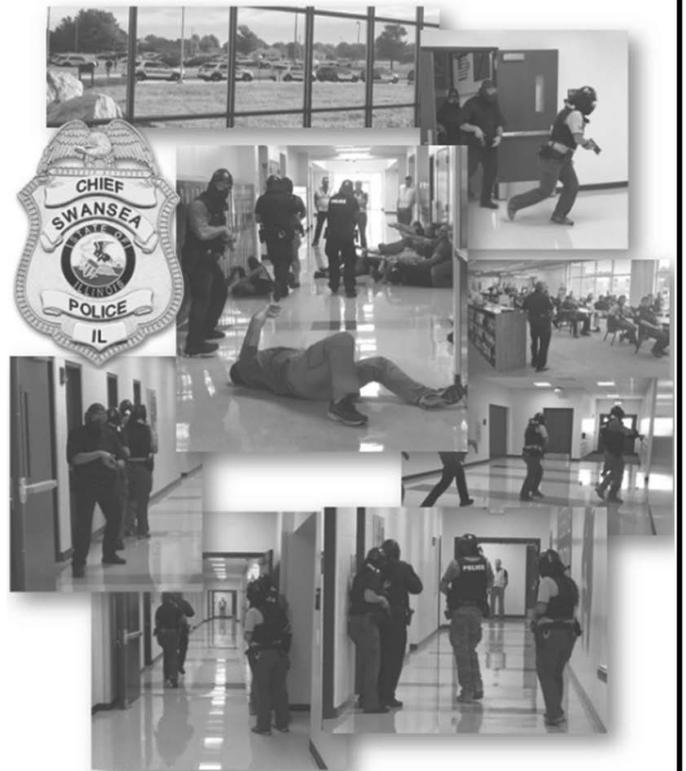
The hands on training was conducted at Wolf Branch School. Many thanks to all of the role players (many were teachers) and administration for allowing this. Swansea Sergeant Keith Howard has been a long time professional instructor and worked in concert with ISP.

Training in high risk incidents must be ongoing because it is a perishable skill. Our training has always been, and always will be, to immediately stop the killing then stop the dying. For both to be successful the word "rapid" is critical.

Re-training with Fire and EMS is also ongoing. I, and Fire Chief Chris Tell, presented to the Swansea Village Board requests for additional protective equipment for Officers and Firefighters. Also requested were large scale "Stop-The-Bleed Kits." The Village Board unanimously approved them. Swansea Police and Fire Departments will be fully equipped and prepared thank you to the Village Board.

All of this is horrible to think about. But it is worse to not be prepared.

Chief Steve Johnson
Swansea Police Department



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Government Center Closed September 5th Refuse Collection Also Delayed

The Swansea Government Center and all non-emergency services of the Village will be closed on Monday, September 5th, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Republic Services observes Labor Day as well. The collection of refuse, recyclables and yard waste will be delayed one day all week. Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday on Wednesday, etc.

Government Center Closed November 11th, 24th and 25th Refuse Collection Also Delayed Only on the 24th

Veterans Day– November 11th
Trash Service will **NOT** be delayed.

Thanksgiving Day– November 24th–The trash, recycling and yard waste will only be delayed by one day; Thursday will be picked up on Friday and Friday will be Saturday.

Farmer's Market Open Until October 28th

The Swansea Farmer's Market will conclude its 13th season on Oct.

27th. Resident's still have a full month to take advantage of the fresh fruits and vegetables. Fall crops will be in. Look for apples, pumpkins, greens and other fall crops. The Market will be open each Thursday during October from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm on the parking lot of Rural King, 2801 N. Illinois Street. Contact Connie at 618-520-5107

Schools Are Back In Session

Watch for Students, Obey Traffic Laws Re: School buses are back in session so drivers should be extra alert. Flashing red lights on a bus and an extended stop sign means drivers on a two lane road are required to stop when approaching the bus from either direction.

Fall Burning Schedule

Fall burning is allowed Nov1- Dec15 on Wed. and Sat. only from 9a-4p excluding the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Safety Tips for Leaf Burning

- Choose a safe area for your burn pile (away from wooden areas and pine needles)
- Be at least 20 feet from a structure
- Keep your burn pile small and manageable

MONTHLY RECYCLING DRIVE

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

Where: Public Parking Lot 227, W. Main St., Collinsville

Questions call: 618-344-7232

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

Where: St. Clair Township, 107 Service Street, Swansea

Questions call: 618-344-7232

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Swansea Fire Department Open House
When: Sunday, October 2nd at 10-2 p.m.
Where: Swansea Fire Station #2
(144 Huntwood Road)
Demonstrations during the open house, free refreshments, and tours of the fire station and fire trucks

Santa is coming to Swansea
Swansea Fire Department Annual Christmas Parade

When: Friday, December 2nd at 7 p.m.
More details coming soon
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Consider Option For Automatic Electronic Sewer Payments

There are multiple ways to pay your sewer bill, but the most convenient way for our customers may be an option to authorize the Sewer Billing Department, via an authorization agreement, to automatically withdraw funds from your checking account for payment of your Swansea sewer bill on the due date.

Those who take advantage of this program still receive a bi-monthly bill, however, it would now indicate that the payment will be paid electronically, and automatically withdrawn on the due date.

This payment option does not incur any additional charge from the Village. If you are interested in this program, please complete this agreement form, attach a voided check, and return to Swansea Government center at 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, IL 62226 by dropping in the drop box located in the parking lot in front of the flag pole.



ELECTRONIC SEWER PAYMENT

Village of Swansea - Sewer Billing
1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, IL 62226
Telephone: 618-234-0044, ext. 1
Fax: 618-234-0222

ELECTRONIC SEWER PAYMENT APPLICATION

I hereby authorize the Village of Swansea to instruct the financial institution indicated below to make my Village of Swansea sewer bill payments from the account listed as they become due. I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U. S. law. I understand that I am in full control of my ELECTRONIC SEWER payments. Both the Village of Swansea and the financial institution listed reserve the right to terminate this payment plan and/or my participation in it.

Customer Name: _____

Sewer Account Number: _____

Sewer Address Location: _____

Daytime Telephone # : _____

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Signature

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Cultural Working Group

The Swansea Cultural Working Group met today. We meet several times a year to talk about many topics related to modern policing methods, community cultural issues and ensuring our community is always moving forward.

Today we reviewed and discussed the Ten Shared Principles that the Village Board signed in 2018. That topic directly related to the police department's use of force policy and procedures. We had a lengthy discussion about US Supreme Court and Illinois Supreme Court rulings and how they affect the Swansea community related to police officers using force when necessary and reasonable.

These community discussions are necessary and ensure the Swansea Police Department is continually committed to excellence. Thank you to all of the working group members for their guidance and support!

(Front L to R), Superintendent Beth Horner, Chief Steve Johnson, Trustee Cary Lewis V, Business Owner Brandon Crisp, (Back L to R), Sgt. Keith Howard, Trustee Jeff Parker, Administrator Ben Schloesser, Mayor Mike Leopold, Former Police Commissioner Ran Foggs, Police Commissioner Tony Byrd and Officer Marquis Jones



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Swansea Halloween Event

Mark your calendars for October 29, 2022. Swansea Park Board and Swansea Patriots will be hosting a Halloween Event in Mel Price Park at 1500 Caseyville Avenue.



The DRACULA SPECTACULA will be outdoors in the park from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be free games with prizes, Trunk-or-Treat, a Bounce House, a ride and other scary stuff, and food will be available for purchase. Dress up in your costumes and bring your family to a safe and fun Halloween festival. Plans are also being made to hold a Halloween Coloring Contest, with winners announced the evening of the 29th.

In the event of rain, the DRACULA SPECTACULA will be moved inside the Thompson Civic Center at 1501 Caseyville Avenue, in the northwest corner of Mel Price Park. We look forward to ~~seeing~~ seeing you there!

Volunteers Needed



Have you been feeling underutilized? Are your talents, interests and ideas untapped? There are opportunities awaiting you as a member of the Swansea Park Board, or the Swansea Patriots Organization.

The Park Board meets the second Saturday each month at 7:00 a.m., and its 8 members and 1 chairman/president are appointed for a 1 year term by the Mayor/President of the Board of Trustees of Swansea, with the approval of the Board of Trustees. The Park Board is an advisory board to the Village Board of Trustees, with the purpose of reviewing Swansea Park issues and possible needs/enhancements, and making recommendations.

The Patriots are a "non-profit" organization with a mission of raising funds for procuring parks and recreational equipment for the Village by means of fundraisers determined by the members of the organization. Patriot members meet immediately following the (once a month) Saturday morning Park Board Meeting, and meetings usually begin about 8:30 a.m. A few recent fundraisers have been the Adult Easter Egg Hunts, and the Pirate Treasure Hunt. A long standing community activity hosted by the Park Board and Patriots is the Swansea Santa House. A Halloween Dracula Spectacula is coming in October, and a GLOW BINGO is being planned for early 2023, so watch for more details.

If membership on the Park Board sounds like something you would be interested in, you can call Park Board President, Mike Koenemann at 618-779-6808, and for information about becoming a Swansea Patriot, call Trustee Marilyn Neumeyer at 618-234-0044.

Apply For Summer Usage Deduction

Swansea residents who do not use a deduct meter may still apply for a sewer bill credit to offset charges for water usage that did not enter the sanitary sewer system. This usage typically occurs during the summer with watering lawns, plants and filling swimming pools.

The credit is based upon the difference between the average water consumed on the first two bi-monthly sewer bills issued after May 1st, and the average water consumption reflected on the four bi-monthly sewer bills immediately preceding that same May 1st.

Fifty percent (50%) of the difference between the average consumption for the 'winter' and 'summer' periods is then subtracted from the user's actual water consumption on the next bill. Sewer charges are then calculated on the resulting balance.

To apply, complete the form to the right and mail or drop the form off at the Government Center, located at 1444 Boul Ave., Swansea, IL 62226. If dropping the form off, place the form in the drop box located in the parking lot in front of the flagpole.

You must reapply each year, between September 1 and Oct. 15. You must have lived at the property for at least one year. Those who use a deduct meter are allowed to deduct 100% of the readings through that meter.

APPLICATION FOR SUMMER USAGE DEDUCTION

Submit to: 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, IL 62226

Fax 618-234-0222 swan sew@swan seail.org

Between September 1, 2022 and October 15, 2022

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Sewer Account Number: _____

Day Phone Number: _____

Have you resided at this property for one year? _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct, and I therefore request a Summer Usage Deduction on my sewer bill for the above address.

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Welcome The Newest Team Member To The Swansea Police Department

Swansea Police Officer Claire Dappen was a civilian police officer with the United States Air Force stationed at Scott Air Force Base. She previously served active duty in the USAF. She is active in the Air Force Reserves serving as an E5 Staff Sergeant. She earned her Associate of Arts degree through University of Arizona in Criminal Justice and has earned an additional 17 credit hours towards her bachelor's degree. She graduated first in the military Airman Leadership Course receiving the John L. Levitow Award. At SAFB she received Airman of the Year Award twice in Security Forces. She was a previous mental health worker and certified nursing assistant. She has lived in the Metro East area for five years and wants to make this her home. She comes highly recommended by her peers and successfully passed all aspects of the in-depth background investigation.

Officer Dappen graduated with high honors from the SWIC Police Academy where she earned the top award for defensive tactics (out of 91 recruits) and a special Director's Award for community service. She has started her field training which lasts 12 weeks.

Please welcome Officer Claire Dappen to the Swansea Police Department!



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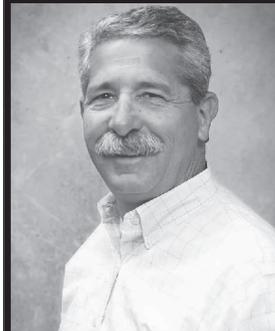


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Trick or Treating Rules

Village ordinances allow children to Trick or Treat on Oct 31st until 9:00pm. Time is limited for safety reasons.

“Children” are considered to be grade school age, not high school. While there is no official ‘start time’, common courtesy dictates that trick or treating not start too early - generally after 6:00pm - and that children not approach a home where the porch light is not lit. Social distancing and masks may be required.



Please Follow Trick or Treating Safety Tips

The following tips serve as a reminder to parents and children to be safe when trick or treating:

- Children should not trick or treat alone - they should always be accompanied by an adult.
- Be alert and stay on sidewalks where available or on the far edge of the road facing traffic. Walk, don't run, across the street, and do so only at intersections.
- Walk, don't run from house to house.
- Use reflective tape on costumes to help drivers see you.
- Carry a lit flashlight to help you see and for others to see you.
- Consider face makeup in lieu of a mask, which might impair vision.

- Eat only factory-wrapped treats and wait until parents have inspected them. Accept homemade treats only from family or neighbors who you know very well.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Pay attention. Be aware of traffic and things going on around you.
- Put away cell phones or other electronic devices.

Update: The TWM Building And Bathrooms at the Parks



The TWM Building and the bathrooms at the Schranz Park and Melvin Price Park will be closed for the season beginning November until March. There will be portable restrooms at the parks including the Boul Ave. Trailhead Park.

If your sewer system backs up, call the Village First

Mon - Fri 8:00am-4:30pm
call 234-0044, after hours and weekends call 233-8114.



When calling 233-8114 a dispatcher will answer, explain that you need Public Works for a sewer backup

VILLAGE OF SWANSEA CONTACT INFO

Swansea Government Center
Phone: 618-234-0044
1444 Boul Avenue
Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm, M-F
www.swanseail.org

Administration, Mayor's Office, Village Clerk, Utility Billing & Public Works
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Building and Zoning Permits
Phone: 618-234-0044
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Swansea Police Department
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 618-233-8114
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Swansea Fire Department
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If emailing multiple officials it may be best to also include swanadmn@swanseail.org among those email addresses so staff can help coordinate any requested response.



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www.swanseail.org

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Change in Donation Drop Off At Swansea Schnuck's For Swansea Food Pantry

Effective September 1, 2022, the drop-off donation barrels for the Swansea Food Pantry will no longer be in the Swansea Schnuck's store location (2665 North Illinois St., Swansea, IL).

The Schnuck's Corporation policy does not allow for ongoing solicitation for any group, organization, etc. Therefore Swansea Rotary has removed the barrels from the Swansea Schnuck's.

Anyone wanting to make donations of non-perishable food items should go directly to the Swansea Food Pantry at the Swansea Baptist Church at 292 Frank Scott Parkway East, Swansea, IL., during the Food Pantry hours, which are Monday and Thursday from 9a.m. to 11a.m.

Swansea Rotary and the Swansea Food Pantry want to thank all of the people that have been so supportive for all of these past years by dropping off food donations to the barrels. Swansea Rotary has been responsible for picking up the items and transporting them to the Swansea Food Pantry.

July 26, 2022 Flooding

In four days, beginning on July 25th and continuing through July 28th, the Village of Swansea Wastewater Treatment Plant recorded 11.6 inches of rain. That amount of rain in a short period of time results in widespread flooding that most of us have never seen in this area. Reportedly, this event broke a single day rainfall amount set in 1915.

Village Sewer Department staff kept busy monitoring flows and taking extra measures to protect crucial equipment. During heaving rain events, flows to the treatment plant increase due to infiltration of rainwater into sanitary sewer system, mainly through cracks caused by tree roots and possibly because of a poor connection between a resident's lateral line from their home to our main line. Annually, the Village contracts to have aging sewer lines and lateral connections re-lined to help eliminate infiltration.

Street Department crews also stayed busy cleaning ditches and unclogging storm drains during, and several days after the heavy rains. Our Street Department also responded to many complaints on sink holes forming as a result of an overtaxed storm water system or possible voids below the surface.

Due to very dry conditions prior to the rainfall, most of the water stayed on top of the ground surface and made its way to Richland Creek before the ground eventually became saturated.

Several calls for water rescues were made because of motorists thinking they can make it through the flood waters only to have their vehicles stall and leave them stranded. Never drive through rushing or large amounts of standing water!

From Swansea to South of Belleville, the path of Richland Creek showed the incredible effects of a 100 year flood.

Friendly Reminder-Schranz Park Splash Pad closes the day after Labor Day and reopens the Friday before Memorial Day. Thank you to everyone for keeping the splash pad clean and safe for everyone to enjoy. Stay safe and healthy, we will see you back next year!



September and October 2022 Calendars



1st Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot 10 a.m.— 2 p.m.
5th Government Center Closed- Labor Day
6th Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center
8th Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot 10 a.m.— 2 p.m.
10th Swansea Park Board Meeting 7 a.m. Norman Lehr Swansea Patriots Meeting 8 a.m. Norman Lehr
13th Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6 p.m. Government Center (as needed) please see swanseail.org for meeting agenda
15th Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot 10 a.m.— 2 p.m. Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thomson Civic Center
19th Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center
22nd Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot 10 a.m.— 2 p.m. Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center Welcome The First Day Of Fall!

2nd Swansea Fire Department Open House 10-2 p.m. 144 Huntwood Road (see page 3 for more details)	
3rd Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center	
6th Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot 10 a.m.— 2 p.m. Swansea Rotary Club 5:30 p.m. Moose Lodge	
8th Swansea Park Board Meeting- 7 a.m. Norman Lehr Swansea Patriots Meeting- 8 a.m. Norman Lehr	
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20th Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot 10 a.m.— 2 p.m. Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center	
27th Last Day Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot 10 a.m.— 2 p.m.	
29th Halloween Event (see page 6 for more details)	
31st Happy Halloween!	

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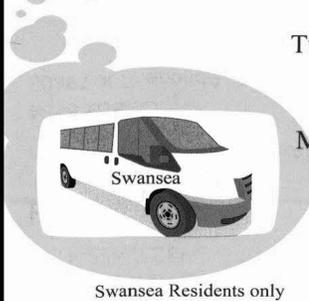
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Drivers must pass a background check and have a valid driver license.

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