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Lighted Christmas Parade

COME JOIN US AS WE START THE CHRISTMAS SEASON OFF RIGHT!!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND AT 7:00PM

Parade Route

Parade will begin at Huntwood Road and travel up Old Caseyville to Baron Dr. to Heatherwood, to Greenhaven, to Big Bend, to Twin Lake and end at Fire Station #2.

Parade route flyers are available at the Government Center.

Following the parade, at the Fire House there will be pictures with Santa and refreshments ***Visit the Swansea Fire Department Facebook page for more details***

Interested in participating in the parade? Contact Jack Korves at 618-410-6378 OR email jkorves@swanseail.org for more info.

Dates To Remember

Government Center and All Non-Emergency Services Of the Village Will Be Closed On The Following Holidays: NOVEMBER

Veterans' Day - Friday, November 11th, Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th

DECEMBER

In Observance of Christmas Day - Monday, December 26th

JANUARY

In Observance of New Year's Day - Monday, January 2nd, In Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 16th



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Republic Services Schedule For The Following Holidays:

NOVEMBER

Veterans' Day - Friday, November 11th - Regular Pick Up
Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 25th - Collection **WILL** shift one day for Thursday customers - Thursday will shift to Friday and Friday to Saturday

DECEMBER

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th - No Service

JANUARY

In Observance of New Year's Day - Monday, January 2nd - Regular Pick Up
In Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 16th - Regular Pick Up



Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees can be dropped off at Melvin Price Park and Schranz Park starting December 25th until January 17th, Village staff will collect them until then. This is a convenience provided to Swansea residents only. **No tree bags. Christmas trees only; no yard waste.**

Leaf Burning Reminder

Fall Burn season will begin November 2nd thru December 14th from 9am-4pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays only!
**** NO BURNING THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING. ****

Spring Burn Season will begin Wednesday, March 15th and end May 13th. Times 9am-6pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays only!

The Village has the right to cancel burning at any time in the event of Extreme Wet/Dry Conditions, High Winds or other hazardous conditions.

Prohibited: No burning of treated lumber, trash, garbage or combustible materials shall not be burned.

No burning shall take place in any public right-of-way, on any public street surface, or within an open storm water ditch within the public right-of-way.



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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 solely by donations from generous residents, local businesses and civic organizations. Volunteers and a representative of the Village Hall organize this program. The Village provides a point of contact to help the residents in need. Last year 56 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. 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. no later than **Friday, Dec 9th**. Please call the Village office with any questions at 234-0044.

IF YOU NEED HELP

If you are unable to provide Christmas gifts or food for your family due to job loss, illness, or something else, 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 29th, Wed. Nov. 30th, Thurs. Dec. 1st and Fri. Dec. 2nd, 2022. No late applications will be accepted.

Applicants should bring both: A current, valid driver’s license or State I.D. card, or a current public aid card, **and** 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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2023 Consolidated Election

The Consolidated Election, which is to be held on **Tuesday, April 4, 2023**, will include the election of specific offices in the Village of Swansea. The offices to be filled and the names of the current office holders are outlined below:

Village Trustee

Three positions to be elected, each with a four-year term and a current annual salary of \$7,200. Current trustees with terms expiring on May 1, 2023 are Brian McGuire, Marilyn Neumeyer, and Jeff Parker.

IMPORTANT DATES:

The first date to circulate nominating petitions is **September 20, 2022**. Candidates must file petitions and all related documents at the office of the Village Clerk no earlier than **December 12, 2022** and no later than **December 19, 2022**, between the normal hours of the Swansea Government Center of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, provided, however, that on December 19, 2022, the Office of the Village Clerk will remain open until 5:00 pm. The Swansea Government Center is currently located at 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, IL 62226. On **December 12, 2022**, the lobby at 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, IL will be opened to the public prior to 8:00 am. Per the Illinois Election Code, everyone in the lobby at 8:00 am and filing a petition for the same office, will be considered as filing simultaneously. Also, per the Illinois Election Code, the order in which candidates will be listed on the ballot for the same office is determined by the order in which petitions are filed. In the case of simultaneous filings, a public lottery to determine ballot position will be held in accordance with the **Illinois Election Code, at 3:00 pm on December 23, 2022**, in the Village Board Meeting room, at the Swansea Government Center, 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, IL. Any updates to this information will be posted on the Village of Swansea website at www.swanseail.org, and in the lobby of the Swansea Government Center.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Every candidate or potential candidate is responsible for securing a copy of the **"State of Illinois Candidate's Guide 2023"**, issued by the State Board of Elections, and making themselves familiar with the requirements and process of running for public office.

This guide contains all required forms for the offices to be filled in the Village of Swansea, as well as instructions for their completion. The guide also contains forms and instructions for other elections and public bodies unrelated to the Village of Swansea and its election. It is the responsibility of each candidate or potential candidate to know and understand which forms are required and which forms to complete and file.

An electronic version of the **"State of Illinois Candidate's Guide 2023"** may be found online at the link <https://www.elections.il.gov/> hover over the tab "Running For Office" and under Documents then select "2023 Candidates Guide". Select it again to download a PDF copy of the guide and either print it or save it to your computer.

One hard copy of the Guide will be available for review at the Swansea Government Center during normal hours 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, IL 62226. Please call the Swansea Government Center at (618) 234-0044 to schedule an appointment to VIEW the guide.

Specific provisions to note within the Candidate's Guide include, but are not limited to:

The preface of the Guide recommends that prospective candidates consult with competent legal counsel when preparing their nomination papers.

Page 12 provides a candidate checklist.

Page 16 specifies the first date to circulate petitions as September 20, 2022. Petitions may NOT be circulated prior to that date.

Pages 13 through 20 outline the instructions for Filing for Office to include but not limited to:

1. General Filing Information
 2. Petition Preparation & Formatting Petitions
 3. Signing and Circulating Petitions
 4. Statement of Candidacy
 5. Statement of Economic Interests Receipt- The "Statement of Economic Interests" forms are available at the St. Clair County Clerk's Office. This form is filed with St. Clair County, and the receipt from the filing is submitted to the Village of Swansea. Please see more details about filing and when receipts must be filed on page 19;
 6. Loyalty Oath (optional)
 7. Campaign Contributions – The Village of Swansea will provide a notice of obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act form after filing via mail page 19;
 8. Objections To Nominating Papers.
- Pages 27 through 29 details the form number information, qualifications, residency, and petition signature requirements, depending upon whether the candidate represents a new political party, or is an independent candidate. Note that for Independent Candidates there is both a minimum number of signatures required and a maximum number of signatures allowed on nominating petitions.

Page 58 – 59 provides information for frequently asked questions. There are links within the Guide for the applicable forms.



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Disaster Assistance Available

Renters and homeowners in **St. Clair County, IL** who were affected by severe storms and flooding from July 25-28, 2022, may apply for FEMA disaster assistance. Apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling 800-621-3362.

If you have homeowners, renter's or flood insurance, you should file an insurance claim as soon as possible. FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance.

For needs not covered by insurance or other sources, FEMA may be able provide Individual Assistance grant money that does not have to be repaid for:

- ✦ **Rental Assistance** if you need to relocate because of flood damage
- ✦ **Personal Property** that was damaged or destroyed by flooding
- ✦ **Lodging Reimbursement** if you've had to stay in a hotel temporarily
- ✦ **Basic Home Repairs for homeowners** whose primary residence was damaged by flooding

Other Serious Needs caused by recent flooding

In addition to the assistance listed, please note the following:

- ✦ **Only one application per household**
- ✦ **FEMA does not pay for lost or spoiled food**

By law, FEMA is not allowed to duplicate insurance payments, or assistance provided by other sources

When you apply with FEMA, have the following information ready:

- ✦ Phone number where you can be contacted
- ✦ Address at the time of the flooding
- ✦ Address where you are staying now
- ✦ Social Security Number of one member of the household
- ✦ Basic list of damage and losses
- ✦ Bank information if you choose direct deposit for FEMA money

Insurance information if you have insurance, including the policy number

Take photos to document damage and begin cleanup and repairs to prevent further damage. Remember to keep receipts from all purchases related to the cleanup and repair.

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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. before it returns to yours to finish the other side of the street.

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.

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)**

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Designated Snow Routes For The Village Of Swansea

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 Hills 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.

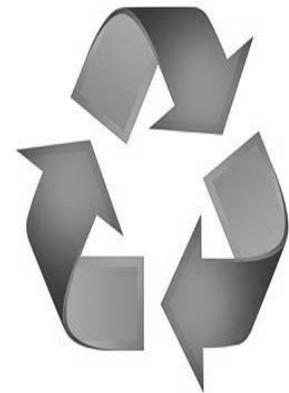
Where: Public Parking Lot 227 W. Main Street

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Items accepted:

- ◇ Screen 32" and smaller \$20
- ◇ Screen 32" and larger \$30
- ◇ Office equipment
- ◇ Electronics
- ◇ Batteries
- ◇ Vehicles
- ◇ Appliances
- ◇ Machinery
- ◇ CRT TV/Monitors \$20-4\$40 based on size

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

News Briefs

Swansea Food Pantry is open... Mondays and Thursdays, from 9 to 11am, Swansea Church at 292 Frank Scott Parkway East in Swansea. Masks are required. 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 are interested in using the service, please contact the Village of Swansea at (618) 234-0044 from 8:00am to 4:30pm for complete policy for riders.

UPDATE - NEW LOCATION DONATION DROP OFF BARREL FOR SWANSEA FOOD PANTRY

Effective immediately there is a new location of a drop off barrel for donations of non-perishable food items to the Swansea Food Pantry. The drop off barrel is located inside the Rural King store entrance at 2801 North Illinois St, Swansea IL. The store hours are Monday - Saturday 8am - 8pm and Sunday 10am - 6pm. The Rotary Club of Swansea will pick up the items from the barrel at Rural King to deliver them to the Swansea Food Pantry. Donations can still be made directly to the Swansea Food Pantry located at the Swansea Baptist Church (292 Frank Scott Parkway East; Swansea) during the Food Pantry hours Monday and Thursdays from 9am - 11 am. The Rotary Club of Swansea would like to thank all of those who have made donations in the past and that continue to do so. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Save The Date!!

The Swansea Rotary will be hosting a Dinner Auction.

When: Sat. February 25, 2023

Place: More details to come.

Time: More details to come.

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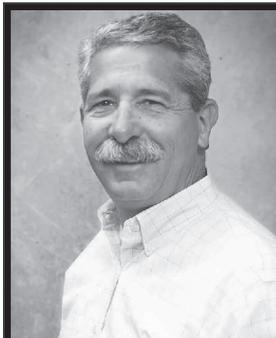
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Deputy Chief Graduates From The FBI National Academy

On September 13, 2022, Deputy Chief Matt Blomberg graduated as a member of the 283rd session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation took place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Matt Blomberg is the first officer in department history to complete this prestigious program. (Chief graduated from the 224th session but prior to being with Swansea.) Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program.



Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

The 283rd session consisted of two hundred and thirty-five law enforcement officers from forty-nine states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from twenty-one countries, five military organizations, and five federal and civilian agencies.

About the FBI National Academy

FBI Academy instructors, special agents, and other staff with advanced degrees provide the training; many instructors are recognized internationally in their fields. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia, which accredits many of the courses offered. A total of 53,671 graduates have completed the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, the same facility where the FBI trains its new special agents and intelligence analysts.

Congratulations
Deputy Chief
Matt
Blomberg!!

Chief Steve
Johnson

Swansea Police
Department



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is also posted on our
website at:
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November 2022	
3rd	Swansea Rotary Club 5:30 p.m. Moose Lodge
7th	Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center
8th	Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6 p.m. Government Center
10th	Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center
11th	Happy Veteran's Day Government Center Closed
12th	Swansea Park Board Meeting 7 a.m. Norman Lehr Center Swansea Patriots Meeting 8 a.m. Norman Lehr Center
17th	Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center
21st	Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center
24th	Happy Thanksgiving- Government Center Closed
25th	Government Center Closed For Thanksgiving Holiday
29th	First Day Applications Will Be Accepted- Swansea Christmas Program (see page 3)

December 2022	
1st	Swansea Rotary Club 5:30 p.m. Moose Lodge
2nd	Last Day For Application Swansea Christmas Program (see page 3 fore more details)
3rd	First Day For Santa Claus Is Coming To Town (see page 11 for more details)
5th	Committee Meetings 6 p.m. Government Center Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center
8th	Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center
10th	Swansea Park Board Meeting 7 a.m. Norman Lehr Center Swansea Patriots Meeting 8 a.m. Norman Lehr Center
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22nd	Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center
23rd	Last Day For Santa Claus Is Coming To Town (see page 11 for more details)
29th	Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center Last Day For Yard Waste

News Briefs

Santa will arrive at the Santa House located next to the Thompson Center on Saturday, December 3 and remain until the 23rd.

Hours on Saturday and Sunday will be 1PM -5PM and Monday through Friday 5PM -8PM.

Santa’s Workshop and Winter Wonderland at the Thompson Center will be open the same dates and times.

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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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