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Rotary Club of Swansea Hosts Successful 20th Annual 5K Run/Walk
More than 100 participants raised money for student scholarships



Swansea, Illinois, June 3, 2023 - The Rotary Club of Swansea hosted their 20th Annual "Service Above Self" 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 3, 2023, which began and ended at Wolf Branch Elementary School. More than 100 participants enjoyed beautiful weather as their efforts helped to fund the Chad Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund supporting college scholarship programs for qualifying graduates of area high schools.

The news of Chad Wood's sudden and unexpected death on Monday morning, May 9, 2005, took the breath away from all of our members. Ray Wood was the Charter President when the Rotary Club of Swansea was formed in 2002. He and his wife, Penny, had been a wonderful friend and supporter of the club. Chad was a fine student, a superb athlete who starred on the Belleville East Lancers football and baseball teams and, most important, was a devoted and loving son to his parents and a wonderful brother to his three siblings: Jennifer, Gretchen and Robert.

"This event is important to our club members because it honors Chad's memory, who was an amazing young man taken from our community too soon," said event organizer and Swansea Rotarian Jim Riess. "I appreciate all of our volunteers and participants who came out and helped us make this event a success."

At its meeting on May 12, 2005, the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Swansea unanimously voted to donate \$1,000 to the Belleville East High School Athletic Department in Chad's memory and approved a motion to designate our scholarship program, funded by the 5K Run each June, as the Chad Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund. The 2023 recipients of the Chad Wood Memorial Scholarship include three Belleville East High School students: Lani Culley, Nolan Seneczyn and Olivia Pereda.

"We are proud to support outstanding students in Swansea, including those who are pursuing college through this scholarship, as well as CAVE students who are pursuing the trade industry through our annual CAVE raffle in the fall," said Club President Lisa Wahlig. "Thank you to all of our wonderful event sponsors, as featured on the back of our 5K shirts, for supporting this important program."

Donations can still be made to the Chad Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund by mailing a check to PO Box 23746, Belleville, Illinois 62223, or visiting www.swansearotary.org for online options. Please note "Chad Wood Memorial Scholarship Donation" on the payment.

About Rotary
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For more information, visit Rotary.org. To find a club near you visit <https://my.rotary.org/en/club-search>

Reminders

Government Center Closed September 4th Refuse Collection Also Delayed



The Swansea Government Center and all non-emergency services of the Village will be closed on Monday, September 4th, 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 10th, 23rd and 24th Refuse Collection Also Delayed Only on the 23rd



Veterans Day—November 10th
Trash Service will **NOT** be delayed.

Thanksgiving Day— November 23rd
trash, recycling and yard waste will only be delayed by one day; Thursday will be picked up on Friday and Friday will be Saturday.

Schools Are Back In Session



Watch for Students, Obey Traffic Laws Re: School buses are back in session so drivers should be on 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.

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!



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)

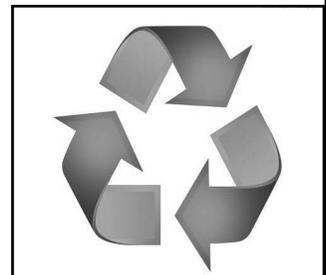
Where: St. Clair Township 107 Service Street, Swansea

Questions call: 618-344-7232

Items included:

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

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Come See Us!

Fire Department Annual Open House

When: Sunday, October 8, 2023

Time: 11-2 p.m.

Location: Fire Station #2 (144 Huntwood Road)

There will be: Fire Safety House, Demonstrations, and refreshments.

This event is free to the public so please come out and enjoy!!



Dracula Spectacula

When: October 21, 2023

(rain date: October 28th)

Time: 4 p.m. until dark

Where: Mel Price Park: 1500 Caseyville Avenue

There will be:

- FREE bounce house and Free games for the kids
- Trunk r Treating
- Food and drink available for purchase everything else is free
- The Swansea Police and Fire Departments will be on hand to meet the children



Fire Department Lighted Christmas Parade

When: Friday, December 1, 2023

Time: 7 p.m. kicking off on Huntwood Road

Details will be in the November report

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Swansea, Illinois 62226

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Centennial Park Open House



When: Sunday, October 8 Noon – 3:00 PM

Address: 300 North Belt East, Swansea, IL 62226 – Entrance by Carey’s Pet Hospital - Additional Parking Available in Castle Acres along Bobbie Drive.



Complimentary Lunch



Live Music by Jeremy Facknitz (Colorado based, award winning, singer/song writer)



Photo Scavenger Hunt with Prizes



Richland Creek Improvement Association Photo Contest Winners Displayed



Documentary Viewing: *Richland Creek, A Stream in Transition*



Explore new features: Nature play area, interpretive signage, fountain, pavilion, gazebo, turtle platforms

Meet St. Clair Township Supervisor, Shelly Korves and Trustees Bob Buechler, Julie Miller, Mike Greenfield and Brian Dulski

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Plan Ahead- Free Yard Waste Drop Off Site

What:

Yard Waste Drop Off Site

When:

October 1st until November 30th, excluding holidays

Days/Times:

Monday — Friday 7 a.m.—5 p.m.

Saturdays 8 am.— 5 p.m.

Details:

St. Clair Township residents, which includes the Village of Swansea, will be able to drop off the following yard waste: leaves, small limbs (4ft in length and less than 3" in diameter), shrub trimmings, twigs, garden waste, grass clippings and small compostable material, etc.

No commercial lawn cutters, landscapers, or tree trimmers. In addition, in January we will be accepting Christmas trees. Please separate material as best you can when you drop off. We will **not** be accepting the following: trees or limbs larger than 4' in length and 3' in diameter; tree stumps, railroad ties, construction material, no household trash or food waste or diseased plants or gravel of any sort. Any bagged or contained material must be emptied.

St. Clair Township wants to be part of the solution in creating a healthy environment for everyone.

If you have any questions, or concerns call the Township office at 618-233-3437 and leave a message for Bob Trentman. They say if you don't try you will never know, so let's work together as a community! Thank you!



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Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Swansea announces the recipients of the 2023 Chad Wood Memorial Scholarships. The scholarships are made possible through funds raised at the "Annual Service Above Self 5K"

The event this year was Saturday, June 3, 2023.

This year three \$2,500 scholarships were available to deserving graduating high school seniors that reside in the Village of Swansea.

The 2023 recipients are:

Lani Culley, daughter of Nicole & Donald Culley; Nolan Seneczyn, son of Michelle & Dave Seneczyn and Olivia Pereda, daughter of Gina & Brian Pereda. The three recipients are all graduates of Belleville East High School.

The Chad Wood Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Chad Wood, who passed away unexpectedly in May 2005. Chad was a fine student, a superb athlete for the Belleville East Lancers and a devoted and loving son to his parents, Ray and Penny Wood. Ray Wood was the Charter President when the Rotary Club of Swansea was formed in 2002.

Besides perpetuating Chad's memory and commemorating the wonderful gifts he shared with the many lives he touched, the Scholarship looks to support the educational opportunities of the future leaders of the Swansea community.

"The Rotary Club of Swansea congratulates each recipient, and wishes continued success to each applicant", said 2022-23 Club President Lisa Wahlig.



Lani Culley Nolan Seneczyn Olive Pereda



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CAVE Educational Award Raffle Tickets

Swansea Rotary will be selling raffle tickets again this year to benefit our Belleville District 201 CAVE (Center for Academic and Vocational Excellence) students that will be entering into our trades workforce. Last year the club exceeded our goal and raised \$5,000 for educational awards to six CAVE students. This cash award is to assist them in purchasing tools for their selected trade or to further their education in their vocation. These students are featured on our website and on our Facebook page @SwanseaRotary.

We are asking your help to exceed our goal again this year. The drawing for the three (3) cash prizes will be on Thursday, November 2, 2023. For tickets or more information about the raffle please visit www.swansearotary.org or scan the QR code provided – Dennis Bertelsman or any Swansea Rotarian can also help you! Thank you in advance for your support.



Chief's Corner

DRONE PROGRAM

Program Overview

The Swansea Police Department has adopted a Drone Program to enhance response capabilities to a variety of incidents and events. The program was modeled on the policies of other agencies, which have established Drone Programs. Our Drone Program is consistent with industry standards, as well as Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

The Police Department obtained certifications, developed procedures, and purchased the equipment best suited for our department and the needs of our community. At this time, four officers are trained and cer-



tified to operate our drone.

Our Drone Program was designed to:

- Provide cutting-edge traffic collision and crime-scene evidence documentation methods.
- Minimize risk to the public and officers by providing additional options to avoid violent encounters and utilize de-escalation tactics.
- Aid in the search and rescue of missing persons.
- Enhance response to bomb squad incidents, fire support, hazardous materials incidents, and other critical incidents, to reduce the risk to personnel entering a hazardous environment.

Visit our website <https://www.swanseail.org/2352/Drone-Program> or scan the QR code for frequently asked questions:



Swansea PD Establishes Convenient Drug Take-Back Program for Leftover Household Medications

Swansea PD has established a convenient medication take-back program for easy disposal of leftover, unused and out-of-date prescriptions and over-the-counter medications.

In an effort to help reduce the risk of drugs in the home that can potentially harm children, teens or adults, Swansea PD has set up a secure, safe drop-off location in its lobby at 1400 North Illinois Street in Swansea.

Unused medications in the home are a source of drug abuse in millions of homes, with the opioid crisis in the United States fueled in part by that availability: 47%* of misused prescription pain relievers are given by, bought from or taken from a friend or relative. On average, an American dies of a drug overdose every 5 minutes**.

“We want to provide the folks in our community with the safe, secure opportunity to clean out their medicine cabinets and make their homes and communities safer,” said Swansea Police Chief Matt Blomberg. “We want to remind people that they should not flush drugs down the toilet. Traces of drugs can appear in community drinking water. Our drug disposal unit, which is easily accessible in the PD lobby, is a great answer to that problem and it’s simple to do. All they do is just come in, look for the big green receptacle and take it from there. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked.”

Chief Blomberg said there are some things that can’t be taken in the receptacle, such as inhalers and needles, but department staff will be on hand to help determine what to do. The collection receptacle will be available 24 hours a day in the police department lobby at 1400 North Illinois Street.

Swansea PD partnered with Inmar to manage this drug take-back program. The company has a long history as the industry leader in handling prescription and over-the-counter drug returns safely, securely and discreetly for major and regional chain drug stores as well as independent pharmacies and hospitals across the U.S.

* Source: SAMHSA 2021 ** Source: CDC February 2023

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 flag-pole.

You must reapply each year, between September 1 and October 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@swanseail.org

Between September 1, 2023 and October 15, 2023

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.

Signature _____

Date _____

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News Briefs

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 will be closed for the season beginning **November until March**. In addition, the bathrooms at the Melvin Price Park and Clinton Hill will also be closed for the season.



There will be portable restrooms at the parks including Boul Ave. Trailhead Park.

Leaf Burning Season Is Upon us

Leaf burning will begin **November 1st through December 15th, Wednesdays and Saturdays only, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, excluding the week of Thanksgiving.

- 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

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
Phone: 618-234-0044
swanadmn@swanseail.org

Building and Zoning Permits
Phone: 618-234-0044
swanbnz@swanseail.org

Swansea Police Department
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 618-233-8114
swanseap@swanseail.org

Swansea Fire Department
Emergency: 911
Engine House: 618-234-3291

Village of Swansea Officials

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Village Clerk Tyler Thompson
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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.



The Swansea Report is also posted on our website at: www.swanseail.org

Soulcial Kitchen Partners with Local Police and First Responders

Soulcial Kitchen Partners with Local Police and First Responders to Amplify the Positive Impact of Dignified Dining



Soulcial Kitchen, in collaboration with Swansea PD, is proud to announce the launch of their Bless the Badge Initiative. This collaborative effort aims to foster positive connections between community law enforcement, first responders, and residents facing hardship or food insecurity through Soulcial Kitchen's unique Currency of Caring program.

Highlights of this new Initiative include:

- **Currency of Caring:** Special tokens are distributed to police personnel and first responders. These tokens can be given to individuals or families facing hardship, redeemable for a free, hot restaurant quality meal at participating establishments, symbolizing support from our community protectors.
- **High-Quality Meals:** Participating restaurants and food truck owners are compensated for their services, ensuring top-notch meals for token recipients. Funding for these meals is provided by local private individual and organizational donors via The 501c3 approved Soulcial Solutions Foundation, founded by the Michel family.
- **No Questions Asked Policy:** Ensuring a judgment-free zone, recipients can redeem their meals without any conditions, facilitating trust within the community.
- **Building Community Ties:** This initiative accentuates the compassionate side of our law enforcement and first responders, bridging relationships between them and the community.
- **Easy Access:** To find participating meal providers or donate to the Dignified Dining initiative, visit www.currencyofcaring.com.

Through the Bless the Badge Initiative, Soulcial Kitchen, Swansea PD, and The Soulcial Solutions Foundation are reshaping the narrative around community support and setting a precedent for other cities to create constructive change...one person and delicious hot meal at a time.

About Soulcial Kitchen's Currency of Caring Movement:

Key Message: Dignified Dining for All

The Currency of Caring Movement's mission revolves around delivering dignified dining experiences for community members through a network of food trucks and partnering restaurants. Their core message underscores that "Every Person has value."

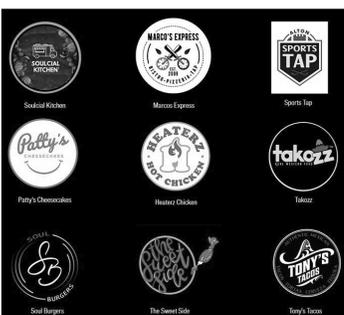


Targeted Towards:

- Community residents in need of hot restaurant-quality meals across the Metro East area
- Potential restaurant partners
- Volunteers, business and government leaders, community influencers
- Individual community members wanting to contribute to the mission

Driving Points:

- **Community Bonding:** Sharing meals bridges societal divides, promoting unity.
- **Gourmet Quality:** Commitment to providing nutritious, quality meals.
- **Empowerment:** More than just sustenance; it's about restoring hope, confidence, and dignity.



Participating Partners:

For more information, please contact: John & Holly Michel at 719-338-1547 or Scott Heathman at 913-704-5729 or scan the QR code:



Calendars



- 4th Government Center Closed – Labor Day
- 5th Committee Meeting 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 7th Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 9th Swansea Park Board Meeting 7 a.m. Norman Lehr
Swansea Patriots Meeting 8 a.m.
- 12th Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 14th Farmers Market Rural King Parking Lot open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 Thompson Civic Center
- 18th Committee Meeting 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 21st Farmers Market Rural King Parking Lot open 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center
- 28th Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center

- 2nd Committee Meeting 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 5th Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 7th Swansea Park Board Meeting 7 a.m. Norman Lehr
Swansea Patriots Meeting 8 am. Norman Lehr
- 12th Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center
- 16th Committee Meeting 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 19th Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center
- 26th Last day for Farmers Market
Rural King Parking Lot open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center

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Farmer's Market Open Until October 26th

The Swansea Farmer's Market will conclude its 14th season on Oct. 26th. Resident's still have a sometime 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



Upcoming Events Hosted by St. Clair Township

September

Saturday - 16th from 9:00AM – Noon – Electronics and Metal Recycle Drive 107 Service St., Swansea

Saturday - 16th from 11:00AM – 1:00PM – All About Owls – Loop Creek Park 428 Stone River Rd., Belleville

October

Sunday - 8th from Noon – 3:00PM – Centennial Park Open House – 300 N Belt East, Swansea

Saturday - 14th from 11:00AM – 2:00PM – Pumpkinfest – Loop Creek Park – 428 Stone River Rd., Belleville

Saturday - 21st from 9:00AM – Noon – Electronics and Metal Recycle Drive – 107 Service St., Swansea

November

Saturday - 18th from 9:00AM – Noon – Free Shredding & Electronics/Metal Recycle Dr. – 107 Service St., Swansea

