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SFD Fireman Civic Association Trash Clean Up

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

On Saturday, June 22nd, some of the Swansea Fireman Civic Association members, Ladies Auxiliary, and Volunteers completed a Trash Pick-up Day along Frank Scott Parkway from State Route 161 to Sullivan Drive. Volunteers completed the clean-up in 2.5 hours collecting a total of 25 bags of trash as well as several larger objects.



We would like to thank Captain David Schaefer for heading up this event, St. Clair County Board Member/St. Clair Township Highway Commissioner Robert Trentman for donating two new Litter Clean-up signs and Redbox Dumpsters for donating a small roll-off to place the collected trash and disposal. We also thank McKenzie Schaefer for taking the pictures.

We are always trying to come up with ways that our Association can give back to our Community besides our FD Open House, assistance with the Swansea Police & Fire Youth Academy, and our Annual Lighted Christmas Parade.



Reminders

Government Center Closed September 2nd Refuse Collection Also Delayed



The Swansea Government Center and all non-emergency services of the Village will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, 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, 28th and 29th Refuse Collection Also Delayed Only on the 28th



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

Thanksgiving Day– November 28th 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!



Join Us for the Dracula Spectacula!

Get ready for a fang-tastic time at the Dracula Spectacula, the free kids Halloween event hosted by the Swansea Park Board! On Saturday, October 19th, from 4 PM until dark, Melvin Price Memorial Park (1500 Caseyville Ave) will transform into a Halloween extravaganza filled with fun and ghoulish delights.

Bounce House - Jump and play to your heart's content in our eerie-sistible bounce house!

Ghoulish Games - Test your skills with a variety of spine-chilling games and win some boo-tiful prizes!

Trunk or Treat - Trick or treat from car to car in a safe and fun environment, and fill your bags with sweet, delicious treats!

Don't forget to come in your most bewitching costumes and join us for an evening of hair-raising fun. Whether you're a ghost, a goblin, or Dracula himself, there's something for everyone at the Dracula Spectacula!

Mark your calendars and prepare for a hauntingly good time for kids of all ages. We can't wait to see you there!



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Investigations Unit Receives Recognition for Excellence

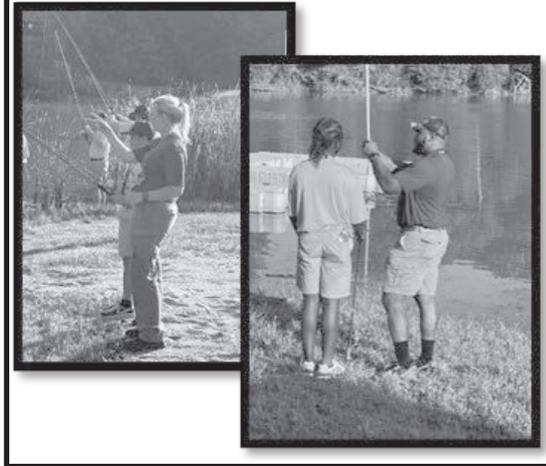
At the July 1, 2024, Village Board meeting, Chief Blomberg presented members of the Investigations Unit with a Unit Citation for their unwavering dedication, exemplary professionalism, and commitment to upholding the highest standards of justice. The Unit's efforts have been instrumental in advancing the cause of justice, fostering a sense of security within the community, and setting a commendable example for others to follow. The Investigations Unit includes Detective Sgt. Gary Reuter, Detective Jason Frank, and Detective Alex Wilken.



Pictured L to R: Det. Wilken,
Det. Sgt. Reuter, and Det. Frank

Swansea Officers Mentor Youth at the Team Illinois Youth Camp

Officer Jones and Sgt. Kemper-Damm recently served as counselors at the Illinois State Police Team Illinois Youth Camp at Principia College in Elsah, IL. The weeklong residential camp was established in 2007 as a means to develop and foster meaningful interactions and interpersonal relationships between at-risk youth and law enforcement. The philosophy of the camp is "Teamwork, Commitment, and Pride." Attendees receive instruction on numerous topics such as life skills development, nutrition, career identification, physical fitness, and dangers associated with social media, gangs, and drugs among others. Teambuilding, respect, and responsibility are the foundations of the program. Thank you Officer Jones and Sgt. Kemper-Damm for mentoring our youth!



Cultural Working Group Meets to Discuss Community Wellness

The Cultural Working Group continues to work together to identify and address community issues and needs. Recently, the group met for lunch at Fletchers in Swansea to discuss topics and meet our newest member, Francine Nicholson, the president of the O'Fallon Metro East Chapter of the NAACP. Welcome aboard Francine, we are thrilled to have you as part of our team! Also in attendance were: Swansea Mayor Mike Leopold, Village Administrator Ben Schloesser, Village Trustee Cary Lewis, High Mount School Superintendent Beth Horner, Wolf Branch School Principal Jennifer Poirot, Life Church Pastor Michael Fowler, business owner Brandon Crisp, Deputy Police Chief Keith Howard, and Police Chief Matt Blomberg. Thank you to all the members for carrying on this important work!

News Briefs

2024 Educational Series IN THE PARK

Provided by ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP
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Live animals at all presentations



June 8 - Endangered Wolf Center Education

12:00 – 1:00 Centennial Park
300 North Belt East, Swansea



August 17 - All About Owls

12:00 – 1:00
Centennial Park
300 North Belt East, Swansea



Sept. 21 - Raptor Awareness

12:00 – 1:00
Loop Creek Park
428 Stone River Road, Belleville

*Bring a chair or
blanket for seating*



Fire Department Lighted Christmas Parade

NEEDS UPDATED: When: TBD

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

Details will be in the November report

Fire Department Annual Open House

New This Year:

Touch-A-Truck

When: Sunday, October 13, 2024

Time: 11-2 p.m.

Location: Fire Station #2 (144 Huntwood Road)

There will be: Fire safety activities, fire demos and refreshments.

Bring your biggest or coolest truck or special vehicle to our open house for parents and children to view.

**** Weather permitting****

If your business or Public Works Department are interested in attending, please let Jack Korves know by calling 618-410-6378 or emailing him jkorves@swanseail.org



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Happy Retirement, Chief Tell

Chief Tell began his path with the Swansea Fire Department as an Explorer and joining the active ranks as a Firefighter in December of 1993. Years later he was promoted to Lieutenant and worked Full time as a Paramedic. In December of 2001, Chris was hired as a Full-time Deputy Chief.

Chris Tell spent many years assisting the public in emergencies, Community activities, and Fire Prevention Programs. Chris was appointed Chief of the Swansea Fire Department in September 2018. Throughout his career, Chief Tell obtained multiple State Fire Certifications including; Advanced Fire Officer, Fire Inspector II, Hazardous Materials Technician, Fire Investigator, and Fire Service Instructor II.

Chief Tell enjoyed leading training not only for the members of the Department, but also to firefighters throughout the state. We hope that Chief Tell enjoys his retirement with his family and friends, and wish him well on his future endeavors.



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Rotary Club– Ponies for Polio

Rotary District 6510 is proud to present



Saturday, October 19, 2024

Belleville/Swansea Moose Lodge 1221
(2425 North Illinois Street, Swansea, IL 62226)

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. | Races Start at 7:15 p.m.

Buffet & Open Bar (6:30 - 8 p.m.) - Silent Auction

TICKETS



TICKETS ARE \$50 PER PERSON (OPEN SEATING)

OR

\$500 TABLE SPONSORSHIP

INCLUDES EIGHT (8) TICKETS & RESERVED TABLE

POLIO BUCKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE DOOR

bit.ly/Rotary6510PoniesForPolio

PROCEEDS BENEFIT POLIOPLUS

DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED 2-TO-1 BY THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

Poliomyelitis, or polio, is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. Rotary and our partners have driven the effort to eradicate polio worldwide by vaccinating children on a massive scale, with focus on advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and awareness-building.

Limited Sponsorships Available

Chief's Corner

Meet Your Swansea Police Department Patrol Unit:



Officer Eric Rohn #20
June 7th, 2000



Officer Paul Wuller #24
January 6th, 2005



Officer Jason Tutterow #25
January 6th, 2005



Sgt. Peter Wszalek #22
September 9th, 2004



Officer Matthew Lindley #35
November 18th, 2013



Officer Daniel Voelker #37
September 22, 2014



Officer Justin Schutzbach #39
January 12th, 2015



**Sgt. Breanna
Kemper-Damm #38**
September 25th, 2014



Officer Darrell Dunn #47
September 14th, 2021



Officer Clayton Proffitt #52
April 17th, 2023



Officer Derek Schackmann #53
November 20th, 2023



Sgt. Erin Huff #44
September 8th, 2020



Officer Andrew Hewitt #31
January 22nd, 2013



Officer Claire Dappen #50
May 2nd, 2022



Officer Acheampong #51
March 20th, 2023



Sgt. Braxton Kociemba #42
February 18th, 2020

Apply For Summer Usage Deduction

Swansea residents who do not use a deduct meter may still apply for a sewer bill credit to offset

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

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@swan seail.org

Between September 1, 2024 and October 15, 2024

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 _____

OFFICIAL USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE

BILLING CONSUMPTION

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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.



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 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.

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 in **November thru 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 Avenue Trailhead Park.

Leaf burning will begin November 6th through December 14th, 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

- President: Mike Leopold**
mayor@swanseail.org
- Village Clerk Tyler Thompson**
tthompson@swanseail.org
- Treasurer John Walter**
jwalter@swanseail.org
- Trustee Matt Lanter**
mlanter@swanseail.org
- Trustee Rocky McDonald**
rmcdonald@swanseail.org
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bthouvenot@swanseail.org
- Trustee Marilyn Neumeyer**
mneumeyer@swanseail.org
- Trustee Jeff Parker**
jparker@swanseail.org
- Trustee Cary Lewis V.**
clewis@swanseail.org

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.



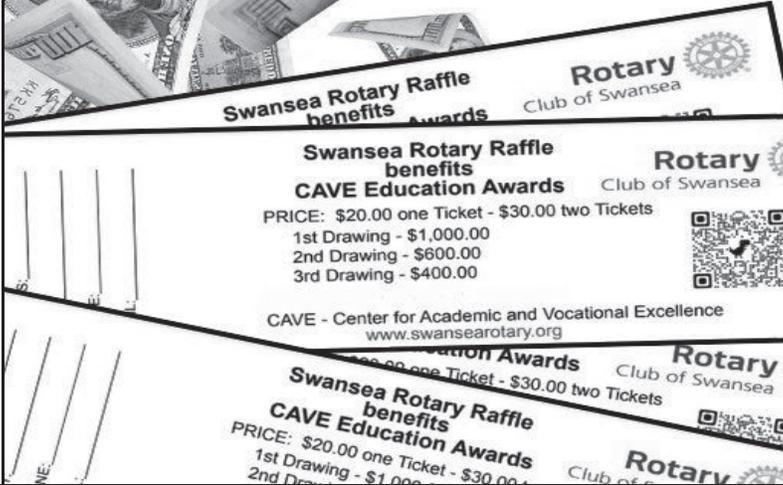
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CAVE Raffle

SWANSEA ROTARY RAFFLE

benefits CAVE Education Awards

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Rotary
Club of Swansea



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www.swansearotary.org
facebook.com/SwanseaRotary

Swansea Rotary Third Annual CAVE Educational Award Raffle

Ticket on sale now through Thursday, November 7

By: Natalie Jablonski

For the third year in a row, the Rotary Club of Swansea are selling raffle tickets to benefit our Belleville District 201 CAVE (Center for Academic and Vocational Excellence) students that will be entering into our trades workforce. Last year proceeds from ticket sales enabled the Club to provide educational awards to four graduating 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. **PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!** The drawing for the three (3) cash prizes will be on Thursday, November 7, 2024 (previous winners of this raffle are listed on our website). For tickets or more information about the raffle please visit www.swansearotary.org - or reach out to Dennis Bertelsman or any Swansea Rotarian to purchase your tickets! Thank you in advance for your support.

Calendars

2nd Government Center Closed – Labor Day

3rd Committee Meeting 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.
Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

12th Farmers Market Rural King Parking Lot open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 Thompson Civic Center

14th Swansea Park Board Meeting 8 a.m. Norman Lehr Swansea Patriots Meeting 9 a.m.

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 Farmers Market Rural King Parking Lot open 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center

27th Food On The Move– Currency Of Caring- 127 N. Belt East



7th Committee Meeting 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.

8th Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6 p.m.

3rd Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

12th Swansea Park Board Meeting 8 a.m. Norman Lehr Swansea Patriots Meeting
9 am. Norman Lehr

10th Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center

21st Committee Meeting 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.

10th Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

17th Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot open 10
a.m. – 2 p.m.

19th Dracula Spectacula– Mel Price Park 4 p.m.– dark

24th Farmers Market- Rural King Parking Lot open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 a.m. Thompson
Civic Center

31st 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

25th Food On The Move– Currency Of Caring- 127 N. Belt East



Village Of Swansea

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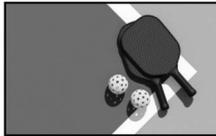


Dilapidated Homes

We want Swansea to look nice. If you see a dilapidated home, please call the Government Office 618-234-0044 or email swanadm@swanseail.org to report the address so we can send code enforcement out. It does take time get the issue resolved, but reporting it is the first step to making Swansea look nice.

PICKLEBALL COURT RULES

- Please limit singles to 1 hour and 1.5 hours for doubles.
- Courts are open during regular park hours:
 - 6:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. from April 1st through October 31st and 7:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. from November 1st through March 31st.
 - Children under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult.
 - Do not abuse nets or equipment. Misuse is fineable.



NOT ALLOWED ON COURT

- Smoking/Vaping
- Intoxicating Beverages
- Glass Bottles
- Pets
- Bicycles, Skateboards, Scooters, Rollerblades
- Hard or Black sole shoes

Report issues to: swanadm@swanseail.org or 618-234-0044
Swansea Police Non-Emergency 618-233-8114

Farmer's Market Open Until October 26th

The Swansea Farmer's Market will conclude its 15th season on Oct. 26th. Resident's still have 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



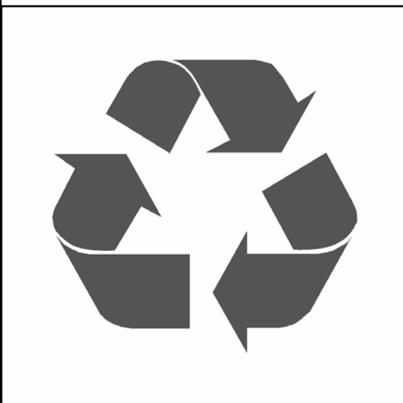
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