



Dilapidated Homes

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

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.



PICKLEBALL COURT RULES

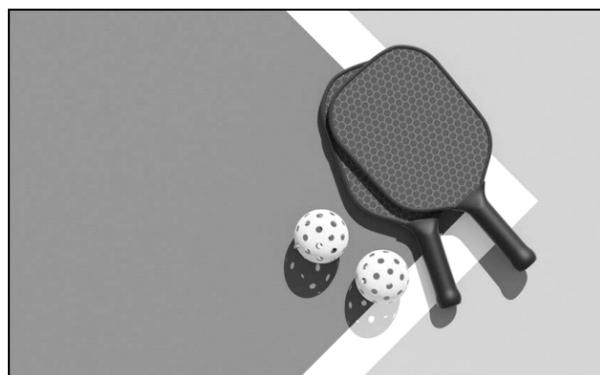
- Please limit singles to 1 hour and 1.5 hours for doubles.
- Courts are open during regular park hours:
 - 6:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. from April 1st through October 31st and 7:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. from November 1st through March 31st.
- Children under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult.
- 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: swanadmn@swanseail.org or 618-234-0044

Swansea Police Non-Emergency 618-233-8114



Santa House

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Santa comes to town on December 11th, 2024. He'll be greeting everyone at the Santa House next to the Thompson Center at Melvin Price Park.

Dates: December 11th thru December 22nd

Hours: 6PM-8PM on Monday thru Friday and 1PM-5PM on Saturday & Sunday

Location: Thompson Center in Melvin Price Park, 1501 Caseyville Avenue in Swansea, IL

First stop is the Winter Wonderland located in the Thompson Center where you can take your own pictures in various Christmas scenes. Entrance to the Winter Wonderland is free and snacks are on sale.

Photos with Santa are one for \$10 or 3 for \$20. Get the tickets at the entrance to Winter Wonderland.

VOLUNTEERS are welcome and greatly appreciated. Are you ready to get into the holiday spirit? Please send an email to swanadmn@swanseail.org by December 1st to volunteer.

Dates to Remember

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

Veterans' Day - Monday, November 11th, Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th

DECEMBER

In Observance of Christmas Day- Wednesday, December 25th

JANUARY

In Observance of New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1st, In Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 20th.



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Republic Services Schedule For The Following Holidays:

NOVEMBER

Veterans' Day - Friday, November 11th - Regular Pick Up
Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 28th - Collection **WILL** shift one day for Thursday customers - Thursday will shift to Friday and Friday to Saturday

DECEMBER

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25th - Service will be delayed one day

JANUARY

New Year's Day- Wednesday, January 1st - Service will be delayed one day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 20th - Regular Pick Up

Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees can be dropped off at Melvin Price Park and Schranz Park starting December 25th until January 20th, 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 Sat., March 15th and end Wed., May 14th. 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.



Two Swansea Locations! Come Visit Us!



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Chief's Corner

Meet your Swansea PD Investigations Unit:



Sgt. Gary Reuter #40
October 11th, 2016



Det. Jason Frank #26
July 25th, 2005



Det. Alex Wilken #41
February 21st, 2018

Meet your Civilian Police Aides:



Civilian Admin. Supervisor
Ashley Robbins #651
April 30th, 2012



Civilian
Nickolas Thouvenot #676
September 5th, 2018



Civilian
Hannah Bielke #685
September 12th, 2022



Civilian
Danyel Bagby #669
June 21st, 2017



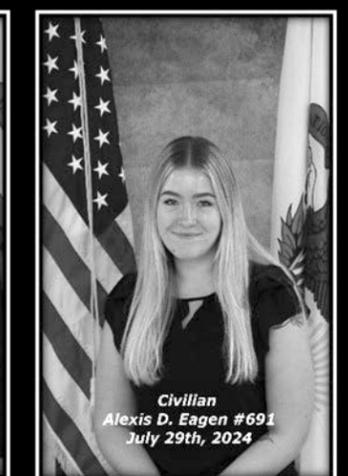
Civilian
Myesha Fisher #686
November 7th, 2022



Civilian
John Lynch #689
October 31st, 2023



Civilian
Machel Zinn #690
April 30th, 2024



Civilian
Alexis D. Eagen #691
July 29th, 2024

2024 Calendars

November

4th Committee Meeting 6 p.m. Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center
 9th Swansea Park Board Meeting 8 a.m. Norman Lehr Center
 Swansea Patriot's Meeting 9 a.m. Norman Lehr Center
 11th Happy Veteran's Day- Government Center Closed

12th Planning and Zoning Board Meeting
 First Day for Candidates to File Petitions

14th Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center

18th Committee Meeting 6 p.m. Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center

21st Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center

28th Happy Thanksgiving- Government Center Closed

29th Government Center Closed- Thanksgiving Holiday

December

2nd Committee Meeting 6 p.m. Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center

3rd First Day Applications Accepted for the Christmas Program (see page 3 for details)

6th Last Day Application Accepted for the Christmas Program
 Lighted Christmas Parade (see page 5 for details)

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

11th First Day for Santa House (see page 1 for more details)

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

14th Swansea Park Board Meeting 8 a.m. Norman Lehr Center
 Swansea Patriot's Meeting 9 a.m. Norman Lehr Center

16th Committee Meeting 6 p.m. Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center
 Last Day for Candidates to File Petitions

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

22nd Last Day for Santa Claus House (see page 1 for more details)



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 60 Swansea families received assistance.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP

If you can 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 13th**.

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 Norman Lehr Center, 1500 Caseyville Ave. between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm on the following dates: Tues. Dec. 3, Wed. Dec. 4, Thurs. Dec. 5 & Fri. Dec 6, 2024.

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.

2025 Consolidated Election

Make your input count. You can register to vote at The St. Clair County Courthouse in Belleville.

Nominating Petitions Available

Nominating petitions will be available at the Government Center during normal business hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. beginning August 20, 2024 for those interested in running in the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election.

Village Mayor with a 4-Year Term

Village Clerk with a 4- Year Term

Village Treasurer with a 4- Year Term

(3) Village Of Swansea Trustee positions each with a 4-Year Term

The filing begins at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 12, 2024 and ends 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024. Nominating papers must be filed at the Swansea Government Office, 1444 Boul Avenue.

2025 Candidates Guide

Candidates can view a copy of the 2025 Candidates Guide at the Government Center and at the St. Clair County Courthouse
Swansea Government Center
1444 Boul Avenue
(618) 234-0044

St. Clair County Building
#10 Public Square
Belleville, IL 62220-1623
(618) 277-6600

Swansea Polling Locations

St Clair 1-5-10 Thompson Civic Center St Clair 1
1501 Caseyville Avenue

Teamsters Local 50 St Clair 3
1609 N. Illinois St Clair 11

St Clair 6-8-20-30 Wolf Branch Middle School St Clair 8
410 Huntwood Rd St Clair 20



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News Briefs



In September, Officer Matt Lindley was recognized by the Illinois Licensed Beverage Association for his actions during an arrest on St. Patrick's Day earlier this year.

Officer Lindley conducted a traffic stop, which resulted in the recovery of numerous firearms, ammunition, and ballistic items. The arrestee in the case was charged with numerous felonies stemming from the arrest. The Swansea Police Department is extremely proud of Officer Lindley's efforts and steadfast commitment to keeping our community safe.

Congratulations on your award Officer Lindley and well-deserved! Officer Lindley is pictured with his wife, Jarrah.

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VILLAGE OF SWANSEA CONTACT INFO

Swansea Government Center
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, 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

Trustee Brian Thouvenot
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.

Proper Cart Placement Is the Key to Automated Service



- Have the cart at the curb by 6 a.m. on your collection day.
- Place the cart at least 5 feet from any object – like a car, tree, pole, fire hydrant, mailbox, electrical box, or cable box – so the automated arm can reach your cart.
- Please maintain this same distance of 5 feet between recycling and waste carts.
- Don't lean anything against the cart.
- Don't place your cart under a tree.
- Place carts 1 foot from the curb or edge of the street.
- Place the cart with the arrows on the lid pointing toward the street and the handle toward your house.
- Remember to close the lid of the cart.
- Please don't allow children to play in or around the carts. Our trucks use mechanical arms to pick up the recycling and waste carts.



Sustainability in Action

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www.swanseail.org

Rotary Round UP- Save the Date

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

Rotary 
 Club of Swansea
ROTARY ROUND UP

ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 5 P.M. | BUFFET DINNER AT 6:30 P.M.
SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

Visit www.swansearotary.org or scan the QR code
 for tickets available soon and more information.



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Corey Stelling
 2310 N Illinois Street
 Swansea, IL 62226
618-416-7820
 robert.stelling@countryfinancial.com



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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.



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 FCB O'Fallon Bank 622-9090
 FCB Belleville Bank 235-9090

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Lighted Christmas Parade

SWANSEA FIRE DEPT

Lighted Christmas Parade

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AT 7:00PM

PARADE WILL BEGIN AT HUNT WOOD ROAD AND TRAVEL UP OLD CASEYVILLE TO BARRON DR. TO HEATHERWOOD, TO GREENHAVEN, TO BIG BEND, TO TWIN LAKE AND END AT FIRE STATION #2

FOLLOWING THE PARADE AT THE FIRE HOUSE THERE WILL BE PICTURES WITH SANTA & REFRESHMENTS

VISIT THE SWANSEA FIRE DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE?
 CONTACT CHRIS PROCASKY AT 618-722-1107
 OR CPRCASKY@SWANSEAIL.ORG FOR MORE INFO

Swansea Fire Department

Help brighten the community by participating in our lighted parade!
 Awards given at end of parade

DEC. 6 2024 7:00 PM

AWARDS GIVEN FOR

- BEST LIGHTED FIRE UNIT
- BEST LIGHTED BUSINESS
- BEST LIGHTED GROUP

Awards given out at Swansea Fire Station after the parade

HUNTWOOD ROAD WILL BE CLOSED @ 6:45PM

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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.

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JULY 2024 FLOODING

St. Clair County received a substantial amount of rain causing flooding on July 16, 2024. As a result of the flooding event, the St. Clair County Board Chairman declared a county disaster for the event. Residents and businesses were encouraged to complete a damage assessment. FEMA representatives were also active within the County assessing damage.

Scan the QR code to view additional information from FEMA.



Scan me!

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.



Remember!

Reminders From the Building and Zoning Department

- **Signs in the Right-of-Way:** This is a friendly reminder that signs are strictly prohibited from being placed in the public right-of-way. Signs placed in the public right-of-way will be removed by the Building and Zoning Department.
- **Special Event Signs:** Please also be aware that temporary, public-interest signs for public events are permitted to be displayed no more than 14 days before an upcoming event. Public interest signs must be removed 3 days after the specified event.
- **Signs for Garage Sales:** Signs are strictly prohibited from being attached to trees, fences, or public utility poles. Signs placed on trees, fences, or public utility poles will be removed.