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Village of Swansea Project Timeline for FY26 Budget

January

Week of January 28th

- Distribute department Budget Worksheets and Memo to Department Managers
- Review revenue and expense projections

February

February 1 - 21

- Budget Worksheet and Capital Expense plans reviewed and submitted for review
- Must be submitted no later than Friday, February 12th
- Overview of projections, salary and benefits, and capital expenditure/large item spend review

February 18

- Management Team meetings to discuss departmental budgets and capital expenditures

February 24

- Schedule Meeting this week with Trustee Lanter to review departmental budgets, budget notes and recommendations

March

March 3

- Brief Finance Committee on the status of the budget

March 4 - 21

- Continue reviewing the budget and updating projections with actual data

March 17

- Brief Finance Committee
- Review the cover ordinance for adoption of the budget and forward from Committee to the Board
- Contact BND to publish Notice of Public Hearing on (must be published no later than March 26th)
- Announce the tentative budget will be available for public inspection on March 26th after 8:30 a.m.
- Set the Public Hearing for the budget as Monday, April 7th at 5:45 p.m.

April

April 1

- Tentative budget to Clerk for board packet

April 7

- Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m.
- Discuss any proposed changes or modifications to tentative budget with the Board
- Review the proposed FY26 budget, first reading

April 21

- Review the budget, pass the ordinance and adopt FY26 Budget

April 28

- Last date possible for Budget approval by state law. Copies of the Annual Budget are on file in Village Hall and posted on the Village website. FY26 approved budget distributed to all departments

May

May 21

- Last day to file Certified Copy of Budget with the County Clerk (within 30 days of adoption)

Important Information

Office Closed

The Swansea Government Center and all non-emergency services of the Village will be closed on Friday, April 18th for Good Friday.



Republic Services

Easter is not observed by Republic Services so collection dates for refuse and recycling will **not** be affected.



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Memorial Day Ceremony

Mark your calendar! Join us Monday, May 26, 2025, at 10 AM in Mel Price Park to honor our veterans. The ceremony will feature a guest speaker, with refreshments served afterward.

Swansea veteran residents, submit your service details to Stefanie Proffitt at sproffitt@swanseail.org to be included in the ceremony booklet.



Sewer Billing Reminder

The sewer bills are due on or around the 20th of the odd months. You are welcome to call the office for your amount. You can drop payment in our secure drop box located by the flag pole without getting out of your vehicle. Available 24/7. There are different options to pay your bill as well, please ask for details.

Leaf Burning Resumes March 16th

Leaf Burning will resume **March 16th through May 15th on Wednesdays and Saturdays only from 9 AM to 6 PM.**

Burning is not allowed on Village streets or within the Village right-of-way. Fires must be attended and kept under control at all times.

Should the weather be excessively windy, conditions be wet, or air forecasted to be unhealthy for sensitive groups (101 – 150) or higher as determined by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency dates above, burning on said dates shall not be permitted. In the event of such conditions, the Village will post its determination on the Village's website, and send a Hyper-Reach alert to residents registered for such alerts.

However, it shall be incumbent on anyone intending to burn yard waste, to first reference the Village website for any such notice.

While the Village makes this temporary allowance, all residents should consider the impact burning yard waste might have on their neighbors. Those with asthma or other respiratory issues can be significantly affected by smoke.

It's Time To Plan Your Events

Paperwork and payment are required to rent a building or pavilion at the Mel Price Park, Schranz Park and Clinton Hill Conservation Park. Please call our office 618-234-0044 Monday-Friday 8-4 p.m. to check availability and check the website for more pictures and prices.

- 3 pavilions at the Schranz Park
- 3 pavilions at the Mel Park Price
- Clinton Hills Pavilion

Chad Wood Memorial Scholarship - 2025 Applications Now Available

The Rotary Club of Swansea annually sponsors scholarships in the memory of Chad Wood, who was a student at Belleville East when he died in a May 9, 2005 automobile accident.

In 2025, the club will award three \$2,500 scholarships, with the competition open to all graduating high school students who **currently** reside in the Village of Swansea at the time of the March 21, 2025 application deadline, and/or who have resided in the Village of Swansea for at least three of the past five years immediately prior to the March 21, 2025 application deadline.

Students who expect to graduate from Althoff Catholic High School; Belleville East; Belleville West; Governor French Academy; private or parochial schools in Madison County or St. Clair County, IL; St. Louis City or St. Louis County (MO), and who satisfy the residency requirements as above stated, are eligible, subject to the following qualifications:

- The applicant must be a person of good moral character who has demonstrated a commitment to the concept of community service and volunteerism.
- Each applicant must submit an essay of 350-500 words on a subject related to Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."
- The applicant must have attained a GPA of at least 3.0+ at the time of application (if school is on a 4.0 basis) or 4.0+ (if on a 5.0 basis).
- The applicant must submit at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, clergy member or other unrelated adult who knows the applicant's interests, work habits and capabilities.
- The application, essay and letter of recommendation must be submitted by mail not later than March 21, 2025. The envelope must bear a post-mark date of March 21, 2025 or earlier.

Application must be complete at the time of receipt. Failure to follow instructions and/or an incomplete application will not be considered.

Please visit the Swansea Rotary website at www.swansearotary.org to download a copy of the application form and to review complete rules and regulations. The completed application form, essay and recommendation letter(s) must be mailed to: Lisa Wahlig, 1007 South St., New Athens IL 62264.

Selection of recipients will take place in the first few weeks of April and recipients will be notified by the Rotary Club. The selected scholarship recipients and their parents will be invited to attend the Swansea Rotary Club's 7:30 a.m. meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025 and will be presented with their certificates and scholarship checks at that time.

22nd Annual Rotary 5K Run/Walk

22nd Annual
"Service Above Self"
 Rotary Club of Swansea



5K Run Walk



Proceeds will benefit:
 The Chad Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund supporting college scholarships for qualifying graduates of area high schools.

Rotary
 Club of Swansea



SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025 START TIME: 8:00 A.M.

Beginning and ending at Wolf Branch Elementary School (125 Huntwood Road, Swansea, IL)
 RAIN OR SHINE - NO REFUNDS

Entry Fees: \$25 if postmarked by May 22nd; \$30 on the day of the race.

T-shirt, number pick-up and late registrations on race day between 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

Shirts guaranteed for participants if registered by May 22nd

Divisions: Age groups for male and female - kids 15 and under, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over

Awards: Overall top Male & Female winner will receive trophies. The top 3 finishers in each age division will receive medals. Medals to all kids 15 and under.

For additional information contact Steve Pulley: (618) 530-3143 or Jim Riess: (618) 920-9698

Rotary Club of Swansea 5K Run/Walk Registration Form

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: Mo _____ Day _____ Year _____

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL Email Address: _____

Waiver & Release

I hereby release and discharge Rotary Club of Swansea, Illinois, Rotary International, Village of Swansea, Illinois, and County of St. Clair, Illinois, and any of their respective members, agents or employees, from any and all liability for injury or damages sustained by me, my minor child and/or ward in connection with or arising out of our participation in the 5K Run/Walk sponsored by the Rotary Club of Swansea, Illinois. I assume all risks associated with our participation in the event, including the risk of injury caused by the condition of public or private property, streets or walkways. I represent and affirm that we are in good physical condition and able to safely compete in this event. I further grant Rotary Club of Swansea, Illinois, Rotary International, Village of Swansea, Illinois, and County of St. Clair, Illinois the right to photograph, videotape, and/or interview me, my minor child and/or ward and further to display, use and/or otherwise exploit my, my child's and/or ward's name, face, likeness, voice, and appearance forever and throughout the world, in all media, whether now known or hereafter devised (including, without limitation, in online web casts, social media, television, motion pictures, films, newspapers and magazines) and in all forms including, without limitation, digitized images, whether for advertising, publicity, or promotional purposes, without compensation, reservation or limitation.

By checking this box you have acknowledged that you are under 18 years of age and have parental consent to enter this race.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____ Parent or Guardian (if under 18) _____

Online registration coming soon
 on our website at
www.swansearotary.org

Sign entry form and waiver - make checks payable to
 Rotary Club of Swansea and mail to:
 Cory Dehler, c/o Swansea Rotary
 P.O. Box 23746, Belleville, IL 62223



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Reminders

Sign Up For The Sports Fields

Starting in March, the Village of Swansea will start accepting applications for the 2025 sports field. The application can be found at www.swanseail.org under the Document - Form Center. The sign-up for teams comes on a first come, first serve basis.

St. Clair Township Events

St. Clair Township located at 107 Service Street, (618-233-3437) has FREE shred events scheduled for May 17 from 9-11 and Nov 15 from 9-11. The shredding is done by a company on sight providing secure document destruction. So residents can watch it being shredded if that is important to them.

St. Clair Township has partnered with the Swansea American Legion to collect US Flags for retirement. Also, Without Limits Cheer (Special Olympics) will be collecting used clothing and textiles. Both events will be on the 3rd Saturday of each month (except for January).

Village's Sewer Rate Increase

Upcoming changes for the Village's sewer rates. These changes are an effort to run an efficient and cost-effective Waste Water Treatment Plant. With many significant capital projects upcoming, Officials understand that more resources will be required to maintain the plant and the system for the next ten years. After completing a six-month Rate Study in 2022, the Village has passed an ordinance increasing sewer rates for 3 years.

Below is the increase effective 3-1-2025

Effective Date	Basic User Charge	Basic Service Charge
3-1-2025	\$2.90	\$29.01

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3rd Saturday
Every Month
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9am - 11am

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VILLAGE OF SWANSEA CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

carylewis@swanseail.org

If emailing multiple officials
it may be best to also include
swanadmn@swanseail.org
among those email addresses

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Calendars and Friendly Reminders

March 2025

Monday – 3rd Committee Meetings 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. at the Government Center

Saturday – 8th Park Board Meeting 7 a.m. Norman Lehr Center and Patriots Meeting 8 a.m. Norman Lehr Center

Tuesday – 11th Planning & Zoning Board Meeting 6 p.m. at the Government Center

Thursday – 13th Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. at the Thompson Civic Center

Saturday – 15th Leaf Burning Resumes (through May 15th see page 2 for details)

Monday – 17th Committee Meetings 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. at the Government Center

Thursday – 20th Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. at the Thompson Civic Center

Thursday – 27th Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. at the Thompson Civic Center

April 2025

Saturday – 5th Park Board Meeting 7 a.m. and Patriots Meeting 8 a.m. at the Norman Lehr Center

Monday – 7th Committee Meetings 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. at the Government Center

Tuesday – 8th Planning & Zoning Board Meeting 6 p.m. at the Government Center

Thursday – 10th Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 a.m. at the Thompson Civic Center

Thursday – 17th Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 a.m. at the Thompson Civic Center

Friday – 18th – Government Office Closed – Good Friday

Monday – 21st Committee Meetings 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. at the Government Center

Thursday – 24th Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 a.m. at the Thompson Center

****Upcoming Event – May 26th Memorial Day Celebration – (see page 2 for more details)****

Friendly Reminders

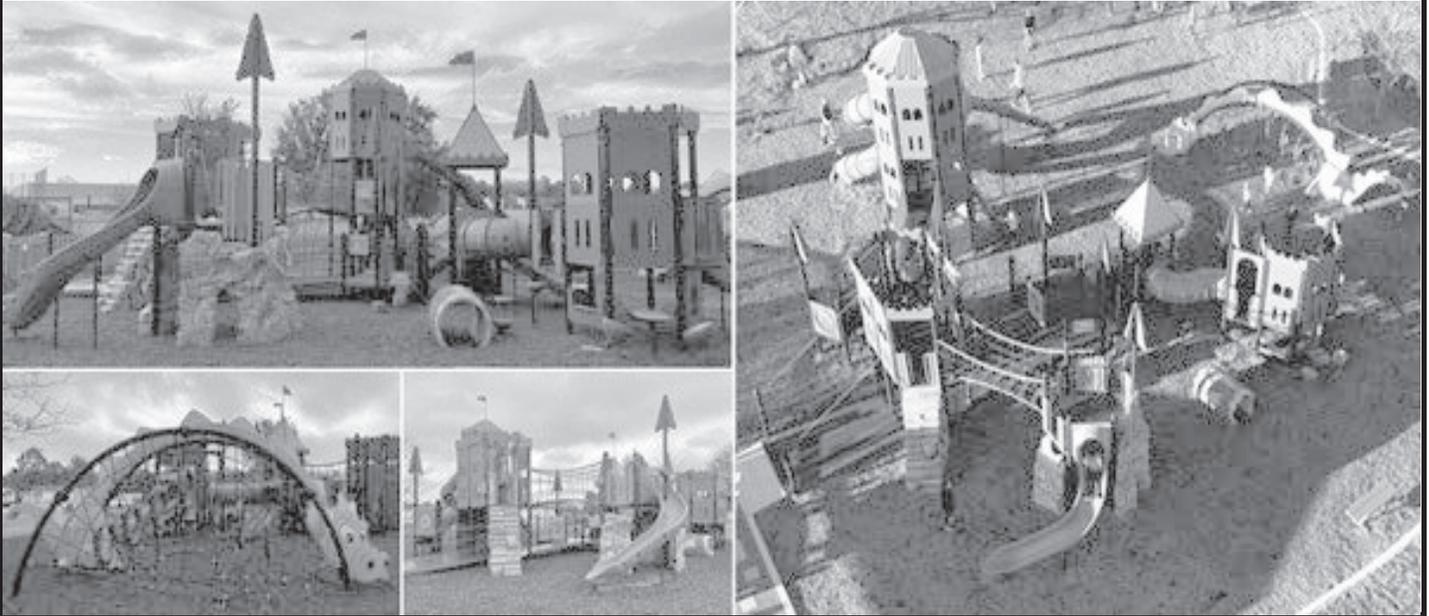
- ⇒ Inspections (call our office for cost) and Reinspections cost is \$50. Must be paid 48 hours in advance. You can drop payment off in the drop box located outside by the flag pole or come in the office. No over the phone payments or online payments. Please call our office at 618-234-0044 to schedule
- ⇒ Occupancy Permits: New residents must obtain an occupancy permit before occupying the home. We need a copy of lease/ contract and photo ID and cost is \$30
- ⇒ Copy Of Permit: Need photo ID and cost is \$10
- ⇒ Modified Occupancy Permit: If renting, must provide copy of updated lease and copy of your photo ID or just your ID if you own the home and cost is \$20
- ⇒ Temporary Utility Permit: Owner may obtain a TUP for 30 days to do work **before** living there. We just need proof of ownership and photo ID. There is no cost. Please remember some of the work may require a permit, so please check with the staff before starting any work

Schranz Park- Playground of the Month!

Playground of the Month

Schranz Memorial Park - Swansea, IL

The new castle-themed playground at Schranz Park in Swansea, IL, beautifully honors the sentimental value of the original play area while creating a space for future generations to enjoy. With its drawbridge-themed ramped entrance, towering turret panels, and exciting Evos Dragon Net Climber, the playground transforms into a medieval fortress that sparks creativity and inspires pretend play. Thank you to Focal Pointe for providing the installation and sharing photos of the completed playground.



It's never too early

No matter what stage of life you're in, it's never too early to start planning for retirement. Let us help you balance your need to protect what you have with your desire to build for the future.



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



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Republic Yard Waste Services Will Begin In April.

Yard Waste starts back up April 1 – Dec 31. Please call Republic Services for more information.



FCB Banks - Swansea - 618-239-9000
FCB Banks - O'Fallon - 618-622-9090
FCB Banks - Belleville - 618-235-9090



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St. Clair Township Yard Waste

Yard waste drop off starts back up March 1- May 31.



It's free! Simply bag your yard waste and bring to 107 Service Street to drop off behind the building. Please empty all bags and containers and take your bag(s) with you.



Fire Department



Fire Department

Year End Review

2024

The Swansea Fire Department has had another busy year. Your Swansea Firefighters continue to care for our residents and visitors with Dedication & Service.

The Fire Department roster consist of 24 personnel

8 Search & Recovery Divers

9 Emergency Medical Responders

State Fire Marshal Certifications completed in 2024 include:

Basic Operations Firefighter	1
Vehicle & Machinery Ops	2
Instructor I	1
Fire Inspector I	4
Fire Inspector II	4

2024 Request for Service

Fire	55
Over Pressure	1
Rescue/EMS	148
Hazardous Condition	71
Service Call	119
Good Intent Calls	111
False Alarm Calls	143
Weather Related	4
Special Calls	2
Other	41

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our community partners, our neighboring Fire Departments, Emergency Medical Services, and Law Enforcement Agencies; and Gratitude to our Elected Officials for their support.

We would also like to congratulate Chris Tell on his retirement from Full-Time Service. Thank you for your service to the Village. (see page 10 for more on the awards from the FD)

(Continued- FD Awards)

We would like to recognize the following individuals for their achievements in 2024.

Rich Schobert, 60 years of service to the Civic Association



Chris Tell, Retirement from Full-time Duty



Ben Sullins, Most Trainings Attended



Jack Korves, Most Calls Answered



Firefighter of the Year, Eric Jacobsen



Officer of the Year, David Schaefer

No Picture Available

Cadet Rookie of the Year, Carver Kellerman



Cadet of the Year, Hunter Arnold



20 years of Service to the Department...

Bryan Whitaker
Jason Whitaker
Neil Scott
Jason Hark

Chief's Corner

Officer Matt Lindley Selected as 2024 Officer of the Year

Recently, Officer Matt Lindley was selected by a committee of his peers as the Swansea Police Department Officer of the Year for 2024. He received his award at the Village Board meeting on February 3rd. This is his 4th time earning the award in the past 5 years. Officer Lindley continues to astound with his unrelenting pursuit of drug and firearm offenses as well as fugitive apprehensions to the tune of 115 such self-initiated arrests last year alone. Officer Lindley also recently received a Certificate of Merit Award at the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission/ Southern Illinois Police Chiefs Association Banquet in January for his efforts. He has served our community since 2013. Excellent work and well-deserved Officer Lindley!



Officers Recognized for Proactive Policing Efforts

Officers Derek Schackmann, Andrew Hewitt, and Matt Lindley received ACE Awards at the February 3, 2025 Village Board meeting for their proactive criminal enforcement efforts in 2024. The ACE Award program provides the department with an opportunity to acknowledge self-initiated policing efforts by our officers. To earn the award, the officers exhibited keen instincts and dedication to the public's safety.

Congratulations and thank you officers for your dedication to keeping our community safe!



Pictured L to R: Officer Schackmann, Officer Hewitt,
& Officer Lindley

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1st Annual Golf Tournament

4-Person Scramble

Poker Run and 50/50

Cash Prizes for A, B, & C Flights



Friday May 2nd, 2025



Registration – 9:00 AM

Shotgun Start – 10:00 AM



Tamarack Golf Club

800 Tamarack Ln

Shiloh, IL 62269

Includes:

- Green Fees / Carts / Range Balls
- Lunch and Supper
- Ice Cold Beverages
- Player Gift / Attendance Prizes
- Skins included
- Hole Games (Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Longest Putt)

TEAM REGISTRATION (Due April 1st, 2025)

\$100 per player (\$400 per team *including teams with less than 4 players*)

Optional \$20 Mulligans (per team) \$20 Poker Run (per team)

Team Name _____ Phone: _____

Player 1 *Captain* _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

SPONSORSHIP (*Chief and Lt. team(s) included*)

- Chief - \$2,000 Lieutenant - \$1,000
- Sergeant - \$500 Officer - \$250 Hole - \$100

Other Contribution: _____

(We welcome any items with name/business information to provide to participants.)

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Additional Questions:

Ofc. Dan Voelker

fop@swanseail.org

618-789-5829

Please return completed form with checks payable to:

Swansea FOP Lodge #500

Attn: Ofc. Dan Voelker

1400 North Illinois Street Swansea, IL 62226

Registration forms must be submitted and team cost paid to reserve your spot! (FCFS) Forms may also be submitted via email.

Cash and Check preferred Venmo, PayPal, and Square also accepted (with additional fees).

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For pick up after appointment

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