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



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

Dates to Remember

Govt. Center Closed Monday, May 26th

Refuse Collection Also Delayed

The Swansea Government Center, all non-emergency services of the Village and Republic Services will be closed on Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day. **The collection of refuse, recyclables, and yard waste will shift one day for all routes.**

Farmers Market

The Market is back open for the season. It will run **May through October, rain or shine, every Thursday from 10-2.** Every week, fresh local produce, baked goods, and unique handmade crafts will be available for sale. It's located in the Rural King Parking Lot, 2801 N. Illinois St. If you would like to be a vendor stop by for more info.



Splash Pad

The Splash Pad in Schranz Park is a popular attraction and opens for the Summer starting Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Open daily from 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. You can rent the Splash Pad Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Please call 618-234-0044 for more information.



Memorial Day Celebration and Booklet

The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Monday, May 26th, 2025 at 10:00am at Mel Price Park, 1500 Caseyville Ave. The Village of Swansea Park Board will be honoring all veterans who have served our nation. The ceremony will feature a guest speaker, Chief Master Sergeant Aphrodite Kafka (USAF Ret.), with refreshments served afterward. Any Swansea resident who has served can submit their information to sproffitt@swanseail.org for the booklet which will be printed for all. Deadline to submit names is May 13th. Please join us to celebrate our veterans!



Leaf Burning Ends Soon!

Leaf burning ends May 14th. Until then you can burn 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, wet conditions, or air forecasted to be unhealthy for sensitive groups (101 – 150) or higher as determined by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 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 Code Red 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.

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SAVE THE DATE

2025 Swansea Police and Fire Youth Academy



When: June 9 - 11, 2025

Time: 8am-4pm each day

Where: Fire Department

Engine House #2

Eligibility: Children ages 10-13, Swansea residents and first time attendees take precedence

What: We will be learning about Police, Fire, and EMS in fun, creative ways



Soulcial Kitchen Upgrade Coming 2025

The Soucial Kitchen Containerized Seating and Entrepreneurial Operations initiative is a first-of-its-kind Metro East placemaking project that utilizes repurposed shipping containers to create a covered, elevated, and accessible community space for live music, cultural events, and small business incubation at Soucial Park. This bold and creative transformation redefines how public spaces can be used to foster community engagement, economic empowerment, and inclusivity while promoting sustainable and adaptive urban design. By integrating repurposed shipping containers into the Soucial Park landscape, we are breaking the mold of traditional event venues and setting a new standard for inclusive public space design. This innovative approach creates tiered, elevated seating and shaded areas that maximize audience visibility and comfort during live performances, outdoor dining experiences, and family-friendly gatherings



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Fire Department- "Be Alarmed!" Program



The Swansea Fire Department is proud to be a partner in the "Be Alarmed!" Program.

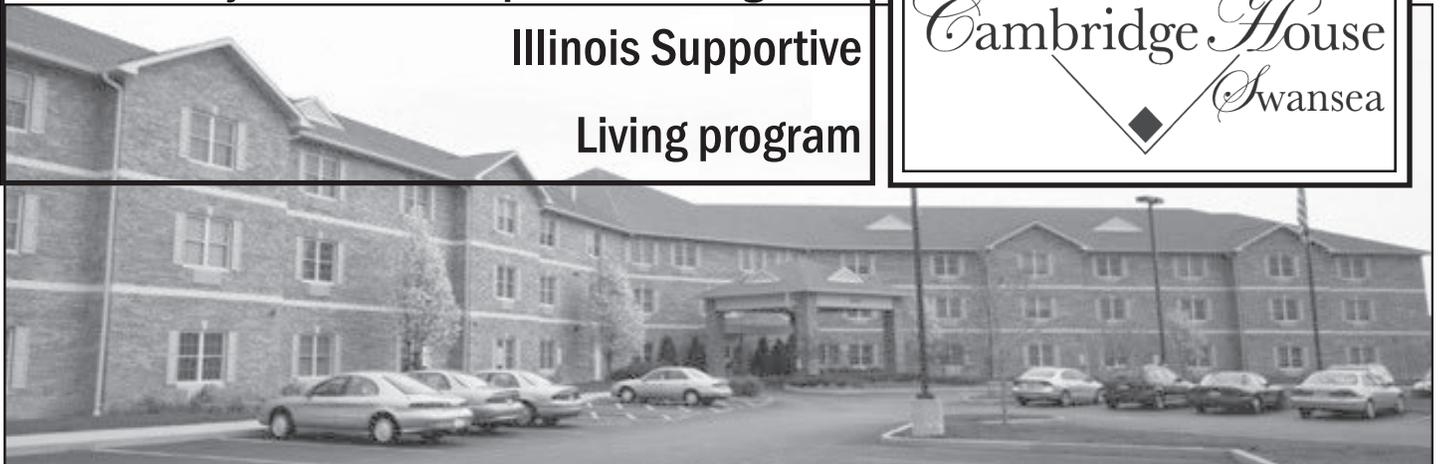


"Be Alarmed!" is a fire safety education and smoke alarm installation program administered cooperatively between Camp I Am Me (CIAM) and the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The program distributes fire safety education materials and smoke alarms to fire departments in the state of Illinois. The fire departments then deliver the education while installing smoke alarms in at-risk homes within their communities. Both the educational materials and smoke alarms are provided at no cost as a result of funding from both the CIAM and OSFM.

The program was developed to educate Illinois residents on the dangers of fire in the home and how to prevent fires from occurring in the home, as well as to ensure there are working smoke alarms properly installed in homes. By providing 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms, it ensures that the power source cannot be removed from the unit and, if properly maintained, will last the life of the device. Providing bedshaker smoke alarms will ensure those that are deaf or hard-of-hearing will be notified of a home fire when sleeping in their beds. See link for more info on the bedshaker [Smoke and Bed Shaker Alarm Demonstration](#)

For additional information, please contact the Fire Department at...
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Donation to the Village of Swansea by Swansea Rotary



Proud to facilitate the funding of four
Clinton Hills Conservation Park Benches
for the Village of Swansea

Join us on Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. to learn more
or visit swansearotary.org

Photo right-left: Swansea Rotary Club President Tricia Tialdo, Swansea Mayor Mike Leopold, Village Trustee & Swansea Rotarian Jeff Parker, and Village Administrator & Swansea Rotarian Ben Schloesser

Swansea Rotary recently presented a check to the Village of Swansea to purchase four Clinton Hills Conservation Park Benches to be enjoyed by the community.

The funding was made possible thanks to a grant from Rotary District 6510 of \$2K, a matching donation from Swansea Rotary of \$2K and an additional contribution of \$4K by the Swansea Rotary to add additional benches.



News Briefs

Congratulations To The Newly Elected Board Officials

Village of Swansea Mayor: Jeff Parker

Village of Swansea Trustee: Natalie Jablonski

Village of Swansea Clerk: Gloria Collier

Congratulations To The Re-Elected Board Officials

Village of Swansea Trustee: Matthew Lanter

Village of Swansea Trustee: Cary Lewis V.

Treasurer: John Walter

A Big Thank You To Those For Serving

Village of Swansea Mayor: Mike Leopold

Village of Swansea Trustee: Rocky McDonald

Village of Swansea Clerk: Tyler Thompson



We are hearing from our utility customers that their Village utility bill arrived late, after the due date or not at all. We can't control the delivery of your bill by the post office once we leave it at the post office.

You have several options to receive and pay your bills: you can call us after the 5th of the month (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept and Nov) and we can give you your total, sign up to have the bill emailed via Payment Service Network (PSN) – you do not have to sign up to have the bill paid just emailed, you can pay by phone at PSN – 1-877-885-7968, online via our website – www.swanseail.org, via ACH with the Sewer Dept, by mail, in person at the Government Center during business hours or you can place your payment in the 24 hour drop box outside in front of our flag pole.



Eagle Scout Project

By Makenna Reynolds, Freshman at Belleville Township High School East

I am Makenna Reynolds, a freshman at Belleville Township High School East, and a resident of Swansea, Illinois. I attended Wolf Branch Elementary and Junior High School. At East I've maintained straight A's while participating in honors courses, competitive volleyball, and Scouts.

Currently, I am working on my Eagle Scout project, a significant milestone in my scouting journey. The Eagle Scout Service Project is designed to allow Scouts to demonstrate their leadership, planning, and organizational skills while contributing to the betterment of their community. For my project, I plan to install two bike repair stations equipped with tools like pumps, tire patch kits, and other essentials for bike maintenance. In addition, each station will feature a bench for bikers to rest or take a break during their outdoor activities.

I chose this project to make a positive, lasting impact on the Swansea community, particularly for outdoor enthusiasts. I have already received approval from the Swansea City Council and the Eagle Scout board. I am now in the process of securing a location for the bike repair stations. To bring this vision to life, I am fundraising to cover the cost of materials and tools necessary to complete the project.

So far, I have raised about one-third of the required funds, but I'm still working toward my goal. Any support from the community would be greatly appreciated as I continue my journey toward achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

I would also like to highlight that only 2.9% of Eagle Scouts are women, regardless of race. As a proud member of the Swansea community, I am honored to contribute to the diversity of the Eagle Scout program.

Thank you for your support and consideration.



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Chief's Corner

SPD Welcomes Two New Officers

On April 21, 2025 at the Village Board meeting, Mayor Leopold swore in two new probationary police officers. Officers George Atanasov and Jackson Belt will be attending Session 156 of the Southwestern Illinois Police Academy in May. The officers are filling vacant positions resulting from recent transfer of an officer to the Illinois State Police and another to Florida Gulf Coast University Police Department.



Pictured: Ofc. Atanasov, Ofc. Belt & Chief Blomberg

Solicitor Permits Required in Village

Persons or organizations wishing to solicit in the Village of Swansea are required to obtain a permit issued by the Police Department in accordance with Chapter 111 of Title XI of the Village Code of Ordinances. Failure to comply may result in an ordinance violation and summons to appear in court. The following businesses have active permits through December 31, 2025:

Green Grids Solar
iRestore StL
North Inc

Every solicitor must have and visibly wear the bright orange lanyard on their person issued by the Village with a Village-issued solicitor's ID card displayed to be in compliance with solicitation regulations. Should you see or encounter a solicitor in violation, please contact the police department at 618-233-8114.



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: Jeff Parker
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Trustee Natalie Jablonski
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Trustee Brian Thouvenot
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Trustee Brian McGuire
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Trustee Cary Lewis V
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The Swansea Report is also posted on the website at:

www.swanseail.org

Swansea Rotary Celebrates A Successful Annual Dinner Auction



Proceeds of more than \$33,000 will support community programs throughout the community

By: Natalie Jablonski

The Rotary Club of Swansea would like to thank everyone who supported their recent “Rotary Round Up” Annual Dinner Auction. Proceeds of more than \$33,000 will be used throughout the year to support nonprofit organizations and community programs that align with the basic principles of Rotary. The event was held on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at the Belleville/Swansea Moose Lodge 1221.

More than 200 people attended the event, which featured a country-western theme and included appetizers, buffet dinner and drinks. The Without Limits - Team Galaxy Special Olympics Cheer Team kicked off the festivities with a special performance and a paddle raise to support their efforts resulted in more than \$12,000. In addition, guests enjoyed a robust silent auction, as well as a reverse raffle, won by Laurie May of Aguilar Landscaping. The highlight of the fundraising activities was a live auction, led by Swansea Mayor Michael Leopold.

“We enjoyed a sold-out event and celebrated while raising money for the community we serve,” said Swansea Rotary Club President Tricia Tialdo. “I would like to thank everyone who volunteered, sponsored, participated and enjoyed the event. It was a proud night to be a Rotarian!”

Photos from the evening are featured on the Rotary Club’s [website photo gallery](#). Members of Swansea Rotary meet weekly at the Thompson Center in Mel Price Park on Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. and guests are always welcome to attend. For additional information please visit the Swansea Rotary Club website at www.swansearotary.org or email info@swansearotary.org.

About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world’s most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.4 million members of more than 46,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit Rotary.org. To find a club near you visit <https://my.rotary.org/en/club-search>.



May and June 2025 Calendars

May

5th Committee Meeting 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center
6th Swansea Patriots Meeting 7 p.m. Thompson Civic Center
8th Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center
10th Swansea Park Board Meeting 8 a.m. Thompson Civic Center
13th Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6 p.m. Government Center
14th Last day for Spring Burn Season
15th Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center
19th Committee Meeting 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center
20th Swansea Patriots Meeting 7 p.m. Thompson Civic Center **and**
Sewer bills are due
22nd Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center
26th Memorial Day- Government Center Closed
29th Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center
31st Last day for St. Clair Township Yard Waste. Questions call: 618-233-3437
Special Events: Memorial Day Ceremony- **May 26th at 10 a.m.** Mel Price Park
(see page 2 for more details) AND **May 31st at 8 a.m.** Rotary 5K Run at Wolf Branch
Elementary School (see front page for more details)

June

3rd Swansea Patriots Meeting 7 p.m. Thompson Civic Center
2nd Committee Meeting 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government Center
10th Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6 p.m. Government Center
12th Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 Thompson Civic Center
14th Swansea Park Board Meeting 8 a.m. Thompson Civic Center
16th Committee Meetings 6 p.m. and Village Board Meeting 7 p.m. Government
Center
17th Swansea Patriots Meeting 7 p.m. Thompson Civic Center
19th Government Center Closed For Juneteenth and Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m.
Thompson Civic Center
26th Swansea Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center

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- Reg rate \$56.16/quarter (monthly is \$18.72)
- Senior rate (62 & proof may be required \$50.55/quarter (monthly \$16.85)
- Optional Yard waste \$43.84/quarter (monthly \$14.62)



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**Swansea Fire Department
Every Wednesday**

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Using Our Regular Weekly Program
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**Swansea Fire
Department!**

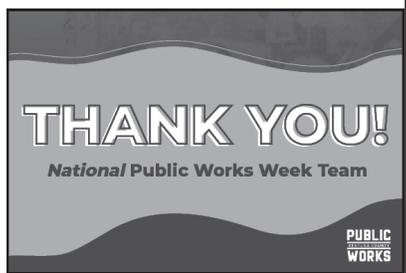


May 18-24, 2025 National Public Works Week

The Village of Swansea would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to the Public Works Department for all they do for the Village.

This type of position requires physical work to help maintain the roads, streets, parks, buildings, etc. These men work hard each day to make the village look great!

If you happen to see any of the guys out this week let them know how much they are appreciated



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FREE- PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

St. Clair Township located at 107 Service Street, (618-233-3437) has FREE shred event scheduled for May 17 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.