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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.

Please take advantage of the **FREE Shred event** held November 15th from 9-11 A.M. at 107 Service Street.



It is held with our monthly metal and Electronics recycle drive.

Please note the recycling drive is not held during December and January.



### 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 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on the parking lot of Rural King, 2801 N. Illinois Street.

Contact  
Connie at  
618-520-5107



### 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 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> and 7:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. from November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Children under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult.
- Do not abuse nets or equipment. Misuse may incur fines.

#### NOT ALLOWED ON COURT

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



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



# THE SWANSEA REPORT

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## FD Open House- Save The Date

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

The Swansea Fire Department  
Will be holding their Annual

## Open House

Engine House 2

144 Huntwood Road

October 12, 2025 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Visit your Firefighters and take a tour of the Station.



We look forward to meeting you!

## Important Dates

### Government Center Closed September 1st Refuse Collection Also Delayed



The Swansea Government Center and all non-emergency services of the Village will be closed on Monday, September 1st, 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, 27th and 28th Refuse Collection Also Delayed Only on the 28th

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



Thanksgiving Day– November 27th trash, recycling and yard waste will only be delayed by one day; Thursday will be picked up on Friday and Friday will be Saturday.

### 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!



Volunteers are needed for the Park Board. The meetings are the 2nd Saturday of the month from 8-9 A.M. at the Thompson Civic Center located at 1501 Caseyville Ave. If you would like to join this great group, please reach out to us.

Ready to join in?  
Email [VIPSwansea@gmail.com](mailto:VIPSwansea@gmail.com).  
or email Mayor Parker at [mayor@swanseail.org](mailto:mayor@swanseail.org)

We'll provide you an on-line signup link in mid-October.

### Join Us for the Dracula Spectacula!

The Village will welcome families to Dracula Spectacula, a kid-friendly Halloween celebration at Mel Price Park (1500 Caseyville Avenue, Swansea, IL) on Saturday, October 18, from 5:00–8:00 P.M. The evening will feature carnival-style games, bounce house, SVFD Fire Truck, and costume contest with prizes in three age groups. Costumes are encouraged.

This event aims to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for Swansea families to celebrate Halloween together. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success!

Event at a Glance

- What: Dracula Spectacula — family Halloween event
- When: Saturday, October 18, 2025, 5:00–8:00 P.M.
- Where: Mel Price Park, 1500 Caseyville Avenue, Swansea, IL
- Highlights: Games, Bounce House, Costume Contest (three age groups), prizes and treats
- Who: Open to Swansea area families; costumes encouraged
- Parking: Onsite park parking
- Accessibility: All ages and family-friendly

## Calendars



- 1<sup>st</sup> Government Center Closed – Labor Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6 P.M.

- 11<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market Rural King Parking Lot open 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. **Every Thursday** until last Thursday in October  
Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 P.M. Thompson Civic Center
- 13<sup>th</sup> Swansea Park Board Meeting 8 A.M. Thompson Center
- 15<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting 6 P.M. and Village Board Meeting 7 P.M.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Patriots Meeting 7 P.M. Thompson Civic Center
- 18<sup>th</sup> Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 A.M. Thompson Civic Center
- 25<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market Rural King Parking Lot open 10 A.M. — 2 P.M.  
Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 a.m. Thompson Civic Center

- 6<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting 6 P.M. and Village Board Meeting 7 P.M.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 A.M. Thompson Civic Center
- 14<sup>th</sup> Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6 P.M.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Swansea Park Board Meeting 8 A.M. Thompson Center
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dracula Spectacula– Mel Price Park 5 P.M.– 8 P.M.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting 6 P.M. and Village Board Meeting 7 P.M.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Patriots Meeting 7 P.M. Thompson Civic Center
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 A.M. Thompson Civic Center



30<sup>th</sup> Swansea Rotary Club Meeting 7:30 A.M. Thompson Civic Center and Last day for Farmers Market Rural King Parking Lot open 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

\*\* Plan ahead– Shred event Saturday, November 15, 9-11 A.M. 107 Service Street. (see page 12 for more details)

## Two Swansea Locations! Come Visit Us!



Get detailed information at [www.fulfordhomes.com](http://www.fulfordhomes.com)

## CAVE Raffle

# SWANSEA ROTARY RAFFLE

benefits CAVE Education Awards

**Purchase your tickets from a Swansea Rotarian or send us a Facebook Message!**



Swansea Rotary Raffle benefits CAVE Education Awards

Rotary Club of Swansea

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1st Drawing - \$1,000.00  
2nd Drawing - \$600.00  
3rd Drawing - \$400.00

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Swansea Rotary Fourth Annual CAVE Educational Award Raffle

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[facebook.com/SwanseaRotary](https://facebook.com/SwanseaRotary)

*Ticket on sale now through Thursday, November 6*

By: Natalie Jablonski

For the fourth year in a row, the Rotary Club of Swansea is selling raffle tickets to benefit our Belleville District 201 CAVE (Center for Academic and Vocational Excellence) students. Last year proceeds from ticket sales enabled the Club to provide educational awards to eight graduating CAVE students. This cash award is to assist them in purchasing the necessary equipment 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 for 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 6, 2025 (previous winners of this raffle are listed on our website). For tickets or more information about the raffle please visit [www.swansearotary.org](http://www.swansearotary.org) - or reach out to Dennis Bertelsman or any Swansea Rotarian to purchase your tickets! Thank you in advance for your support.

## Reminders

### Trick or Treating Rules

Village ordinances allow children to Trick or Treat on Oct. 31st until 9:00 P.M. 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 6:00 P.M. 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.

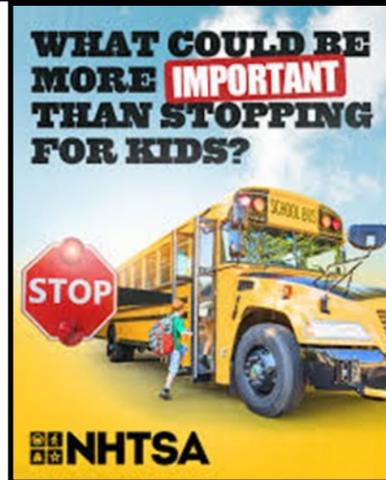
### Leaf Burning

Begins 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

## News Briefs

As the school year begins, the Swansea Police Department would like to remind everyone to slow down in school zones. Many children are walking or riding their bicycles to and from school and buses and cars are loading and unloading passengers.



Please drive safely and remember to:

- ✓ Obey posted speed limits
- ✓ Watch for crossing guards
- ✓ Never pass a stopped school bus
- ✓ Stay off your phone

Let's keep our kids safe. **Drive smart. Drive alert**

### Fire Department Lighted Christmas Parade



**Date:** December 5th, 2025  
**Time:** 7 P.M. kicking off on Huntwood Road  
**Details will be in the November report**

### Mark your calendars:

Holiday wrestling hits Swansea! **Mistletoe Mayhem**,

Dec. 6, 2025 Swansea Firehouse, 144 Huntwood Road. Doors open at 6 PM. Supporting Swansea Parks. More details in the next *Swansea Report*. **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

The Village's **Winter Wonderland** and **Santa House** open **December 8** at **1500 Caseyville Avenue**—and we'd love your help to make the season shine! We're recruiting volunteers for Santa House greeters, cocoa and cookie stations, and cleanup/tear-down on select dates throughout December. Shifts are flexible (most 2–3 hours), and all ages/abilities are welcome. It's a great way to meet neighbors and spread holiday cheer.



The Swansea Report is also posted on our website at: [www.swansea](http://www.swansea)

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## Mayor's Page

From the Desk of Mayor Jeff Parker

Swansea Residents,

I need your help to keep some programs associated with the Park Board moving forward in the future - namely the Halloween festivities and the Santa House.

We have been blessed by some long-time volunteers over the years but as always, father- time catches us and causes changes in our lives. This is currently occurring at the Park Board and that is why I'm reaching out to you Citizens to step-up and volunteer.

These are the two times a year when volunteers are desperately needed if you want these activities for kids to continue. I know I do and I too will be stepping up to help as always, but many more are needed for this to be a continued success.

Thus, if you are "on-line" with these activities to continue on, please get involved and join up. Our youth in Swansea need you, the Village needs you, and I'm asking for your help.

Please reach out to me, Mayor Jeff Parker at ([mayor@swanseail.org](mailto:mayor@swanseail.org)) and I will contact you.

I look forward to talking soon to all of you residents who have the desire to keep Swansea a great place to live.

Talk with you soon,

Mayor Jeff



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

## 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 swansew@swanseail.org

Between September 1, 2025 and October 15, 2025

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

Billed	_____	-Avg Use	_____
= Diff	_____	X 50%	_____

## Chief's Corner

### Officer Voelker Recognized for Charitable Efforts

Officer Dan Voelker spearheaded the inaugural Swansea Fraternal Order of Police Golf Tournament in May to benefit multiple charitable organizations and PD programs. Officer Voelker spent innumerable hours organizing the event, which was held at Tamarack Golf Course in Shiloh. Additionally, he raised significant funds from corporate and individual donors to make charitable contributions to the following organizations:



Tyler Timmons Foundation for the benefit of the Fairview Heights PD officers hurt earlier this year.

The Illinois State Police Team Illinois Youth Camp  
Brett's First Responders  
The Swansea Fire Department Safety Training Program  
Funding for artwork in the new PD workout facility

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, Trustee Jablonski and Chief Blomberg presented Officer Voelker with a Certificate of Recognition for his charitable efforts. Thank you, Officer Voelker, and job well done!

### Set. Sgt. Jason Frank Celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Work Anniversary at SPD

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, Det. Sgt. Jason Frank reached his 20<sup>th</sup> work anniversary at the Swansea Police Department. Det. Sgt. Frank has accomplished much in his career on patrol, as a detective, as a supervisor, and as a member of several federal and state task forces. Thank you, Det. Sgt. Frank, for your steadfast commitment to serving and protecting the Village and our region!



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**STEP UP.  
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SERVE SWANSEA!**

## Livestreaming Village Meetings and Contact Info

Exciting News from the Village of Swansea! Now streaming Board Meetings!

The **Village of Swansea** began livestreaming all **Village Committee and Board Meetings** to make it easier for our residents to stay informed and engaged — from wherever you are!

**Tune in live at:** <https://www.youtube.com/@VillageofSwansea>



Be sure to **follow the Village of Swansea on YouTube** to get notified when meetings go live!

We're committed to transparency and keeping our community connected. Thank you for being an active part of our community!

### 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](http://www.swanseail.org)

Administration,

Mayor's Office, Village Clerk,

Utility Billing & Public Works

Phone: 618-234-0044

[swanadm@swanseail.org](mailto:swanadm@swanseail.org)

Building and Zoning Permits

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Swansea Police Department

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: 618-233-8114

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Swansea Fire Department

Emergency: 911

Engine House: 618-234-3291

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