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Municipal Directory

Web Site: www.swanseail.org

Admin E-mail:

swanadmn@swanseail.org

Police Department

Non-Emergency - 233-8114

Email: swanseap@swanseail.org

Fire Department

Non-Emergency - 233-0456

Engine House: 234-3291

Building & Zoning: 355-0280

E-mail: swanbnz@swanseail.org

All Other Departments

General access number
234-0044

Mayor's Office, Village Clerk,
Administration, Utility Billing,
& Public Works

Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday

BUILDING LOCATIONS

**Police Department,
Government Center
& Building and Zoning**
1400 N. Illinois Street

Fire House # 1, 1350 N. Illinois St.
Fire House # 2, 144 Huntwood Rd.

Street Garage, 215 Service St.
Wastewater Plant, 209 Service St.



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WHO ARE THOSE GUYS?

Who are the Swansea Patriots and why do they do what they do? The group was formed for the Swansea Centennial. Know when that was? December 20, 1986. We had lasted 100 years. Now, we're 29 years past that.

We had a great three day picnic, complete with fireworks at Mel Price Park. At that time the park was just barely over being just an old wheat field. Today, it's a forest of trees and amenities.

They continued on as the Swansea Patriots to raise money for the parks, through volunteer efforts, to take some of the burden off the Village budget. And they did so to the tune of over \$400,000 in donations through various events over the years.

This year, the Camelot Auction has returned after a short hiatus. What do we need? Very, very simple... **YOU**. To make this successful, we need the community. Come to the event, donate a gift, buy one of 20 oral auction items, have dinner, meet your community, any of these.

People participate in many ways in a small community. Sometimes we look at things like the parks and think they just magically appear for our use. It's the hard work of a lot of people. And they could use your help for one night. Thanks, and hope to see you there.

Mike Buehlhorn, Chairman

Swansea Patriots Camelot Auction
October 10, 2015

Belleville/Swansea Moose Lodge
6:00 p.m.

Dinner, Silent and Oral Auction
Tickets \$35 each

Tables of 8 - \$250 until Sept. 10th
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Will the person that expressed an interest in forming a committee to obtaining a single zip code for Swansea please contact me. I have lost your name and phone number.

Thanks, Ken Mueller, Mayor

Labor Day Schedule

In observance of Labor Day the Government Center will be closed **Monday, September 7th, 2015**

**Committee & Board Meetings will be moved to Tuesday,
September 8, 2015**

Labor Day Trash Schedule -

Trash pickup will run one day late the entire week of Labor Day.





Swansea Police Academy Citizens

- WHEN:** September 29th, 2015 to November 3rd, 2015
Tuesday Nights from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM (6 sessions)
- WHAT:** The program is designed to educate citizens what their Swansea Police Department does. The critical elements include drug education, patrol techniques, crime scene, Officer involved shootings, law enforcement technology, ride along and community involvement.
- WHO:** 21 years of age or older
Possess a Valid Driver's License
Pass a criminal background check (example: no felonies, no domestic batteries)
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Swansea Fire Department Public Education Program

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Wednesday September 9th, 2015 7pm-9pm

Fire Extinguisher Use and Safety (Taught by Fire Appliance)
Free to the public
Live Demonstration of Fire Extinguishers
Limited to 50 people

Wednesday October 14th, 2015 7pm-9pm

Fire Prevention (Taught by the members of The Swansea Fire Department)
Free to the Public
In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week
Family oriented discussion with use of the fire safety house.
Limited to 50 people

Wednesday November 11th, 2015 7pm-9pm

Community CPR (Taught by Bryan Whitaker & Chris Flynn)
Cost \$5 (cost of CPR card)
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The following is the Solid Waste and Recycle Volumes for the Village for the month of July:

Curbside trash pickup – 231.54 tons
Curbside recycle pickup – 78.69 tons
Diversion rate – 25.37%
Yard waste pickup – 33.99 tons

Republic Services offers curbside recyclable pickup, and in doing so, offers an incentive to the residents of Swansea to recycle at no cost. If a resident chooses to put recyclable items in the trash can, they will be paying to have these items picked up.

Swansea residents are obviously making a bold, conscious effort to recycle. The Elected Officials and Staff of the Village applaud your diligence in recycling. Keep up the great work. The future generations will thank you as well.



KEEPING YOU INFORMED: August, 2015—many of you have asked for updates on what's happening in your local government. Here is a brief overview of what has happened in the last few months:

- The new walking/bike trail connecting Boul Avenue to Mel Price Park has been paved.
- An ordinance that allows video gaming has been passed.
- CodeRED Emergency Alert software has been purchased-- Be sure to sign up at www.swanseail.org.
- The fenced-in area around the Splash Pad is being expanded to include the nearby pavilion so now you can sit under the pavilion and watch your kids.
- What are we doing to cut costs and save your tax dollars? Changes to the Swansea Report are in the works and the new format should be ready for the October issue. This will cut our costs to provide the Swansea Report almost in half! We have renegotiated contracts for copiers, phone and data lines, cell tower leases, etc. We are in the process of selling off retired police cars, street sweepers, and misc. vehicles.
- Several much-needed road projects have been recently completed: Greenhaven Dr. (near 159) has been re-built, Polo Run Dr. has been re-built, and several streets on North end of town have been overlaid with new asphalt.
- New Hires: Kyle Wallace, Sewer Plant; Jonathon Barker, dispatcher; Bonnie Carmack, administration; Steve Johnson, Police Chief. Steve comes to us with a wealth of experience having previously worked for St. Clair County Sheriff's Department and State's Attorney's Office. One of the first projects initiated by Chief was a Police & Fire Youth Academy that was held in August. It was a fantastic program that the kids absolutely loved!
- Retirees: Brenda Denton, Sewer Billing Coordinator, 26 years of service with the Village of Swansea. Mike Arnold, Police Chief for the last 8 years, retired after 30 years of service with the Swansea Police Department. We wish Brenda and Mike a long, happy and healthy retirement!
- Why is there an ambulance parked at Engine House #2 or sitting in Wolf Branch parking lot? We have contracted with Abbott EMS to provide ambulance service to Swansea residents. Abbott has an ambulance stationed in Swansea from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. every day that only responds to calls within Swansea. This new arrangement started July 1st and so far it is going extremely well.
- Many properties along Garden Street have been purchased and demolished. This move was made in order to make the area more marketable to commercial/retail developers.
- We are in the process of adopting a new Property Maintenance and Occupancy Permit program for all homes in Swansea. This is a long overdue step that must be taken in order to preserve and improve the quality of the housing in our Village. More details will be coming soon.
- A new dump truck has been purchased for the Street Department. This is a needed addition to the fleet, as it has been quite a while since any new dump trucks or snow plows have been purchased. The fleet is getting tired. A used service body truck has been purchased for the Sewer Operations. A used 100' tower ladder truck has been purchased for the Fire Department. This too is a welcome addition and will allow the firefighter's to access roofs and upper stories of structures they previously could not reach.
- A ground breaking ceremony was recently held for the new Burger King restaurant that is being built in front of Rural King.

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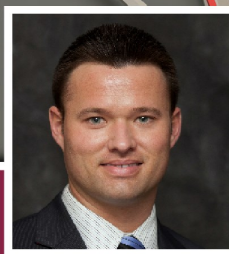
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When: Sunday October 11th

Time: 11am

Place: Mel Price Park in Swansea

Cost: \$200 per Team (Must have at least 10 players and no more than 12. All teams are CO-ED and must include at least 3 female players. All ages are welcome.)

All participants will receive an event T-shirt. Food and Drinks will be sold on site. Must Register by September 30th. For more information or to register please call Brian McGuire @ 618-779-2636 or Jason Whitaker @ 618-979-8795.

**All proceeds to benefit the
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Phone #: _____

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2.	_____	_____
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Swansea Fire Department

Monthly Fire Responses
July 2015

For the month of July, the Swansea Fire Department responded to 41 calls. Below is a list of the type & amount of calls the Swansea Fire Department responded to:

Structure Fire(s) - 5
False Alarms - 8
Carbon Monoxide Alarms - 2
Other Incidents - 26
Total Responses - 41

Child Safety Seats
Installed - 1



Swansea Farmer's Market

We have had a bumper crop so far this year. The number of vendors has really been climbing. We've got some very good unique locally grown FRESH crops and some great crafts. The weather has been fantastic. You will find us in the parking lot of Rural King, 2801 N. Illinois Street, Swansea. We operate on Thursdays 11am - 3 pm, rain or shine. Come out and see what we have to offer and perhaps grab a bit to eat.



For additional information, you may contact Norm Geolat 978-8753, swanseafarmersmarket@yahoo.com or visit our Facebook as Swansea Farmers. Don't miss out.

Swansea Police Department

During the month of July 2015, the Swansea Police Department responded to calls for service.



- 245 Traffic stops yielded
- 172 Verbal warnings
- 113 Traffic citations issued
- 52 Traffic accidents
- 55 Misdemeanor arrests
- 11 Felony arrests
- 26 Warrant arrests
- 1 D.U.I. Arrest
- 0 Ordinance Violation

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September Calendar

2 Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Swansea Fire House #2 —11:00 a.m.

7 Labor Day Holiday—meetings moved

8 Municipal Committee Meetings
Government Center—6:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting
Government Center - 7:00 p.m.
or upon conclusion of the committee
meetings.

8 Fire Dept. Auxiliary Meeting
Fire Station - 7:00 p.m.

12 Park Board Meeting
Norman Lehr Community Center—7:00 a.m.

21 Municipal Committee Meetings
Government Center—6:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting
Government Center - 7:00 p.m.
or upon conclusion of the committee meetings

Planning and Zoning Board Meeting: As needed, second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., at the Government Center. Please contact Building and Zoning to verify if a meeting is to be held.

Swansea Patriots: Second Saturday, approximately 8:00 a.m. at the Norman Lehr Community Center, after the Park Board meeting.

Rotary Club: Each Thursday, 7:00 a.m. at 1001 North Belt West, Swansea, IL.

Lion's Club: Second and Fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at Crehan's, N. Belt West, call Jim Beimfohr at 234-7145 for more information.

Youth Government Council: First Monday of every month at 4:00 p.m.



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Summer Water Usage Adjustments

Each year the Village allows a summer usage adjustment on sewer bills for water used that does not enter the sewer system. Good examples include watering a lawn or filling a swimming pool. This adjustment is available to those who do *not* use a deduct meter. The summer usage adjustment is allowed within the following guidelines:

An application must be submitted between September 15th and October 15th in order to request the credit. The applicant must have resided at the service address for at least one year prior to making application. Calculations are based upon the previous year's average usage, so one year of service is required to perform the calculations.

A summer usage adjustment is calculated by determining the customer's average consumption during the preceding year, and then determining the difference between that average and the consumption for the summer billing months. The Village then credits the account by deducting fifty percent (50%) of the difference between that average and actual summer consumption, as reported to the Village by the water company.

To apply for a summer usage deduction, please fill out the form and return to 209 Service Street, Swansea IL 62226.

SEX OFFENDER VERIFICATION CHECKS

Some Swansea residences may have received notification from the Swansea Police Department that a sex offender is living in their neighborhood. We are conducting sex offender verification checks. This means we go to their residence to ensure they are telling us the truth about where they are living. Unfortunately, some have been lying. We also will verify, in person, where they claim to be working and going to school. Any of the previous mentioned violations is a FELONY for them.

The Swansea Police Department takes sex offender compliance very seriously. This is why we are also handing out the flyers to neighbors. The flyers do not give specific information other than to let the public know a sex offender is claiming to be living in the area. The flyer provides the Illinois State Police Web Site, which allows a search of sex offenders. By typing in the Swansea zip code, a list will be generated indicating who, in town, is required to register as well as their compliance status. Pictures are also included.

Information is power. If you did not receive a flyer yet, that does not mean a sex offender is not living near you (we only hand out the flyers for a block or two each way). Please go to the Illinois State Police Web Site and search on your area! <https://www.isp.state.il.us/sor>

Steve Johnson, Chief of Police



Village of Swansea Park Board Member Application

The Village of Swansea is seeking four (2) more members for the Park Board. The Park Board meets at 7:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the Norm Lehr Center.

For those individuals interested in becoming a Park Board Member, please submit the completed form below to the Village of Swansea via email at swanadmn@swanseail.org, or by mail at Swansea Government Center, Office of Administration, 1400 N. Illinois, Swansea, IL 62226

Thank you for your interest in serving the Village of Swansea.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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EMAIL: _____

Reasons/Comments why you would like to be a member:

I understand that this is a volunteer position.

Signature of Applicant _____



The Swansea Police and Fire Youth Academy was a huge success! Forty-two children graduated from the Academy and over 25,000 people visited our Facebook Academy pictures. **During the Academy the children participated** in events and demonstrations: Arch helicopter landed, two different K-9 demonstrations, ate prison food, jail tour, SWAT demonstration, learned firearm's safety with simunitions, under water rescue, proper disposal of a used American Flag, emergency medical services, fire truck/equipment demonstrations and much more! Swansea Police Chief Steve Johnson and Fire Chief John McGuire want to thank everyone who volunteered their time to make this an amazing success! See you next year!

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