



# THE SWANSEA REPORT

VOLUME 32, ISSUE 3

MARCH 2017

## Key Dates Associated With April 4th Election

Tuesday, April 4th is of course the date of the Consolidated Election in Illinois - the election at which local government positions will be filled. But there are other important dates associated with that election.

March 7th is the last date of regular voter registration. Anyone living in Swansea but not yet registered to vote, can register either at the County Clerk's office of the St. Clair County Courthouse, or at the Swansea Government Center, on or before that date.

After March 7th, residents will no longer be able to register at the Government Center. But they can go to the Courthouse and register from March 8th right up until election, HOWEVER, they must also cast their votes at that time. So if you intend to register late, be sure that you are prepared to vote, or don't go to register until you have decided which candidates and issues you will be voting for.

Polling places are indicated on your most recent voter's registration card. If in doubt, or if you have an older card and there is a chance your polling place may have changed, you can check on-line at <http://www.countyclerk.co-st-clair.il.us/elections> and click on the **Polling Place Location and Sample Ballots** link on the left side of the page. Type in your address, street and select "Swansea" and it will provide polling info, a map, and a sample ballot when they become available.

## Chamber of Commerce To Host Public Forum For Village Election Candidates

### Trustee Candidates Mar 29th; Mayor and Clerk Candidates Mar 30th

The Metro-East Regional Chamber of Commerce will host two candidate forums for those seeking office in the Village of Swansea. Candidates for the office of Trustee have been invited to participate in the public forum on Wednesday, March 29th. The forum will be held at the Thompson Civic Center, 1501 Caseyville Avenue, in Melvin Price Memorial Park. The session is scheduled to begin at 7:00pm and end around 9:00pm.



incumbents Matthew R. Lanter and Brian L. Wells, along with new candidates Jeff Parker, Frank Bell, Daniel P. Guest, Richard "Rocky" McDonald, John Deckard, and Albert Hampton.

Candidates for the offices of Mayor (President of the Board of Trustees) and Village Clerk have been invited to participate in a second public forum on the following night, Thursday, March 30th. That forum will also be held at the Thompson Civic Center, and run from 7:00pm until 9:00pm.

At the April 4th election, Swansea residents will vote for the positions of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and three Trustees. Two candidates have filed and will be on the ballot for Mayor: the incumbent Mayor Kenneth S. Mueller and the current Treasurer, Michael W. Leopold.

Two candidates have also filed and will be on the ballot for Clerk: the incumbent Clerk Lauren O'Neill, and Tracy Dahm Thieken.

Only one candidate, John M. Walter, filed for the office of Village Treasurer, and will thus run unopposed.

Eight candidates have filed for the three open Trustee positions:

Typically the format allows each candidate some time to make a formal statement or share information about themselves, and then the public is allowed to pose questions to specific candidates or all candidates in general.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the events to provide an opportunity for residents and local business owners to meet the candidates and learn more about their qualifications, perspective, and vision for Swansea.

The fundamental power in any democratic republic lies in the citizens of that government, who are granted the right to vote for and directly elect those who will represent their interests - those who will exercise that power. It is therefore beneficial to have opportunities like this where the electorate can become more informed.

While much attention is focused on national elections, people have a greater opportunity to influence government locally, and locally, government has a more direct impact on citizens.

For more info call the Chamber of Commerce at 233-3938 or email to [chamber@MetroEastChamber.org](mailto:chamber@MetroEastChamber.org).

## News Briefs

### Trash Sticker Price Increases May 1

The price of Trash Stickers will increase as of May 1st, 2017. Weekly Trash Stickers will increase in price from \$19.20 per sheet of five stickers to \$19.95. Any stickers purchased at the current price will still be honored if used beyond May 1st.

Yearly Trash Stickers will increase in price from \$211.19 to \$219.63 on May 1st. Thereafter, the cost for the annual sticker is reduced on a pro rata basis by \$3.99 each week, until the stickers expire on April 30, 2018. That way, someone purchasing an annual sticker after May 1 only pays for that portion of the year they actually have the service. New annual stickers will not be available until right before May 1, 2017.

### Landscape Waste Options Begin April 1

Swansea ordinances restrict the burning of landscape waste to specific time frames in Spring and Fall. For 2017 the Spring 'burn' season begins April 1st and ends June 14th. Residents who choose to

do so may burn landscape waste between those dates but only on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and only between the hours of 11:00am and 4:00pm. All the conditions for doing so are contained in the ordinance on the Village's website at [www.Swanseail.org](http://www.Swanseail.org).

However, residents also have the option of signing up for unlimited curbside yard waste pickup starting April 1st, which helps to keep the air cleaner, and perhaps your neighbors happier.

Yard waste pickup can be arranged by calling Republic Services at (618) 656-6883. Residents must commit to at least a three month period at sign up. Republic bills customers directly for this service, which starts the first Wed of April - April 5th this year. Service can be purchased until the last Wed of December, the 27th.

### Urban Chicken Regulations Clarified

The Village Board amended the previously passed ordinance that allows residents to keep urban chickens within Village limits under specific conditions. The ordinance requires that any resident wishing to do so must provide a notice to their adjoining property owners. The amending ordinance clarifies that the notice must be given in writing, not verbally.

The amending ordinance also changed the zoning locations where chickens are permitted. Previously,

the ordinance allowed permits to be issued to residents living in single family residential properties in any residential zoning district, as identified on the Official Zoning Map of the Village of Swansea.

Now, residents living in a single family residential property in any zoning district, including business districts, may apply for and be granted a permit.

### Liquor Consumption Provisions Clarified For Outdoor Areas

The Village Board is considering an ordinance that will amend and clarify the consumption of alcoholic beverages at licensed establishments outside the building on those premises. It would allow for the license applicant / holder to designate specific outdoor areas on their premises and would then extend the reach of the liquor license to that part of the licensed premises.

The proposed ordinance would also allow licensed establishments to temporarily extend their liquor license for special events, such as St. Patrick's Day or Cinco de Mayo, where some might want to serve and allow consumption under a tent or within another designated area.

While the ordinance would still prohibit leaving any such establishment with open liquor, it does include provisions of recent

*(Continued on facing page)*

The Swansea Report is published monthly by the Village of Swansea, 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, Illinois, as a community service to our residents and businesses. Copyright by the Village of Swansea, Illinois. Reproduction, or the use, in any manner and without permission, of the content of this publication is prohibited. Mailed free to all addresses within Swansea. For information on advertising or news stories, call 234-0044, Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

## Investment Savings

**.75% APY\***  
\$1,000,000 and Above

**.50% APY\***  
\$250,000 to \$999,999.<sup>99</sup>

*High Rates!  
Easy Access!*

**.25% APY\***  
\$100,000 to \$249,999.<sup>99</sup>

**.20% APY\***  
Up to \$99,999.<sup>99</sup>



618.234.9500 • [myprovidencebank.com](http://myprovidencebank.com)  
Fairview Heights - 4600 North Illinois Street

\*Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is accurate as of date of publication and may change without notice at any time after the account is opened. Fees may reduce earnings on these accounts. \$20 monthly service charge unless minimum daily balance of \$5,000 is maintained. \$5,000 minimum to open an account. No institutional monies.

## News Briefs

changes in state law that allow a restaurant patron to leave the premises with a partially consumed bottle of wine and take it home, provided that the licensee prepares it in compliance with that law.

### Summer Jobs Available

The Village is seeking applicants for part-time summer employment working outdoors and performing manual labor like cutting grass and assisting with roadway maintenance.

Applicants must be physically able to lift up to 50 pounds, must have a valid driver's license, and an excellent work ethic. Preference is for those with experience operating commercial mowers. Positions filled as early as April 1st, running through October. Weekly schedule of 32 hours per week, with 2 hours on Sat and Sun every other week. Entry level is \$10 per hour, with no benefits. Apply on-line at the Village's website - [www.swanseail.org](http://www.swanseail.org) - or pick up an application at the Government Center, 1444 Boul Avenue. Positions may be filled as candidates apply.

### Finance Committee Recommends Tax Abatement Ordinance

In February the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees reviewed an ordinance to abate property taxes for payment of the bonds issued to construct Engine House #2 on Huntwood Road, and forwarded it to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation of passage.

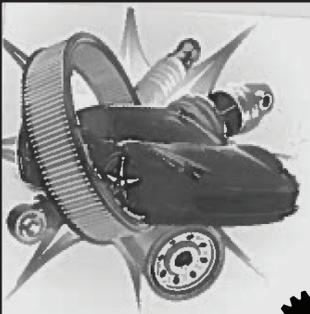
Tax levies for bond issues like this are actually created by the County as an assurance to the bond holders that there will be sufficient funds available to pay the bonds as they mature. Yet over time, excess funds can accumulate in the bond fund because the principal and interest cost is fixed each year. Unlike a home loan, you can not pay additional principal with any extra funds you might have. Therefore in order to use the funds, the Village needs to actually abate the taxes

once the County establishes the levy and rate.

As an example, say the County determines that it needs \$250,000 to make this year's principal and interest payment. It will "levy" that amount and calculate the tax rate needed to collect \$250,000 from all property owners in Swansea.

But once Swansea gets notice from the County, the Village Board will call up the abatement ordinance and pass it, say to abate \$50,000. The Village then sends the ordinance to the County, which in turn changes their levy to \$200,000 and lowers the tax rate on property owners so that collectively they pay \$50,000 less.

When the County collects the \$200,000 it has now levied and sends it to the Village, the Village will add the \$50,000 it has on hand in the fund and use the combined total of \$250,000 to make the principal and interest payments. The net result, is taxes are lowered by \$50,000.



**Todd & Marks  
Auto Repair, Inc.**

1219 Caseyville Avenue  
Swansea, IL 62226

Phone (618) 233-9923

 [www.toddandmarksauto.com](http://www.toddandmarksauto.com)  
[toddandmarksauto@att.net](mailto:toddandmarksauto@att.net)



**ANGO KERNAN  
RENTALS  
& SALES**

1704 North Belt West, Swansea, IL 62226  
**(618) 671- 6999**

Mention this ad & get 10% off.  
Call us for your children's Birthday Parties!  
[WWW.ANGOKERNANRENTALANDSALES.COM](http://WWW.ANGOKERNANRENTALANDSALES.COM)

## Increase sales by Advertising in the Swansea Report

Reach EVERY resident. Every BUSINESS. For PENNIES apiece.

Email [swanadmn@swanseail.org](mailto:swanadmn@swanseail.org) or Call 618-234-0044  
For more detailed information or to reserve a space for you

## News Briefs

### Any Non-Residential Use of Property Requires A Permit

Under the requirements of the Swansea Zoning Code, every business, service occupation and home occupation must register annually with the Village. This regulation is to help ensure that all such uses are properly authorized in the zoning districts within which they operate.

The process also identifies those businesses that are required to pay sales tax, so that the Village has a database of such businesses against which it can verify tax payer information provided by the state. Since Swansea shares zip codes with other communities, in the past revenue that belongs to Swansea was erroneously paid by the State to neighboring communities - one reason that the Village strongly recommends that businesses clearly list their location as being in the Village of Swansea.

Businesses and organizations who have completed the form before, will be sent a new one in the mail to the address on record. Any new business of which the Village is not aware needs to contact the Swansea Government Center to secure and submit a permit application.

### Village Taking Applications For Part-Time Janitor

The Board of Trustees has decided to shift from purchasing cleaning services for Village buildings by contract, to instead hiring a part-time employee of the Village to provide those services. The change is expected to cut expenses and to take effect on May 1st.

The Village is therefore accepting applications from individuals interested in filling this position. Applicants must have experience with cleaning office and commercial buildings and be able to provide references as to that ability. The Village is seeking someone who can

effectively clean all buildings within specified time frames and to do so independent of direct supervision.

The part-time position is expected to average 20 hours or less per week. The offered wage rate will be based upon level of experience, but starting range will probably fall between minimum wage and \$10.95 per hour. No benefits are provided other than those required by law. The selected candidate must also pass an extensive police background investigation.

Cleaning of some buildings needs to occur after hours when staff are not present, so while some flexibility may be possible, candidates must be willing and able to negotiate a work schedule acceptable to the Village. This might entail early evenings or night shifts. In some cases, weekend work may be possible or even preferable.

Applications available on line at [www.swanseail.org](http://www.swanseail.org), or may be picked up from the Swansea Government Center, 1444 Boul Ave., Mon-Fri, 8:00am - 4:30pm.

We have TWO Swansea Locations, waiting for you!  
Come Visit Us  
Or for More Info, go to [www.FulfordHomes.com](http://www.FulfordHomes.com)




*The Chateaux*  
Homes from the \$360s

*Sullivan Meadows*  
Homes from the \$160s



**Mowing • Maintenance • Construction • Landscaping • Design**  
Office: 618-416-0862 • Cell: 618-806-7416 • Fax: 618-744-7075  
(For Emergencies, please call Cell)  
408 Green Haven Dr. • Swansea, IL 62226

[matt@romerosoutdoorservices.com](mailto:matt@romerosoutdoorservices.com)  
[www.romerosoutdoorservices.com](http://www.romerosoutdoorservices.com)

**Matt Rogers**  
Co-Owner



**Family Retreat In Your Own Backyard**

- Jacuzzi hot tubs
- Pacific in-ground pools
- Viking fiberglass pools
- Above-ground pools
- Chemicals and supplies
- Service for pools/hot tubs




4200 N. Illinois • Swansea • 234-8004  
2 miles south of St. Clair Mall  
[munieleisure.com](http://munieleisure.com)

**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](mailto:robert.stelling@countryfinancial.com)  
[countryfinancial.com](http://countryfinancial.com)



062015-05622AC

# Village Seeks Proposals For Development of Boul Ave Parcels

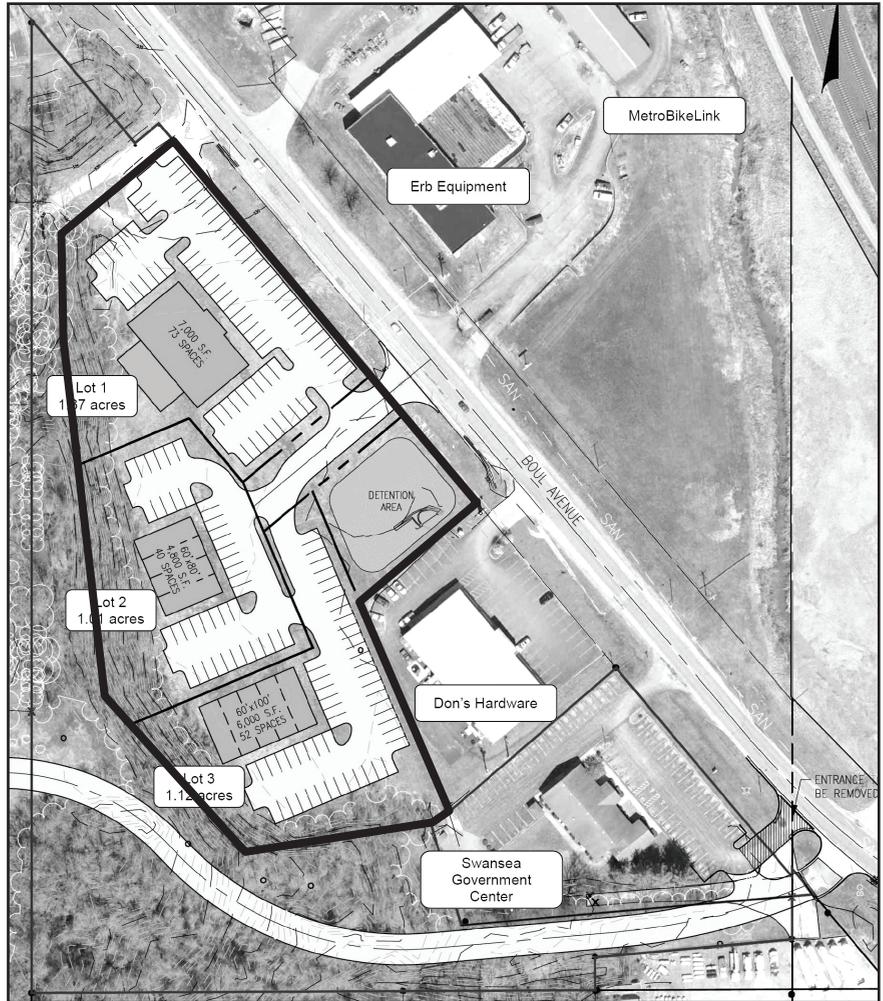
The Village is expected to release a Request For Proposals (RFP) in early March seeking businesses or developers who would be willing to build on Boul Avenue in Swansea.

The Village is specifically seeking retail sales tax generating businesses and is willing to transfer ownership of the property at no cost to the selected businesses or developer in exchange for their commitment to develop the parcels.

Swansea has prepared several concepts of how the property could be developed. The total of 3.5 acres could be designed as one project, or the land subdivided into two or three lots, with individual businesses developing each lot. The Village may also provide an entrance road and shared storm water detention pond as additional incentives.

Those responding to the RFP will suggest their own concept for the property and identify any additional incentives they might seek.

Because of the wooded setting, the Village thinks the site would be ideal for new locations of locally owned restaurants, new restaurants by successful local restaurateurs, or a micro-brewery looking for a great outdoor dining venue. Close proximity to bike trails also suggest an ideal location for a bicycle dealership. In addition to releasing the RFP generally, the Village will contact and present the availability of the property to those specific types of users.



## *C. K. & L. of T. Country Club*

Choice of 3 Rooms to Rent  
Ask about "No Hall Rental"

We Specialize in Quality  
"In House Catering"

### **We Now Have Video Gaming**

2800 North Illinois Street      618 235-2420  
Swansea, Illinois

## **Contact Us Today...**

**To reserve this ad space...  
every month if you want.**

**234-0044**

**Or email [swanadm@swanseail.org](mailto:swanadm@swanseail.org)**



**BANK of  
BELLEVILLE**

Call 618-233-6400 | Visit [BankofBelleville.com](http://BankofBelleville.com) | 215 South Illinois Street

**WANT TO SEE  
YOUR SALES SOAR?  
ADVERTISE IN THE  
SWANSEA REPORT**

**Call 234-0044**



# Swansea And Belleville Reviewing Draft 911 Contract

Budgetary Impact Could Result in Police Station Being Closed to Public For Some Part Of Each Day

After multiple meetings, discussions, analysis, and the evaluation of other possible options, the Village of Swansea and City of Belleville are in the process of reviewing a draft Intergovernmental Agreement through which the Village would buy police, fire and EMS dispatching services from the City of Belleville. When that document is finalized and signed, the communities will begin the implementation process, with the goal of switching the services over to Belleville by this July 1st.

In the first year of that draft agreement, the City's proposed charge to the Village will be \$25,334 per month, or \$304,008 per year. That is substantially higher than newspaper reports in January before the City had evaluated and proposed actual pricing.

Swansea generated about 19,800 calls for service last year, both as 911 and non 911 calls. In considering that call volume, Belleville estimated that they would need to have an additional dispatcher work every shift 24/7. It takes more than four full-time employees to cover those hours, not even considering vacations, sick time, and holidays. But the City based its pricing on their cost of salary and fringe benefits for four full-time employees.

The current year budget for expenses related only to dispatching is about \$479,000. After subtracting the \$304,000 that would be paid to Belleville, the Village would have about \$175,000 remaining to cover all the services the Village's current

dispatchers provide in support to our police officers. Subtracting the \$36,000 the Village still needs within that dispatching budget each year to cover equipment maintenance, phone lines, phone service, and the cost of record keeping software, and \$139,000 remains.

So if the intent of consolidating 911 services is to save communities like Swansea money, the Village's challenge is to spend less than \$139,000 per year on salaries and fringe benefits for whatever staff positions remain to support officers on the street.

Making those staffing decisions requires one to first consider that 24/7 administrative coverage of the police department 365 days per year equates to a total of 8,760 hours per year with no overlap of shifts. If these are full-time positions, then things like health insurance become fixed costs regardless of the hourly rate.

So for example, if the Village hired employees at the Illinois minimum wage of \$8.25 per hour, yet each of those full-time persons had health insurance coverage at the family rate, the Village would still fall about \$12,000 short of break even when trying to cover 8,760 hours per year.

Assuming that those persons only required individual and not family coverage, would allow the wage rate to increase to about \$10.60 per hour—not exactly the rate one might expect for employees with access to confidential information and the need to process reports regarding issues like domestic and sexual abuse.



Belleville is taking applications from Swansea telecommunicators and may be able to hire as many as five individuals, so most of the current employees could move over to Belleville while still remaining to maintain dispatching services in Swansea until 911 calls transfer over.

In reality, the Village knows that it is highly unlikely that it can break even. It determined long ago that 911 consolidation would cost Swansea more, unless we are willing to significantly impact the amount of time that officers can be outside the station and on patrol.

So the challenge is now to find an acceptable balance between public safety and diminished services to the public, at an added cost the Village can find some way to absorb.

There is a real possibility that the police station will no longer provide 24/7 public access, and at some times each day officers could be working without administrative support. That may mean that they will spend less time on the streets, or that they travel outside the Village to the Belleville Police Department for some period of time to leave an arrestee who is waiting to make bond.

## YOUR SWANSEA AREA BANKING TEAM:



**Marilyn Rossi**  
Center Manager



**Justin Chapman**  
Commercial Lending



**Kelli Latnette**  
Mortgage Lending



**Lisa Hock**  
Wealth Management

**TheBANK** Member FDIC  
of Edwardsville SM  
SWANSEA CENTER • 3685 SULLIVAN DRIVE  
**618-222-1019**

Securities offered through Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. Member FINRA/SIPC and are not insured by bank insurance, the FDIC or any other government agency, are not deposits or obligations of the bank, are not guaranteed by the bank, and are subject to risks, including the possible loss of principal. Raymond James is not affiliated with TheBANK of Edwardsville. Mortgage Lending and Commercial Banking services are not offered by Raymond James Financial Services. Raymond James does not provide tax or legal advice. 330 West Vandalia, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

# Some Smoke Testing To Begin In March: Dates Will Depend On Weather

The Village of Swansea hopes to start initial smoke testing in the month of March, however, weather will dictate exact dates to some degree. Cracks in sewer mains and laterals may not be apparent if the ground is frozen or saturated with rain. This part of the testing always works better in dry conditions. So if it rains heavily the weather conditions might delay testing on any specific day.

One possibility is to wait until late summer when the ground is typically drier, but there are some areas the Village wants to test as soon as possible. Those areas fall within the heavy dashed line on the map to the right.

For years, the Village has had an infiltration problem in this general area. The sewer main and lift station often become over burdened during heavy rain storms indicating that storm water is getting into the sanitary sewer system in some way. So the Village would like to try to identify that point of infiltration and get it corrected as soon as it is able to do so.

Door hang tags will be distributed in at least the

day prior to any testing to alert residents.

As noted last month, smoke may fill some buildings if those buildings have dry P traps or some illegal connection to the sanitary sewer. To be safe, owners who experience this event should call 911 and request the fire department respond, just to ensure that the issue is related to the sewer testing, and not an actual fire.



## VILLAGE OF SWANSEA CONTACT INFO

**Swansea Government Center**  
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  
[swanadmn@swanseail.org](mailto:swanadmn@swanseail.org)

**Building, Zoning, Permits**  
Phone: 618-355-0280  
[swanbnz@swanseail.org](mailto:swanbnz@swanseail.org)

**Swansea Police Department**  
**Emergency: 911**  
Non-emergency: 618-233-8114  
[swanseap@swanseail.org](mailto:swanseap@swanseail.org)

**Swansea Fire Department**  
**Emergency: 911**  
Engine House: 618-234-3291

### Village of Swansea Officials

**President: Ken Mueller**  
[mayor@swanseail.org](mailto:mayor@swanseail.org)

**Village Clerk Lauren O'Neill**  
[loneill@swanseail.org](mailto:loneill@swanseail.org)

**Treasurer Michael W. Leopold**  
[mleopold@swanseail.org](mailto:mleopold@swanseail.org)

**Trustee Matt Lanter**  
[mlanter@swanseail.org](mailto:mlanter@swanseail.org)

**Trustee Brian McGuire**  
[bmcguire@swanseail.org](mailto:bmcguire@swanseail.org)

**Trustee Marilyn Neumeyer**  
[mneumeyer@swanseail.org](mailto:mneumeyer@swanseail.org)

**Trustee Stephen Pulley**  
[spulley@swanseail.org](mailto:spulley@swanseail.org)

**Trustee Katherine Ruocco**  
[kruocco@swanseail.org](mailto:kruocco@swanseail.org)

**Trustee Brian Wells**  
[bwells@swanseail.org](mailto:bwells@swanseail.org)

*If emailing multiple officials it may be best to also include [swanadmn@swanseail.org](mailto:swanadmn@swanseail.org) among those email addresses so staff can help coordinate any requested response.*



*We live here. We care here.*

Independent & Assisted Living • Respite Care

# Garden Place

## SENIOR LIVING

Columbia  
480 DD Rd.

Millstadt  
208 S. Kossuth

Red Bud  
351 Lockwood Dr.

Waterloo  
735 Columbia Ave.

*Embrace yesterday and live for today.*



Engaging *mind, body, and spirit* through stimulating activities in a safe and friendly environment.

# Reflections

710 S. Main • Columbia  
*at Garden Place*

Memory Care • Respite Care • Memory Care Day Club

**(618) 971-7706 • [gpliving.com](http://gpliving.com)**

# Swansea Rotary Club Offers Chad Wood Memorial Scholarship

Every year the Rotary Club of Swansea sponsors scholarships for area high school seniors in the memorial of Chad Wood. Chad died suddenly and unexpectedly on May 9, 2005 in an automobile accident. He was a student at Belleville East. His father, Ray Wood was the Charter President when the Rotary Club of Swansea was formed in 2002, and his mother Penny was also a strong supporter of the club and its activities.

In 2017, the club will award three \$2,500 scholarships.

The scholarship competition is open to all graduating high school students who reside in the Village of Swansea at the time of the April 5, 2017 application deadline, or who have resided in the Village of Swansea for at least three of the past five years immediately prior to the April 5, 2017 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 will submit an essay of 350-500 words on a subject related to Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."
- The applicant will 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 will 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 no later than

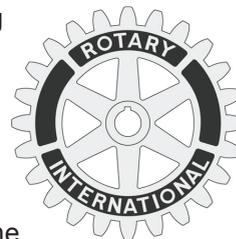
April 5, 2017 and the envelope must bear a post-mark date of April 5, 2017 or earlier.

Please visit the Swansea Rotary website at [www.swansearotary.org](http://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:

Ruth Ann Erdmann  
2238 Deer Springs Trail  
Shiloh, Illinois 62221

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 7:30a.m. meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2017 and will be presented with their certificates and scholarship checks at that time.





**This could be your ad!**

**EMAIL NOW TO RESERVE THIS SPOT**  
[swanadm@swanseail.org](mailto:swanadm@swanseail.org)

1/8 page (2" high x 3.7" wide)  
For only \$ 70.00 / month

## SHOP SWANSEA!

### Sales Tax You Spend Here, Stays Here

# Delta

Your neighborhood

## Heating & Cooling Specialist

Sales ~ Service ~ Installation

Call to schedule an appointment

## 277-5090

**10% off**  
**New Customers**




# No Charge Transportation Available To Swansea Seniors 55 Or Older

The Village of Swansea offers van transportation to resident seniors age 55 and older on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am until 2:00pm. A few dedicated drivers volunteer their time to operate this service at no charge, providing transportation for medical appointments as well as for light shopping within Swansea and areas nearby.

General policies regarding participation in this Senior Van Program are as follows:

- Riders must schedule in advance. Call the Government Center at 618-234-0044 no later than 2:00 pm the day prior.
- Please provide home address of passenger pick-up location and phone number to office staff, along with the purpose for the trip so drivers can plan their route for that day. Please notify office staff of all requested stops. Day-of-service add-on stops are not allowed.
- Medical appointments are given first priority when scheduling pick-up times and routes of travel. Riders should schedule

routine medical appointments between 9:00 and 10:30am. Please inform your healthcare provider regarding the transportation situation and ask that they work with you to accommodate these times if at all possible.

- Those using the service for shopping trips are asked to complete their shopping by noon. Whenever it is possible, riders should give first preference to shopping at Swansea businesses.
- Riders must be reachable by phone from 2:00 p.m. the day before service through time of pickup. Service on days of inclement weather is at the discretion of the driver. Passengers will be notified by phone if service is cancelled.
- Service is round-trip. Passengers will be picked up and returned to the location that is listed on the sign-up sheet. One way drop offs are only allowed if the passenger provides verification of another return ride home.



*The Village recently purchased a 2015 van that can easily accommodate ten passengers plus the driver.*

- The van has a running board step but is not handicap equipped. Riders must be mobile enough to get into and out of the van unassisted. Other options exist in Swansea for those with limited mobility.
- If the Village Office is closed for any reason the day before service on the Tuesday or Thursday service day, there will be no service. For example, if the Village Office is closed for a holiday on a Monday, there will be no service on the following Tuesday.

**Cook breakfast in your new kitchen**

**...with the eggs you already have in your basket**



Remodel, renovate and redesign with a home equity loan or line of credit from Arsenal. Borrow up to 100 percent of your home's equity for essential repairs or complete kitchen overhauls. Stop in and ask us how low rates and no closing costs can turn your house into a home.

4384 North Illinois Street (Swansea)  
ArsenalCU.org | 618.239.6363



## News Briefs

### Friends of Centennial Park To Once Again Remove Invasive Plant

On March 4, from 9:00am until Noon the group "Friends of Centennial Park" will again host a workday to remove bush honeysuckle and cut invasive vines that are choking out trees in the park. As always, the group welcomes volunteers from the community to help in the effort. Simply meet in the parking lot prior to 9:00am. The park is located in the 300 block of N. Belt West (IL Rte. 161).

Exotic plants are a serious problem in our area and bush honeysuckle is among the worst. Since it is shade tolerant, it grows so rampant that it makes foot travel very difficult. It also becomes so thick that native trees, flowers, and other plants can't reproduce, so it begins to destroy the natural forest. In essence oak, hickory, walnut, cottonwood, maple, and other native trees could

disappear from the park. And with their disappearance we may also lose many animals, since these trees are a food source for them.

Little by little, this group of volunteers is working to restore Centennial Park to its original glory. It may take years, but, the group feels like it will eventually achieve its goal.

In the meantime they have some FUN while they work. They always end with a nice picnic afterwards for

those who want to stick around for a while. Look for more information and pictures on Facebook under "Friends of Centennial Park, Swansea, Illinois", or email [bwells@swanseail.org](mailto:bwells@swanseail.org).

Centennial Park originated as a joint effort between the Village and St. Clair Township to preserve a natural wooded area in the middle of rapid development.



### Public Recognition Of Service

At the meetings on February 6th the Village of Swansea recognized Richard Drury for his 25 years of service to the Village as an on-call firefighter.

#### Swansea Improvement Association

#### Hall For Rent

Weddings • Anniversaries • Meetings  
Accommodate up to 300 people

**277-6331**

216 Service Street, Swansea, Illinois  
Swansea Fish Stand 222-7171

- Daily Drink Specials
- Illinois Gaming Available
- Gun Raffle Monthly

**Fish Fry Every Friday**

**Chicken Special Every Saturday, 11:00am - 8:00pm**



**Corner Stone  
Dental**  
General Dentistry For All Ages

**Randall E. Wilson, D.D.S.**

**Jeffrey C. Banker, D.D.S., M.S.**

- ◀ Accepting New Patients
- ◀ New Extended Hours

**618.236.0501**

Emergency # 618.632.0501  
[www.cornerstonedentistry.net](http://www.cornerstonedentistry.net)

4121 Old Collinsville Road  
Swansea, IL 62226

## Advertise NOW in the Swansea Report Choice ad spaces now available!

Reach EVERY resident & EVERY Business. For LESS THAN 2¢ each.  
1/4 page horizontal (2" high x 7.5" wide) for only \$120.00 per month

For detailed information or to reserve space email [swanadm@swanseail.org](mailto:swanadm@swanseail.org) call 234-0044

# Swansea Community Calendar - March 2017

| SUN   | MON   | TUE  | WED   | THU  | FRI   | SAT  |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|
|  |   | <b>Daylight Savings Time Starts March 12th</b>                                       | 1   | 2<br><b>Swansea Rotary Club</b><br>Networking at 7:00am<br>Mtg at 7:30; Thompson Center in Price Park<br>Presentation: Kimberly Richee - Marion Medical Mission; "Fresh Water Wells in Africa" | 3<br><b>Chamber of Commerce State of The Village / City Luncheon</b><br>11:30am - Holiday Inn Fairview Heights                    | 4<br><b>High Mount School PTC Glow Bingo</b><br>Doors open 6:00pm<br>Swansea Moose Lodge \$20 per person |
| 5   | 6<br><b>Committee Meetings</b><br>6:00pm Govt. Center<br><b>Village Board Meeting</b><br>7:30pm Govt. Center  | 7  | 8   | 9<br><b>Swansea Rotary Club</b><br>Networking at 7:00am<br>Mtg at 7:30; Thompson Center in Price Park<br>Presentation: Beacon Ministry   | 10<br><b>Chamber of Commerce Morning Mingle</b><br>7:45am - 9:00am<br>Recreation Center Fairview Heights Rec Center, 10025 Bunkum | 11<br><b>Swansea Park Board Meeting</b> 7:00am<br>Norman Lehr Center                                     |
| 12<br>Daylight Savings Time Begins  | 13  | 14<br><b>Planning and Zoning Board Meeting</b><br>(if needed)<br>6:00pm Govt. Center | 15<br><b>Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours</b><br>5:00-7:00 pm                                   | 16<br><b>Swansea Rotary Club</b><br>Networking at 7:00am<br>Mtg at 7:30; Thompson Center in Price Park<br>Student of the Month - High Mount & Wolf Branch Schools                              | 17  | 18   |
| 19  | 20<br><b>Committee Meetings</b><br>6:00pm Govt. Center<br><b>Village Board Meeting</b><br>7:30pm Govt. Center | 21   | 22  | 23<br><b>Swansea Rotary Club</b><br>Networking at 7:00am<br>Mtg at 7:30; Thompson Center in Price Park<br>Presentation: O'Fallon Sunrise Rotary Club; "Gift of Safe Water in Nicaragua"        | 24  | 25   |
| 26  | 27  | 28   | 29<br><b>Candidates Forum</b><br>Trustee Candidates<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm<br>Thompson Center in Price Park | 30<br><b>Candidates Forum</b><br>Mayor/Clerk Candidates<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm<br>Thompson Center<br><b>Swansea Rotary Club</b><br>Networking at 7:00am<br>Mtg at 7:30;<br>Thompson Center         | 31  |  |

FIRST BANK WISDOM:<sup>®</sup> [firstbanks.com](http://firstbanks.com)  
**Successful companies never stop improving.**  
 Let's get down to business.



**Mortgage**  
**Wealth Management**  
**Business Banking**  
**Mobile Solutions**

**CARRIE MACKEY**  
 4387 N. Illinois St.  
 Swansea, IL 62226  
 (618) 233-3100

**Contact Us Today...**  
 To preserve this prime ad space...  
 every month if you want.  
**234-0044**  
 Or email [swanadm@swanseail.org](mailto:swanadm@swanseail.org)

# Village Of Swansea

1444 BOUL AVENUE  
SWANSEA, IL 62226

Phone: (618) 234-0044  
www.swanseail.org



PRSR STD  
ECRWSS  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Permit #394  
Belleville, IL

MEMORIAL  
MEDICAL  
GROUP

## Meet our newest team member

OB/GYN and  
Midwifery



### Dr. Manisha Shah

Accepting new patients.

For your OB/GYN appointment, call:

**(618) 234-2390**

📍 1404 Cross Street, Suite 3181  
Shiloh, IL 62269

📍 4600 Memorial Drive, Suite 400  
Belleville, IL 62226



*Joining Drs. Adriena Beatty,  
Sekou Kelsey, Sara Lebovitz  
and Sylvia Oberneufemann,  
certified nurse midwife*

www.memorialmedicalgroup-llc.com

health  
markets.

Health | Medicare | Small Group | Life | Supplemental



**618-530-0088**

**Al Saponar**

Licensed Insurance Agent

HealthMarkets Insurance Agency is the d/b/a, or assumed name, of Insphere Insurance Solutions, Inc. which is licensed as an insurance agency in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Not all agents are licensed to sell all products. Service and product availability varies by state.

**FCB  
BANKS**

**FCB Swansea Bank**

**239-9000**

**FCB O'Fallon Bank**

**622-9090**

**FCB Belleville Bank**

**235-9090**

Division of First County Bank

*SPECIALIZING IN HOME & AUTO LOANS!*

**The Home of Totally Free Checking**



**fcbbanks.com**

Member  
FDIC

Call For a Personal Appointment

Give the  
Look of Love



J. HILBURN

**J. HILBURN**

MENS CUSTOMWEAR

Style Means Nothing  
Unless it's Personal

**STEVE PULLEY**  
Independent Personal Stylist

618-530-3143

www.stevepulley.JHILBURN.com



Newly Engaged?  
Now on  
**WEDDINGWIRE.COM**