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Make Time For Memorial Day Ceremony May 29

As you plan your BBQ or the official opening of the backyard pool, consider taking some time out on the morning of May 29th for Swansea's annual Memorial Day Ceremony.

The Village will once again honor men and women who have served and sacrificed in service to the United States at the ceremony. The event starts at 10:00 am and is held at Melvin Price Memorial Park, 1500 Caseyville Avenue.

Roger Relfe, a swansea resident and a retired squadron leader with the United Kingdom's Royal Air Force, will return as the Master of Ceremonies. The Westview Baptist Church Worship Team will provide music under the direction of Anna Rankin. The guest speaker this year will be Colonel Phillip Michael Reide, U.S. Air Force (Retired).

The event program includes the submitted names of any Swansea resident who is a veteran of the Armed Services, either retired or currently serving. If you would like your name included, call Marilyn Neumeyer at 618-363-8694 or email mlneumeyer@att.net as soon as possible.

All veterans as well as all residents and the general public are invited and encouraged to attend.

Balanced Budget Passed April 24 Village Board Scheduled to Pass in Special Meeting

The Swansea Village Board scheduled a special meeting for Monday, April 24th to consider and pass the Village's annual municipal budget. The Finance Committee worked diligently with the Budget Officer and Department Heads over the previous months to identify both General Fund operational and capital expenditures and to pare those back to help ensure they will not exceed anticipated revenues in the new fiscal year beginning on May 1st.

Department Heads worked diligently during the current fiscal year to manage costs, allowing the Village to finish the fiscal year ending April 30th with an estimated \$63,500 increase in cash balance between the Village's General Fund 01 and its partner Capital Improvement Fund 97. Sewer funds 21, 22 and 25, are expected to close out FY 2017 with about \$24,500 in the black. These projections allowed the Village to make a number of capital purchases in April that had been delayed during the year as the Village monitored it's spending.

For Fiscal Year 2018, which begins May 1, 2017 and ends on April 30, 2018, the proposed budget anticipates over \$300,000 in excess revenue into General Fund 01 that is then transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund 97, where purchases of Capital items are made.

For the new year, those 'large item purchases' in Fund 97 are reflective of

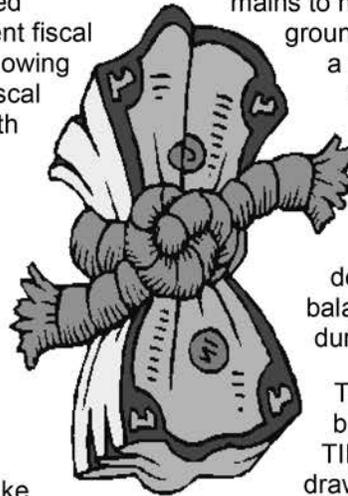
a tight budget. They include a new server for the Village's computer network, two replacement police cars, Fire Department bunker gear, hoses, and a new spreader / cutter tool to help extricate crash victims from vehicles that are now manufactured with stronger materials not easily cut by the older tools.

The Sewer Funds budgets anticipate using monies in reserve to complete some infrastructure improvements, line a significant length of sewer mains to help reduce infiltration of ground water, and to purchase a video camera system that will allow the Village to video and examine its sewer mains to determine issues below ground. Doing so is projected to draw down the combined cash balance of those three funds during the year.

The Village has also budgeted for projects in TIF 1 and TIF 2 that will draw down the cash balances in each of those budgets by year end.

While capital expenditures sometimes get attention, residents are not always aware of the ongoing costs of operating the Village, and at times are surprised at the magnitude of those costs, especially when compared to similar items as part of any family's budget.

For example, the Village is anticipating a power bill of just under \$300,000 to run the sewer plant and



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News Briefs

Government Center Closed Mon May 29th

Refuse Collection Also Delayed

The Swansea Government Center and all non-emergency services of the Village will be closed on Monday, May 29 for the Memorial Day holiday.

May 29th is also a holiday for Republic Services so the collection of refuse, recyclables and yard waste will all be delayed. Monday's trash and recyclables routes will be picked up on Tue, May 30th instead.

Tuesday's routes will be picked up on Wed, May 31. The normal yard waste collection on Wednesdays will shift to Thu, June 1st. Thursday's trash and recyclables routes will be picked up on Fri, June 2nd, and the normal Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, June 3rd.

Police & Fire Youth Academy June 26th, 27th, & 28th

The Village is currently accepting applications for its 3rd Annual Swansea Police and Fire Youth Academy. The 3-day event allows

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youth ages 9-13 to experience law enforcement training, fire department demonstrations, leadership preparation, and much, much more.

This year's dates are June 26th, 27th & 28th. Participants meet from 8:00am until 4:00pm each day, with graduation at 4:00pm on the 28th. Donations cover all costs so there is no fee to participants, who also receive a Youth Academy shirt and lunch each day.

Only 30 spots are available with preferential spots for Swansea residents and new recruits. If interested email Sgt. Scott Lieb for an application packet at youthacademy@swanseail.org.

Annual Refuse Stickers Now Available At Government Center

While most residents buy the regular stickers under the Village's solid waste program to indicate payment for collection of the refuse in one 33 gallon container, some would rather not have to deal with those stickers on a weekly basis. Residents therefore also have the option of buying an annual sticker instead, at a price of \$219.63 for the full year. The annual sticker is permanently affixed to one 33 gallon refuse container, and unlike the weekly stickers, is not



removed by the collector. Instead it stays attached during the year and allows the collection and disposal of one container of refuse per week for all 52 weeks of the year.

While maybe more convenient to the resident, there is a slight cost differential for not having to buy stickers during the year. Fifty-two weekly stickers at \$3.99 each have the equivalent annual cost of \$207.48, so the annual sticker adds \$12.15 to your cost of refuse collection. However, for some that added cost might be worth the time saved in buying stickers regularly. Still, if residents are willing to pay out the full cost up front, they could also buy 55 stickers up front at roughly the same price as the annual sticker and through recycling or other efforts, reduce their cost and save money during the year.

The price of annual stickers is reduced on a pro rata basis each week during the year 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.

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High Mount School Holding Registration For Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration and screening for children living within the High Mount School District who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2017, will take place on Thursday May 18th and Friday May 19th. Parents should call the school office at 618-233-1054 to schedule an appointment. The process takes about 45 minutes.

At the time of your appointment you must bring three proofs of residency in the district, such as a lease, utility bills, etc. plus a certified copy of your child's birth certificate.

High Mount To Also Hold Pre-K Screenings May 24 & 25

All children who live in the High Mount School District who will be at least 3 years old but less than 4 1/2 years old, on or before Sept. 1, 2017, (thus not eligible for Kindergarten in

Fall of 2017) may participate in Pre-K Screenings May 24th & 25th, 2017. The process involves testing Vision, Motor Coordination, Concepts Formation, Hearing, Speech, and Language.

The screenings will take place at High Mount School at 1721 Boul Ave, in Swansea.

To Make an Appointment Call the school office at 233-1054. Each child's personal screening takes approximately one hour.

A child must participate in the screening in order to be eligible for the High Mount School Pre-K At Risk Program.

County Certifies Tax Rate For Swansea

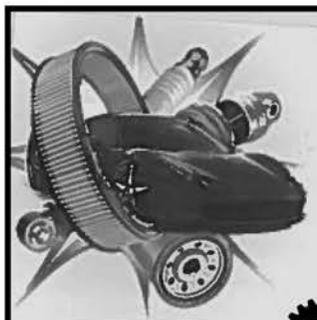
In April, St. Clair County issued the 2016 Tax Computation Report to the Village, which identifies the tax rate setting equalized assessed valuation (EAV) for the community, and establishes the property tax rate that will be applied for taxes payable in 2017. The report indicates that

property values increased in Swansea by about \$6.6 million over last year's EAV.

The report also indicated the certified tax rate at .7759% for all municipal taxes. However, with Swansea's planned abatement of \$50,000 in the General Obligations Bond & Interest tax levy, that rate is expected to lower to .7575%.

In essence, the owner of a \$100,000 home should see an increase of about \$38 in their annual tax bill and would pay about \$252.00 to Swansea. In contrast, the Belleville News Democrat reported in April that the same \$100,000 home in Belleville will be taxed \$833.00 by that city, 3.3 times what the Swansea owner pays.

Many look at their entire tax bill from the County and often assume that Swansea receives a greater portion of that total bill. But in reality, the Village's share is relatively small. In perspective, the owner of the \$100,000 home only pays about 69¢ a day in property taxes for police protection, firefighting, street maintenance, parks and trails, and many other Village services.



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Budget

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lift stations during the year. And the power bill for street lights is expected to exceed \$130,000 in the next year.

Insurance premiums (for General Liability and Worker's Compensation insurance) are budgeted at about \$310,000. And the Village's share of the premium for employee health insurance is expected to exceed \$520,000, while mandated pension contributions for police and fire fighters will exceed \$1.2 million.

The Village has also planned about \$400,000 of street improvements. This includes milling and resurfacing a number of streets:

- **Philecia Drive** - from Marla Kay to Bobbie);
- **Castle Drive** - from Philecia Drive to Marla Kay;
- **Caseyville Ave** - from Kinsella to Schae-Fries;
- **Kinsella Ave** - from "H" Street to Morgan;
- **Smelting Works Road** - from the new section of Smelting Works to McDonald Blvd and from McDonald Blvd to Chambers;
- **Old Caseyville Road** – from the

MetroLink crossing north to the top of hill; and

- **Urban Way** –from Goldenrod to Big Bend.

In addition, the Village plans to resurface a number of 'oil and chip' streets as part of its regular maintenance program.

The budget document can be viewed on-line at www.swanseail.org under the **Transparency** tab on the top line menu, and then clicking on **Financial Information**, followed by **Budgets**.



On Apr 17th, Mayor Mueller presented a Certificate to resident Sarah Eversman, in recognition of her achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts of the USA. Sarah is flanked by her parents, who attended the meeting with her.

Dog Park Opens to All Without Fee

When established, use of the dog park at Swansea's Melvin Price Memorial Park, required an annual license and fee. The intent was that users would cover any costs associated with creating and operating the facility. Now that start up costs have been recouped, the Swansea Park Board suggested that the license / fee requirement be eliminated and that the park be opened to the general public. The Board of Trustees enacted those changes by ordinance on Apr 17th.

The Village has not been collecting license fees for the fiscal year starting May 1st, in anticipation of the proposed change.

Board members emphasized that dogs using the facility still need to have their shots up to date and that residents need to remain in control of their pets at all times, especially when multiple dogs are in the fenced area together. Use of the facility is at each dog owner's own risk, without liability to the Village.

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Swansea Continues to Move Towards 911 Consolidation

Officials with the Village of Swansea and the City of Belleville, met on April 12th to work out final details in the agreement between the two municipalities so that Belleville can begin to dispatch Swansea police and fire services on July 1, 2017.

As of this writing, the Village is waiting on input from the Belleville City Attorney so the two communities can finalize language of the intergovernmental agreement. The Village hoped to officially approve it prior to the end of April. Through it, Belleville will answer all 911 and all non-emergency calls for service from Swansea residents and businesses, and then directly dispatch the appropriate emergency responders to the scene.

The final cost will depend to some degree on the actual cost of new telecommunicators hired by Belleville to provide the service, but initially is being budgeted by Swansea at a cost

of \$25,710 per month. Swansea's current telecommunicators have applied for those positions in Belleville and will be considered for employment with the City.

Since the Village's telecommunicators provided all administrative support to the Village's police officers, Swansea plans to meet that need with full and part time Civilian Police Aide positions.

After July 1st, administrative staff in the Department will consist of a supervisor working the day shift Mon - Fri, a second full-time Civilian Police Aide, working 4:00pm - midnight, Mon - Fri, and four or five part time Aides filling in other shifts, holidays and weekends.

However, those shifts will not provide 24/7 coverage of the Police Station so for some times overnight and on weekends the station will be closed to the public and the officers on duty at those times will not have the benefit of administrative support.

While not what the Village would prefer, it is the best that can be accomplished with the funds available.

Police Department Hiring For Civilian Police Aide Positions

The Swansea Police Department is accepting applications for the newly created positions of Civilian Police Aide. One full-time and multiple part-time positions will be available. The full-time position will generally be scheduled to work Mon - Fri, from 4:00pm - midnight. The part time positions will work varying schedules, nights, weekends, and holidays. These may be ideal for students seeking careers in law enforcement and looking for experience.

Civilian Police Aides will provide lobby reception, answer telephones and provide administrative support services to Swansea Police Officers. A complete job description and application form can be found on the Police Department webpage at <http://swanseail.org/2309/Civilian-Police-Aide>.

All openings to be filled before July 1, 2017. Applicants must pass an extensive background investigation.

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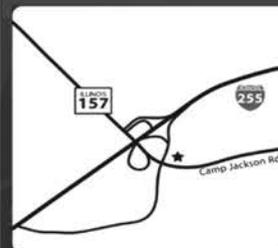
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During The Election Process Some Residents Ask: “Why Does Sv

At the Candidate’s forums hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, a number of candidates for Village office reported hearing multiple questions about the Village’s unique refuse collection and disposal program. Some residents apparently expressed their dislike of the current program. Still, others love it.

Understanding how it came about might also help understand why twenty-eight years ago elected officials chose this approach. Swansea’s program took effect in February of 1990, but the Village planned for it for almost a year prior.

In the late 1980’s landfills in St. Clair County were nearing their allowed capacity. With little prospect of anyone securing a permit for a new one, the area was warned that it may need to ship solid waste outside the region in the future, a costly process.

Swansea, along with other local governments, considered how it might be able to slow the volume of refuse going into those landfills and therefore preserve some of their capacity for as long as possible.

The Village’s research revealed that communities in the Chicago area had responded to a similar decrease in landfill space by implementing “volume based” programs - where the fee paid for refuse collection and disposal was directly tied to the volume of the refuse put out for collection. Under such a system, those who use up more of the landfill space pay more than those who use less, and the cost differential results in a built in incentive to reduce volume.

Intrigued, Swansea’s Mayor, along with some of the Trustees and staff, traveled to Woodstock and St. Charles, IL to review their programs and discuss their approach. Both communities offered insightful advice and the officials came back convinced the program would work for the Village.

Key to the proposed program’s success was the free recycling component. The Village secured bins through a State grant and by offering free curbside collection of recyclable items gave residents an option. If they chose to recycle, they would reduce the volume of refuse discarded from their own home and thus pay less for its collection and disposal. But they didn’t have to. They could choose to throw recyclables into the waste stream, as long as they were willing to pay for disposing of them as ‘trash’.

While the Village spent nearly nine months educating residents through the Swansea Report, some still saw the program as taking away their choice and their freedoms, and like today, some residents initially questioned the Village’s idea. Some were convinced it would cost more.

But the approach had other advantages. For example, it would reduce the number of garbage trucks traveling on Village streets each day and lessen the resulting damage to those streets. It also implied reduced costs because it helped the collection



This wall of baled paper products in Republic’s Hazelwood Recycling facility may include items collected from Swansea.

company to be more efficient, picking up from every residence rather than just a few on a street. And the program also eliminated the cost of billing customers.

So Swansea persisted, and created a single license for residential solid waste collection and disposal, using a competitive bid process to secure the lowest “per-bag” bid price. [For the first 3 years residents bought preprinted 33 gallon bags, rather than stickers, as evidence of payment.]

Bill’s Sanitation, a local company, won the contract for the first three years, bidding \$1.00 per bag as their price for the first year. Those who produced only one bag of refuse each week saved significantly over what they had previously been paying private haulers.

The volume based component

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Swansea Use a Sticker Program For Trash?"

proved to be the incentive people needed to change habits and behavior. From the very start, between 30% and 35% of the waste stream in Swansea has been diverted from landfills, year-after-year, for 28 years. Participation in recycling has been extraordinary in the Village - with over 90% of the residents consistently participating in that aspect of the program. Young residents grew up here with curbside recycling as part of their lives. And Swansea was recognized publicly for its innovation and success.

As predicted, some local landfills did close and waste disposal prices have increased. Sticker's are now \$3.99 each, rather than \$1.00, but then again, in 1990 the minimum wage was \$3.80, a gallon of gasoline was \$1.22, and a 1st class stamp was 25 cents. And in reality, Swansea's costs are not out of line with what non residents are paying.

One hauler recently quoted \$65 per quarter or \$260 per year for refuse only collection in an unincorporated area outside the Village. That \$260 would buy 65 stickers in Swansea, enough for one can per week and an extra can 13 times during the year. But if you want to recycle, they will charge you more for that privilege.

In contrast, Swansea residents can to some degree control their costs, by controlling volume. This is especially beneficial for those who dispose of very little refuse - like senior citizens. Putting trash out every other week lowers the cost to \$104 per year. Every three weeks - to \$69 per year. Conversely, those who put out more

than one refuse container every week will naturally pay more. But that is the inherent fairness of the system - you pay for what you use and you do not subsidize someone else's excessive use of the landfills. Entire families in Swansea get by with using one or fewer stickers each week.

The key is to reduce your volume of trash. Some ideas for doing so include:

- Be familiar with the complete list of items that can be recycled and recycle them all. [See the Village website for list]
- Buy a 33 gallon trash can and use it rather than putting out individual garbage bags. Compress the volume of the waste in the can without exceeding the weight limit of 50 pounds to get the most volume for each sticker you use.
- Be more aware of how items are packaged - choosing bulk items rather than items that are individually packaged. Serve in reusable containers.
- Find places to take items that are recyclable but not picked up curbside, like scrap metals.
- Donate gently used clothing, furniture, and other items to charities.
- Compost vegetable matter and other similar refuse with yard waste to create rich compost for your plants and shrubs.
- Mulch your grass clippings or bag and compost rather than pay for separate yard waste collection.

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Fire Civic Association Donates \$3,000 To Siteman Cancer Center

At the Village meetings on April 3, 2017, the Civic Association of the Swansea Fire Department presented a check in the amount of \$3,000 to the Siteman Cancer Center.

In relaying details of the donation, Swansea Trustee and Fire Captain Matt Lanter noted that the department had planned to hold a number of T-shirt fundraisers during the year, one of which was targeted to raise funds for breast cancer awareness and research. That plan

took on new meaning when Lanter's wife was subsequently diagnosed with breast cancer in 2016.

The association produced and sold T-shirts with a pink logo across the back reading "Swansea Fire Rescue." Lynne Lanter designed the shirts, including the 'i' in Fire as a fire hose shaped like a breast cancer ribbon.

Jenny Miller, representing the Siteman Cancer Center, holds one of

those shirts and the donation check front and center in the photo above. She is flanked by Lynne Lanter to the right, and Trustee Marilyn Neumeyer to the left, who has also been battling breast cancer this past year. Surrounding are members of the fire department Civic Association.

Siteman Cancer Center is affiliated with Washington University / BJC in St. Louis and is a leader in cancer treatment, research, prevention, education and community outreach.

Relay For Life Comes to Wolf Branch Middle School, Swansea Jun 23rd

Relay for Life of Southern St. Clair County will use the track at Wolf Branch School for this year's event, scheduled for Fri. June 23rd, from 7:00 pm until midnight. Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life is the world's largest fundraising event to save lives from cancer. Want to take part?



- If a Swansea organization or businesses, consider participating as a sponsor.
- If a resident, consider forming a team to celebrate someone who has battled cancer or remember someone who lost that battle.

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In 2015 a few area business owners and professionals in our region formed the Small Business Week of Southwestern Illinois committee, an all volunteer organization that helps coordinate events for Small Business Week in this area.

For 2017 those events include the following:

Monday, May 1

Kick Off Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Bob Roiblat

Tuesday, May 3

Choose From Multiple Seminars
During the Day

Wednesday, May 3

Southwestern Business Expo
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Thursday, May 4

SCORE Small Business Day
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Mega Networking Event
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 5

Awards Luncheon
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
(awards presented after luncheon)

Mix N' Mingle Reception
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Events are scheduled in various venues throughout the Metro-East. Most are free but some include a fee.

For specific details on these seminars and events visit the committee website at <http://www.sbwsuil.org/index.php/en/events> and view the Events Calendar. There you can click on any of the events for location, other information, or to register.



Swansea Rotary Club 14th Annual 5K Run & Walk Set For June 3rd

The Rotary Club of Swansea will host its 14th Annual 5k Run / Walk on Saturday, June 3, 2017 starting at 8:00am. The event begins and ends at Wolf Branch Middle School, 410 Huntwood Road, in Swansea.

The entry fee is \$20.00 if postmarked by May 27th, or \$25.00 on the day of the race. Late registrations on race day will occur between 6:30am and 7:30am, when participants can also check in and pick up their number and T-shirt. Shirts are only guaranteed for runners registered by May 26th.

The event was created to honor and promote The Chad Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund which provides college scholarships for qualifying graduates of area high schools. For additional information visit the club website at www.swansearotary.org, or contact Jim Riess at 618-920-9698, Dennis Bertelsman at 618-779-4878, or Marilyn Rossi at 618-698-5897.

The event takes place rain or shine with no refund of entry fees.

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Farmer's Market Returns May 4th

The Swansea Farmer's Market starts its ninth season on May 4th. The market will be open every Thursday, rain or shine, from 11:00 am until 3:00 p.m., on the parking lot of Rural King, 2801 N. Illinois St., in Swansea.

In the month of May, you can expect to find strawberries, asparagus, varieties of lettuce difficult to find elsewhere, and other spring crops. As with last year, a local restaurant or charitable organization will be selling or donating food. The opening day menu includes hot dogs, brats, and other items. Opening day is also National Prayer Day. In honor of that, the market will be giving away free prayer plants to each family - as long as the supply of 150 lasts.

Anyone who would like to be a vendor should email your interest to swanseafarmersmarket@yahoo.com or call Norm Geloat at 978-8753.

Vendor fees are:

- Produce/Meats \$10 Weekly
- Baked Goods \$10 Weekly
- Crafts/Flowers \$3 Weekly
- Food Vendor \$5 Weekly

Peace by Piece Comes to Swansea

Swansea residents Jason and Christina Keck own the Peace by Piece retail store in downtown Belleville, where they feature clothing, jewelry and other products.

The Keck's wanted to locate a second store in Swansea, however, they were unable to find the perfect location, so instead they created **Evolution of pxx** as the first "fashion truck" in St. Clair County - a mobile boutique that helps bring some sales tax to the Keck's home town.



You can find the truck loaded with clothing and jewelry every Thursday between 10:00am and 2:00pm on the parking lot of Rural King in Swansea. You can even book the truck for your own private party or fundraising event. For more information, email evolution@peacebypiececo.com.

Recycle Electronics and TVs on May 20th

CJD E-Cycling has teamed up with Gamma Rays Robotics Team from Governor French Academy to host an electronics drop off and recycling event from 9:00 am until noon on Sat, May 20th on the Rural King parking lot at 2801 N. Illinois St. in Swansea.

Both residents and businesses can drop off PCs, servers, switches, printers, modems, rechargeable batteries, landline phones, cell phones, cable boxes, audio and video equipment, home electronics, holiday lights, and almost anything

with a power cord. Computer monitors will also be accepted with a minimal charge of \$5-\$10, and televisions will be accepted with a minimal charge between \$5 and \$30 based on size. The event will also accept any recyclable metals.

For more information, call 618-659-9006, email info@cjdrecycling.com, or visit www.cjdrecycling.com.

Hazardous Waste Collection In Swansea June 17th

On April 13th the St. Clair County Health Department advised the Village that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) will fund a Household Hazardous Waste collection event on June 17, 2017 in Swansea's Melvin Price Park. This is the first such IEPA event to be held in St. Clair County since 2012.

The County has not yet provided a list of items to be accepted, but in previous IEPA events residents were able to dispose of: Oil-based paints, aerosol paints, paint thinners, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, old gasoline, pool chemicals, cleaning products, mercury, household batteries, used motor oil, drain cleaners, lawn chemicals, solvents, antifreeze, hobby chemicals, fluorescent lamp bulbs, and old and outdated medicines and pharmaceuticals.

Mark your calendar and look for more info in the June issue of the Swansea Report.

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Swansea Community Calendar - May 2017

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| | 1 Committee Meetings 6:00pm Govt. Center Village Board Meeting 7:30pm Govt. Center | 2 | 3 | 4 Farmer's Market 11:00am - 3:00pm Rural King Parking Lot Swansea Rotary Club 7:30am; Thompson Center - Program: Belleville Area Humane Society - Katie Nelson | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting (if needed) 6:00pm Govt. Center | 10 | 11 Farmer's Market 11:00am - 3:00pm Rural King Parking Lot Swansea Rotary Club 7:30am; Thompson Center - Program: St Clair County Board Chairman - Mark Kern | 12 Chamber of Commerce Morning Mingle 7:45am - 9:00am Recreation Center Fairview Heights Rec Center, 10025 Bunkum | 13 Swansea Park Board Meeting 7:00am Norman Lehr Center Swansea Patriots Meeting 8:00 am. Norman Lehr Center Swansea Patriots Fund Raising Opportunity |
| 14 | 15 Committee Meetings 6:00pm Govt. Center Village Board Meeting 7:30pm Govt. Center | 16 | 17 Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours FCB Bank, Swansea 5:00-7:00 pm | 18 Farmer's Market 11:00am - 3:00pm Rural King Parking Lot Swansea Rotary Club 7:30am; Thompson Center - Student of the Month/Business meeting | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Farmer's Market 11:00am - 3:00pm Rural King Parking Lot Swansea Rotary Club 7:30am; Thompson Center - Program: SCC Sheriff Rick Watson | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Memorial Day Ceremony 10:00am Price Memorial Park Holiday Govt Center Closed | 30 | 31 |  <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p> | | |

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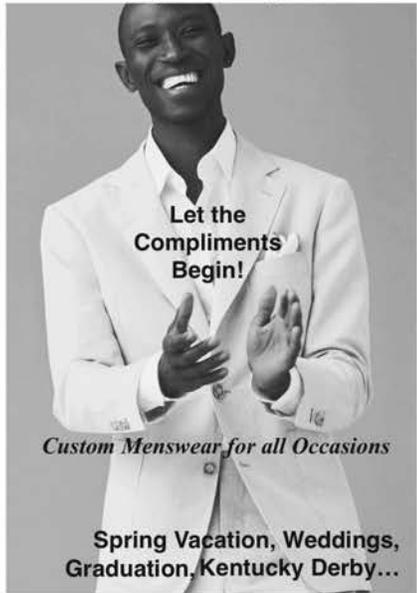


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