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Village Board Re-Issues Request For Proposals on Boul Avenue Property

The Village has reissued a previously issued Request for Proposals (RFP) for redevelopment of property the Village purchased last year on Boul Avenue. The property wraps behind the new Government Center and Don's Hardware, abuts Melvin Price Park to the rear, and adjoins Don's to the northwest.

Approximately 3.5 acres of that total parcel is readily available for development and has significant frontage on Boul Avenue. The RFP offers the property as an economic development incentive to interested businesses or developers. Those entities had until 10:00am on Sep 27th to submit a proposal to the Village detailing how they would develop the property. If there are competing proposals, the Village would select the one they believe to be in the Village's best interest.

When the RFP was first issued, the Village received no proposals by the original deadline. However, in the last month or so the Village was approached by a retail business that is interested in relocating to Swansea, and who would bring addition retail businesses with them to the site.

The reissuance of the RFP was in response to that specific interest and will give those businesses, and any others, a chance to now prepare and submit proposals.

Village to Partner With Others on Development Study Near MetroLink

The Village Board has authorized the expenditure of \$2,500 towards an effort to study and assist with economic development around the Swansea MetroLink station.

The St. Louis District Council of the Urban Land Institute will form a Technical Assistance Panel, comprised of persons with expertise in economic development. The panel will address three primary questions:

- How should the Village best position land that it owns near the MetroLink Station for development?
- What land uses should the Village pursue to leverage the transit-oriented nature of the sites near the station?
- And what predevelopment work - such as infrastructure upgrades - should be completed in advance of any development in order to help promote interest in the area?

Bi-State Development (METRO) and the St. Clair County Transit District are partnering with Village in this effort and equally sharing the cost.

The Urban Land Institute will start pre-panel meetings with the Village over a 4-8 week time span. At the end of that time period, the panelists will be selected and their specific responsibilities will be delineated.

This will be followed by a one-day, full-day session where the panel will tour the area, meet, deliberate on the issues, and prepare a presentation to

be given to the Village. The final deliverable will be a written report from the panel issued within 8 weeks after their meeting.

The Village currently owns eleven properties in the northwest quadrant of the intersection of IL Rte. 159 and IL Rte. 161, near Jack-in-the-Box. It purchased these properties with the intent of prompting commercial development in that area. However, the downturn in the economy stalled initial interest by developers.

Now that a cooperative effort between the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority, the Bywater Development Group of St. Louis, and Bi-State Development, (METRO) is resulting in the planned construction of the Metro Landing senior apartment complex next to the station, there is renewed interest by all parties in trying to trigger additional transit oriented development nearby.

The Village will use the panel report to help fine-tune its efforts as it works towards enticing commercial developers to give the area another look. The Village is most interested in attracting those retail businesses that generate sales tax, hoping to increase that revenue stream to help offset ever increasing costs that are now butting up against some other stagnant or declining sources of revenue.

Existing Business District and TIF funds are also available within the area as economic development tools.

News Briefs

Yard Waste Burning Option Starts Oct 1st

While the burning of yard waste is banned in Swansea during most of the year, in the fall the Village lifts that ban for two months, with some restrictions.

Burning of yard waste is allowed between Oct 1st and Nov 30th, however only on Wednesday's and Saturday's, and only between the hours of 11:00am and 4:00pm. Burning is not allowed on Village streets or within the Village right-of-way. Fires must be attended and kept under control at all times.

While the Village makes this temporary allowance, all residents should consider the impact of burning yard waste might have on their neighbors. Those with asthma or other respiratory issues can be significantly affected by smoke.

Other options available to residents for the disposal of yard waste include mulching leaves with a lawn mower, composting, curb side collection through Republic Services (618 656-6883), or dropping off yard waste at St. Louis Compost, located at 3521 Centerville Ave., in Belleville.

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Police To Collect Medications Oct 28

The Swansea Police Department will coordinate efforts with the Drug Enforcement Agency to focus on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. A national take back day will provide a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substance and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. Participation in the program is anonymous.

The collection site will be the Walgreens store located at 2532 N. Illinois St., between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm.

Residents can drop off both prescription and over-the counter medications, including pills, ointments and creams. Medications may be left in their original container, however participants are encouraged to remove any identifying information from any prescription label. The program is not able to accept liquids, inhalers, intra-venous solutions, or syringes/needles.

Trick or Treating Rules

Village ordinances allow children to Trick or Treat on Oct 31st until the hour of 9:00pm. 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 6:00pm - 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 do so only at 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.

Swansea Community Calendar - October 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Committee Meetings 6:00pm Govt. Center Village Board Meeting 7:30pm Govt. Center	Citizen's Police Academy Engine House #2 144 Huntwood Rd 6-8:30pm		Farmer's Market 11:00am - 3:00pm Rural King Parking Lot Swansea Rotary Club 7:30am - 8:30am; Thompson Center - Gloria Tialdo - "Dinner Auction Kickoff"		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Swansea Farmer's Market Still Open Until Oct 26th

The Swansea Farmer's Market will conclude its 9th season on October 26th. But residents still have a full month to take advantage of the fresh fruits and vegetables. This will also be the last chance to use 2017 Senior Coupons. If not used in Oct they will expire.

Fall crops are now coming in. Look for apples, pumpkins, greens and other fall crops. There are also some nice homemade crafts so this could be a good opportunity to do some early holiday shopping. And while there, grab a bite to eat from Trinity's volunteers. They are raising money for people in desperate need.

The Market will be open each Thursday during October, from 10:00am until 2:00pm on the parking lot of Rural King, 2801 N. Illinois Street. They look forward to seeing you, rain or shine. For additional information contact: Norm Geolat at 618-978-8753 or swanseafarmersmarket@yahoo.com.



Deputy Police Chief Craig Coughlin was recognized by the Village at the Sep 5th Board meeting for 25 years of service to the Village and its Police Department.



Mayor Mike Leopold shakes hands with Marsha Ernst, Constitution Week Chair, for the Cahokia Mound Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, after the Mayor read a Proclamation declaring September 17th through the 23rd as Constitution Week in the Village of Swansea.

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Swansea Park Board Still Seeking New Member

The Swansea Park Board still has an open position that the Village would like to fill as soon as possible. Any interested resident should email info about themselves to Swanadmn@Swanseail.org.

The Park Board is an advisory Board whose duties include recommending park improvements and measures to ensure the maintenance and management of the Village's parks. The Board meets on the second Saturday of each month at 7:00am at the Norm Lehr Center in Melvin Price Park. Appointment is for a one-year term ending April 30th but could be renewed for successive one-year appointments.

Fire and Police Open House Oct 15th

This year's Swansea Fire and Police Open House is being held on

Sunday, Oct 15th from 11:00am until 2:00pm at Engine House #2, 144 Huntwood Rd. This is a great event for the entire family with lots of fun things for kids to do. This includes...

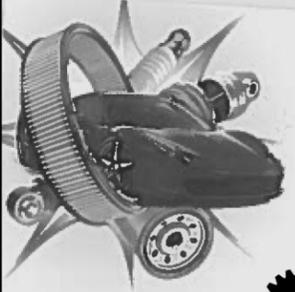
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- 1:00pm - Police K-9 Leo demonstration
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- SWAT Display with Armored Vehicle
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- Safety Discussions
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- Free Snow Cones
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- And shoot a Fire Extinguisher!

Water Company Annual Maintenance

Illinois American Water has begun their annual maintenance program, which includes testing and flushing fire hydrants in addition to a temporary change in water treatment. Work should continue until around the end of October.

While the maintenance is being performed, residents who are customers of IAWC may experience a slight drop in water pressure. Water may also appear discolored for a short period of time. If so, run the cold water for a short period of time and it should clear up on its own. However, if you experience discolored water please refrain from doing laundry until your water once again runs clear.

The company will switch to the use of "free chlorine" as a stouter disinfectant during this time, so customers may notice a stronger chlorine taste or odor in their water. For more information visit the IAWC website: www.illinoisamwater.com.



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Village Administrator to Remain in Position Thru Sep 2018

Village Administrator Lyndon Joost has changed his planned retirement date from Sep 29, 2017 to Sep 30, 2018, delaying by one year his planned departure from the position. With this change, Joost and Mayor Mike Leopold negotiated a new employment agreement that extends through that new date. That agreement was subsequently approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on Sept 5th.

Joost was the Village's first Administrator, previously occupying the position from Aug 1985, after it was originally created, until May 1995. He returned in February of 2016, with the intent of remaining in the position until his retirement, and then assisting the Village in the transition to a new Administrator at that time. The Board of Trustees will decide in 2018 when they believe it would be best to hire and bring that new person on board.

Don't Become a Victim of 'IRS' Tax Scam

Scammers are calling residents in the area pretending to be from the IRS, so be aware and avoid becoming a victim.

The IRS does not call tax payers and ask for credit card numbers over the phone. Nor would the IRS ever request that you purchase a pre-paid debit card or make wire transfer to make payment on a tax debt.

If someone calls you and claims to be from the IRS, threatening police arrest, deportation, or license revocation if you don't send some payment immediately, that is a clear sign that the person calling is not really from the IRS. Simply hang up.

Other characteristics of this scam include:

- Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.

- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security Number. Don't take that as an indication of legitimacy.
- Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling. Caller ID is not always an effective way of knowing who is calling you.
- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.
- Persons being called may hear background noise of other calls being conducted. Scammers do this to mimic a call site and make you think they are legitimate.
- After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers may hang up only to have others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or the DMV. Once again, those calls may spoof caller ID information to make you think they are legitimate.

October 15th Is The Deadline To Apply For Summer Usage Credit

Swansea residents who do not use a deduct meter only have a few weeks to apply for a credit on their sewer bills to offset charges for water usage that did not enter the sanitary sewer system.

Residents are entitled to apply for a credit equal to 50% of the difference between their average consumption for the 'winter' versus the 'summer' periods, as defined in Village ordinances, which is then subtracted from the user's actual water consumption on the next bill. Sewer charges are then calculated on the resulting water usage balance.

Summer usage can be higher for those who water lawns and plants and fill swimming pools, all actions where the water used does not enter the Village's sanitary sewer system. Those who buy and use a deduct meter are allowed to instead deduct 100% of the readings through that meter.

To apply, complete the form to the right and mail or drop off as indicated. You must reapply each year, and the form must reach the Village by Oct. 15th.

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Swansea Spook-tacular Event is Sat. Oct 28th in Price Park

The Swansea Park Board and the Swansea Patriots will bring back a tradition from the 1980's, with a Halloween party in Melvin Price Memorial Park. The "Swansea Spook-tacular" is scheduled for Sat, Oct 28th from 5:00pm until 9:00pm. Among other things, it will feature a parade of children in their costumes, games, bounce houses, and food trucks.

Residents, businesses and organizations can also participate through "Trunk-or-Treat" - where they will park their automobiles around the perimeter of the roadway through the park with trunks or hatchbacks open and giving out candy. Children will trick or treat by visiting each vehicle and showing off their costumes.

If you participate you might want to decorate your vehicle or trunk in some Halloween theme - being cognizant that this is a family friendly event and that any decorations should be appropriate for all ages of children.

The enjoyment and safety of those children is very important. So to help ensure that, the event sponsors are requiring that all who intend to provide treats through this Trunk or Treat

component complete and submit a participation form. While not wanting to seem overly cautious, the sponsors know that other similar events use this tool to inhibit possible participation by anyone who might be of concern to a parent or the Police Department.

The form is available for downloading from the Village of Swansea website at www.swanseail.org. Please print it, complete it, and then submit it to the Swansea

Government Center, at 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, IL 62226, or email to swanadm@swanseail.org.

Forms should be received no later than Noon on Wednesday Oct 25th to allow time for processing.

Again, this step is intended to help ensure the safety of all children at the event.



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Village Board Authorizes Letters Re: Township Road Taxes

In September, the Swansea Village Board authorized a letter to be sent to multiple state officials, hoping to bring their attention to an issue of Township taxation for roadways, and how that specifically affects Swansea residents.

Illinois has more units of local government - 6,963 - than any other state in the union. Among those are townships, which generally overlap municipal and county boundaries. Most Swansea residents are therefore also residents of St. Clair Township, as they are residents of St. Clair County, the State of Illinois, and other governmental entities like school districts. But while the township road district levies and collects property taxes for roadway maintenance and repairs from Village residents, they do not spend those taxes on and roadways that fall within the Village's borders.

By state law, Swansea will receive back about \$100,000 of the \$200,000 paid by our residents to the "St. Clair Township Road and Bridge Tax". That \$100,000 is used by the Village to construct or maintain the Village's residential streets instead. But the Village Board is questioning the other tax levied by the St. Clair Township road district - their "Permanent Road" levy - where this year they will collect about \$990,000 in total and \$417,000 or so from Swansea residents.

The border around the map to the upper right roughly illustrates the boundary of the Township. The lightly shaded areas are those within Belleville, Shiloh and Fairview



Heights. The dark shaded area is the Village of Swansea. The non-shaded areas are the remaining pockets of St. Clair Township that are not within any municipality; mostly undeveloped land or subdivisions where the Township maintains its own streets.

The Swansea Board is objecting to what it sees as Village residents subsidizing roadway improvements to streets our residents rarely if ever use, while the Village struggles to

find sufficient funds to maintain or repair the roadways within the Village's own subdivisions.

While there may be arterial roadways within those unincorporated areas of St. Clair Township that Swansea residents do travel on a regular basis, most often these roads are maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation or the St. Clair County Highway Department.

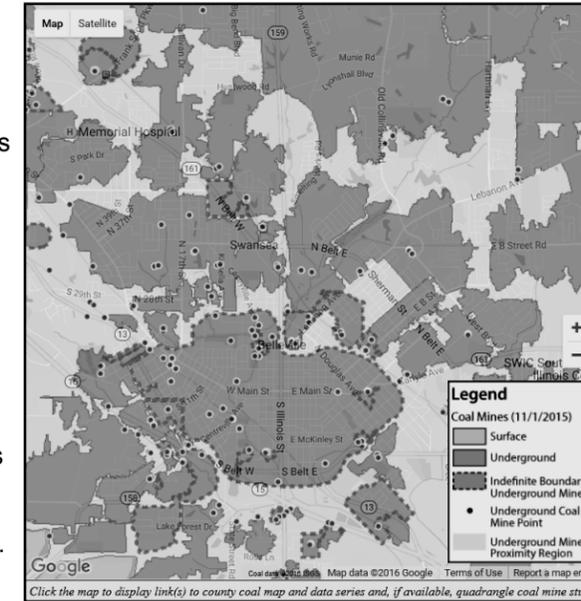
Mine Subsidence Common in St. Clair Co.

As recent events at Wolf Branch Middle School illustrate, many structures in St. Clair County could become possible casualties of a mine subsidence event. Your home or business does not need to actually be undermined. The collapse of a mine nearby can radiate to your property causing damage.

The most common occurrence is Sag Subsidence which appears as a gentle depression in the ground and then spreads over a larger area. It often occurs suddenly, developing over a few hours or days, but gradual movement can then continue for years. Damage can be hardly noticeable, or manifest as significant cracks in buildings.

Often the cause is the collapse of the roof of a subsurface coal mine. The ground above that point of collapse sinks or "subsides". A quick look at the map above from the Illinois State Geological Survey website, illustrates this point. Most of St. Clair County is undermined and most of these are "room and pillar" mines in which miners excavated coal in a sort of checkerboard pattern, leaving some pillars of coal to hold up the roof of the underground mine.

But over the years, those 'pillars', can disintegrate and collapse into the mined void. Yet while most experts agree that room and pillar mines will eventually experience some degree of collapse, there is no way to know



when or exactly where that will occur next. So while a number of these events have occurred in Swansea over the years, Swansea is probably no more susceptible than other parts of the County or other neighboring communities.

Mine subsidence insurance is added automatically to homeowner's policies in our area, so you would have to consciously decline it to not have the coverage now. But if there is a chance you did so in the past, recent events are a reminder of how important it could be.

For a good primer on subsidence, download the PDF pamphlet at <http://library.isgs.illinois.edu/Pubs/pdfs/circulars/c569-2013.pdf>.

An interactive mine map for the entire State of Illinois can be found at <http://isgs.illinois.edu/ilmines>.

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