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New Ordinance Seeks To Manage Future Video Gaming Development

In June of 2015, the Village Board of Trustees adopted an ordinance that allowed video gaming for the very first time, following its approval by the state of Illinois a few years prior. This ordinance served many fruitful purposes: it increased access for residents to participate in a recreational activity with otherwise limited opportunities, it allowed owners and developers to compete in Swansea on an even playing field with other municipal neighbors, and it provided a path for the Village to collect valuable revenue in a responsible manner.

Swansea has approved 9 video gaming licenses to date, with all but one of those filling all five of their allowable terminal seats. With time, more and more businesses have shown interest in acquiring gaming licenses, and that demand made it necessary for Village staff and elected officials to reexamine that enabling legislation.



As a result, the Village Board of Trustees passed an ordinance amendment on August 20th, which helps guide future development of such establishments. Similar to the state statute, the amended ordinance divides video gaming

establishments into one of four categories, with a limit for number of allowable licenses per category. These designations help to not only ensure fairness in the permitting process and a correlating variety of gambling establishments, but they help to appropriately inform traffic, zoning, and location decision-making.

Classifications:

Class A Permits (4): Authorize the placement of video gaming terminals in establishments where estimated net revenue of at least 60% derives from a combination of the sale of food prepared on site, and the sale of alcoholic liquor consumed on premises.

Class B Permits (5): Authorize the placement of video gaming terminals in establishments with a convenience store, that sells at retail a minimum of 10,000 gallons of fuel per month.

Class C Permits (4): Authorize the placement of video gaming terminals in establishments with a primary purpose of video gaming, with considerations for determination including absence of a full service kitchen, net revenue of at least %60 derived from gaming, and overall square footage not exceeding 1,500 sq. ft.

Class D Permits (3): Authorize the placement of video gaming terminals in fraternal establishments having a fraternal purpose where membership is based upon a common tie or the pursuit of a common objective.

News Briefs

Government Center Closed Monday September 3rd

Refuse Collection Also Delayed

The Swansea Government Center and all non-emergency services of the Village will be closed on Monday, September 3rd for the Labor Day holiday.

September 3rd is also a holiday for Republic Services so the collection of refuse, recyclables and yard waste will all be delayed. As all routes will be delayed by one day, Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday the 4th, Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, and Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, September 8th.

Wolf Branch PTC To Host Fall Festival

Wolf Branch will be hosting a fall festival on September 28th from 5 PM to 8 PM. The festival is open to the public and the costs for tickets

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are \$.50 cents a piece or you can purchase an armband for \$15 (unlimited rides). Note: 1 ticket for inflatables, 2 tickets for fun house and 4 tickets for rides. The following food trucks have been secured for the festival: Spud Shack, General Sherman's Hot Dogs, Andrew's Bayou Ribs and Tikiz. Most food trucks accept cash only.



Park Board Seeking Volunteers Now for Trunk or Treat in Oct

Maybe it seems too early to be thinking about Halloween, but the Swansea Park Board and the Swansea Patriots are already planning their second annual "Spooktacular" for Saturday October 27th, at Mel Price Park.

The organizations are looking for individuals, families, clubs or businesses who would like to participate in the "Trunk or Treat" and hand out treats to 'little goblins'. If interested, please come to the Government Center at 1444 Boul Ave and fill out an application. All participants must do so to gain entry. The Park will be turned into the "Wicked Forest" with many attractions for kids and families to enjoy.

Swansea Farmers Market

The produce has been incredible this year and now the weather should make this a great time to really enjoy your farmers' market. There is an abundance of produce, baked goods, refreshments, and crafts. There are over 20 vendors. The Market is easy to find, located in the parking lot of Rural King, 2801 N. Illinois Street, Swansea. The Market runs from 10am - 2 pm Thursdays, rain or shine. For additional information, contact Norm Geolat at 978-8753, swanseafarmersmarket@yahoo.com or visit the Facebook page, Swansea Farmers.

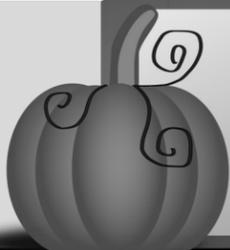
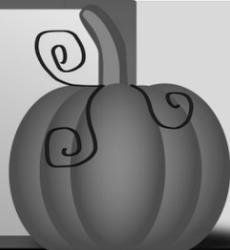
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The issue elicited strong reactions from its supporters and detractors alike. Those in favor of the legislation cited health concerns, pointing to air quality studies that

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Swansea Community Calendar - September 2018

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Smoke Testing To Continue Through September 24th

The Village has begun smoke testing sanitary sewers, as the IEPA recommended that the Village try to locate points of infiltration.

Smoke testing helps to identify where storm water or ground water is getting into the system so that each point of infiltration can be eliminated. If the Village was 100% successful in doing so, wastewater flows would no longer vary with rain storms and the cost of operations and treatment would drop.

Smoke testing involves lighting and placing a highly concentrated 'smoke bomb' into a sanitary sewer manhole. A strong fan on a circular base is placed into the top of the manhole and the fan forces the smoke into and through the sewer system.

The smoke should not enter your home unless you have defective plumbing or dried up drain traps. If you have seldom used drains, pouring water in them and filling the trap should prevent smoke from entering.

Employees of RJN Group, the firm providing the testing, will be dressed

in uniforms with the company logo, carry ID badges, and operate from vehicles with RJN signage, so that residents will be able to easily identify them. They will document incidents of smoke indicating points of infiltration and take photographs.

At least 24 hours prior to testing, RJN will place door hangers on the front door of every building in the area where testing will be conducted. Signs will also be prominent on the streets where smoke testing is in progress. The smoke is non-toxic, odorless, and harmless.

If you would like more information concerning schedules or technical info, please contact Danny Bollinger, Field Manager, at (314)578-3123; or Jennifer Gerwitz, Project Manager, at (314) 588-9764 x303



Apply Now for Summer Usage Deduction

Swansea residents who do not use a deduct meter may still apply for a sewer bill credit to offset charges for water usage that did not enter the sanitary sewer system. This usage typically occurs during the summer with watering lawns, plants and filling swimming pools.

The credit is based upon the difference between the average water consumed on the first two bi-monthly sewer bills issued after May 1st, and the average water consumption reflected on the four bi-monthly sewer bills immediately preceding that same May 1st.

Fifty percent (50%) of the difference between the average consumption for the 'winter' and 'summer' periods is then subtracted from the user's actual water consumption on the next bill. Sewer charges are then calculated on the resulting balance.

To apply, complete the form to the right and mail or drop off as indicated. You must reapply each year, the deadline to apply is Oct. 15th, and you must have lived at the property for at least one year. Those who use a deduct meter are allowed to deduct 100% of the readings through that meter.

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Or Fax to 618-234-0222

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Street Address: _____

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Belleville Marathon Will Affect Swansea Traffic

Saturday, September 30th, will see the return of a marathon race to the region, and the route of that race will have some impact on traffic and general roadway access in Swansea. The race will kick off in downtown Belleville at 7:00am and initially follow Main Street westward. It is planned to be concluded by 2:00pm.

Runners will cross 17th Street into Swansea at about mile marker 13.7 and do so onto Kingsbury Drive. Runners will then turn south onto Penrose and continue south onto Catawba before exiting Swansea back into Belleville.

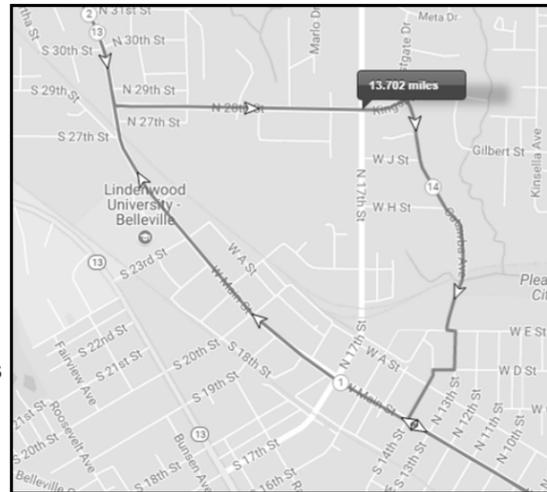
Based upon last year's times and average speed of the leaders, residents might expect to see the first wheelchair participants cross 17th Street at about 8:15am and the first on-foot runners around 8:30am. Those times are of course only rough estimates. When the last runner exits Swansea, will depend upon the pace of that one person. The number of runners and the concentration of their grouping will impact how long drivers might have to wait and how long some residents might be unable to

get from or to their homes. Last year there were about 200 runners pre-registered for the event.

Drivers should note, this is a timed race that serves as a qualifier for the Boston Marathon. Therefore the race and their pace, is crucial to any runners who are trying to achieve that qualification. Race sponsors and volunteers will therefore be stopping traffic to provide right of way to any runner crossing 17th Street, and will give preference to runners on other streets.

Any driver needs to be aware of that, remain patient, and obey the race organizers. Residents who live on Kingsbury, Penrose and Catawba should make plans in advance for ingress and egress that Saturday morning. The full map of the race course can be viewed at <http://www.bellevillemarathon.com/participant-info/course-info/>.

Even if you are simply running some



Saturday errands, you would be well advised to check the map and determine routes you could follow that would not be impacted by the race.

And as an alternative, maybe consider coming to the race course at some point to cheer on those who are participating. Running or wheeling 26.2 miles is undoubtedly a challenge. We are sure those in the race would appreciate any support or encouragement Swansea residents are willing to provide.

Consider Option For Automatic Electronic Sewer Payments

There are multiple ways to pay your sewer bill, but the most convenient for our customers may be an option to authorize the Sewer Billing Department, via an authorization agreement, to automatically withdraw funds from your checking account for payment of your Swansea sewer bill on the due date.

Those who take advantage of this program still receive a bi-monthly bill, however, it would now indicate that the payment will be paid electronically, and automatically withdrawn on the due date.

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ELECTRONIC SEWER PAYMENT

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Noise Ordinance

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- (K) Mechanical Equipment Noise.
- (1) Except temporarily in the case of urgent necessity to protect public health or safety, no person shall cause or permit the operation of any blower, fan, pump, or compressor, or engine or motor in connection therewith including without limitation stationary motor vehicle engines, fixed or vehicle-mounted heating, ventilation, refrigeration or cooling systems, pool filtration systems, generators or other such mechanical equipment, which emits noise of a continuous or penetrating nature that disturbs the comfort or repose of any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities occupying residential property within the area of audibility, if the sound level of such noise exceeds the residential noise level standards in subsection 2 of this Section.
- (2) Noise defined in subsection (1) of this Section, emitted from any property shall not exceed the average sound levels set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this Section upon any portion of any other property if such other property is zoned for residential use.
- (a) Between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.; sixty three (63) decibels (dBA).
- (b) Between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.; sixty eight (68) decibels (dBA).
- (L) Exceptions. None of the terms or prohibitions of this Section shall apply to or be enforced against the following:
 - (1) Agricultural activities set forth in subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this Section.

- (a) Any activity directly related to the production or processing of crops, dairy products, poultry, or livestock for initial commercial sale or as a principal means of personal subsistence.
- (b) Any activity directly related to the cultivation or harvesting of trees.
- (c) Any activity directly related to fish farms.
- (2) Any vehicle of the Village while engaged upon necessary public business.
- (3) Excavations or repairs of bridges, streets or highways by or on behalf of the Village, the County or the State, during the hours between sunset and sunrise, when the public welfare and convenience are served thereby.
- (4) Cries for emergency assistance and warning calls.
- (5) Radios, sirens, horns and bells on police, fire and other emergency response vehicles.
- (6) Parades, fireworks displays and other special events for which a permit has been obtained from the Village, within such hours as may be imposed as a condition for the issuance of the permit.
- (7) Activities on or in municipal and school athletic facilities and on or in publicly owned property and facilities, provided that such activities have been authorized by the owner of such property or facilities or its agent.
- (8) Fire alarms and burglary alarms, prior to the giving of notice and a reasonable opportunity for the owner or tenant in possession of the premises served by any such alarm to turn off the alarm.
- (9) Religious worship activities, including but not limited to bells and organs.
- (10) Locomotives and other railroad equipment, and aircraft.
- (11) Noise which is a normal by-product of commercial and industrial activity, when the activity producing the noise is occurring on premises where such activity is permitted under the Swansea Land Use Code, in which case such noise shall not be deemed to be a violation of this Chapter except as such noise is also in violation of an Illinois Pollution Control Board Order.

Village Board Recognizes Volunteers

On August 4th the Village Board publically recognized the volunteer efforts of Doris Rebenstorff and Gene Kish who both serve on the Planning and Zoning Board and volunteer with the Swansea Family Christmas program. Doris is also one of the drivers for the Swansea Senior Van.



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warn against particularly harmful effects on children and the elderly. The bill's opponents cited such concerns as lack of alternate disposal options, time constraints, and high costs of contracted leaf removal services. A poll in the July edition of the Swansea Report helped elected officials evaluate the perspectives of residents.

Those perspectives and discussions with residents during the Village Board meetings suggested possible changes to the Village's current rules that might allow some burning but to some degree help address the concerns of other residents. With that in mind, Mayor Leopold appointed a special committee consisting of Trustees Rocky McDonald and Brian Wells, and Assistant Fire Chief Chris Tell, to suggest creative solutions.

Shifting the burn season later into the fall, sending out Code Red Alerts to residents when conditions are too wet or too windy for burning, and eliminating burning on holidays have all been floated as ways to potentially mitigate some concerns. The special committee is set to report their findings to the Board in September.

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Village Board Set To Vote Sept. 4 On New Noise Ordinance Referred By Judiciary Committee

On Aug. 20th the Judiciary Committee forwarded to the Village Board of Trustees a new ordinance, created with the intent of limiting noises that are a nuisance to residents. The Board is expected to vote on the ordinance on Sept. 4th.

While creating noise that is loud, disturbing, or detrimental to others has always been in violation of Village codes, the new ordinance should better enumerate examples of such violations. Similar codes are in place in almost all communities surrounding Swansea. As there is always a balance between individual rights and the public good, many factors were taken into account so as to create the most benefit for all residents.

A specific provision in the new ordinance sets decibel limits for certain time periods of the day, so that Swansea Police or Code Enforcement Officers with decibel readers can provide volume standards in a fair and objective manner. While Officers do not anticipate any increase in citations issued, Village staff and elected officials want residents to be aware of these important changes.

§134.22 NOISE. ENUMERATION; PROHIBITED.

The creating of any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise within the Village limits is prohibited. Noise of such character, intensity or duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual or in disturbance of the public peace and welfare is

prohibited. The following, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises and noises in violation of this Section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

- A) Blowing Horns. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle or bus, while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control or if in motion only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.
- B) Radios, Etc. The playing of any radio, music player such as a boom box, tape cassette, disc player or television, audio system or musical instrument or live band in such a manner or with such volume, between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. Friday and Saturday in such a manner as to be plainly audible beyond the boundaries of the premises upon which such equipment is operated or used, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this Section.
- C) Yelling, Shouting, Hooting, Etc. Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing on the public streets, specifically between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any person in any dwelling or any other type of residence or of any person in the vicinity.
- D) Exhaust Discharge. To discharge into the open air the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, or motorboat engine except through a muffler or other device that will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.
- E) Building Operations. The erection, including excavation, demolition, alteration or repair, of any building in any residential district or within three hundred (300) feet of a residential district; the excavation of streets and highways in any residential district or within three hundred (300) feet of a residential district; other than between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. during the months of September through May, and between the hours of 6:30 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. during the months of June, July and August, except for urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety and then only with a permit from the Building and Zoning Director, which permit may be granted for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days while the emergency continues. If the Building and Zoning Director determines that the public health and safety will

not be impaired by the erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any building or the excavation of streets and highways within the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. and if he shall further determine that loss or inconvenience would result to any party in interest, he may grant permission for such work to be done within the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. upon application being made at the time the permit for the work is awarded or during the progress of the work.

- F) Noises near Schools, Churches, Etc. The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, church or court while such is in session, which unreasonably interferes with the workings or sessions thereof.
- G) Loading and Unloading Operations. The creation of a loud and excessive noise in connection with loading or unloading any vehicle or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates and containers. Commercial loading or unloading activity within one hundred (100) feet of residentially occupied premises, or schools, is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M.
- H) Attracting Attention. The use of any drum, loudspeaker or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention, by creation of noise, to any performance, show or sale or

- display of merchandise.
- I) Loudspeakers or Amplifiers on Vehicles. The use of mechanical loudspeakers or amplifiers on trucks or other moving or standing vehicles for advertising or other purposes.
- J) Power Landscape and Cleaning Equipment.
 - (1) It shall be unlawful to operate or use any power landscape equipment in a manner that is plainly audible beyond the boundaries of the premises upon which such equipment is operated or used; provided, however, the use or operation of power lawn equipment shall be lawful:
 - (a) Between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, inclusive and between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and nationally recognized holidays;
 - (b) On golf courses at any time; and
 - (c) On Village owned or maintained property at any time.
 - (2) For the purposes of this Section, "power landscape and cleaning equipment" shall mean all equipment powered by any source other than manual power that is used for cleaning, landscaping or lawn maintenance activities including, without limitation, mowers, tractors,

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