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High Mount School Makes Investment in Renewable Energy

High Mount School and the Village of Swansea have bright plans which came to light in September 2018 when Guarantee Electrical Company installed a 100 kilowatt solar array on the roof of the school. The solar array, designed and engineered by Sun Source, will serve as a cost savings measure, be used for educational purposes, and promote the use of renewable energy sources.

While exact production will vary, the solar panels are expected to provide 30% of the district's electricity. The initial cost of the solar project was offset by approximately \$92,000 from Ameren renewable energy credits and rebates, but an additional \$75,000 came from the Village of Swansea in the form of an allocation through the Tax Increment Financing District.

Superintendent Mark Halwachs says property taxes will not be affected as a result. Halwachs recently met with Swansea Mayor Mike Leopold to go over the project, and indicated that while the system initially will produce 100 kw of energy, there is room to expand the system to 400 kw.

The solar project has been a vision of the superintendent and High Mount School Board of Education for the past six years. His intent is to leverage the district's new asset to help offer Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities in the classrooms. For example, students can determine the efficiency of the panels by measuring their electrical output on a given day, or over time.

The solar panel array will provide a clean, inexhaustible source of energy for the long term. While High Mount has shown the initiative to be an early -adopter, other districts in Illinois that have taken advantage of similar programming so far include schools in Romeoville, Libertyville, Lake Park, and Grayslake.



News Briefs

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

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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.



Police To Collect Medication Oct. 27th

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.

Swansea Community Calendar - October 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Committee Meetings 6:00pm Govt. Center Village Board Meeting 7:00pm Govt. Center	2	3	4 Farmer's Market 10:00am - 2:00pm Rural King Parking Lot Swansea Rotary Club 7:30am - 8:30am; Thompson Center—	5	6 Swansea Park Board Meeting 7:00am Norman Lehr Center
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28	29	30	31 Halloween			

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Candidate documents must be filed with the Village Clerk at the Government Center at 1444 Boul Avenue between December 10 through 17. Filings are received during normal Swansea Administrative Office business hours, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with the exception that on the last day to file, Monday, December 17, 2018, the filing times are between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. In the case of simultaneous filings, a public lottery will be held on December 17, 2018, at 5:45 p.m. at the Swansea Government Center to determine ballot position.

The "2019 Candidates Guide" under "Trending Documents" at <https://www.elections.il.gov> has information and forms for this election. There will be one hard copy of the Guide available for review at the Swansea Government Center during normal hours. Some highlights include:

Preface: Recommends all

prospective candidates consult with competent legal counsel when preparing their nomination papers.

Page iv: Petitions may NOT be circulated prior to September 18, 2018 for the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election with the filling period of December 10-17, 2018.

Pages 9-20: Lists the "Requirements for filing Nominating Papers" Page 23-27: Candidate document forms include those outlined below.

Page 26 highlights forms for this election and the forms are located after page 60.

Petitions (Independent SBE Form P-3 OR New Party SBE Form P-8),

Statement of Candidacy (Independent SBE Form P-1B OR New Party SBE Form P-1D),

Loyalty Oath (OPTIONAL, SBE Form P-1C);

Statement of Economic Interests (Complete the form and file with St. Clair County, providing the Village

of Swansea with the receipt no later than 5 pm on December 17, 2018 as part of Nominating papers. See page 26 that references page 19. Blank Statement of Economic Interests forms may be obtained from the County or in limited quantities at the Village).

Petition Signatures (See pages 24 and 25), for example, independent candidates' minimum number of petition signatures is 122 and the maximum number of petition signatures is 194 as calculated

using the 2,437 Swansea votes in the 2017 Consolidated Election. See the St. Clair Abstract from the link below for the election results.

<http://www.countyclerk.co-st-clair.il.us/elections/electionresults/Documents/2017ConsolidatedElectionAbstracts.pdf>

Page 57-59: Frequently Asked Questions.

Swansea Farmer's Market Still Open Until Oct 25th

The Swansea Farmer's Market will conclude its 10th season on October 25th. But resident's still have a full month to take advantage of the fresh fruits and vegetables.

This will also be the last chance to use 2018 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



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

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: _____

Sewer Account Number: _____

Day Phone Number: _____

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Swansea Spook-tacular Event is Sat. Oct 27th 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 27th from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. Among other things, it will feature a pumpkin contest (bring your own decorated pumpkin), 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 give 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 swanadmn@swanseail.org.

Forms should be received no later than Noon on Wednesday Oct 24th to allow time for processing.

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

Consider Option For Automatic Electronic Sewer Payments

There are multiple ways to pay your sewer bill, but the most convenient is 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.

This payment option doesn't incur any additional charges from the Village. If you are interested, in this program, complete this agreement form, attach a voided check, and return to Swansea Government center at 1444 Boul Ave. Swansea, IL 62226.

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



Burning of yard waste is allowed for the fall season between November 1st and December 15th, on Wednesday's and Saturday's, and only between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, excluding the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the Saturday after Thanksgiving. 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, 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.

Fire Dept. Selling Shirts For Breast Cancer Awareness

The Swansea Fire Department will once again be selling special SFD T-Shirts in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. These

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Designer Purse Bingo at Swansea Moose Lodge

Don't miss the ladies day out event for designer purse bingo. There will be genuine designer purses from Coach, Michael Kors, Dooney & Burke and Kate Spade. It will be held on Sunday, November 11th at 1 PM at the Swansea Moose Lodge. Tickets are \$30 per person in advance and \$35 at the door. Price includes 6 paper cards for 10 games (\$5 per additional 6 cards). Call or text (618) 795-6768 or online at glo-bingo.com (\$2 per ticket service fee) Must be 18 or older to play. The proceeds will benefit the Swansea Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary.



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Ameren Incentive Program

The Village through the Ameren Illinois small facility incentive program is in the process of replacing low efficiency fluorescent and high intensity discharge lighting with brand new energy efficient LED lighting systems. Through the program the village has received approximately \$36,000 in incentive funds from Ameren Illinois and will have 1,300 light bulbs replaced. In addition to the initial incentive from Ameren the lighting upgrades will save the Village an estimated \$14,000 a year in energy costs. While some energy assistance programs require a cost share, under the current program the Village incurred no out of pocket expenses, so this is literally a free project. All small businesses in the Village are encouraged to participate in the program, and can contact the Swanssea Building and Zoning Department for information at swanbnz@swanseail.org.



Recognition



Dave Seger was recognized by the Village at the Sept. 4th Board Meeting for 10 years of service to the Village.



Lori Reagan was recognized by the Village at the Sept. 4th Board Meeting for 5 years of service to the Village.

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