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Police Department

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Fire Department

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Building & Zoning: 355-0280

E-mail: swanbnz@swanseail.org

All Other Departments

General access number

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Mayor's Office, Village Clerk,
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& Public Works

Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday

BUILDING LOCATIONS

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Government Center**

**& Building and Zoning
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Fire House # 2, 144 Huntwood Rd.

Street Garage, 215 Service St.

Wastewater Plant, 209 Service St.

Trash Service Delays

There will be no trash service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Your regularly scheduled trash pick up, following the holidays, will be delayed one day in observance of holidays.



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Swanssea's Snow Removal Procedures and Schedules

The Village is divided into seven snow-removal routes, each served by a dump truck with a salt spreader and plow. First, the Public Works crews spread salt, which melts the snow if the temperature remains above 20 degrees. When about two inches of snow has fallen, the crews retrace the routes with the snowplows, returning as necessary depending on the depth of the snow.

Where should I park my vehicle?

Vehicles that are parked along snow routes will be **towed** if they are not moved before plows arrive. Once snow routes are plowed, crews begin working on less traveled streets, working progressively down a priority list to those least traveled, or those that serve the fewest number of homes. To maximize efficiency, a plow may pass down one street and turn to go down another without immediately plowing the other half of the first street.

If there is a heavy snowfall?

A heavy and lengthy snowfall may require that plows continue to go over the main streets, intersections, and snow routes in order to keep them clear. Residential streets may be delayed until the storm slows and plows can leave the snow routes.

Please be aware that unfortunately, some snow will be plowed in front of some driveways and sidewalks that have just been cleared. This may require residents to go back outside after the plow has passed and clear the end of the driveway again. Secondly, to prevent possible damage to your mailbox, ensure it does not hang out into the roadway. The closer it is to the road, the more likely it is to be damaged by the snow pushed aside by the plow.

Within Swanssea there are also State Highways that the State of Illinois crews are responsible for clearing.

County roads and Township roads must be cleared by the respective crews, but private roads and parking lots are the owner's responsibility.

Please remember there is a nationwide shortage of road salt. The Public Works Dept. will still be out plowing snow when needed. We hope everyone understands this situation is out of our control.



The Village of Swanssea Non-Emergency Services
will be closed on:

Thursday, December 25th, 2014

in observance of Christmas Day

and

Thursday, January 1st, 2015

in observance of New Year's Day.



In Your Corner

A word from your Trustee

Lately there has been a lot of discussion about economic development in Swansea, and the impact that it has on our community. There are many ways we can look at economic development, but in general, this includes anything a community does to promote and create a healthy economy in order to have a healthy community. Over the past several months, Swansea Village officials have taken action to improve economic development by:

Executing agreements that authorize grants from the Special Business District Fund to local businesses for the removal of structures and site improvements.

Contracting with Civic Plus to develop a new website for the Village of Swansea. The Village's previous website has been inoperable since the first of October.

Engaging with Moran Economic Development, LLC to provide advice and consultation to the Village in matters pertaining to economic development.

Improving infrastructure with new sewer lines and road improvements. In addition, enhancements to the parks, bike trails and equipment have been approved.

One of the biggest impacts a community has on economic development is citizen participation. This can meaningfully tie the plans to the people. You may be interested in knowing that some of the upcoming discussions include the 2015-16 tax levies, the banning of leaf burning, and the possibility of adopting the St. Clair County Occupancy Permits. Swansea municipal meetings are held the first and third Monday each month at the Government Center. Committee meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and Board meetings are at 7:00 p.m. or at the conclusion of the committee meetings.

As a friendly reminder, please consider supporting Swansea businesses this holiday season. The additional tax base revenue provides funds to help us improve infrastructure and economic development. Last but not least, with the hustle and bustle of this festive season, I hope you take the time to enjoy family, traditions, twinkling lights and all the things that bring you joy.

Respectfully,

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The Santa House is BACK! Come see Santa at the Santa House in Melvin Price Memorial Park next to the Lehr Center at 1500 Caseyville Ave., Swansea, 62226.

The operating dates are from December 6th through December 20th.

The Santa House will be open 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on weekends.

For only \$5.00 you can have a picture of your child, grandchild, or the child at heart taken with Santa.

Be good; Santa will be watching! Don't miss out.

Stop by and see Santa in Mel Price Park next to the Lehr Center.



SWANSEA PATRIOTS "Growing Our Parks" Trivia Night

The Swansea Patriots would like to thank everyone who participated in the Swansea Patriots Trivia. Swansea parks are made better because of your support.

Thank you.

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Once again the Village will provide various ways residents can dispose of Christmas trees. Drop-off sites have been set up at **Centennial Park off Highway 161, Mel Price Park on Caseyville Avenue and Schranz Park off of Huntwood Road.**

The sites will be open from December 26th to January 25th. Residents



can bring their **clean** trees to these sites and drop them in the designated areas. **All trees must be free of decorations and plastic wrap or tree bags.**

Residents not wanting to take their tree to one of the drop-off sites may place their **clean** tree at the curb on their regularly scheduled pick-up day after Christmas. Starting on Monday, December 29, 2014, through Friday, January 9, 2015 Republic Services will pick-up your tree **FREE** of charge.

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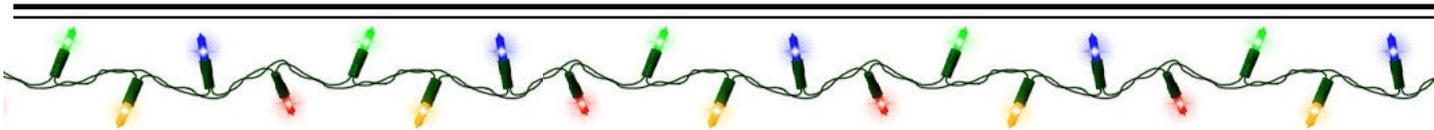
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TIS THE SEASON... FOR GIVING AND SHARING

Many years ago, the Village of Swansea initiated the “Swansea Family Christmas” program. This program was started to help local Swansea residents in need with a holiday dinner and/or gifts. Through generous donations from residents, local businesses and civic organizations, more than 80 Swansea families (289 individuals) applied and received assistance last year.

The Village of Swansea is asking for your help to make the Swansea Family Christmas Program successful again this year. If you, your family, neighborhood association, organization or business would like to help Swansea families in need this year, **please make a donation to the program.** While new toys and new clothing are accepted, a cash donation is encouraged in order to purchase gift certificates. The gift certificates allow families to purchase food for their holiday meal, and to pick out the perfect gifts for their children.

I want to help.

**Enclosed please find my check for the
Swansea Family Christmas Program.**

Contact person: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Please make check payable to:

“Swansea Family Christmas Fund”

Please Return by December 8th.

If you would like to help with Swansea’s Christmas Program, please complete this form and either mail it or deliver it to the Swansea Government Center, 1400 N. Illinois Street, **by Monday, December 8th, 2014.** Late donations are always accepted, but sending your donation early helps ensure a timely dispersal. Please call the Village with any questions at 234-0044.



PROJECT XVI

The Swansea Police Department was presented an award from SILEC and SIPCA on Monday, November 3rd in recognition of their outstanding commitment to the health and safety of their officers.

Every Swansea Police Officer attended the PROJECT XVI Officer Safety Training Course. The PROJECT XVI Training Course was developed to reduce the number of Police Officers injured and killed in the line of duty.

Swansea is one of four departments in the region that every officer completed the training course.



Fairview Heights Police Chief Nick Gailius, representing SIPCA, Swansea Police Chief Mike Arnold, Swansea Mayor Ken Mueller and Bill Fitzgerald, the Director of SILEC

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Yard Waste Program

The yard waste program has 650 homes registered for the new program. It has continued to increase each month.

In October 2013, 19 tons of yard waste was picked up, in October 2014 29 tons of yard waste was picked up. That is 49% more than this time a year ago.

We are making a positive move in the reduction of yard waste burning.

Keep up the good work Swansea.

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BELLEVILLE EAST MARCHING LANCERS

Dec 11 - Holiday Concert, Belleville East PAC, 7:00 p.m.
Dec 13 - Madrigal Dinner, featuring the Belleville East Treble and Concert Choirs and the Wind Ensemble
Dec 27 - Jan 2 - Outback Bowl, Tampa Bay, Florida

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Swansea Fire Department

Monthly Fire Responses
October 2014

For the month of October, the Swansea Fire Department responded to 22 calls. Below is a list of the type & amount of calls the Swansea Fire Department responded to.

- Structure Fire(s) - 2
- False Alarms - 1
- Carbon Monoxide Alarms - 1
- Other Incidents - 18
- Total Responses - 22

Child Safety Seats Installed
October - 5



Reminder



RENTAL PROPERTY ORDINANCE

Before December 31, 2014, all landlords must register their rental properties with the Village or a \$25.00 late fee could be assessed. The registration form is available at the Government Center, 1400 N. Illinois St., or call the office and a copy can be emailed or faxed to you.

If you have any questions, contact the Village Building Department office at 234-0044.

Swansea Police Department



During the month of October 2014, the Swansea Police Department responded to 1,226 calls for service.

- 230 Traffic stops yielded
- 154 Verbal warnings
- 135 Traffic citation issued.
- 30 Traffic accidents
- 32 Misdemeanor arrests
- 1 Felony arrests
- 6 Warrant arrests
- 3 D.U.I. Arrest
- 0 Ordinance Violation

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December Calendar

1 - Public Hearing, Tax Levy

Government Center - 5:30 p.m.

Municipal Committee Meetings

Government Center - 6:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Government Center - 7:00 p.m.

or upon conclusion of the committee meetings.

3 Chamber of Commerce

Board of Director's Meeting

11:00 a.m. - Fairview Hts. VFW

11 Fire Dept. Auxiliary Meeting

Fire Station - 7:00 p.m.

13 Park Board Meeting

Norman Lehr Community Center - 7:00 a.m.

15 Public Hearing, Leaf Burning

Government Center - 5:30 p.m.

Municipal Committee Meetings

Government Center - 6:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Government Center - 7:00 p.m.

or upon conclusion of the committee meetings.

25 Christmas Day - Village Non-Emergency Offices Closed

Planning and Zoning Board Meeting: As needed, second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., at the Government Center. Please contact Building and Zoning to verify if a meeting is to be held.

Swansea Patriots: Second Saturday, approximately 8:00 a.m. at the Norman Lehr Community Center, after the Park Board meeting.

Rotary Club: Each Thursday, 7:00 a.m. at Clinton Hill Restaurant.

Lion's Club: Second and Fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at Crehan's, N. Belt West, call Jim Beimfohr at 234-7145 for more information.

Youth Government Council: First Monday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

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Greetings from the Mayor's Desk

December 2014

Hello,

With the Holiday Season upon us, I want to take this time to wish everyone health and happiness through the Holiday Season and into the New Year from my family and all of the employees of the Village of Swansea.

When you make your New Year's resolutions, consider community involvement. When you become active in your neighborhood, you improve life for yourself and others. There are many volunteer opportunities in our area. Please reach out to find the right opportunity for you.

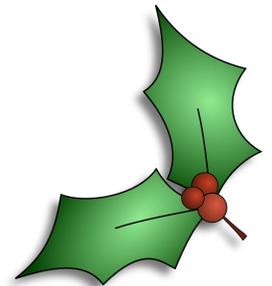
Another area that needs volunteers is giving blood. This time of year the donations are down and the need is usually up, so please consider donating blood. There are many organizations that make a special effort to provide needed items for the less fortunate, so please consider helping in that area as well.

All the best to you,

Ken Mueller

Mayor

mayor@swanseail.org



VILLAGE ELECTIONS

On April 7, 2015, the Consolidated Election will occur. There are three (3) Village of Swansea positions to be elected. The title for each of these positions is: "Village Trustee - four-year term." The Trustee office holders with expiring terms are Trustee Susan O'Malley, Ronald Sutterfield, and Susan Schultz. The salaries of the Trustee positions are presently \$7,200.00 per year.

Candidate documents must be filed with the Village Clerk at the Government Center at 1400 N. Illinois Street in order to be placed on the ballot. The dates and times for filing are as follows: December 15 – 19, 2014 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and on Monday, December 22 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.. In the case of simultaneous filings, a public lottery will be held on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 5:45 p.m. at the Swansea Government Center to determine ballot position.

The "State of Illinois Candidates Guide 2015" (Guide) has instructions and forms and may be read under "Top Documents" at: <http://www.elections.illinois.gov>. 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 iii: Petitions for the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election may NOT be circulated prior to September 23, 2014, for the filing period December 15 – 22, 2014.

Pages 10-20: lists the requirements for filing Nominating Papers including but not limited to the following: Statement of Candidacy (SBE P-1B independent or SBE P-1D new party); Receipt from St. Clair County for the filing of a Statement of Economic Interests (see page 19); Loyalty Oath (OPTIONAL, SBE P-1C); Petitions (SBE P-3 independent or SBE P-8 new party)

Page 23-27: lists qualifications, residency, petition signature requirements and form number information. Note: The independent candidate minimum number (94) and maximum number (149) of petition signatures is calculated using the 1862 Swansea votes in the 2013 Consolidated Election. See the St. Clair Abstract from the link below:

[http://www.countyclerk.co.st-clair.il.us/elections/electionResults/Documents/St Clair 2013-04-09 abstracts.pdf](http://www.countyclerk.co.st-clair.il.us/elections/electionResults/Documents/St%20Clair%202013-04-09%20abstracts.pdf)

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Don't Forget Swansea Family Christmas Program Sign-Up Dates

In order to be eligible, applicants **must be Swansea residents, have a genuine need, and provide proof of residency.** If you wish to apply for assistance you may do so at the Village Government Center, 1400 North Illinois Street on the specified dates and times.

Please bring a valid driver's license or State I.D. card, with your current Swansea address, AND a current utility bill as proof of residency.

Proof of residency can be a public aid card, current power, water, or sewer bill that shows your name and Swansea address.

Applications will be taken from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Monday, December 1st
- Tuesday, December 2nd
- Wednesday, December 3rd
- Thursday, December 4th
- Friday, December 5th

No late applications will be accepted.



Is Your Dog Missing ???

Contact the Swansea Police Dept. to see if the police have found your dog.

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Zumba Gold



Start Zumba Gold at the Norman Lehr Center, 1500 Caseyville Avenue.

The St. Clair County Office on Aging is co-sponsoring Zumba classes starting on September 2nd, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. It will continue each Tuesday, same time, as long as there is an interest.

Instructor Sheri O'Donnell will lead you in this fun exercise. A suggested donation of \$4.00 to the St. Clair County Office of Aging will help off-set some of their cost.

For more information you can call

Mary at 234-4410 ext. 7034



High Mount School District # 116 December 2014

Dear Friends:

I hope that all of you have a happy holiday season and spend as much time with your family as possible. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year. Remember to appreciate what you have this Holiday Season and to always give more than you receive. Make sure to reserve a special place in your heart for those who are not as fortunate as you and who are unable to spend time with loved ones.

Have a great Holiday Season!

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Before the Test - Ask if your youngster's school offers study guides or sample tests. They are a great way to practice for both standardized and regular classroom tests. Sample tests help children become familiar with directions and what the test will look like.

During the Test - Your child should always read the materials carefully before he/she begins. Directions are important. If your child doesn't understand what to do, encourage him/her to ask the teacher for further explanation.

After the Test - Review the test results with your youngster. Discuss what went right and wrong. For example, did he run out of time? Next time, he might try answering the easier one first, such as multiple choice questions.

Note: If you're concerned about your child's test results, talk with the teacher. He/She may suggest additional ways to help your youngster prepare for tests.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR December 2014

All dates for sporting events can be found using the school's website. Please find the additional events calendar for December listed below:

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| December 3 | Progress Reports Sent Home |
| December 12 | Pizza w/Santa |
| December 12 | Student Council Dance, 6-8 th grade |
| December 8 | PTC Meeting, 7:00 |
| December 11 | Holiday Band Concert, 7:00 |
| December 18 | Holiday Program (K-4), 1:30, 7:00 |
| December 22 | Holiday Break Begins |
| January 5 | Classes Resume |



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&
Allison Dyer, 8th grade, from Wolf Branch School*

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