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swanadm@swanseail.org

Police Department

Non-Emergency - 233-8114

Email: swanseap@swanseail.org

Fire Department

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Engine House: 234-3291

Building & Zoning: 355-0280

E-mail: swanbnz@swanseail.org

All Other Departments

General access number

234-0044

Mayor's Office, Village Clerk,
Administration, Utility Billing,
& Public Works

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

Monday - Friday

BUILDING LOCATIONS

Police Department,
Government Center

& Building and Zoning

1400 N. Illinois Street

Fire House # 1, 1350 N. Illinois St.

Fire House # 2, 144 Huntwood Rd.

Street Garage, 215 Service St.

Wastewater Plant, 209 Service St.

**Good Friday is not a
holiday for trash service,
so there will be no delay
in trash service.**



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Residents Hear Candidates' Views at Chamber Forum



Swanssea residents fill the Thompson Center for the 2015 Swanssea Candidates' Forum hosted by the Metro-East Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce hosted a Candidates' Forum event on March 12th at the Thompson Civic Center. The Forum gave residents and local business owners the opportunity to learn more about the candidates' and specifically hear their thoughts on topics like leaf burning, video gambling, the sewer contract with St. Clair Township and much more.

This year's election will have three Board of Trustee positions available that are four year terms. Current Trustees, Susan O'Malley, Susan Schultz and Ron Sutterfield, terms will end and all three have chosen not to run for re-election.

Candidates running for the Board of Trustee positions are: Doris Rebenstorff, Bill Phillips, Stephen Pulley, Marilyn Neumeyer and Brian McGuire. You may pick up to three of these candidates on election day, April 7th.

Metro-East Regional Chamber of Commerce
233-3938 - chamber@MetroEastChamber.org

Good Friday Office Closing
The Village of Swanssea government offices
& non-emergency services will be closed
Friday, April 3rd
in observance of Good Friday.

In Your Corner

A word from your Trustee

SWANSEA'S AGGREGATED ELECTRIC TIME TO DECIDED AGAIN -----OPT OUT OR STAY IN?????

You should receive in the near future (if you haven't already) a letter from Homefield Energy. The letter will give you the option of opting out of the Swansea Aggregated Electric. Many of you have opted out before, and not that long ago. You will need to do it **again** if you want to stay out of the Swansea Aggregated Electric (fixed rate). The big question "Should I opt out?" I have tracked Ameren's rate with its adjustment since we first started the aggregated program. Every month Ameren's rate with the adjustment has been lower than Homefield Energy's fix rate (old fixed rate .04238). So if you opted out in the first round, you saved money over those who participated in the program.

The adjustment from Ameren was due to a ruling that they over charged in the past. How long will Ameren's adjustment continue? I do not know. For me, I am going to opt out and watch Ameren's rate with the adjustment. When I am fairly certain the adjustment is gone, say after two months of no negative adjustment, I will opt in. So how do I know when it's gone. Looking at your electric bill you see multiple sections with different rates. Only one section is affected by the rate change, "Electric Supply (BGS-1)". Here is an example from a bill date of Feb 9, 2015, the customer used 3988.00 kwh. The "Total Supply Amount" in this section was \$162.16. Divide \$162.16 by 3988 and Ameren's rate was .0406619. Homefield Energy rate at the time was .04238. So multiply .04238 by 3988 and that equals \$169.01, almost \$7 more.

Homefield Energy's new rate effective June 1 will be .05569. What Ameren's rate will be is a mystery. They may go up, perhaps drastically. But, then again, they may stay below Homefield Energy's rate.

You may opt out anytime. But if you don't opt out before the cut off on Homefield Energy's letter you may pay the Homefield Energy's rate for a month or two before you are changed back to Ameren's rate. If you do opt out you may also opt in at any time during this contact that will end with the June 2018 meter read date. To opt out you may send in the opt-out form they sent to you, call Homefield Energy at 866-694-1262, or email homefieldcustcare@dynege.com. You may opt of this new agreement one time during a 12 month period.

I hope this clears up any confusion you may have regarding this program.

Brian Wells
Swansea Trustee



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Residential Yard Waste Service

Reminder of our Yard Waste Service - Swansea Village residents can call Republic Services to sign up for yard waste collection for only **\$9.49 per month**. Republic Services will bill you on a quarterly basis, so when you sign up it will be for a minimum of three months. If you want to cancel the service after three months, just call Republic Services to do so; otherwise service will continue automatically. This service is available each year from April 1 thru December 31. You do not need to bag the yard waste, you can just put it in a trash can by your curb (put a **LARGE RED X** on your yard waste can) and Republic will pick it up on Wednesdays.

This is an optional service, you will not be billed unless you call and request the service.

Your yard waste will be picked up on Wednesdays, if you sign up for the service.

*You do **not** have to use a paper yard waste bag and you can place multiple containers out weekly.*

This can be an affordable & environmentally friendly option to leaf burning. Please give it a try.

Trash Stickers cost will **not** change this year, \$14.75 for a sheet of 5 stickers.

Please Note: There are no changes to the trash and recycling programs.

Until further notice:
Burning of landscape waste
will be permitted

on Wednesdays and
Saturdays during the

hours of
11:00 am and 4:00 pm

beginning April 1, 2015
until June 15, 2015.

To view the proposed ordinance amending
the Burning of Landscape Waste, go to
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Return to Camelot

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The Swansea Patriots

Have selected the site and time of the Camelot

Auction's return.

Saturday, October 10, 2015

The drawbridge will be lowered for entry at 6:00 p.m.

At

The Loyal Order of the Moose Hall

2425 North Illinois Street

Prizes are beginning to be collected and stored in the

Royal Dungeon.

Stayeth Tuned for more! (Please.)

Thou Shalt Marketh the Date and Time!!!

(Thanketh You)

Dog Park Membership Renewal Reminder

You may renew your Swansea Dog Park Membership at the Government Center, starting April 20th, 2015. Please bring the coupon below to receive a discount on your fee.



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SWANSEA POLICE OFFICERS RECOGNIZED

On Monday, March 2, 2015, Mayor Kenneth Mueller recognized the members of the Swansea Police Department for their efforts in arresting and removing drunk drivers from the streets of Swansea. Since January 1, 2001 members of the Swansea Police Department have made over 1,000 DUI arrests. Listed below are some of the figures concerning the number of DUI arrests.



Mayor Mueller & Officer Eric Rohn

- Sgt Matt Blomberg-154 DUI's (100 Pin)
- Sgt Scott Lieb-73 DUI's (50 Pin)
- Patrolman Eric Rohn-337 DUI's (300 Pin)
- Patrolman Pete Wszalek-62 DUI's (50 Pin)
- Patrolman Paul Wuller-53 DUI's (50 Pin)
- Patrolman Jason Tutterow- 198 DUI's (100 Pin)
- Patrolman Dan Lipe-55 DUI's (50 Pin)
- Patrolman Andrew Hewitt-44 DUI's (25 Pin)



Mayor Mueller & Officer Andrew Hewitt



Swansea Fire Department Winter BBQ

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Engine House #1
1350 North Illinois Street

Ribs, ½ Chicken, Pork Steaks, Side Orders

11:00 a.m. - ? Carry Out Only

Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale

The Swansea Patriots (Growing Our Parks)

Upcoming event: The Swansea Patriots' second 5K Run/Walk will take place April 24, at 7pm. Entry fee for the run is \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the race. We will gather at the TWM Barn in Schranz Park. Come out and enjoy food, drinks, free music, and lots of fun! Race forms are available at the Village, and online on our website.

Please support our Sponsors!

The Bank of Edwardsville, Country Estate Kennel, Lashley Animal Hospital, Metro East Parks and Recreation (MEPRD), Peace By Piece Co., Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen (TWM), and TechKnow Solutions, Inc., Republic Services, The Leopold Family, Skip Kernan St. Clair Township Road Commissioner, and Bob Trentman St. Clair County Board Member



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For additional information, email us at swanseapatriots@gmail.com, visit our Facebook page Swansea Patriots, or our website SwanseaPatriots.org.

Bradford Place Opens Memory Care Unit



Mayor Ken Mueller joined Bradford Place Owner, Jay Frances, Bradford Place staff, Louie the mascot of the St. Louis Blues and Chamber Members at the Ribbon Cutting.

Bradford Place Senior Living is proud to announce the grand opening of the facility's new Memory Care Unit. The Memory Care Unit is a separate and secure unit with studio apartments that are dedicated to the specific needs of individuals with memory impairment, dementia and/or Alzheimer's.

For more information about Bradford Place, please visit www.bradfordseniors.com, Bradford Place Facebook page or contact Nicole Berron, Executive Director, by phone at

624-0683



The Swansea Board of Trustees would like to hear if residents of Swansea are interested in a "NO SOLICITOR LIST"

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Swansea Fire Department

Monthly Fire Responses
February 2015

For the month of February, the Swansea Fire Department responded to 24 calls. Below is a list of the type & amount of calls the Swansea Fire Department responded to:

Structure Fire(s) - 3
False Alarms - 7

Carbon Monoxide Alarms - 1
Other Incidents - 13 total
Responses - 24

Child Safety Seats Installed
February - 6



Swansea Farmer's Market

Swansea Farmer's Market customers the wait is almost over. I can't believe we are about to start our seventh season. Look for us each Thursday starting May 7th in the parking lot of Rural King, 2801 N. Illinois Street, Swansea. We will run through October. Our times are 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine. For those individuals that wish to be a vendor, you may contact us at swanseafarmersmarket@yahoo.com.

Vendor fees are the following:

Produce/Meats \$10 Weekly
\$200 Annual
Baked Goods \$10 Weekly
\$100 Annual
Crafts/Flowers \$3 Weekly
\$40 Annual
Food Vendor \$5 Weekly
\$50 Annual

Look forward to seeing you there.

Swansea Police Department



During the month of February 2015, the Swansea Police Department responded to 1061 calls for service.

- 253 Traffic stops yielded
- 152 Verbal warnings
- 178 Traffic citation issued.
- 29 Traffic accidents
- 29 Misdemeanor arrests
- 4 Felony arrests
- 24 Warrant arrests
- 2 D.U.I. Arrest
- 4 Ordinance Violation

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April Calendar

1 Chamber of Commerce

Board of Director's Meeting
Fairview Heights VFW - 11:00 a.m..

6 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.



9 Fire Dept. Auxiliary Meeting

Fire Station - 7:00 p.m.

11 Park Board Meeting

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

20 Municipal Committee Meeting

Government Center—6:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Government Center - 7:00 p.m.
or upon conclusion of the committee meetings

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 1001 North Belt West, Swansea, IL.

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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Municipal Aggregation Customer FAQ

Overview of Municipal and County Aggregation

[What is Municipal Aggregation?](#)

Illinois law allows municipalities and counties to negotiate the purchase price of electricity on behalf of residential and small business utility customers living within their borders. While these governmental entities choosing community aggregation are responsible for negotiating the price of power from a supplier other than the traditional utility, your utility would still be responsible for delivering that power to your home, and billing you for it.

[How can I get more information about the municipality or county's aggregation program?](#)

Contact your municipality or county for information related to the referendum and the aggregation program. Additional resources can be found on the [About Municipal Aggregation](#) page.

Eligibility and Enrollment

[Who is eligible to participate?](#)

Residential or small business customers located in the participating governmental entity boundaries may participate. Customers enrolled in real time pricing, Power Smart Pricing, electric space heat rate, or served by an alternative retail electric supplier are eligible under the law, but are not automatically enrolled. If you are in one of these programs or with a different supplier you will need to review your pricing and contractual obligations in order to determine which options are available to you at this time.

[How do I enroll?](#)

It's simple. It's automatic. Unless you "opt-out" of the program, all eligible electric utility customer accounts within the boundaries will be enrolled in the program as long as they are not participating in one of the programs mentioned above or enrolled with another supplier. You will receive a "switch" letter from your utility confirming your enrollment. Your savings in the new program will begin with your next available meter read date.

[Do I have to participate in the municipal or county aggregation plan?](#)

All eligible utility customers within the municipal or county boundaries will receive an opt-out notification letter via U.S. mail. You may "opt-out" by returning the Opt-Out form by the deadline date identified in your notification. If you choose to opt-out, your account remains with your utility at the current rate.

[What if I decide to opt-out after the opt-out deadlines have passed?](#)

Because the Plans of Governance can vary between municipalities, please refer to your [Terms and Conditions](#) for additional information.

[How do I enroll in the program after the initial enrollment period has passed?](#)

You may request to join the program after the expiration of the initial enrollment/opt-out period by contacting Homefield Energy Customer Care at CustCare@Dynergy.com or call 866.694.1262 for enrollment information. The enrollment policy has been mutually agreed upon by your municipality and Homefield Energy. Program terms and conditions may differ from the "Opt-Out" program.

[How do I sign up if I am new to the community?](#)

Residents and small businesses moving into the municipality or county after the initial program enrollment will NOT be automatically enrolled in the program. You may contact Homefield Energy Customer Care at CustCare@Dynergy.com or call 866.694.1262 for enrollment information. Program Terms and Conditions may differ from the "Opt-Out" program.

Rates and Terms Information

[What are the Rates and Terms for my Municipality or County?](#)

Review the list of [communities served](#) by Homefield Energy. Select your municipality or county to find the applicable rates, contract length, and the terms and conditions for your particular governmental entity. Customers who are enrolled in the program should see the appropriate changes on their monthly electric bill with 45-60 days after enrollment.

Billing and Service Information

[Who will bill me for electricity? Will I get two bills?](#)

You will continue to receive one monthly bill from your utility. The bill will include the charges for electricity supplied by us, as well as the delivery service charges from your utility.

[Can I still have my payment automatically deducted from my checking account?](#)

Yes, how you pay your bill will not change.

[Can I stay on budget billing?](#)

Yes, your budget billing will not be affected by your participation in this program.

[Who is responsible for the delivery of power to my home or business?](#)

Your utility will continue to deliver your electricity and will be responsible for maintaining the system that delivers power into your home. As your energy delivery company, they will continue to respond around-the-clock to outages, service calls and emergencies regardless of your electric supplier.

[Who do I call to report a power outage or problems with my electric service?](#)

You will continue to call your utility for power outages, problems with your service or questions regarding your monthly bill.

Residential Customers

Ameren Illinois: 800.755.5000

Business Customers

Ameren Illinois: 800.232.2477

[Who do I call if I have questions regarding the Municipal or County Opt-Out Electricity Aggregation Program?](#)

Please email any questions to a member of our Customer Care Team at CustCare@Dynergy.com or call 866.694.1262.

Still Have a Question?

[Find the right contact](#) or give us a call at 1.866.694.1262

Chamber Offers Scholarship



The Metro-East Regional Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for the Dr. Bruce Adams annual scholarship. The Chamber will offer one \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating student of Belleville West High School, Belleville East High School, Althoff Catholic High School, or Governor French Academy who is also a resident of Fairview Heights or Swansea. Application deadline is May 1, 2015.

For more information & application form go to the chamber website www.MetroEastChamber.org or call 233-3938.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department
Community Development Group
Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2015-2019)
Needs Assessment Survey

St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department (IGD) is requesting you complete the attached survey instrument. You may print and complete the paper version and mail it to Shawn Schneider, Budget Analyst at IGD (address is below). You may also go online to the St. Clair County website at www.co.st-clair.il.us, or visit our face book page at www.facebook.com to complete and submit electronically.

Please share this survey with everyone you know residing in St. Clair County. The more responses received, the better we can prioritize the expenditures of awarded HUD funds. Thank you for your assistance.

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.

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION April 7, 2015

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE: March 10, 2015

ABSENTEE VOTING:

January 7, 2015 First Day to Apply for
Application to Vote by Mail
March 30, 2015 Last Day to Apply for Application
to Vote by Mail: Military
April 2, 2015 Last Day to Apply for Application
to Vote by Mail: Civilian
April 6, 2015 Last Day to Vote In Person

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION & VOTING:
March 11, 2015 First Day
April 4, 2015 Last Day

EARLY VOTING FOR ELECTION:
March 23, 2015 First Day
April 4, 2015 Last Day

SWANSEA POLLING LOCATIONS April 7, 2015

St Clair 1-5-10 Thompson Civic Center 1501 Caseyville Ave Swansea, Illinois 62226	St Clair 1 St Clair 5 St Clair 10
St Clair 3-11-21 High Mount School (Gym) 1721 Boul Ave Swansea, Illinois 62226	St Clair 3 St Clair 11 St Clair 21
St Clair 6-8-20-30 Wolf Branch Middle School 410 Huntwood Rd Swansea, Illinois 62226	St Clair 6 St Clair 8 St Clair 20 St Clair 30
Belleville 9 & 10 Westview Baptist Church 2500 Sullivan Dr. Swansea, Illinois 62226	Belleville 9 Belleville 10

Some Swansea Residents will go to polling
Locations outside of the Village
**If you have question about where to vote on
April 7, 2015, please contact the St. Clair
County Clerk's Office at 618-277-6600.**





Is Your Dog Missing ???

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

Non-emergency number
233-8114

ZUMBA GOLD



Starting Tuesday, February 10th, Zumba Gold will be at the Moose Lodge at 2425 N. Illinois, Swansea, IL from 11am-12pm.

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.

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April 2015

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School Office: 233-1054

Dates: Wednesday, April 8th, Tuesday, April 21st & Wednesday, April 22nd

(We will start at 8:30 and the last screening will be at 2:30—please allow 45 minutes)

Requirements:

*Your child must be 5 years old by Sept. 1st

*You must live in High Mount School District

Please bring:

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- *Certified Birth Certificate

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These Swansea students were recognized for their excellence in academics, civic and extracurricular activities.
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