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Municipal Directory

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swanadmn@swanseail.org

Police Department

Non-Emergency - 233-8114

Email: swanseap@swanseail.org

Fire Department

Non-Emergency - 233-0456

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.



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Friends of Centennial Park, Swanssea, Illinois

Exotic plants are a serious problem in our area and bush honeysuckle is perhaps the worst. It is shade tolerant and becomes so prevalent it makes foot travel very difficult. But, the worst problem with it is what it does to the future of the forest. It becomes so thick that native trees, flowers, and other plants can't reproduce. Gone will be our oak, hickory, walnut, cottonwood, maple, and others. With their disappearance we will also lose many animals as these trees are a food source for them.

In November, I wrote an article stating we would need an army to tackle this problem. We got a good start on October 11 removing it, and we continued again on March 21. The army is taking form. On March 21, about 50 people worked in Centennial Park. But, Centennial Park was not the only place having bush honeysuckle removed that day. There were volunteers in Washington County, IL and some towns just across the Mississippi working their areas. Plus, we had volunteers in far Southern IL helping and observing our operations, so they could take back what they learned.

In our Centennial Park we had residents and non-residents, young and old. Girl Scouts and a Daisy were there again. This time they did not surprise me with what they could do. They proved themselves again. Our very own Swanssea Rotary, Patriots, and St. Clair Township Road District all had a very good showing. Heartlands Conservancy based out of Mascoutah provided people, tools, and guidance. Don's Hardware, Republic Services, and Bank of Edwardsville contributed supplies. Thank you all so very much!

It will take years to restore Centennial Park to its glory. We will continue and someday we will get there. In the meantime we are going to have FUN getting it done. We had a nice little picnic of about 40 who stayed after, complete with brats, hotdogs (all the fixings), chips, water, and soda. All donated. Look for more information and pictures on Facebook under "Friends of Centennial Park, Swanssea, Illinois", or email bwells@swanseail.org.



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

Monday, May 25th, 2015 in observance of Memorial Day

Trash Service Delay

There will be no trash service on Memorial Day. Your regularly scheduled trash pick up, following the holiday, will be delayed one day in observance of the holiday.

SWANSEA FIREFIGHTER MOURNED

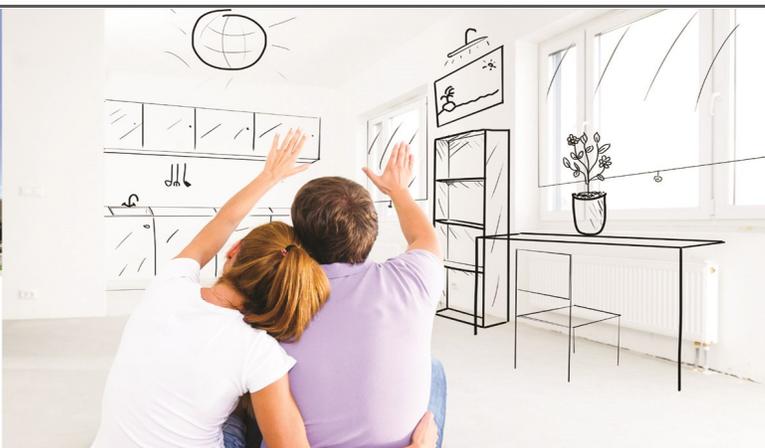
The Swansea Fire Department and Village of Swansea mourn the death of Swansea Firefighter Dale Boismenu, age 52, who died on Sunday, April 19, 2015 after a very brave and short battle with cancer. Dale had previously served on the East Side Fire Department for 20 years and retired as Captain. Dale was an active member of the Swansea Fire Department for over 6 years. In addition, Dale was a lifetime member of The Swansea Improvement Association and was serving as the current Treasurer. Dale is survived by his wife, Anita Boismenu, his daughter, Tiffany Webb and his son, Dennis.



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Election Results Are In ...

The Consolidated Election took place on April 7, 2015. The three (3) Village of Swansea positions elected were for the title of "Village Trustee-Four year term", to fill the offices of Trustees Susan O'Malley, Ronald Sutterfield and Susan Schultz with expiring terms. Election results were as follows:

- **Brian McGuire 635**
- **Marilyn Neumeyer 567**
- **Stephen Pulley 555**
- **William Phillips 451**
- **Doris Rebenstorff 305**

Congratulations Brian McGuire, Marilyn Neumeyer and Stephen Pulley, and thanks to all the candidates for their dedication and desire to serve the Village.

Clarkson Eyecare Grand Opening in Swansea



Village Administrator Lisa Powers and Trustee Brian Wells joined Kyle Dohrman, O.D. Clarkson Eyecare, Clarkson Eyecare staff and members of the Chamber of Commerce for the grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting

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The Swansea Patriots

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At

The Loyal Order of the Moose Hall

2425 North Illinois Street

Prizes are beginning to be collected and stored in the

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Stayeth Tuned for more! (Please.)

Thou Shalt Marketh the Date and Time!!!

(Thanketh You)

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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.

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Swansea Fire Department

Monthly Fire Responses
March 2015

For the month of March, the Swansea Fire Department responded to 36 calls. Below is a list of the type & amount of calls the Swansea Fire Department responded to:

- Structure Fire(s) - 7
- False Alarms - 7
- Carbon Monoxide Alarms - 1
- Other Incidents - 21 total
- Responses - 36



Swansea Farmer's Market

Swansea Farmer's Market starts its seventh season May 7. It will run each Thursday 11 am – 3 pm. LOCATION: Rural King, 2801 N. Illinois Street, Swansea. Having a local restaurant or charitable organization selling or donating food was such a success last year; we will continue it this year. Opening day, May 7 we will be selling hot dogs and other items. We will also have giveaways, potted plants and cannas for you to take home and plant. Come out and enjoy your market and meet the volunteers running it. We are open rain or shine. If you would like to be a vendor contact us at swanseafarmersmarket@yahoo.com or call Norm Geloat at 978-8753.

Vendor fees are:

- Produce/Meats \$10 Weekly
- Baked Goods \$10 Weekly
- Crafts/Flowers \$3 Weekly
- Food Vendor \$5 Weekly

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Swansea Police Department



During the month of March 2015, the Swansea Police Department responded to 1300 calls for service.

- 231 Traffic stops yielded
- 153 Verbal warnings
- 141 Traffic citation issued.
- 42 Traffic accidents
- 45 Misdemeanor arrests
- 17 Felony arrests
- 14 Warrant arrests
- 1 D.U.I. Arrest
- 1 Ordinance Violation



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May Calendar

- 4 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.



- 6 Chamber of Commerce**
Annual Meeting & Dinner
Fairview Heights Holiday Inn- 5:30pm-8:00pm

- 9 Park Board Meeting**
Norman Lehr Community Center - 7:00 a.m.

- 14 Fire Dept. Auxiliary Meeting**
Fire Station - 7:00 p.m.

- 18 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

- 25 Memorial Day Observed**
Village Non-Emergency Office 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 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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Where will the screenings take place?

The screenings will take place at High Mount School, 1721 Boul Ave., Swansea, Illinois 62226.

Your personal screening is expected to take approximately one hour.

* Your child must participate in the screening to be eligible for the High Mount School Pre-K At Risk Program.

Summer Is Here!

Warm weather is here, school is out, and so are the kids!

The Village of Swansea would like to remind drivers to drive slowly and cautiously, especially in neighborhoods, and to watch for children as they play outdoors this summer.



Leaf Burning Update

At the April 20, 2015 Board Meeting, Ordinance 1722 was passed.

This Ordinance allows leaf burning to occur on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11am to 4pm during the months of April thru June and October and November and eliminates special permits.

Look forward to seeing this on the ballot on March 15, 2016

The Ordinance can be reviewed on our website at www.swanseail.org.

The following is the Solid Waste and Recycle Volumes for the Village for the month of March:

Curbside trash pickup – 183.82 tons
Curbside recycle pickup – 75.17 tons
Diversion rate of 29%

Republic Services offers curbside recyclable pickup, and in doing so, offers an incentive to the residents of Swansea to recycle at no cost. If a resident chooses to put recyclable items in the trash can, they will be paying to have these items picked up.

Swansea residents are obviously making a bold, conscious effort to recycle. The Elected Officials and Staff of the Village applaud your diligence in recycling. Keep up the great work. The future generations will thank you as well.



In Your Corner

A word from your Trustee

In this month's article I'd like to spotlight the Swansea Fire Department. The department is led by Fire Chief John McGuire and Deputy Chief Chris Tell. The Chief and Deputy Chief are full-time positions. The remainder of the department is staffed by 35 paid-on-call firefighters. Our firefighters are classified as paid-on-call because they are paid \$8 for each incident that they respond to. Whether the incident lasts ten minutes or eight hours they still get paid the same \$8. Each firefighter carries a pager that is used to alert them of an incident.

The fire department has two engine houses to house all of their equipment which includes a 100' ladder truck, 65' ladder truck, three pumpers, rescue squad, brush truck, technical rescue trailer, boat, and the educational smoke house.

The Fire Department holds training every Monday night for 2-4 hours depending on the training topic. This time is used to check the trucks and the equipment on the trucks to insure it is in proper working order and ready to be put into action. This time is also used for hands-on and classroom training that covers a wide variety of topics. Many of the firefighters hold special certifications: scuba diving, haz-mat, ice rescue, vehicle and machinery extrication, inspections, investigations, rope rescue, building collapse, and much more. The firefighters are not compensated for attending the Monday night training sessions, or any special training held at other times.

The department also has many community outreach programs. Fire Prevention and Safety Programs are provided to local schools annually, and to local business and civic groups upon request. Open houses and fire safety training are offered each October. The firefighters pass out candy each Halloween; participate in several parades, and many other activities.

The department continues to get busier each year. In 1984, they responded to about 40 calls per year. In 2014, they responded to 402 calls.

The Fire Department is one of the best bargains for your tax dollar. All paid-on-call firefighters will be paid roughly \$25,000 this year...COMBINED. That's right; each firefighter earns an average of less than \$1,000 per year responding to calls.

Each time that pager goes off, our firefighters are pulled away from their jobs, their families, their kid's birthday parties, holiday celebrations, a good night's sleep, etc. We are beyond fortunate to have a group of dedicated individuals who respond at a moment's notice, 24 hours a day, and 365 days a year.

Matt Lanter

12th Annual
"Service Above Self"
Rotary Club of Swansea



5K Run Walk

Proceeds will benefit:
The Chad Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund supporting College Scholarship Programs for Qualifying Graduates of area High Schools.



Saturday May 30, 2015 Start Time: 8:30 am
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High Mount School District # 116 April 2015

Dear Parents:

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Below are a few upcoming dates to remember:

May 5 th	Spring Music Concert
May 8 th	School Improvement Day (11:30 dismissal)
May 19 th	Pre-K Screenings
May 19 th	8 th Grade Graduation
May 20 th	Field Day(Tentative)
May 21 st	Last Day of School

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&
Cory Erickson, 8th grade, from Wolf Branch School*

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