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## Municipal Directory

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**Police Department**

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**Email: [swanseap@swanseail.org](mailto:swanseap@swanseail.org)**

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**Non-Emergency - 233-0456**

**Engine House: 234-3291**

**Building & Zoning: 355-0280**

**E-mail: [swanbnz@swanseail.org](mailto: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**  
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**Fire House # 1, 1350 N. Illinois St.  
Fire House # 2, 144 Huntwood Rd.**

**Street Garage, 215 Service St.**



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From left to right: Trustees **Brian McGuire, Marilyn Neumeyer and Stephen Pulley**

## Newly Elected Swansea Trustees

Newly elected Swansea Trustees took their oath of office after being elected in the April election and received a warm welcome from supporters who filled the board room at the Government Center on May 4<sup>th</sup>. They are Brian McGuire, Marilyn Neumeyer and Stephen Pulley as Village Trustees.

These leaders will be charged with balancing the budget with limited resources, corresponding with residents, facilitating the services of all municipal departments, approving development plans, and making decisions that affect the welfare of the Village. They do all this while raising a family, maintaining a business and being involved in other aspects of the community.

As a resident, you are encouraged to be involved in the activities and issues of the Village. You can do this by attending the Municipal Committee Meetings at 6 p.m. and Board of Trustee Meetings at 7 p.m., or upon conclusion of the committee meetings, on the first and third Monday every month (with the exclusion of holidays), held at the Swansea Government Center.



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## SWANSEA'S AGGREGATED ELECTRIC CORRECTION TO APRIL 2015 SWANSEA REPORT

The Municipal Electric Aggregation program is open to all residential and qualified small businesses in Swansea. The initial aggregation program expires in June 2015. Aggregated Electric is a fixed rate of .05569 to cover the "Electric Supply (BGS-1)" portion of your electric bill. This is a fixed rate Swansea has negotiated with Homefield Energy that runs from June 2015 through June 2018. This is the second agreement between Swansea and Homefield Energy. The first ran from August 2014 through May 2015.

**Here is the correction to the April 2015 article:** If you opted-out on the first agreement you will not be receiving a letter from Homefield Energy informing you of your choice to participate in the program with the negotiated fixed rate of .05569 for 36 months. You are already opted-out. However, if you wish to participate in the program you may do so now, or at any point in the future. Please contact Homefield Energy at 866-694-1262, or send an email to [CustCare@Dynergy.com](mailto:CustCare@Dynergy.com), or go to <http://www.homefieldenergy.com/residential/municipal-aggregation/communities-we-serve/community-detail/opt-in.php> to enroll. It is suggested that you watch your Electric Supply (BGS-1) rate and compare.



## **Fireworks Safety Facts**

**Fireworks are illegal in  
Illinois without a permit.**

For the best possible fireworks safety, leave these dangerous devices to professionals. Attend licensed public fireworks displays.

Sparklers, smoke devices, glowworm pellets and other devices are legal, but dangerous to children.

Abide by all laws pertaining to fireworks.

Always read and follow fireworks' directions.

Do not use fireworks near dry grass or near flammable or combustible materials.

Fireworks are not toys. Never point or throw fireworks at another person

Never attempt to re-light or fix fireworks that have not gone off.

Many fireworks are designed to burn hot and/or explode.

Sparklers, which many people regard as harmless, burn at temperatures of up to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit (982 degrees Celsius).

Keep at a safe distance from fireworks' staging areas.

Matches are tools and not toys. Children should never play with matches and should especially never use them to light fireworks.

**Tips are from the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal  
and the National Fire Protection Association**

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

**Curbside trash pickup – 194.90 tons**

**Curbside recycle pickup – 68.92 tons**

**Diversion rate of 26%**

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.





## Return to Camelot

Here Ye! Here Ye! Here Ye!

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)

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## Hard to Say Goodbye

While the residents and staff of Swansea welcome in the newly elected Trustees, we will be saying goodbye to Susan O'Malley, Susan Schultz and Ron Sutterfield.

Susan O'Malley served as a Village Trustee for six years, having been appointed in 2009 to fill an unexpired term, and then elected to a full four year term in 2011. O'Malley served as Personnel Chair her first two years, and as Finance Chair and Budget Officers all six years. O'Malley also served on the Fire Pension Board all six years. O'Malley said, "I strongly believe in volunteerism, and feel everyone has a responsibility to serve and share talents. I have enjoyed my time serving as a Village Trustee and feel I have been a good steward of my seat, having left the Village in a better financial position than I found it. I shall miss working with the residents and our many fine employees."

Susan Schultz was appointed to Village Trustee in 2012 to fill a vacancy on the Board, and then elected in 2013 to complete a two year term. During her time as Village Trustee, Schultz served in many roles including Personnel Chair, Public Safety Chair, Environmental Chair and Citizen's Communication Chair. Schultz said, "After three years of exciting and memorable years serving the Village of Swansea, it will be the people that I will miss the most. I've made it a priority to listen to my constituents and make decisions that are in the best interest of the majority. Swansea is a great place to live and raise a family, and I've always been proud to call it home. I will continue to serve through volunteering and working to improve and make a difference in our community."

Ron Sutterfield was elected to a four year term in 2011 as a Village Trustee. Sutterfield served as Roads, Building and Grounds Chair all four years. Sutterfield said, "The time has really flown by. I cannot believe it has been four years since I was elected. As I look back on things accomplished and some things still unfinished, I realize what a learning experience it has been on how local government works. It has been my pleasure to serve the Village; I always tried to do it from the taxpayer's perspective."



Trustees Susan O'Malley, Ron Sutterfield & Susan Schultz



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Monthly Fire Responses  
April 2015

For the month of April, the Swansea Fire Department responded to 37 calls. Below is a list of the type & amount of calls the Swansea Fire Department responded to:

Structure Fire(s) - 5  
False Alarms - 4  
Carbon Monoxide Alarms - 1  
Other Incidents - 27  
Total Responses - 37

Child Safety Seats  
Installed—14



## Swansea Farmer's Market

Swansea Farmer's Market started its seventh season May 7th. 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](mailto:swanseafarmersmarket@yahoo.com) or call Norm Geloat at 978-8753.

### Vendor fees are:

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**Food Vendor \$5 Weekly**  
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During the month of April 2015, the Swansea Police Department responded to 1367 calls for service.



- 262 Traffic stops yielded
- 165 Verbal warnings
- 155 Traffic citation issued.
- 39 Traffic accidents
- 54 Misdemeanor arrests
- 2 Felony arrests
- 14 Warrant arrests
- 3 D.U.I. Arrest
- 0 Ordinance Violation

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**Stephen Pulley**  
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**Brian Wells**  
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### Treasurer:

**Michael W. Leopold**  
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## June Calendar

- 1 **Board of Trustees Meeting**  
*Government Center - 7:00 p.m.*  
*or upon conclusion of the committee meetings.*
- 10 **Chamber of Commerce**  
*Board Meeting*  
*Fairview Heights 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 **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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## In Your Corner

*A word from your Trustee*

As the summer months are here, our thoughts may be turning toward spending more time outdoors, summer activities for the kids, and getting out to the park when we can. The Village Board is also looking forward to such enjoyable times, but we're also thinking about ways that we can continue to provide quality services to the Village on a decreased budget. Governor Rauner has stated "While the state tightens its belt, so too must local governments and transportation agencies". If the anticipated cut comes we'll be receiving fifty-percent of what we were expecting from the state, or losing approximately \$663,647 in our annual budget. Unfortunately many years of our state implementing "pay-later budgeting" has resulted in a tremendous imbalance between sustainable revenue and spending. It is similar to an individual deep in credit card debt and covering the shortfall with IOUs (but to the tune of over \$100 billion). Clearly, this problem has been in development for decades and won't be fixed quickly.

So, what can we do in the Village to help? We can work together to help each other and generate more revenue for the Village. Please try to do all your shopping and dining in Swansea vs. another municipality, as our Village will enjoy the additional sales tax revenue. Small businesses should advertise in the Swansea report – it's a great way to advertise your business to about 5,500 households for a penny or two per household, depending on the size ad that you take out. More information regarding Swansea Report advertising will be in next month's report. And last but not least, if you have any ideas on how we can cut spending without cutting services, and help develop economic growth in the Village, please let us know! We have so many residents with diverse talents and experiences who can help provide great ideas at this time. We're a community and we need to work together.

Wishing everyone a nice and safe summer filled with barbecues, park outings, and special family memories.

Warmest regards,

*Katherine Ruocco*

*12th Annual*  
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**Rotary Club of Swansea**



**5K Run Walk**

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Fund supporting College Scholarship  
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**Saturday May 30, 2015 Start Time: 8:30 am**  
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\*\*\*All-school registration dates for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year have been scheduled for the following:

July 15 from 12 PM-8 PM and July 16 from 2 PM-6 PM

\*\*\* High Mount School will continue to utilize the new parent notification system next year called Teacher Ease. This program assigns each parent an identification number for their children and enables them to electronically view items such as grades, report cards, discipline, fee statements, progress reports, lunch balances, etc. It is important to attend one of the registration nights so that we can properly get everyone set up into the system.

\*\*\* Students entering Pre-K, kindergarten, and grade 6 must have a physical on file at the school prior to the first day of student attendance. As per state guidelines and school policy, a student must be excluded from school until a physical has been submitted.

\*\*\*The opening schedule for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year is as follows:

Wednesday, August 12  
Open House from 4:30 PM-6:30 PM  
Class lists will be posted at this time

Thursday, August 13  
First Day of Attendance (Full day)

\*\*\*Although the school office will remain open throughout the summer, office hours will sometimes vary. If you need to come to school, it is always a good idea to call ahead of time to ensure the office will be open. The school phone number is 618-233-1054.

\*\*\*We hope that everyone has a great summer break and we look forward to the upcoming school year. Please contact us at school if you need anything!

Darin Loepker, Principal [dloepker@highmountschool.com](mailto:dloepker@highmountschool.com)  
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### Summer Is Here!

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

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John Dori, 8th grade, from Wolf Branch School*

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