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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.

Wastewater Plant, 209 Service St.



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The Village of Swansea will begin using CodeRed Emergency Communication Service August 1.



Here are some **Frequently asked questions** that explain the details of the program.

What is CodeRED and why is it important to me? CodeRED is an emergency notification service that allows emergency officials to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications. Only authorized officials have access to the CodeRED system.

When will CodeRED be used? Any message regarding the safety, property or welfare of the community will be disseminated using the CodeRED system. These may include AMBER alerts, notifications of hazardous traffic or road conditions, boil water advisories or evacuation notices.

Does the CodeRED system replace other systems that have been used to provide time-sensitive information to residents? This system is an enhancement to existing means of communication and is meant to supplement current or past systems used for mass notification.

Does the CodeRED system already have my telephone number, or do I need to sign up to receive CodeRED notifications? The CodeRED database contains information received from public databases, including regional phonebooks. However, no resident should assume that their information is in the system. The home page of the Village of Swansea website, www.swanseail.org has a link to the CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment page where you can register online. If you can not register online, you can call the Swansea Fire Department 618-234-3291 to complete your registration over the telephone.

I have a business located in Swansea can I arrange to have CodeRED contact my business? Yes. Fill out the CodeRED registration form but be sure to select the "This address is a business" option. Please note that emergency calls can only be delivered to a direct dial number. Automated attendants will disrupt the process and the calls will not be delivered. Businesses should register their main number and establish a procedure for distributing the CodeRED message to their workforce.

What if I want to register additional numbers for my address? After you submit the initial registration form, you may start the registration process again and submit more numbers for the same address.

Is my personal information protected? CodeRED is a service of Emergency Communications Network which takes security and privacy concerns very seriously. They will not sell, trade, lease or loan any data citizen supplied data to third parties.

How will I recognize a CodeRED message? A CodeRED Emergency message will have a caller ID of 866-419-5000. A CodeRED General message will have a caller ID 855-969-4636. We suggest you program both numbers in your cell phone as a "new contact" and use "CodeRED Emergency" and "CodeRED General" as the contact name. If you need to replay the emergency notification message again, simply dial the number and you will be able to hear the message again.

What should I do if I receive a CodeRED message? Listen carefully to the entire message. You will have the option to repeat the message by pressing any key. Do not call 911 for further information unless directed to do so or if you need immediate aid from the Police or Fire department

Will the CodeRED system leave a message on an answering machine? Yes, the CodeRED system will leave a message on a machine or on voicemail. The CodeRED system will leave the entire message in one pass.

SWANSEA POLICE AND FIRE YOUTH ACADEMY



The first ever Swansea Police and Fire Youth Academy has seen a great response. Although we capped it at 25 children,

we have 42 children signed up. The Chief of Police just had a hard time saying no to parents wanting their children to experience this great event. Fire Chief John McGuire and Police Chief Steve Johnson are working hard putting together the agenda to ensure the children learn a lot, become more aware of safety and have a great time along the way. They have several surprises planned for the children. The academy will be run out of the Swansea Fire House #2 and will be from August 10th to the 12th. Donations from the community are funding lunches and t-shirts for the children. Fire and Police are excited about interacting with children from their community and building better relationships for the future.

Police Chief Steve Johnson
Fire Chief John McGuire

BURGER KING GROUND BREAKING



~Swansea is pleased to welcome Burger King ~
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Swansea Fire Department Public Education Program

The Swansea Fire Department is proud to announce our new public education program that will begin this Fall. On the 2nd Wednesday of each month we will be having different topics to educate the community for different types of emergencies. Topics will change monthly, and most will be free of charge. Seating will be limited so please register early.

Wednesday August 12th, 2015 7pm-9pm

Community CPR (Taught by Bryan Whitaker & Chris Flynn)

Cost \$5 (cost of CPR card)

Everyone in attendance will receive a 2 year certification in Community CPR.

Limited to 25 people

Wednesday September 9th, 2015 7pm-9pm

Fire Extinguisher Use and Safety (Taught by Fire Appliance)

Free to the public

Live Demonstration of Fire Extinguishers

Limited to 50 people

Wednesday October 14th, 2015 7pm-9pm

Fire Prevention (Taught by the members of The Swansea Fire Department)

Free to the Public

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week

Family oriented discussion with use of the fire safety house.

Limited to 50 people

Wednesday November 11th, 2015 7pm-9pm

Community CPR (Taught by Bryan Whitaker & Chris Flynn)

Cost \$5 (cost of CPR card)

Everyone in attendance will receive a 2 year certification in Community CPR.

Limited to 25 people

To register for any class please call Swansea Engine House #2 @ 618-234-3291.

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

- Curbside trash pickup – 212.06 tons**
- Curbside recycle pickup – 85.64 tons**
- Diversion rate – 28.77%**
- Yard waste pickup – 40.28 tons**

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.



The Swansea Police Department now has a Facebook Page! Go to Facebook and search on **SWANSEA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

or go to the link: www.facebook.com/swanseapolice

This will be updated frequently with things going on in your community.
Chief Steve Johnson

Swansea Police Department posted the below pictures on the Police Facebook account. Within 24 hours over 70,000 people had been reached by these pictures and the story.



Swansea Police Department added 5 new photos.
Published by Daniel Pete (?) · Yesterday at 3:20pm

Integrity. Teamwork. Service. Leadership.

These four principles are practiced daily by the men and women of the Swansea Police Department. Sgt. Matt Blomberg received a call that a four year old named Lilah was having a birthday party. Her biggest wish was to have a Swansea Police Officer come by during her party. Sgt. Blomberg bought a gift, with his own money, and washed up a squad car. Below are pictures from the party. We are told by Lilah's parents her favorite gift is the one Sgt. Blomberg got her and her favorite tv show is still COPS.



*To the Swansea Police Dept,
Thank you for making Lilah's year!
You guys went above and beyond what she imagined. Lilah says thank you for coming to my party, and for the monkey and balloon (the monkey is her favorite gift from all her gifts). She says she loves singing Bad Boys and she drew a picture below.
Thank you again
Lilah and the McLeod-Hughes family*





Return to Camelot

Here Ye! Here Ye! Here Ye!

The Swansea Patriots

Have selected the site and time of the Camelot Auction's return.

- Swansea Patriots
"Return to Camelot" Auction and Dinner
- Saturday, October 10
- Belleville/ Swansea Moose Lodge
- Begins at 6 p.m. \$35 per person/\$250 per table of 8 (Until Sept. 1)

For Reservations call Sandy Beimfohr at 618-277-7145

For donations for the auction, call Mike Buehlhorn at 618-277-7929

Next month, watch for the article on prizes to date: Car, dinners for groups, wine and beer tasting party, condos. Lots more.

GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEERS

Schranz Park has been looking nicer lately thanks to Junior Girl Scout Troop 92. These young volunteers have been picking up trash at the park at least once a week and will continue until school starts. They have been working to make the parks a better place to earn their Bronze Award. Each girl has to work 20 hours on the project. They have also helped make Centennial Park better by participating in each of the invasive plant removal projects. And they continue to seek out more opportunities to make our parks better.

Thank you Junior Troop 92 for all you do.

Troop leaders: Michelle Glascock and Kim Bagby

Back row: Athena Ballard, Chioe Rheinhardt, Amber Lankford, and Morgan Ruesink

Front row: Rebecca Bagby, Megan Glascock, and Hayley Dom



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On July 20th, 2015 Chief Steve Johnson presented the **CHIEF'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE** to four outstanding Swansea Police Officers in front of the Village Trustees and Mayor Ken Mueller.

The Award of excellence reads: "In recognition for exemplary police work, outstanding performance and dedication to teamwork while investigating a Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a child case that resulted in a 31 count felony warrant with a \$1 million bond. "

The awards were presented to:

Deputy Chief Craig Coughlin

Sergeant Scott Lieb

Detective Peter Wszalek

Detective Daniel Lipe



Pictured are: Mayor Mueller, Coughlin, Lipe, Lieb, Wszalek, Johnson

The Swansea Police Department received information from the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department about a possible sexual assault to a child that occurred in a residence in Swansea near 17th Street. The information was initiated because the suspect sent a Facebook message to a friend in another state. The message explained how the suspect was conducting sexual acts with the 10 year old daughter of his girlfriend he was living with. The person who received the message notified law enforcement.

Swansea Police Officers immediately responded to the residence to ensure the safety of the 10 year old victim and her siblings. The Department of Children and Family Services was notified and an interview with the St. Clair County Child Advocacy Center was set up with the victim. A Swansea Police Detective interviewed family members and applied for a search warrant for a cell phone the suspect left behind. St. Clair County State's Attorney Brendan Kelly's Office issued the search warrant and Judge Zina Cruse signed it. The cell phone was forensically analyzed and digital videos and pictures were held as evidence.

As a result of the total criminal investigation St. Clair County State's Attorney Brendan Kelly's Office issued a 31 count felony warrant against the suspect, including predatory criminal sexual assault of a child and manufacturing child pornography with a \$1 million bond. The suspect, Mikel Grodin age 32, was arrested by the U.S. Marshal's Office in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Swansea Police Chief Steve Johnson said, "The charging documents spell out how dangerous this suspect is, including the suspect binding the 10 year old's hands together with zip ties while forcing sexual acts. The suspect captured on video these heinous crimes."



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Swansea Fire Department

Monthly Fire Responses
June 2015

For the month of June, 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
Storm/Flood Related - 6
Vehicle Fire(s) - 1
Alarm Soundings - 10
Miscellaneous - 12

Total Responses - 36



Swansea Farmer's Market

We have had a bumper crop so far this year. The number of vendors has really been climbing. We've got some very good unique locally grown FRESH crops and some great crafts. The weather has been fantastic. SENIORS: We still have Senior Coupons available for those 60 and older; that's \$21 of free produce. You will find us in the parking lot of Rural King, 2801 N. Illinois Street, Swansea. We operate on Thursdays 11am - 3 pm, rain or shine. Come out and see what we have to offer and perhaps grab a bit to eat.



For additional information, you may contact Norm Geolat 978-8753, swanseafarmersmarket@yahoo.com or visit our Facebook as Swansea Farmers. Don't miss out.

Swansea Police Department

During the month of June 2015, the Swansea Police Department responded to 1355 calls for service.



- 194 Traffic stops yielded
- 146 Verbal warnings
- 99 Traffic citation issued.
- 45 Traffic accidents
- 42 Misdemeanor arrests
- 9 Felony arrests
- 12 Warrant arrests
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August Calendar

3 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.

8 Park Board Meeting
Norman Lehr Community Center—7:00 a.m.

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

12 Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Chamber Office—11:00 a.m.

17 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



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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Street Address: _____

Sewer Account Number: _____

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Are you: [] OWNER/LANDLORD [] OWNER/RESIDENT

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Have you resided at this property for one year? _____

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Summer Water Usage Adjustments

Each year the Village allows a summer usage adjustment on sewer bills for water used that does not enter the sewer system. Good examples include watering a lawn or filling a swimming pool. This adjustment is available to home owners who do *not* use a deduct meter. The summer usage adjustment is allowed within the following guidelines:

An application must be submitted between September 15th and October 15th in order to request the credit. For a property owner's convenience, we have printed an application form that may be completed and returned to the Government Center.

The applicant must have resided at the service address for at least one year prior to making application. Calculations are based upon the previous year's average usage, so one year of service is required to perform the calculations.

A summer usage adjustment is calculated by determining the customer's average consumption during the preceding year, and then determining the difference between that average and the consumption for the summer billing months. The Village then credits the account by deducting fifty percent (50%) of the difference between that average and actual summer consumption, as reported to the Village by the water company.

To apply for a summer usage deduction, please fill out the form and return to 209 Service Street, Swansea IL 62226.

STORM DRAINS

"They're NOT Disposals"

Please respect your neighbors down-line by not blowing your grass clippings or leaves into the street. Debris in the street inevitably ends up in our storm drains. This causes clogs in the system and floods your neighbors and low lying streets. This in turn causes an additional expense to the Village. Our street department spends extra time, usually overtime, and in the middle of the night during a storm, cleaning the drains.

You might think it is just a matter of using the street sweeper, but this is not the best alternative. The cost of man-hours, fuel, wear on equipment, and brushes is not inexpensive. Yes, nature does put items in our streets and we must use the sweeper from time to time. However, the less we use it, the less we pay, and that means we need less from the tax payers.

In addition to the problems listed above, debris in the streets is also unsightly. Your Village employees and volunteers do the best they can to keep Swansea looking good. Please do your part by not using the storm drains as disposals.



Village of Swansea Park Board Member Application

The Village of Swansea is seeking four (4) more members for the Park Board. The Park Board meets at 7:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the Norm Lehr Center.

For those individuals interested in becoming a Park Board Member, please submit the completed form below to the Village of Swansea via email at swanadmn@swanseail.org, or by mail at Swansea Government Center, Office of Administration, 1400 N. Illinois, Swansea, IL 62226

Thank you for your interest in serving the Village of Swansea.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

Reasons/Comments why you would like to be a member:

I understand that this is a volunteer position.

Signature of Applicant _____



SWANSEA REPORT August 2015 HIGH MOUNT SCHOOL

Dear Parents:

Wow! Is the beginning of school upon us? I enjoy the beginning of school because with it brings great promise and opportunity for the children, parents, teachers and the community. Here's to all of us having a successful 2015-2016 school year.

Class of 2015 graduation photos and DVD's are available.

Below are a few upcoming dates to remember:

- August 5-7 Baseball, Soccer, and Softball Tryouts, please call office for time
- August 12 Open House, 4:30-6:30 pm
- August 13 1st day of school, full day attendance
- Sept. 7-8 No School, Labor Day Observation

Sincerely,
Darin J. Loepker, Principal

School Transportation Safety Tips



Parents, help educate your children about these back to school transportation safety tips.

Back-to-school transportation safety tips:

- Always buckle up when in a motor vehicle.
- When getting on a school bus, stay at least 10 feet away from the curb and wait for the bus to completely stop before getting on. Also, be sure to stay in your seat while the bus is moving.
- Wear a helmet when riding a bike and walk your bike across the street instead of riding it.

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