



# The Swansea Report

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[swanadmn@swanseail.org](mailto:swanadmn@swanseail.org)

### Police Department

Non-Emergency - 233-8114

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

### Fire Department

Non-Emergency - 233-8114

Engine House: 234-3291

### Building & Zoning: 355-0280

Email: [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  
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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Daylight Savings time ends.  
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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, many Swansea families 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.

If you would like to help with Swansea's Christmas Program, please complete the form and either mail it or deliver it to the Swansea Government Center, 1400 N. Illinois Street, by Tuesday, December 8th, 2015. 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.

*To Donate, please see clip out form at top of page 2.*

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

Wednesday, November 11th, 2015 in observance of Veteran's Day

Your trash service will **NOT** be altered.



Non-Emergency Services will be closed on:

Thursday, November 26th, 2015 and

Friday, November 27th, 2015

in observance of Thanksgiving



There will be no trash service on Thanksgiving Day. Regularly scheduled Thursday & Friday trash service will be delayed one day in observance of Thanksgiving.

### Village of Swansea Officials

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Treasurer: **Michael W. Leopold** [mleopold@swanseail.org](mailto:mleopold@swanseail.org)

# Swansea Family Christmas Program

Every year there are Swansea residents who face a less than merry holiday season because they have lost a job, fallen ill, or for other reasons may not be able to provide gifts for their loved ones.

Fortunately, there are generous people, business owners, and organizations in Swansea who want to help families in these situations. The Village of Swansea assists by gathering information about people who need help, and works toward providing these families with the gifts and donations received from many generous donors.

In order to be eligible, applicants **must be Swansea residents, have a genuine need, and provide current 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 following dates and times.

Applications will be taken:

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

From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



No late applications will be accepted.

*Please bring a current, valid driver's license or State I.D. card 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 name and Swansea address.

**Acceptable forms of ID are:** Illinois Driver's License with current address or an Illinois State ID Card.

I want to help.  
Enclosed please find my check for the Swansea Family Christmas Program.

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### Swansea Fire Department Monthly Fire Responses September 2015

For the month of September, the Swansea Fire Department responded to 33 calls. Below is a list of the type & amount of calls the Swansea Fire Department responded to:

- Structure Fire(s) - 2
- False Alarms - 8
- Carbon Monoxide Alarms - 2
- Other Incidents - 18
- Child Safety Seats Installed - 7
- Total Responses - 37



### Swansea Farmer's Market Thursdays 11 am – 3 pm May - October Rural King Parking Lot 2801 N. Illinois Street



The Swansea Farmer's Market's 7th season has come to a close. The market had many of its vendors from the past and many new ones. During our peak time, mid-summer we had over 20 vendors. Every Thursday seemed to offer something new. Thank you to all who supported the market. We look forward to seeing you next May.

**For additional information:**  
Norm Geolet President, 618-978-8753  
swanseafarmersmarket@yahoo.com,  
or visit our Facebook as Swansea

### Swansea Police Department

During the month of September 2015, the Swansea Police Department responded to 1900 calls for service.



- 205 Traffic stops yielded
- 175 Verbal warnings
- 73 Traffic citations issued
- 60 Traffic accidents
- 29 Misdemeanor arrests
- 2 Felony arrests
- 13 Warrant arrests
- 3 D.U.I. Arrest
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## Swansea Fire Department Public Education Program

The Swansea Fire Department is proud to announce our new public education program that began 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 November 11th, 2015**

**7pm-9pm**

**Community CPR (Taught by Bryan Whitaker & Chris Flynn)**

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*This month's update of What's Happening In Your Local Government:*

- Due to the inability of our state government to adopt a budget, pay increases for non-bargaining unit employees continue to be on hold.
- A new police car (to replace the wrecked car) has been picked up and is being outfitted. Should be ready for service very soon.
- Several residents of St. Clair Township have filed a lawsuit against the Village of Swansea regarding the recent sewer rate increase. This continues to linger. Nothing in the legal system is fast.
- The operational and administrative details necessary to enact the new Property Maintenance and Occupancy Permit program are being worked out. This program will be implemented over the next few months. Watch upcoming Swansea Reports for more details.
- The Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy (for adults) is almost over. This has been a great series with many positive comments from the participants. Think about fitting this into your schedule next year.
- A vote on the tax levies will be coming up in November. This is the process by which the Trustees must decide how much property tax is collected to fund the operations of the Village, pay bonds/debt, and fund pensions. It is always difficult to balance the desire to keep taxes low and still provide the services that residents expect.
- Trustees continue to work on Codification. This is a process whereby we review every ordinance to see if it should be updated, maintained, or left intact. This is a daunting task as we have literally thousands of laws. A firm has been hired to help guide the process, but the only way it gets done is LOTS of reading and review and research by the Trustees along with plenty of input from the department heads.
- Fire Station #1 (on North Illinois St) is undergoing a minor remodel to allow a taller overhead door to be installed. Most of this project is being done by our Street Department staff in order to keep the costs down. These guys do a great job!

When the new door is installed several fire trucks will be moved between the two engine houses – the end result being that both fire stations will have a ladder truck.

- An architecture firm has been hired to evaluate the Government Center/Police Station (1400 North Illinois St). The building was built in 1984 when Swansea had two full-time administrative employees and six police officers. An addition was put onto the building in 1990 to house the growing police department. As you can imagine, the number of employees and number of officers has grown quite a bit over the last 30 years. Quite simply, the place is busting at the seams. There are also numerous safety issues - especially in the police department. We are waiting to see what ideas and recommendations the architects might have which will help us decide what is the right direction to proceed.
- Illinois-American Water Company is installing a new water main in the area of Caseyville Avenue (South of North Belt). Although the construction is disruptive now, this will be a great improvement for the residents in that area.
- Larry Hoff recently resigned from the Planning & Zoning Board. He has retired from his real job and will be spending more time traveling. We thank Larry for his service and wish him well. Gene Kish has been appointed to replace Larry. As this is a volunteer position we appreciate Larry and Gene, and all the P&Z Board members, for giving of their time to help better Swansea. Thank you!
- Mike Koeneman is the chairman of the Park Board. This board has undergone a major transformation recently as it had, for many years, been a 24 member committee. This large of a committee simply became unsustainable for a variety of reasons. The Park Board is now a seven-member committee. Recently Jamie Fryman, Paula Brandkamp, and David Chevess were appointed as new members. This too is a volunteer position so we greatly appreciate this group for giving their valuable time to the betterment of our parks. Thank you!

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1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2 Muni. Committee Mtg. Gov. Ctr - 6:00 p.m. Brd. of Trustees Mtg. Gov. Ctr - 7:00 p.m. or after committee mtgs	3 Swansea Citizens Police Academy Graduation 8:00 p.m.	4 Chamber Directors Chamber office 11:00 am	5 Fire Dept. Aux. Meeting Fire Station 7:00 p.m.	6 Morning Mingle Fairview Rec. Ctr. 7:45-9:00 am	7 Park Board Meeting Norman Lehr Comm. Ctr 7:00 a.m. Patriot's Meeting 8:00 a.m.
8	9 Planning & Zoning Board Meeting if Needed. Gov. Ctr. 6:00 p.m.	10 Veteran's Day Government Center Closed	11 Chamber Business After Hours FCB Bank - Swansea 5:00-7:00 pm	12	13	14
15	16 Muni. Committee Mtg. Gov. Ctr - 6:00 p.m. Brd. of Trustees Mtg. Gov. Ctr - 7:00 p.m. or after committee mtgs	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Government Center Closed	27 Government Center Closed	28
29	30					

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.  
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