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Non-Emergency - 233-8114

Email: swanseap@swanseail.org

Fire Department

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Engine House: 234-3291

Building & Zoning: 355-0280

Email: 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.

Trash Service Delays

There will be no trash service on
Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
Your regularly scheduled trash pick up,
following the holidays, will be delayed
one day in observance of holidays.



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Chamber Welcomes Premier Car Connection



David Broussard, Owner, Premier Car Connection, was joined by Swansea Mayor, Ken Mueller, family, staff, clients and members of the Metro-East Regional Chamber of Commerce at the recent and Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

Premier Car Connection has recently opened a new location in Swansea to go along with their successful Fairview Heights location. Premier Car Connection offers high quality pre-owned cars at great prices. They promote having the lowest prices on used Cars, Trucks, and SUV's.

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Don't Forget Swansea Family Christmas Program Sign-Up Dates

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

Please bring a current, valid driver's license or State I.D. card with your current Swansea address, 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.

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.



The Santa House at Mel Price Park



Santa will be coming to visit starting on Saturday, December 5 until Wednesday December 23.

On Saturdays and Sundays, Santa will be here from 2 pm to 5 pm.

On weekdays, Santa will here from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Each child will receive a candy cane and a gift from Santa's box. Each child will be able to choose an ornament from Santa's Christmas tree to take home.

Pictures with Santa are available for \$5.00 each.

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Swansea Fire Department Monthly Fire Responses October 2015

For the month of October, the Swansea Fire Department responded to 34 calls. Below is a list of the type & amount of calls the Swansea Fire Department responded to:

- Structure Fire(s) - 4
- False Alarms - 4
- Carbon Monoxide Alarms - 4
- Other Incidents - 22
- Total Responses - 34
- Child Safety Seats Installed - 7



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Swansea Police Department

During the month of October 2015, the Swansea Police Department responded to 1824 calls for service.



- 281 Traffic stops yielded
- 219 Verbal warnings
- 113 Traffic citations issued
- 44 Traffic accidents
- 48 Misdemeanor arrests
- 5 Felony arrests
- 19 Warrant arrests
- 3 D.U.I. Arrest
- 0 Ordinance Violation

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Swansea's Snow Removal Procedures and Schedules

The Village is divided into seven snow-removal routes, each served by a dump truck with a salt spreader and plow. First, the Public Works crews spread salt, which melts the snow if the temperature remains above 20 degrees. When about two inches of snow has fallen, the crews retrace the routes with the snowplows, returning as necessary depending on the depth of the snow.

Where should I park my vehicle?

Vehicles that are parked along snow routes will be towed if they are not moved before plows arrive. Once snow routes are plowed, crews begin working on less traveled streets, working progressively down a priority list to those least traveled, or those that serve the fewest number of homes. To maximize efficiency, a plow may pass down one street and turn to go down another

without immediately plowing the other half of the first street.

If there is a heavy snowfall?

A heavy and lengthy snowfall may require that plows continue to go over the main streets, intersections, and snow routes in order to keep them clear. Residential streets may be delayed until the storm slows and plows can leave the snow routes.

Please be aware that unfortunately, some snow will be plowed in front of some driveways and sidewalks that have just been cleared. This may require residents to go back outside after the plow has passed and clear the end of the driveway again.

Secondly, to prevent possible damage to your mailbox, ensure it does not hang out into the roadway. The closer it is to the road, the more likely it is to be damaged by the snow pushed aside by the plow.

Within Swansea there are also State Highways that the State of Illinois crews are responsible for clearing. County roads and Township roads must be cleared by the respective crews, but private roads and parking lots are the owner's responsibility.

Please remember there is a nationwide shortage of road salt. The Public Works Dept. will still be out plowing snow when needed. We hope everyone understands this situation is out of our control.

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November, 2015

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

- A new SUV for the Police Department has been ordered. Delivery is expected in February.
- The lawsuit that several residents of St. Clair Township have filed against the Village of Swansea regarding the recent sewer rate increase continues to linger. Nothing in the legal system is fast.
- A sizable increase in the tax levy has been proposed. Next month's article will explain what has been approved and what those additional funds are earmarked for.
- 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.
- Installation of the taller overhead door at Fire Station #1 has been completed. The ladder truck should be moved to Station #1 very soon. The bulk of this project was performed by members of our street department, especially Dave Huhman and Randy Campbell. A big thank you to them for taking on this project as it saved quite a bit of money doing it in-house.
- The recently ordered dump truck has arrived just in time for the winter/snowplow season. Our oldest (1984) dump truck has been retired and will soon be auctioned off.
- The architect's evaluation of the current Government Center/Police Station has been completed and presented to the Mayor and Trustees. The information included in the report will help decide

- what the next step is in addressing the space issues both the Police Department and Administrative Office are dealing with.
- Illinois-American Water Company continues their water main replacement project in the area of Caseyville Avenue (South of North Belt).
- A new pickup truck has been purchased for the Sewer Department. This is a much needed replacement vehicle as they had been using a worn-out police car.
- We did receive a surprise bill from IDOT on the Huntwood Road Project. IDOT is asking for over \$86,000 to pay for the project that was completed in 2010. We are looking further into this to determine if we truly owe this money.
- For quite some time the Village has owned the Bauer Property along Hwy 161. This originally was purchased as part of a larger overall development plan that has never come to fruition. So the Board has declared this surplus property and it will be put on the market for sale.
- The Auditor's report on the Village finances has been completed and presented. The Village was given a very favorable report!
- The new Property Maintenance and Occupancy Permit program goes into effect December 1st. Notices have been mailed out to all registered landlords and realtor associations. All information about this program can be found on our website: www.swanseail.org
- The Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy was a resounding success. Thank you to Sgt. Keith Howard for putting together such a successful academy.

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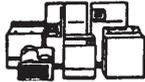
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Christmas Tree Collection

Once again the Village will provide various ways residents can dispose of Christmas trees. Drop-off sites have been set up at *Centennial Park off Highway 161, Mel Price Park on Caseyville Avenue and Schranz Park off of Huntwood Road.*

The sites will be open from December 26th to January 22nd . Residents can bring their clean trees to these sites and drop them in the designated areas.

All trees must be free of decorations and plastic wrap or tree bags.

Residents not wanting to take their tree to one of the drop-off sites may place their clean tree at the curb on their regularly scheduled pick-up day after Christmas. Starting on Monday, December 28, 2015, through Friday, January 8, 2016 Republic Services will pick-up your tree FREE of charge.

To have your tree picked up at your curb for free, please remove all decorations, including lights and tinsel. Please cut into 4-ft. sections and place at the curb on your regularly scheduled trash pick-up day.



**The Village of Swansea
Non-Emergency Services
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Friday, December 25, 2015

*in observance of
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Friday, January 1st, 2016

*in observance of
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