



The Swansea Report

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Municipal Directory

Web Site: www.swanseail.org

Admin E-mail:
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Police Department
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

**Presidents' Day is not an
observed holiday. There will
be no delay in your service.**

PROTECTING YOU AND YOUR RESIDENCE

The MOST important thing YOU can do is CALL THE POLICE to report a CRIME or any SUSPICIOUS activity. You have to be the eyes of your neighborhood. And remember you can always remain a pair of anonymous eyes!

- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.
- Use curtains on garage and basement windows.
- Never leave notes on your door such as "Gone shopping."
- Change locks immediately if your keys are lost or stolen.
- When moving into a new home, have all locks changed.
- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other "secret" hiding places -- burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- Trim your shrubbery around your home to reduce cover for burglars.
- Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- Consider installing a burglar alarm system.
- Form a Neighborhood Watch Group. We can help you work with your neighbors to improve security and reduce risk of burglary.

For additional crime prevention tips or to arrange for a crime prevention specialist to conduct a neighborhood association or group meeting; contact the Swansea Police Department at 618-233-8114. Be safe and call us if you need us. We will be there!

- - Swansea Police Chief Steve Johnson

Village of Swansea Officials

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The Santa House at Mel Price Park



Santa enjoyed seeing all the children at the Mel Price Santa House. The pictures of each and every child were precious. Santa took the lists the children brought him back to the North Pole. He also enjoyed all the cookies and milk left for him on

Christmas Eve. Santa would like to thank all his workers who helped this season.

Santa is already getting ready for the 2016 Christmas season.

Be good.



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Swansea Fire Department Monthly Fire Responses December 2015

For the month of December, 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) - 4

False Alarms - 1

Carbon Monoxide Alarms - 1

Other Incidents - 30

Total Responses - 36

Total Responses for 2015 - 391

Child Safety Seats Installed -12

Total Child Safety Seats Installed
for 2015 - 97



Swansea Senior Van

The Village of Swansea offers free van service to all of our Swansea Seniors (55+)! The Senior Van runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. The Senior Van is available for doctor's appointments and shopping in Swansea, Belleville, and Fairview, as well as trips to Wal-Mart the first Tuesday of the month. Appointments for the van must be made the day before the scheduled day, and prior to 2:00 p.m. If you would like to schedule a ride or need more information, please contact the Government Center at 234-0044.



Swansea Police Department

During the month of December 2015, the Swansea Police Department responded to 1543 calls for service.



- 216 Traffic stops yielded
- 178 Verbal warnings
- 107 Traffic citations issued
- 54 Traffic accidents
- 34 Misdemeanor arrests
- 2 Felony arrests
- 10 Warrant arrests
- 3 D.U.I. Arrest
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Applications received after this date will only be considered if an opening is available. Field assignments will be made upon receipt of applications. There is a usage fee for the lights on the large diamond. Please call the

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January, 2016

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

- The Board approved purchasing the old Driver's License Building on Boul Avenue. This building will become the new administrative offices/ Government Center. The Police Department will then take over the existing Government Center. This will be a huge improvement for the Administrative Staff and Police Department as both desperately need additional, and better organized, space. This transition will not be an easy task as it seems like there is an endless list of things that need to happen, but it will be worth the effort when it is all said and done.
- The Board also approved the purchase of 1511 N Illinois Street. This is an older home that is in a prime development corridor so it was decided to purchase the building. Plans are to demolish the building so the vacant lot is more appealing to developers.
- Trustees continue to work on Codification. The ordinances have not been codified in many years so this process seems to be taking forever.
- Illinois-American Water Company continues their water main replacement project in the area of Caseyville Avenue. We have worked diligently with the Water Co to keep the roads in drivable condition. This has proven to be a more difficult task than it should be. We apologize for the inconvenience. The end result should be worth the trouble.
- The Police Department has made a concerted effort the last few months to deal with nuisance issues. Hopefully you have noticed some things

around town being cleaned up. Officer Venorsky has done a fantastic job working with homeowners to clean up trash, get rid of derelict cars and campers, and a host of other code violations. Great work Cheryl! If you know of other issues please let us know.

- A big Thank You to Gene Kish and Doris Rebenstorff for running the Swansea Family Christmas Program. They donate countless hours of their time to this program to make sure some of our Swansea neighbors have a nice Christmas. Thanks again Gene and Doris!!
- In December we received about 8" of rain – 4.4" of that was received Dec 25-28th. The Village Sewer and Street Departments were faced with the daunting task of dealing with this massive amount of water. They worked virtually around the clock during this time managing the flow at the plant and lift stations; and cleaning out storm grates, ditches, and pipes. During the winter the sewer plant typically receives about 1.5 million gallons. On Dec 27th it got 11.3 million gallons. The plant was maxed out! If the guys didn't manage the water it would have been much worse; because that water could have backed up into your home. Luckily we only had a couple of homes that were affected by a sewer backup – it could have been much worse given the unbelievable amount of water. A huge thank you and pat on the back to Rick, Dutch, and Kyle in the Sewer Department and the Street Department staff!!

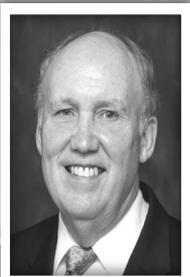
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7	8 Planning & Zoning Board Meeting if Needed. Gov. Ctr. 6:00 p.m.	9	10 Chamber of Commerce Board of Director's Meeting Chamber Office 4:00pm	11	12 Chamber of Commerce Morning Mingle Fairview Rec. Ctr. 7:45 - 9:00am	13 Park Bd Mtg. 7:00 am Norman Lehr Ctr.
14	15 Gov. Ctr. Closed Presidents' Day Holiday	16 Muni. Committee Mtg. Gov. Ctr - 6:00 p.m. Brd. of Trustees Mtg. Gov. Ctr - 7:00 p.m. Patriots Meeting Norm Lehr Center 5:30 pm	17 Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Climb for PTSD 5:00-7:00pm	18 *CHADD Meeting Shiloh Senior Ctr. 7 Park Dr - 5:30-7:30 pm www.chadd.net/379	19	20
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