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### Police Department

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

### Fire Department

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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.

### Trash Service Delays

**Good Friday is not an  
observed holiday. There will  
be no delay in your service.**

## Chamber Welcomes SSM Physical Therapy



Dr. Karyle Penelton, Swansea Center Manager, SSM Physical Therapy, was joined by Swansea Mayor, Ken Mueller, Village Officials, SSM Physical Therapy Officials & staff and members of the Metro-East Regional Chamber of Commerce at the recent and Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

The Metro-East Regional Chamber of Commerce recently held a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at the new SSM Physical Therapy location in Swansea. SSM Physical Therapy offers a wide range of general and specialty physical therapy services, including sports medicine, concussion management, orthopedic rehabilitation and a full line of work injury programs. The center treats a variety of symptoms, conditions and diagnosis throughout the life span and restores function to individuals after injury, trauma or surgery. SSM Physical Therapy also offers flexible hours to fit patients' schedules.

SSM Physical Therapy operates a community-based network of over 40 outpatient physical therapy centers throughout the St. Louis Metro Area and Illinois. The Swansea Center is located at 2649 N. Illinois St. and can be contacted at (618) 235-0514 or online at [www.ssmphysicaltherapy.com](http://www.ssmphysicaltherapy.com).

### Village of Swansea Officials

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

## Trash Stickers Rate Increase Effective May 1, 2016

Effective May 1, 2016, the cost of a sheet of trash stickers will increase from \$14.75 to \$19.20. In addition, the yearly sticker will expire and a new yearly sticker will need to be purchased by May 1st, or Replublic will not pick up your trash. The cost of a new yearly sticker for the coming Fiscal Year will be \$211.19. You can continue to use previously bought orange stickers (weekly stickers.)

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## Swansea Fire Department Monthly Fire Responses January 2016

For the month of January, the Swansea Fire Department responded to 25 calls. Below is a list of the type & amount of calls the Swansea Fire Department responded to:

- Structure Fire(s) - 3
- False Alarms - 7
- Carbon Monoxide Alarms - 1
- Other Incidents - 14
- Total Responses - 25
- Child Safety Seats Installed - 4



## Swansea Police Department Review

Swansea Police Sergeant Scott Lieb was speaking to a 77 year old male in the 1400 block of North 2nd Street in a residential care facility. During the conversation the male got a blank look on his face and suddenly fell backwards striking his head. Sgt. Lieb rushed to him and checked his head for bleeding. Sgt. Lieb saw no blood but noticed his breathing was very shallow and irregular. He immediately requested an ambulance and saw the male go unconscious. He retrieved his Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Swansea Officer Paul Brault arrived on scene and assisted. As Sgt. Lieb prepared the AED for use, Officer Brault cut open the male's shirt and applied two pads. One shock was delivered. Officer Brault started chest compressions while Sgt. Lieb and facility staff administered rescue breaths using a bag valve mask. After two minutes, a second analysis was performed with no shock advised. The male began to exhibit a radial pulse as Abbott Ambulance arrived. Officers assisted EMS personnel placing the male onto a stretcher and into the rear of the ambulance. The male was transported to a hospital for treatment and is alive today!

*Dan Joseph reviewed Swansea Police Department*

I have worked with many PD in my career and today I saw the best in action. Today I ran a call at a local facility where a gentleman collapsed and two officers were there and witnessed the gentleman go into cardiac arrest. They immediately started CPR and applied a defibrillator and shocked the patient. They continued CPR until we arrived. When we got there the patient was trying to breathe on his own and had a strong pulse. After placing a breathing tube to secure his airway, and giving him medication to stabilize his heart, this man may survive to see another day. It is such a great pleasure working with such professionals. It's a great comfort to know they are there to have our backs as we are there for them. GREAT JOB GUYS!!!

## Swansea Police Department

During the month of January 2016, the Swansea Police Department responded to 1573 calls for service.



- 281 Traffic stops yielded
- 233 Verbal warnings
- 41 Traffic citations issued
- 43 Traffic accidents
- 50 Misdemeanor arrests
- 1 Felony arrest
- 9 Warrant arrests
- 4 D.U.I. Arrests
- 7 Ordinance Violations



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**LOCAL SCHOOL LAUNCHES NEW HEALTH-BASED FUND RAISING EFFORT**

**Students to get fit, then douse themselves in color!**

The students of Wolf Branch PTC will walk, jog, and run their way toward a healthier life while raising funds for their school. The school is implementing a program called My School Color Run where the students each select a personal mileage goal, then spend up to eight weeks logging miles to reach their goal. Students will seek pledges based on their mileage goal. At the completion of the training period, the school will celebrate with a color run where participants will be doused in colored celebration powder.

The My School Color Run programs aims to go beyond traditional fund raising. Rather than sell goods, this program aims to engage the entire student body in a fitness initiative that aims to instill a life-long healthy way of living.

“We’re extremely excited about the launch of the My School Color Run Program at our school”, says LeAnne Kniepkamp. “We’re looking forward to involving our entire student body and faculty in a fun and healthy program. We want to engage the entire community and encourage local businesses and individual community members to get involved.”

Besides individual student pledges, the school will accept business pledges. Additionally, the final color celebration run will be open to the public. Interested participants can register for the run by visiting [WBPTC-ColorRun.eventbrite.com](http://WBPTC-ColorRun.eventbrite.com) or by completing a paper registration form prior to the event. Anyone interested in more information or a copy of the paper registration form can contact LeAnne Kniepkamp at (618) 954-8057.

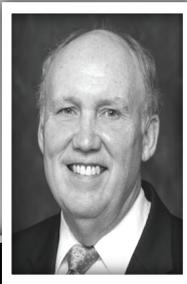
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This month's update of What's Happening In Your Local Government:

- There has been some misunderstanding about the recent Swansea tax increase and how that will affect you. Unfortunately, the process is complicated but I'll do my best to explain.
- The Village Board increased the tax levy by 28% - about \$363,000 more than last year. This means we have asked St. Clair County to collect about \$1.6 million in property taxes from all of the property owners in Swansea.
- The total Equalized Assessed Value (how much ALL of the buildings in Swansea are worth - according to the County) has gone up since last year. This is mostly due to the fact that new homes and businesses have been built during the past year. Put more simply, more people are paying into the pot so the 28% gets diluted. This has reduced the net effect on each property owner to APPROXIMATELY a 21% increase.
- So how does this affect you? Look at your property tax bill and find the "Village of Swansea" line. You can figure out the approximate increase by

- adding 20% to this year's bill.
  - The classic example is to use a house (owner-occupied) with a Fair Market Value of \$100,000. The Swansea tax on this house was \$141.67 and will increase to \$170.35. So that home would pay \$28.68 more per year.
  - Below is my tax bill:
  - You will notice that my current Swansea taxes are \$301.73.
  - For 2015 (paid in 2016) I would expect my Swansea taxes to increase \$60-\$65
  - \$301.73 x 21% = \$63.36 Again, this is not an exact number because the value of your home may change based upon the Assessor's Office evaluation and calculations. Swansea has no control over this part of the tax bill.
- I hope you find this helpful. If you have further questions please feel free to contact me or any of the Trustees. Our email addresses are included in this newsletter. You can also contact the Government Center and they will pass along the message to us.

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 BASED ON ASSESSED VALUE  
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FAIR PROPERTY VALUE	195,750
R977 BASE	8,666
SENIOR FREEZE BASE	0
ASSESSORS VALUE	65,244
BD OF REVIEW VALUE	65,244
TOWNSHIP MULTIPLIER	X 1.0000
LOCAL VALUE*	= 65,244
HIEDAV VALUE	- 0
VALUE TO BE EQUALIZED	65,244
STATE MULTIPLIER	X 1.0000
STATE EQUALIZED VALUE	= 65,244
OWNER OCCUPIED EXEMPTION	- 6,000
SENIOR FREEZE	- 0
SR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	- 0
RETURNING VET EXEMPTION	- 0
VET/DISABILITY EXEMPTION	- 0
FARM ASSESSMENT	+ 0
TAXABLE VALUE	= 59,244
TOTAL TAX RATE	X 7.9341
<b>TOTAL TAX DUE</b>	<b>\$4,700.48</b>
*ESTIMATED 1/3 OF FAIR PROPERTY VALUE	
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UNIT:	0040

**DISTRIBUTION OF 2014 TAXES**

Taxing Body	2013 Rate	2013 Tax	2014 Rate	2014 Tax	Difference	% of Total
BELLEVILLE HS #201	1.97120	\$1,286.09	2.03520	\$1,205.73	-80.36	25.66
WOLF BRANCH #113	3.89990	\$2,413.96	3.72380	\$2,206.13	-207.83	46.93
SWIC DIST #522	0.41060	\$267.89	0.42850	\$253.86	-14.03	5.40
VILLAGE OF SWANSEA	0.44270	\$288.84	0.50930	\$301.73	12.89	6.42
ST CLAIR CO GEN	0.11240	\$73.34	0.11590	\$68.66	-4.68	1.46
ST CLAIR CO OTHER	0.79560	\$519.08	0.82290	\$487.53	-31.55	10.37
ST CLAIR TWP	0.05140	\$33.54	0.05130	\$30.39	-3.15	0.66
ST CLAIR ROAD	0.24750	\$161.48	0.24720	\$146.45	-15.03	3.12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7.7313</b>	<b>\$5,044.22</b>	<b>7.93410</b>	<b>\$4,700.48</b>	<b>(\$343.74)</b>	

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 Second installment due date: 09/01/2015  
 Last day to pay and avoid publication: 09/25/2015  
 The credit card & E-Check systems will be temporarily shut down September 25 at 3:00pm until 8:00am September 26, 2015.  
 Notice of tax sale by certified mail: 10/02/2015  
 Publication of unpaid taxes: 10/05 - 10/09/2015  
**LAST DAY TO PAY TAXES: 11/06/2015**  
 The credit card & E-Check services will be permanently shut down on November 6, 2015 at 3:00pm.  
**POSTMARK WILL NOT BE HONORED ON LAST DAY TO PAY TAXES. MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE 5 PM ON 11/06/2015**  
 9:00 AM Tax Sale of all unpaid taxes: 11/06 - 11/12/2015  
 No payment will be taken during tax sale.  
 I remind you the County Treasurer only collects your taxes and is not responsible for your property assessment or the amount of any you are owing.

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If you have any questions please call me at (618) 977-4475 or email me at [crush@ruralkingsupply.com](mailto:crush@ruralkingsupply.com)

Thank you.  
Cynthia Rush

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