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## Storm Hits Swansea Hard

The July 13th storm that swept through Swansea caused widespread power outages, downed trees throughout the Village, and displaced a number of residents whose homes or apartments were damaged. In addition, businesses lost roofs, signs, and had other damage.

Police and Firefighters responded to multiple calls of accidents, alarms, and downed power lines. Public Works staff who had already worked a full day on Wednesday, worked through the night and all day Thursday. That first evening crews focused on opening roads where trees had completely blocked any passage. The next day focus shifted to hauling away tree limbs that residents had stacked at the street.

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## Village Board Struggles With Challenge of Fully Funding Fire and Police Pensions

The Village of Swansea recently received an actuarial report that recommends the Village increase its annual contribution into the Firefighter's Pension Fund from the \$71,000 budgeted this year, to \$208,325 next year. While this year's \$71,000 exceeded the State of Illinois minimum contribution of \$51,427 to fund the Village's pension obligation, the independent actuary believes that amount is inadequate.

The report included other 'bad news'. The projected Unfunded Accrued Liability, was increased by the actuary from \$235,112 to \$1,049,410. The minimum required contribution rose from \$51,427 to \$121,457, and the Ratio of Plan Assets to Present Value of Accrued Benefits decreased from 90% to 48%. Essentially, the Village went from having 90% of its pension obligation covered, to now only having 48% covered, and it seemingly happened 'overnight'.

But even as the Illinois Legislature and the Governor are locked in a budget battle that includes a stipulation by the Governor that pension reform be a key component, the State mandates requirements for local fire and police pensions that many municipalities believe are impossible to fulfill, and will be unsustainable into the future.

For example, state laws limit how pension funds can be invested. As the amount of money in the fund increases, a greater percentage of it can be invested in equities (stocks) where the chance is greater for a higher return on that investment. Of course the risk of loss is greater as well - therefore the state elects to put limits in place.

But for a small community like Swansea, with only two full-time firefighter positions, that limits us to only investing 10% of the pension funds in equities. The other 90% must be invested in fixed rate of return instruments, like certificates of deposit.

The actuarial projections used to assume an overall rate of return at 5.0%. The actuary lowered that assumption to 2.4% in the current report. But if 90% of your money can only be invested in CDs earning interest at 1% or less, and 10% of your money was invested in a stock market that struggled to break even last year, it is literally impossible for the Village to meet its projected obligations. That might remain true even if the Village were to contribute



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## News Briefs

### Board Does Proceed with Changes in Splash Pad Reservation Fees

The Splash Pad in Schranz Park can be rented for exclusive use on non-holidays, Monday through Friday, but only between the hours of 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

In July the Board increased the fee to \$75 for non-residents, who must also post a \$200 security deposit. The fee for residents remains at \$50, but they too must now post a deposit; although at \$100 it is less than that required of non-residents.

To inhibit day cares or other organized groups from overwhelming the splash pad and effectively preventing its use by residents, any such group of 10 or more that comes to the park can now only use the splash pad if they have reserved and rented it 30 days in advance. They are no longer supposed to simply show up with a bus load of children.

The compromise is to allow them, and others, to rent it for their exclusive use for a limited 2-hour block of time during the week. Signs

are posted in plastic holders on the fence of the splash pad when it is rented.

That does mean that if you are using the splash pad on any date that it is reserved, you need to vacate the facility by 11:30 and allow the other party to use it during the time for which they have paid.

### Village Board Decides Not to Do a Road Oiling Program in 2016

While each summer the Village would typically renovate some of the streets in town that are composed of an oil and chip surface, it has decided not to do so this year.

The Public Works crew has been very busy supporting the multiple street asphalt overlay project in the area east of 17th Street and north of Morgan. With their focus on that work and some uncertainty at the time with Motor Fuel Tax funding and the State of Illinois budget, the Village Board decided to not take on a program this summer. Plans as of now are to bid out the work in April and perhaps do a larger program with more streets in late Spring or early Summer.

### Work Progresses on New Government Center; But Slowly

The Village Board has awarded additional contracts for plaster work,

acoustic ceiling work, and flooring for the new Government Center building at 1444 Boul Avenue. The old Driver's License facility is being remodeled to house the Village's Administrative, Building & Zoning and Sewer Billing staff. There are a lot of components to that process that are being coordinated by the Village and that is taking longer than originally hoped.

The revised schedule is designed to facilitate relocation of staff during the week of September 19th. The exact date will be confirmed in the next issue, because the office will need to be closed at least one day.

### Code Red Notice Informs Residents About Cleanup

Residents who had signed up for notifications through the Code Red system got a telephone call after the July 13th storm regarding the Village's plans for limb pickup. Those who were not signed up obviously did not get that notice.

Code Red is used by the Village to send critical notifications to residents who have signed up for the service. There is no cost to the resident. A recorded message is sent to all phone numbers in the data base. So you can register your home phone, cell phone or both.

If you would like to take advantage of this free service, go to the Village webpage at <http://www.swanseail.org> and click on the CODE RED SIGNUP box - right side of the home page.

## Swansea Community Calendar - August 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Committee Meetings 6:00pm Govt. Center Village Board Meeting 7:30pm Govt. Center	2	3	4 Swansea Farmer's Market 11:00am - 3:00pm Rural King Parking Lot	5	6
7	8	9 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6:00pm Govt. Center	10	11 Swansea Farmer's Market 11:00am - 3:00pm Rural King Parking Lot	12 Chamber of Commerce Morning Mingle 7:45am - 9:00am Recreation Center Fairview Heights Rec Center, 10025 Bunkum	13 Swansea Park Board Meeting 7:00am Norman Lehr Center Swansea Patriots Meeting 8:00am Norman Lehr Center
14	15 Committee Meetings 6:00pm Govt. Center Village Board Meeting 7:30pm Govt. Center	16	17 Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Sponsored by: CompuType IT Solutions, 5:00-7:00pm	18 Swansea Farmer's Market 11:00am - 3:00pm Rural King Parking Lot	19 Chamber Golf Tournament Clinton Hill Golf Course 4-Person Scramble, 12:00pm Shot-Gun Start chamber@metroeastchamber.org	20
21	22	23	24	25 Swansea Farmer's Market 11:00am - 3:00pm Rural King Parking Lot	26	27
28	29	30	31	Swansea Police & Fire Charity Kickball Tournament All Proceeds Benefit the BackStoppers Organization Saturday, September 10, 2016, Starting at 9:00 AM Melvin Price Memorial Park, Swansea Must register by August 25th. \$200 / COED team of 10-12 players. At least 3 female & 3 male players on each team. All ages welcome. T-shirt to every participant. For more info call: Brian McGuire at 618-779-2636 or Jason Whitaker at 618-979-8795.		

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## Boy Scout Troup 52 Helps Remove Bush Honeysuckle in Park

On Saturday July 16, Boy Scout Troop 52 along with the Heartland Conservancy and other volunteers removed bush honeysuckle again at Centennial Park. Volunteers were able to remove about a quarter acre of the invasive plant.

Bush honeysuckle is shade tolerant and becomes so prevalent it makes foot travel difficult. It also becomes so thick that native trees, flowers, and other plants can't reproduce, effectively destroying oak, hickory, walnut, cottonwood, maple, and others native trees, which many animals use as a food source.

It will take years to restore Centennial Park to its glory, but the Friends of Centennial Park keep plugging away. They are planning another volunteer day for this fall. Look for more info and photos on Facebook under "Friends of Centennial Park, Swansea, Illinois", or email [bwells@swanseail.org](mailto:bwells@swanseail.org).

## Support Signs for Swansea's Police Officers Go Up

In light of what has happened in Dallas, Baton Rouge, and other cities around our nation, it is important to pause and reflect on the service our police officers provide. Without police doing their jobs, our nation would undoubtedly regress into anarchy. Yet everyday, Swansea's police officers respond to our requests for help. As in Baton Rouge, each and every call could be an ambush in waiting. Yet they go anyway.

A local resident recently donated 10 signs that simply say "We Proudly Support Our Swansea Police". You might see those signs on properties throughout our community.

If you, your business or your organization would like to join this show of support, the same signs can be ordered from Sign-A-Rama, at 216 Frank Scott Parkway East (234-7446). For \$20 each, you can support police at a time when they really need to know that it is there.

## Storm *continued from page 1*

Anyone who had a professional tree service do work were required to have those services haul away limbs and trunks. Other residents who cut up their own fallen branches were allowed to stack smaller limbs and tree branches by the roadway.

While the Village would not normally collect such debris, it decided to do so in this case because of the widespread damage. There was a concentrated focus during the first three days or so but it may take weeks for the Village to get to any remaining areas, or to make a second pass through town. Please be patient as the Village adds this additional task to a long list of things to do.

Residents who don't want to wait could call Republic Services at 656-6883 to set up yard waste collection, as long as the length and size of any branches meets their requirements. Another available option is to haul any such debris to St. Louis Compost at 3521 Centreville Avenue in Belleville and dispose of it for a fee.

## Pensions *continued from page 1*

the full amount of the recommended \$208,325 next fiscal year - because the Village does not believe the 2.4% assumption is valid.

This is the challenge facing the Village and its elected officials. And the police pension requirements are no different. In the current fiscal year, the Village levied \$758,913 in property taxes to fund its police pension obligations. That amount significantly exceeds the minimum contribution required by the State but is still expected to only 'tread water'.

The State projects that if Swansea contributes about \$500,000 to the fund each year, it will meet its obligations. But the State bases its projections on an assumption that the average yield in that fund will be over 6% - impossible in today's economy.

In fact, the Village has contributed much more than the State estimate over the last 3 years - \$608,000, \$762,000, and \$765,000 - and has made no significant progress towards reducing its unfunded liability. That unfunded liability was in excess of \$5.2 million in 2015.

So Swansea is treading water with the police pension fund as well. While the Village has traditionally been able to maintain funding between 60% and 65% without losing ground, even if the Village put the \$5.2 million of unfunded liability into the pension fund now, so that it was 100% funded today, because of the way the system is designed and its restrictions and requirements, within two years the Village would probably again be in an underfunded position. The Police Pension currently pays pensions to eleven individuals with 2015 distributions of about \$500,000.

Perhaps the greatest challenge is that the Village has no say in the allowed age of retirement, the employee contribution amount, the amount of pensions, or other related pension benefits. The State sets the rules and municipalities simply write the checks.

Reforming the pension rules, regulations and procedures for these 'local' pensions at the same time Illinois tackles the State pension systems, would seem a logical step to addressing some of these issues.

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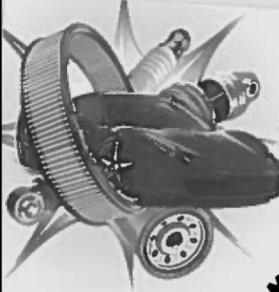
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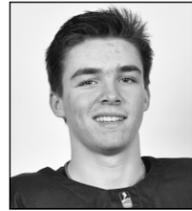
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## Clayton Keller

The whole region seem to watch in anticipation as Clayton Keller, who turns 19 on July 29th, was selected **7th overall** in the National Hockey League entry draft, going to the Arizona Coyotes.

Clayton was born in Chesterfield, MO, but grew up in Swansea and attended Wolf Branch School. His immediate plans are to attend Boston University and play for their team for the 2016-17 season. At this year's International Ice Hockey Federation World Championships, Keller was the MVP and the top scorer for the 18 and under Team USA, which finished with the bronze medal.

The Village has invited Clayton and his family to the August 15th Board meeting where a Proclamation will be issued recognizing his accomplishments and connection to Swansea. Congratulations, on your selection Clayton!



## Glenn McCoy

Swansea is also proud to be the home of nationally recognized cartoonist, Glenn McCoy. While locally some may think of him simply as the editorial cartoonist for the Belleville New Democrat, Glenn has been named

**Cartoonist of the Year** by the National Cartoonist Society in four categories, including Magazine Cartoonist (twice), Comic Strip Cartoonist, Editorial Cartoonist, and Greeting Card Artist. He is the first recipient to be so named in four different fields. As if that was not enough, a few years ago he 'branched out', and has now worked on a number of popular animated films, including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2, and Minions.

His most recent accomplishment? Glenn wrote and co-directed the animated short entitled "Mower Minions," which opened nationwide on July 8th as the lead-in to "The Secret Life of Pets". Congratulations, Glenn! We are proud to have you in Swansea.



## Street Overlay Project Completed

The asphalt overlay of streets generally east of 17th Street and north of Morgan Avenue was completed the week of July 18th. Despite heavy storm damage in that area of Swansea, the contractor was able to continue working and wrap up the project. The result is a great improvement over the oil and chip streets that previously served the area.

# Swansea Patriots Actively Seeking New Members

## Could Your Time and Talents Be Helpful to this Group and the Parks They Help Support?

The Village of Swansea observed its first 100 years as a community in 1986. In preparation for that year-long celebration, a group of local residents and business owners came together in 1984 to begin planning the parade, picnic celebration and a variety of other events. Their combined efforts helped ensure a memorable birthday for the community. And all the proceeds from the picnic and other events was donated to the Village for parks.



That group of volunteers did not simply fade away once the Centennial celebration concluded. Taking on the name "Swansea Patriots" they then became a not-for-profit organization focused on helping to acquire and develop park land in the Village. They were instrumental in helping to fund the purchase of land from St. Clair County which subsequently became "Melvin Price Memorial Park" in 1988. Prior to that time, the Village owned no parks of its own.

Since its inception, the Patriots have raised over \$450,000 and donated it to the Village. That funding helped to develop baseball and soccer areas, the roller hockey rink, playgrounds, walking trails, pavilions, restrooms, the Thompson Center, memorials and landscaping. The group's primary fundraiser is their "Christmas at Camelot" dinner and auction, scheduled this year for Nov 12th.

But over 30 years, membership in any organization naturally changes. And the Swansea Patriots now find

themselves in need of some 'new blood' to help carry the banner and ensure the group and its efforts continue into the future.

New members would be welcomed right away to help with the planning and preparation for the dinner / auction. But the greatest benefit would come from anyone willing to make a longer term commitment to this cause and take an active role in monthly meetings and other event planning.

The Swansea Patriots meet on the second Saturday of each month at the Norman Lehr Center in Melvin Price Park. Meetings start at 8:00 am. You could also send an email to [swanseapatriots@gmail.com](mailto:swanseapatriots@gmail.com) for more information or to express your interest.

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# Swansea At The Crossroads of Region's Bike Trail System

## Multiple Points of Access in the Village Make It Easy to Get Onto Miles of Trails

As you drive north on IL Rte. 159 in Swansea you can't help but notice the MetroBikeLink bridge over the highway. As the backbone of the St. Clair County trail system, the MetroBikeLink trail basically parallels MetroLink, with other trails extending off of it to connect to parks and neighborhoods. The Metro East Parks & Recreation District's interactive map of the entire trail system in two County region can be found on their webpage at <http://www.meprd.org/trail-map.html>. A copy of that map reproduced below shows nine points where Swansea residents can easily access the trails.

- 1) Memorial MetroLink Station** - On Frank Scott Parkway East, just north of IL Rte. 161. Park in the parking lot. Cross over the tracks to the south side and ride east.
- 2) Old Caseyville Road** - residents who live in the neighborhoods along Old Caseyville Road can ride south to the MetroLink crossing and access the trail on the south side. Travel either east or west.
- 3) The Swansea MetroLink Station** - Just to the east of IL Rte. 159 at Metro Way. Park in the lot. Cross over the tracks to the south side and choose a ride to either the east or the west.
- 4) High Mount School** - On the north of the school building the IL Rte. 161 sidewalk branches off and travels down to 'T' into the MetroBikeLink trail. A good access point for walkers or joggers who live nearby.
- 5) Centennial Park** - Small parking lot just north of IL Rte. 161. Short ride to the north and then loop back to the start on the Village's Richland Creek Bikeway, or head south across IL 161 to connect with MetroBikeLink or the City of Belleville's Richland Creek Trail. There is also a nature trail in Centennial Park that makes a nice little mountain biking ride.
- 6) Old Collinsville Road** - Residents of Lake Lorraine or Creekside Estates can easily access the Richland Creek Bikeway from the sidewalk along their subdivisions.
- 7) North End Park** - Just south of the Village limits you can park in the lot of Belleville's North End Park (east of 159 on Douglas) and take either Belleville's trail, or connect to MetroBikeLink or Swansea's Richland Creek Bikeway.
- 8) Scheel Street MetroLink Station** - Go a little further on Douglas and hang a left on Scheel and you can park in the MetroLink lot and hop on MetroBikeLink.
- 9) Southwestern Illinois College** - SWIC is also a good place to park a car and then access the MetroBikeLink trail. There is a short stub to the north over IL Rte. 161 (will be extended to SAFB in the future), a trail around the campus, and the main trail back to the west.

# Village Prepares to Kick-Off Comprehensive Plan Process

## Residents Can Provide Input and be Part of the Public Engagement Efforts

The Village of Swansea has engaged Streiler Planning to assist Village staff and the Planning & Zoning Board in updating Swansea's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the public involvement of that process is about to begin.

The consultant previously initiated the data collection portion of the process, allowing them to better understand the past, present and future patterns of growth in Swansea. A formal Comprehensive Planning process provides a mechanism for municipalities to envision change in years to come and create public policy to help direct and guide that change. According to state statutes, all municipalities that zone property must have a Comprehensive Plan.

Swansea's original 1977 Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 1993. Since that time, there have been significant changes in both the national and regional economies, shifts in market demand for goods and services, housing, commercial & industrial land uses, and increasing demands for

community facilities & infrastructure. These changes and challenges all indicated a pressing need to reconnect with the residents of Swansea to make sure the goals and expectations of the community are consistent with the vision, goals and objectives outlined in Swansea's Comprehensive Plan

The public engagement phase of the planning process will begin with a kick-off meeting with the Planning & Zoning Board to discuss their expectations regarding land use, transportation, and open space preservation. Specific stakeholders will also be interviewed to understand their specific perspectives.

The community at large will be engaged through the distribution of a Citizen Survey and Town Planning Workshops. These initiatives should help identify and clarify the key planning issues facing Swansea, and help outline a citizen-defined vision for the future.

The Planning and Zoning Board, Zoning Administrator and Village

Administrator will help facilitate the development of the update and conduct a public hearing to solicit feedback from residents, business owners and other stakeholders. Once the plan update is completed, it will be presented to the Village Board for final adoption, which is expected to occur in April of 2017.

The new Comprehensive Plan will serve as a framework for future actions, and will include information helpful to the decision-making process related to growth and development. Essentially, Village officials will be able to reference the plan when considering such things as the rezoning of a property, whether to expand major infrastructure, or whether to annex specific territory into the Village.

Any resident who would like to be notified of opportunities to be part of this planning process should email their name, address, phone number and email address to [swanadmn@swanseail.org](mailto:swanadmn@swanseail.org) and use Comprehensive Plan as the subject of the email.

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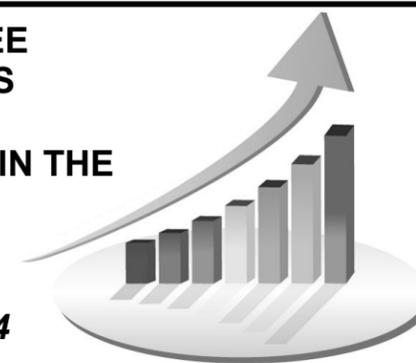
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## Crime Free Rental Housing Not An Option For Swansea

In 1982, the Mesa, Arizona Police Department noted they were spending lots of time responding to drug dealing and escalating crime at the city's apartment complexes. Because most criminals don't buy homes - they tend to rent - calls for service at rental properties in Mesa were six to eight times the rate for owner occupied housing. As a result, rental housing was disproportionately drawing away resources from the rest of the city.

In an effort to prevent these crimes, the community passed what was called a "crime free rental housing ordinance". That legislation has now been modeled by nearly 2,000 cities throughout the world, including Belleville, O'Fallon, Collinsville, Fairview Heights and Granite City.

Typically, these ordinances require landlords to be licensed and to attend training that teaches them how to keep crime out of their properties. The ordinance may also require background checks on proposed tenants and an addendum to a lease

or rental agreement that informs tenants they could face eviction if their unit is identified as a nuisance. These local laws help landlords and police pool their resources and purge criminals from rental housing.

That's great for communities that have a crime free rental housing ordinance, but maybe not so great for their neighbors who do not. When criminals are prevented from renting in one community because of the local laws, they may simply move to other nearby communities that don't have similar laws.

The answer for Swansea, which is surrounded by crime free rental housing communities, seems simple - pass crime free rental housing ourselves. But unfortunately, it is not that simple. In Illinois, state statutes don't specifically allow municipalities to adopt such an ordinance, so that is possible only for those communities that are "home rule". And Swansea is not. (see *related article about Understanding Home Rule Powers on the adjoining page*)

The challenge then becomes how to effectively respond to the potential of increased crime in



our community and the possibility that rental housing will disproportionately draw away police resources.

The 2010 census reported 5,704 housing units in Swansea, with 26.2% of those, or 1,494 being renter occupied. That in itself is not bad. Every community needs a healthy mix of available housing stock. As young people start a life independent of their parent's home, they often do so by renting an apartment. Some assigned to Scott AFB want to rent off-base housing while stationed here. And for others, renting provides some freedom from the maintenance and other encumbrances that come with home ownership.

So rental property is a necessary and desired option in Swansea. And most residents who choose that option still want to live in a stable, quiet neighborhood, no different from owner occupied homes. They should not have to accept a higher incidence of crime as an inevitable component of rental housing.

In the absence of a referendum to bring home rule to Swansea, or the State lowering the population threshold from 25,000, any 'crime free rental housing program' in Swansea will need to be a voluntary, cooperative effort - between the municipality, landlords and residents living in rental housing - to keep crime out of their neighborhood.



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## Understanding "Home Rule" Powers

Two court decisions issued by Federal Judge John F. Dillon in 1868 came to be known as "Dillon's Rule". Judge Dillon upheld a narrow interpretation related to the powers of local government. Municipalities throughout the United States were generally considered to be "creatures of the state".

In essence, the authority to "create" a municipality was contained within state law. Therefore, state law had to be consulted to determine what a municipality could legally do, or not do. So if a specific power was not explicitly granted in state statutes, a city or village could not exercise that power, and municipalities had to be able to cite a specific legal authority in state law for any action they wanted to take.

However, around 1900 some states began to allow their municipalities to make and follow their own local rules - termed "home rule powers". Illinois was not among them and in fact, it took a 1970 change in the state Constitution before Illinois municipalities got authority to rule over themselves. That change granted the authority automatically and immediately to every municipality with a population over 25,000 - communities who went from being restricted to only doing what the state would specifically allow, to being able to do anything the state didn't specifically prohibit.

Therefore, any Illinois municipality that grows to 25,000 population automatically attains "home rule"

status. The inference is that once a municipality reaches a population of 25,000, it is big enough to rule itself and to know what is best for its residents.

But municipalities under the 25,000 threshold, like Swansea, remain dependent upon the State of Illinois to tell them what they can and cannot do. That is unless residents choose to become home rule through referendum. And some in our area have.

Tiny Valmeyer, for example, with a population of only 1,250, is a home rule community. Its residents voted to make that change in response to the floods of 1993. Freed from having to search state statutes for every action they took, the community took control of their own future and built an entirely new community above the floodplain.

Other local communities that chose to become home rule by referendum include Cahokia, Collinsville, Edwardsville, Fairview Heights, and Sauget. Mascoutah was given home rule powers by charter when that city was created and Belleville, Granite City, and O'Fallon, are home rule communities because of their population.

So the Village is surrounded by communities that have more rights to control their own future than Swansea currently has. In total, about 140 municipalities in Illinois have secured home rule status by referendum.

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