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Comprehensive Plan Survey In This Issue

This issue of the Swansea Report includes a special 4 page center section that is a Resident Survey for the update of the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

The Village is seeking input from residents as part of the preparation of that plan document. Completed surveys should be returned to the Government Center no later than October 31st. If prior to Oct. 14th, return to 1400 N. Illinois Street, Swansea, IL 62226. If after Oct. 14th, to 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, IL 62226. Surveys can be mailed or dropped off. After hours they can be placed into the night drop box.

First Public Input Session Thur Oct 27 At Thompson Center

The survey is one means to do that. Residents may also attend the Planning and Zoning Board meeting on Oct 27th which will be a public input session for the comprehensive plan. Attendees will break into small groups, each of which will discuss specific issues and questions, then make recommendations to the planners.

This first session will start at 6:00pm and conclude by 9:00pm. It will be held at the Thompson Center, 1501 Caseyville Avenue, on the northwestern edge of Melvin Price Memorial Park.

Article on Storm Clean-Up Attitudes Succeeded In Getting Residents 'Talking'

Last month's article about the July 13th storm and the range of resident perspectives related to the Village's willingness to pick up and dispose of limbs after this event, got people talking. A number shared their views through email, phone calls or direct comments to Village officials.

That's great. The original intent of the Swansea Report when it was started almost 32 years ago, was to help keep our residents informed, and the Village has been working diligently to make sure it fulfills that purpose.

The intent of that specific article was to challenge residents to look at this one issue and think about the role of government - what it should be and what we want it to be - with hopes of starting a dialog. And we seem to have succeeded to some degree.

As the Village begins the process of updating our comprehensive plan, it is important for residents to participate and provide input. Our form of government in the United States relies on all of us to be active participants if we want it to be most effective. While the busyness of our lives may pull our attention in other directions, this is your community... government of the people, by the people, for the people.

Some of the comments from residents said that the last Swansea Report was the 'best ever' and that the article about the storm clean up was 'spot on'. Some wrote to simply say that they did not think local government should pick up storm debris regardless of the event.

Others took some offense with the article. One interpreted it as the Village 'complaining' about residents taking advantage of a service that was freely offered. Another thought that it was an inappropriate 'editorial' for the Swansea Report and asked to write a rebuttal.

So the topic and article did what we intended - generated thought and response, and that's good. A representative government functions best with open dialog. Varied points of view are valuable to having a clear understanding of issues and the effect they might have on individuals or the collective whole.

This is especially important because each of us as individuals holds a personal point of view that is unique to us and to our life experiences. While we may share some beliefs in common with others, no one else has the same perspective as us. And so every person has something unique to add to a discussion and dialog about issues in our community.

Unfortunately, that can present a challenge as well. As a nation we seem to have become more divided, as individuals sometimes view and believe that their perspective is "right" while someone else's is "wrong".

The hope of the Village is that as the community proceeds through the comprehensive plan process, everyone can be open and accepting of multiple points of view, while we work towards a collective perspective and a plan that represents the overall goals of Swansea.

News Briefs

Certificates of Excellent Citizenship Presented to Four Young Residents

At the September 6th meeting of the Board of Trustees the Village and its Police Department presented Certificates of Excellent Citizenship to four young residents - Owen, Alan, Joshua, and Nolan. The four were playing Pokemon Go in their neighborhood when they noticed a door open on a neighbor's home. They alerted their parents and then the police.



On investigation it was discovered that the homeowners were away on vacation and the door had apparently been left unlatched and had blown open. The awareness of these young gentlemen allowed the home to be checked and secured. Police Chief Johnson praised their assistance to the police and their willingness to do the right thing.

In addition to a printed certificate of recognition and a "challenge coin" to carry in their pockets, the Chief gave each of the boys a gift certificate to Burger King, instructing them that it was to only be used for desserts.

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Constitution Week Proclamation

At the same meeting Mayor Ken Mueller issued a Proclamation naming the week of September 17th - 23rd as Constitution Week in Swansea. September 17th marked the 229th anniversary of the drafting of the United States Constitution.

The proclamation language encouraged all residents to protect the "...freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights might never be regained..."



Employee Recognition

Public Works employee Dave Huhman was recognized at the September 6th meeting for his 15 years of service to the Village of Swansea.



Swansea Community Calendar - October 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	The Swansea Park Board is inviting interested residents to come and help spruce up the areas around the Norman Lehr Center and the Memorial Fountain at Melvin Price Park. Planting areas will be cleared and new plants added. Tools and teamwork will be available! Meet at the Norman Lehr center on Saturday, October 8th, starting at 8:00 am.					1
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Swansea Farmer's Market Ends Oct 27

The Swansea Farmer's Market has almost concluded its 8th season which ends on Oct 27th. This month is therefore the last chance to use 2016 Senior Coupons - use them or lose them.

Fall crops are now coming in so look for apples, pumpkins, greens and other produce. We also have some nice homemade crafts so this could be a good opportunity to do some early holiday shopping. Don't miss out. We look forward to seeing you there, rain or shine.

The Market is easy to find - located on the parking lot of Rural King, at 2801 N. Illinois Street, Swansea. Hours are 11:00am until 3:00pm, every Thursday in October.

For additional information, you may contact Norm Geolat at 978-8753, or swanseafarmersmarket@yahoo.com or visit the Facebook page at Swansea Farmers.

Centennial Park Work Set for Oct 22

On October 22, from 9:00am until noon, Friends of Centennial Park will once again work to remove bush honeysuckle and to cut invasive vines that are choking out park trees.

Bush honeysuckle is perhaps the worst problem among exotic plants in our area. It is shade tolerant and becomes so prevalent it makes foot travel very difficult. But it also becomes so thick that native trees, flowers, and other plants can't reproduce. It therefore endangers our oak, hickory, walnut, cottonwood, maple, and other trees. Should they disappear we might also lose many animals as these trees are a food source for them.

Look for more information and pictures on Facebook under "Friends of Centennial Park, Swansea, Illinois", or email bwells@swanseail.org. There will have a picnic again after the work session for those who want to stick around for a while.

Swansea Patriots Decide to Suspend Christmas at Camelot Auction For 2016

The members present at the last meeting of the Swansea Patriots voted to suspend their fundraiser for 2016 and instead return in 2017 with the "Christmas at Camelot" Auction. The 2016 event had been planned for Nov. 12th at the Swansea Moose.

The Patriots are a not-for-profit organization formed in the 1980's with the purpose of raising money to help support Swansea parks. Since then, the group has raised over \$450,000 and donated it to the Village.

The decision was prompted by the serious health issues of two of the organization's officers and the burden that might place on the remaining members, whose numbers have been declining.

Village Sets Oct 14th As Move Date: Govt Center Closed That Day

Offices Closed Oct 14th

The Village of Swansea has set a firm date to move Elected Officials, and Administrative, Building & Zoning, and Sewer Billing staff to the newly remodeled building at 1444 Boul Avenue. The Government Center at 1400 N. Illinois Street will therefore be closed on Friday, October 14, 2016 to allow the relocation of staff, computers, phones and all of the other amenities that go into relocating an office.

At 8:00am on Monday, October 17th, the offices will reopen at the new location and the doors and lobby to the old Government Center will be locked. The current Sewer Billing office at 209 Service St. will also be closed to the public with the consolidation of staff in the new building. All sewer payments will then be made at 1444 Boul Ave.

Residents should plan ahead, for the closing, especially those who might wish to rent park facilities, secure occupancy permits, or need other services from the Village.

Changes You Need To Know With New Location

Village Board and Other Meetings

The October 17th Committee and Village Board meetings will be held at the new Government Center, as will all meetings of Village committees, boards and commissions into the future. The meeting room is on the eastern end of the new building and the eastern door from the front parking lot leads directly into that room. There will be public access to the restrooms but no other part of the building during meetings.

Drop Box

After hour sewer payments or the dropping off of documents or forms will occur through a free standing drive-up drop box in the front parking lot. You will find it in the 'island' in front of the flag pole. This will allow residents to drop off payments without leaving their vehicles. There will be no drop off slot in the entrance lobby. That lobby will in fact be locked after hours. Current drop boxes will be discontinued.

Front Lobby

When you enter the front lobby you will notice that there are five individual service windows. Signage will help direct you to the window specific to the service you want. For example, the primary window for accepting sewer payments will be to the far left once inside the inner lobby, although other staff can also take payments if a line begins to form. The layout is intended to better facilitate customer service to help you get in and out more quickly.

Services Moving to Boul Avenue

The following services will be moving to the new location:

- Offices of all elected officials
- Sewer billing and payment
- Occupancy permits
- Building and zoning permits
- Licenses and other permits
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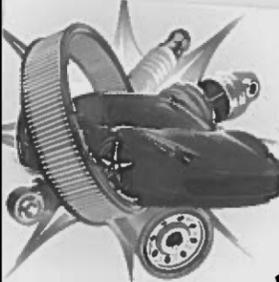
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Citizen Takes Police Support Signs to New Level - Donating Proceeds PD

Local resident Jim Wolfe saw the "Support our Police" signs around town and decided to get actively involved. So he borrowed some money and ordered 100 similar signs from an area sign shop. Because he is buying in volume, the per sign cost decreased significantly.

Now he wants to sell those signs to residents for \$20 each, with 100% of the 'profit' and over 60% of the \$20.00 cost being donated to the Police Department to support the K-9 unit, or any of the other special programs the police have started.

If enough people are interested, Mr. Wolfe will buy another batch of signs and keep repeating the process to raise money to support the department. If you would like to support his efforts and the department as well by purchasing a sign call Jim Wolfe at 560-9758.

Swansea Fire Civic Association Selling Breast Cancer Awareness T-Shirts

The Civic Association of the Swansea Fire Department is selling T-shirts to increase awareness of breast cancer and raise funds to benefit the Siteman Cancer Center. The pink on navy T-shirts are available in men's or women's shirt sizes from S-3X. Cost is \$20 per shirt. They are available for immediate pick up at Engine House #2 on Huntwood Road, or by email to whitakerjason@sbcglobal.net or bmcguire1978@hotmail.com.



No Parking on Helen Street

The Board of Trustees has adopted an ordinance restricting parking on Helen Street. Specifically, parking is now prohibited on the east side of Helen Street for a distance of one hundred eighty feet north of the northern right-of-way line of Clara Street, and on the west side of Helen Street for a distance of one hundred forty feet south of the southern right-of-way line of Anna Street. The intent is to keep the street clear enough for emergency vehicle access.

Two Buildings Set For Demolition

Two buildings previously purchased by the Village in the 1500 block of N. Illinois Street are ready for demolition. Both are vacant structures. Asbestos abatement has been completed and the contract let for the demolition. When the work has been completed, the side-by-side parcels will be vacant grass lots, ready for sale to a developer.

Oct 15th is Deadline To Apply For Summer Usage Deduction On Sewer Bills

The Village allows residents to apply for a credit on their sewer bills to offset sewer charges for water usage that did not enter the sanitary sewer system. Good examples of this are watering a lawn or filling a swimming pool. Residents who buy and use a deduct meter can have 100% of that water usage removed from the calculation of sewer charges, based upon the meter reading.

Because such usage typically occurs during the summer, the Village also provides a credit option to those without a deduct meter - provided they have lived at the property for at least one year. This credit is only available to property owners, not to renters.

The credit is determined by calculating the difference between the customer's average water consumption reflected on the first two bi-monthly sewer bills issued after May 1st, and the average water consumption reflected on the four bi-monthly sewer bills immediately preceding that same May 1st. 50% of that difference between winter and summer average consumption, is then subtracted from the actual consumption on the next bill, and sewer charges are calculated on the balance.

To apply, complete the form to the right and mail or drop off to the addresses indicated. Deadline to apply is Oct. 15th. You must reapply each year.

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Congratulations to Andrew Martin, a student at Southwestern Illinois College, on being the first recipient of a new scholarship offered by Arsenal that's based on GPA, community involvement and a short essay.

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Western Avenue Sewer Project Issues Close to Resolution

There may be a light at the end of the tunnel for residents who have had to contend with leftover construction materials and yards damaged by sewer line construction. The work may soon be completed. The Village had terminated the contract for the project and notified the contractor's performance bond carrier to address multiple problems with the project.

That negotiation process has taken much longer than the Village would have liked, but the carrier has now made a settlement offer, which is being considered and evaluated by the Village. If the amount is deemed sufficient, the Village will select a new contractor to make repairs and finish the work, including any cleanup.

Kickball Tournament Raises About \$1,500 For Backstoppers

The morning weather was less than perfect but the Swansea Police and Fire departments were still able to raise about \$1,500 for Backstoppers at their annual Kickball Tournament on Sept. 10th. Those participating had a great time. We won't provide details on winners and losers but at least one police officer was heard to claim they are in a "rebuilding year".



Swansea Fire and Police Open House Safety Day Oct 9th

The Swansea Fire and Police Departments are joining forces on Sunday, Oct 9th, to host an open house between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. The event will be held at Engine House #2, at 144 Huntwood Road in Swansea. Residents are invited to stop by and meet some of the Village's finest First Responders. Both police and fire fighters will put on demonstrations and it is all free of charge, including the hot dogs and snow cones.

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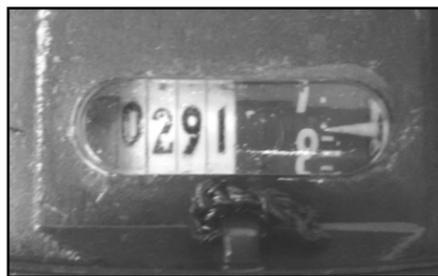
- 12:00 PM - Auto extrication demonstration!
- 1:00 PM - Demonstration with Police K-9 Leo!
- Bounce House for the kids
- Shoot a fire extinguisher
- SWAT display with armored vehicle
- Police bike patrol
- Underwater technical rescue trailer
- Safety discussions
- Sign up for Swansea Code Red

Those Using Deduct Meters Should Provide Current Reading Now

If you use a deduct meter to measure water usage that does not enter the sewer system, you should provide a current reading to the Sewer Billing Department at least once each year. The best time to do that is between September 15th and October 15th when others are requesting summer usage deductions.

There are a number of ways that you can provide this current reading to the Village. Some simply disconnect the meter and bring it to the Government Center or Sewer Billing Office and staff read and record the meter reading.

With the advent of smart phones, you can also snap a clear photo of the numbers on the meter dial and mail, drop off, or email that photo to swanadm@swanseail.org. You may also read the meter yourself and call in the reading to 234-0044. But if the photo is not clear, or for some reason the self-reading does not seem to correspond with the previous, you may be asked to bring the meter in.



Halloween Rules

Village ordinances allow children to Trick or Treat on Oct 31st until the hour of 9:00 PM. "Children" are considered to be grade school age, not high school. While there is no official 'start time', common courtesy dictates that trick or treating not start too early - generally after 6:00pm - and that children not approach a home where the porch light is not lit.

Safety Tips for Children

- Children should not trick or treat alone - an adult should accompany them.
- Be alert and stay on sidewalks where available or on the far edge of the road facing traffic. Walk, don't run, across the street at intersections.
- Use reflective tape on costumes to help drivers see you.
- Carry a lit flashlight to help you see and for others to see you.
- Consider face makeup in lieu of a mask, which might impair vision.
- Walk, don't run from house to house.
- Eat only factory-wrapped treats and wait until parents have inspected them. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Pay attention and put away cell phones or other electronic devices



Rotarians / Kennel Club Donate to K-9 Unit

A group of Swansea Rotarians, Mayor Ken Mueller, Trustee Pulley, and Police Officers recently gathered at the Swansea Village Government Center parking lot as Police Chief Steve Johnson introduced the Swansea K-9 Leo and his handler Officer Nick Van Waes. The Bell-City Kennel Club funded a K-9 Safety Hot Pop Device to be installed in the special K-9 squad car. In addition, the Swansea Rotary Club donated \$1,000 to pay for the installation of the device, and for food and bite toys for Leo and the purchase of a bite sleeve for training.

Chief Johnson explained that the Hot Pop safety device senses any time the temperature inside the parked squad car might exceed a safe level for Leo while the K-9 Officer is away from the vehicle. In that case, the device rolls down the back windows, turns on an additional fan, honks the horn and pages the Officer. It also comes with a remote, carried by the Officer, that allows him to remotely open Leo's door should the Officer be attacked and need help.

The Chief also proudly noted that to date, the Swansea K-9 program has been fully funded by donations. Anyone interested in helping to fund this service should direct donations to the Swansea Police K-9 Fund, 1400 North Illinois Street, Swansea, IL, 62226.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION: Consolidated Election For Village Offices to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017

The Consolidated Election, which is to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, will include the election of specific offices in the Village of Swansea. The offices to be filled and the names of the current office holders are outlined below:

President of the Board of Trustees

One position to be elected, with a four-year term and current annual salary of \$15,000. The current President of the Board of Trustees is Kenneth Mueller.

Village Trustee

Three positions to be elected, each with a four-year term and a current annual salary of \$7,200. Current trustees with terms expiring on May 1, 2017 are Matthew Lanter, Katherine Ruocco, and Brian Wells.

Village Treasurer

One position to be elected, with a four-year term and current annual salary of \$7,200. The current Village Treasurer is Michael Leopold.

Village Clerk

One position to be elected, with a four-year term and current annual salary of \$7,200. The current Village Treasurer is Lauren O'Neill.

IMPORTANT DATES

The first date to circulate nominating petitions is **September 20, 2016**.

Candidates must file petitions and all related documents at the office of the Village Clerk no earlier than **December 12, 2016** and no later

than **December 19, 2016**, between the normal hours of the Swansea Government Center of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, provided, however, that on December 19, 2016, the Office of the Village Clerk will remain open until 5:00 pm.

The Swansea Government Center is currently located at 1400 North Illinois Street, Swansea, IL, and any transactions with the office of the Village Clerk **prior to October 14, 2016**, will be conducted at that address.

The Swansea Government Center will relocate to 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, IL, on October 14, 2016, and any transactions with the office of the Village Clerk **after October 14, 2016**, including the filing of petitions, will be conducted at the new address.

On **December 12, 2016**, the lobby at 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, IL will be opened to the public prior to 8:00 am. Per the Illinois Election Code, everyone in the lobby at 8:00 am and filing a petition for the same office, will be considered as filing simultaneously.

Also per the Illinois Election Code, the order in which candidates will be listed on the ballot for the same office is determined by the order in which petitions are filed. In the case of simultaneous filings, a public lottery to determine ballot position will be held in accordance with the Illinois Election Code, at 5:45 pm on December 19, 2016, in the Village Board Meeting room, at the new

Swansea Government Center, 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, IL.

Any updates to this information will be posted on the Village of Swansea website at www.swanseail.org, and in the lobby of the Swansea Government Center.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Every candidate or potential candidate is responsible for securing a copy of the "State of Illinois Candidate's Guide 2017", issued by the State Board of Elections, and making themselves familiar with the requirements and process of running for public office.

This guide contains all required forms for the offices to be filled in the Village of Swansea, as well as instructions for their completion.

The guide also contains forms and instructions for other elections and public bodies unrelated to the Village of Swansea and its election. It is the responsibility of each candidate or potential candidate to know and understand which forms are required and which forms to complete and file.

An electronic version of the "State of Illinois Candidate's Guide 2017" may be found on-line at the link <http://www.elections.illinois.gov>. Under the "Trending Documents" section on the upper right side of the webpage, click "View All Top Documents" and then select "2017 Candidates Guide". Select it again to download a PDF copy of the guide

and either print it or save it to your computer.

One hard copy of the Guide will be available for review at the Swansea Government Center during normal hours - at 1400 North Illinois Street prior to October 14, 2016, and at 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, IL, after October 14, 2016.

Specific provisions to note within the Candidate's Guide include, but are not limited to:

The preface of the Guide recommends that prospective candidates consult with competent legal counsel when preparing their nomination papers.

Page iv, specifies the first date to circulate petitions as **September 20, 2016**. Petitions may NOT be circulated prior to that date.

Pages 9 through 22 outline the requirements for filing nominating papers, including but not limited to, the Statement of Candidacy (SBE P-1B for an independent candidate or SBE P-1D for candidates of a new party); Receipts from St. Clair County for the filing of a Statement of Economic Interest (page 19); the optional Loyalty Oath (SBE P-1C); and Petitions (SBE P-3 for an independent candidate or SBE P-8 for candidates of a new party).

Pages 23 through 27 detail form number information and the qualifications, residency, and petition signature requirements, depending



upon whether the candidate represents an established political party, a new political party, or is an independent candidate.

Note that for Independent Candidates there is both a minimum number of signatures required and a maximum number of signatures allowed on nominating petitions. Based upon the official Abstract of Votes for the Village of Swansea on file at http://www.countyclerk.co.st-clair.il.us/elections/electionResults/Documents/St_Clair_2015-04-07_abstracts.pdf, there were 1,137 ballots cast at the last regular election held on April 7, 2015. Five percent (5%) of those ballots is 57. Eight percent (8%) of those ballots is 91. However, since the Illinois Statutes require a difference of at least 50 between the minimum and the maximum, for the Village of Swansea election on April 4, 2017, the minimum number of signatures required on nominating petitions for Independent Candidates is 57. The maximum allowed is therefore 107 (57+50).

Page 60 provides information for frequently asked questions and Page 63 provides a full index of forms.

VILLAGE OF SWANSEA CONTACT INFO

Swansea Government Center
1400 N. Illinois Street
Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm, M-F
www.swanseail.org

Administration, Mayor's Office, Village Clerk, Utility Billing & Public Works
Phone: 618-234-0044
swanadmn@swanseail.org

Building, Zoning, Permits
Phone: 618-355-0280
swanbnz@swanseail.org

Swansea Police Department
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 618-233-8114
swanseap@swanseail.org

Swansea Fire Department
Emergency: 911
Engine House: 618-234-3291

Village of Swansea Officials

President: Ken Mueller
mayor@swanseail.org

Village Clerk Lauren O'Neill
loNeill@swanseail.org

Treasurer Michael W. Leopold
mleopold@swanseail.org

Trustee Matt Lanter
mlanter@swanseail.org

Trustee Brian McGuire
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Trustee Marilyn Neumeyer
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Trustee Stephen Pulley
spulley@swanseail.org

Trustee Katherine Ruocco
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Trustee Brian Wells
bwells@swanseail.org

If emailing multiple officials it may be best to also include swanadmn@swanseail.org among those email addresses so staff can help coordinate any requested response.

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SAME-DAY APPOINTMENTS AND WALK-INS WELCOME
To schedule an appointment, call 618-235-0790

Heartland Healthcare of Fairview Heights
5032 North Illinois Ave, Suite A
Fairview Heights, IL 62208
618-235-0790



Julie Wieggers, FNP-BC

FOR ALL YOUR BANKING & FINANCIAL NEEDS:



Marilyn Rossi
Center Manager



Justin Chapman
Commercial Lending



Dave Chumley
Wealth Management



Kelli Latinette
Mortgage Lending



Swansea Center
3685 Sullivan Drive
618-222-1019

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5. Indicate by checkmark which services below, provided by or through Swansea, are most important to you and how well you think they are being performed. In the first section, rate each from 1-5 with 5 being **Very Important** and 1 being Not Very Important. Then in the second section rate the quality of those services from 1-5 with 5 being **Excellent** and 1 being **Poor**. If you have no experience with a specific service you should check **NA** as **Not Applicable**.

Ranking & Quality of Public Services	Level of Importance					Quality of Service						
	Not	↔			Very	Poor	↔				Excellent	
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Police												
Fire												
Street Maintenance												
Snow Plowing and Removal												
Sanitary Sewer Treatment												
Sanitary Sewer Billing												
Building Code Enforcement												
Property Maintenance Code Enforcement												
Planning & Zoning												
Park Facilities Reservation												
Recreation Programs												
General Administrative Services												
Trash and Recycling Collection												
Yard Waste Collection												

6. Indicate by checkmark the demographic information of the person completing the survey:

Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female			
Age Group	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-29	<input type="checkbox"/> 30-45	<input type="checkbox"/> 46-64	<input type="checkbox"/> 65 & over	
Education Level	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade School	<input type="checkbox"/> High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Some College	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor Degree	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Degree & Above
Swansea Resident	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No			
If a resident, geographic area in which you live	<input type="checkbox"/> South of Fullerton Rd & West of IL 159	<input type="checkbox"/> South of IL 161 & East of IL 159			
	<input type="checkbox"/> North of Fullerton Rd, West of IL 159, & South of Huntwood Rd	<input type="checkbox"/> North of IL 161, South of Grimmig Rd / Munie Road, & East of IL 159			
	<input type="checkbox"/> North of Huntwood Rd & West of IL 159	<input type="checkbox"/> North of Grimmig/Munie, East of IL 159, Including N of Frank Scott			

Please return your completed survey to the Government Center no later than Oct 31st. (To 1400 N. Illinois St. before Oct 14th and 1444 Boul Ave. after Oct 14th). If you wish to be included in future Comprehensive Plan Meetings please provide contact information (email) below or refer to Swansea's Website for information regarding upcoming Comprehensive Plan meetings. Add any additional information you feel would aid in our understanding of Swansea.

Swansea, IL Comprehensive Plan Update: Resident Survey

1. The following is a list of community attributes that might affect quality of life in Swansea into the future, therefore we as a community should consider the potential impact of each, whether positive or negative, over the next 10-20 years. Communities tend to invest resources where they will gain the greatest positive impact, or where they can mitigate negative impacts to the greatest degree. Please rate each attribute in terms of the degree of impact you think it might have on quality of life by placing a check mark in the column under the number that best reflects your perspective. Attributes you rate as a 5 should be those you believe will have the greatest impact and attributes you rate as a 1 should be those you believe will have the least, or those you believe are of no concern. The purpose of this exercise is to collectively prioritize, as a community, all attributes from 5 – **Greatest Impact** to 1– **Least Impact**.

Potential Quality of Life Issues facing the Village of Swansea	Least Impact ↔ Greatest Impact				
	1	2	3	4	5
Effective, efficient and economical public services					
Public Safety – Police and Fire protection / Crime prevention					
Maintenance of public infrastructure (roads and sewers)					
Services for an aging population					
Services for youth and young adults					
Quality parks and recreation facilities					
Preservation of open space and natural areas					
Sidewalks, bike lanes, & trails					
MetroLink & public transportation					
Availability of commercial property for new businesses					
Preservation and revitalization of existing commercial areas					
Quality & diverse "in-town" shopping & dining opportunities					
Diverse housing stock in all price ranges					
Stability of neighborhoods					
Property maintenance & adherence to codes					
Access to quality technology such as Wi-Fi & cell service					
Growth and expansion of the current Village limits					
Growth in revenue to financially support needs of the community					
Swansea as a "bedroom community"					

2. Use a checkmark to indicate the level to which you agree with the following statements:

Strength Statements	Disagree ↔ Agree				
	1	2	3	4	5
Swansea is a great place to live.					
Swansea is a great place to raise children.					
Swansea is a great place to own/operate a business.					
Swansea is a great place to retire.					
Swansea is a great place to visit.					
Swansea offers great value for the services provided.					
Swansea should remain a quiet bedroom community.					

SPECIAL PULL-OUT SECTION

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3. Use a checkmark to rate each of the following assets and the degree to which you think they represent a strength for the Village of Swansea, from 5 – **We are Strong** to 1- **We Are Weak**.

Swansea's Assets / Strength or Weakness	We Are Weak  We Are Strong				
	1	2	3	4	5
Municipal services in general					
Police / fire protection & crime prevention					
Parks, sports, & recreation programs					
Swansea tax rates (apart from other taxing bodies)					
Small town, family-friendly atmosphere					
A safe community					
Things to do within the community					
Close proximity to culture, arts & entertainment					
Special events, festivals & social gatherings					
Stable neighborhoods					
Neighborly citizens					
Sense of community and identity					
Schools (public & parochial)					
Religious Institutions					
Medical offices & access to hospitals					
Stable property values					
Affordable housing					
Senior housing options					
Geographic location					
Easy access to major highways					
Local roadways					
Sidewalks, trails and bikeways/lanes					
Existing commercial & retail establishments					
Commercial sites with high visibility & traffic counts					
Open spaces & natural areas					
Community organizations					
Local heritage (significant peoples & places)					

4. Use a checkmark to first answer each of the following questions as **Yes** or **No** and then provide additional information where appropriate.

Yes / No Specific Issue Questions	YES	NO
The Village of Swansea should expand through annexation. If yes, where?		
The Village should have more sidewalks and bike paths. If yes, where?		
Commercial redevelopment is needed along 159 & 161 to revitalize the City's commercial areas. If yes, what specific areas should be redeveloped first?		
I would support a tax or bond to fund street improvements. If yes, where?		
The Village should have more parks and recreational areas. If yes, where?		
I would support a tax or bond to fund park, trail, sidewalk & bike improvements		
There are sufficient housing options in the Village. If no, what is needed?		
I am generally pleased with the Village's Public Services. If no, why?		
Traffic congestion is a problem. If yes, where?		
Swansea has too many video gambling machines.		
There are sufficient recreation programs for youth in Swansea.		
There are sufficient recreational programs for seniors in Swansea.		
Swansea should invest money in incentives to attract new businesses.		
There are sufficient employment opportunities in town.		

This center section is a special supplement to the Swansea Report. Please remove this 4 page survey, complete it, and return to the Swansea Government Center.