

Greetings from Swanton Village Hall. While campaigning this fall, many citizens expressed their concern with the taste and smell of our village water. While I do not personally experience a bad taste or smell in my home, I certainly understand that many do.

The Village Water Plant is currently in compliance with all state and federal requirements in regard to providing you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The department staff routinely monitors Village drinking water quality through a variety of testing performed daily, weekly, monthly and as frequently as every 15 minutes. All water plant employees are licensed by the State of Ohio and must complete annual continuing education requirements to maintain their license certifications. Matt Graham is the Superintendent of the Swanton Water Plant and holds a Class 3 water license. He is assisted by Rick Schantz who has over 30 years of experience and holds a Class 4 water license which is the highest classification in the State of Ohio.

In an effort to meet more stringent Ohio EPA regulations which will become effective in 2013, the Village is investigating the costs associated with the installation of a Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) treatment process at the water plant. This new treatment process will enable the Village to meet all new EPA regulations as well as remove any taste and odor issues still associated with our drinking water.

Another issue I have been asked to explain is the water billing. Meters are typically read at the beginning of the fourth week of every month. There is a schedule in the lobby at village hall of the 2012 meter reading schedule; a copy of which will also be posted on the Village's web site. The readings are entered into the Village billing system and mailed out on the last business day of each month. All bills are due on the 15th of each month. **IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE GONE WHEN WATER BILLS BECOME DUE**, contact the village office at 419-826-9515 and let someone know that it may be paid late. Or better yet, make an advanced payment based on your previous billings, and if you overpay, it will be credited to your next month's bill. For those residents that have a separate meter for their lawn sprinkling system, a yearly bill will sent out in November with payment due by the 15th of December 2012.

I hope this information helps everyone understand our present situation concerning our water system. Contact the Village office (419-826-9515) with any further questions. They do a great job.

Mayor Ann Roth