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What a great start for spring! The weather has been beautiful and provided the perfect day last Tuesday for the beginning of downtown's streetscape cleanup. Students from Mrs. Brehmer's 8th grade leadership class were enthusiastic and energized. They did an awesome job in less than two hours. The effort was assisted by Chad Smith and his crew from Swanton Fire and Rescue, John Lewandowski, Tom Gulch, Laurie Ward, and Amy Foy. Also involved were Tom Smith and Jason Peabody from the Public Works department who provided us with the garbage bags, rakes, and brooms. Mr. Ted Haselman, middle school principal, and I are discussing other projects that Swanton students of all ages can help with in the future. Keep looking for progress as you drive downtown in the coming months and remember to thank your village employees and students for their involvement when you have an opportunity. You may find pictures posted of the downtown cleanup on The Swanton Chamber of Commerce website at www.swantonareacoc.com.

The village of Swanton has a new Police Chief. He is Bill Talbot, a recent Lucas County Deputy, with an impeccable career and a breadth and depth of experience in many facets of law enforcement. He reported for duty Tuesday morning, and will be working hard to acquaint himself with his duties, his officers, and serving Swanton citizens. In the future, he will be involved, as his schedule allows, in community activities. One specific program that Chief Talbot, along with his department, myself, council, and residents will create is a community block watch program. We will work together to educate and update neighborhoods on the merits of watching out for one another and our community. I look forward to working closely with Chief Talbot and all he has to offer our town.

The Swanton Village website has recently been updated. I will continue working with the website designer to add more information and keep this site current. Check it out at www.villageofswantonohio.us.