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As spring arrives, I am busy scheduling many activities with various organizations in preparation for summer. The SEED group, which is the middle school kids of the Swanton Area Community Coalition, will be doing the downtown cleanup on April 27 removing leaves, weeds, and litter. I am awaiting confirmation from another group for the planting of flowers in the concrete urns throughout downtown for May 22. If you are involved in a group, especially if there are youth in your group, I am compiling a single source reference list of area organizations, clubs, and churches who have a group of volunteers of any sort which lists the group, contact person and information, activities they currently do, and suggestions for future projects. Community service projects are the focus, whether they are physical labor or service activities. The purpose of this list is to share with all organizations to be aware of who is doing what, and to provide ideas for services that may be unfulfilled at present. Please contact me at the village offices if you belong to such a group and would like to be included.

The Tree Commission has completed their Sophomore year of classes sponsored by the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources and we are excited to get working with our new set of skills. We have learned much from government policies to the biology of trees. Scientific principles of soil types, tree planting, tree pruning, and removal have been taught, along with outlines for a hazardous tree removal program and a complete village wide tree plan that will take us 100 years into the future. We will be meeting often this spring and summer in order to establish our plan. We will return to Tree Academy in September for our Junior year of instruction.

The Lions Club of Swanton had a great turnout for their first annual Easter Egg Hunt in Memorial Park this past Saturday. I would guess that there were close to 200 kids and parents in attendance. The Lions Club members hosted several games as well as free hotdogs, drinks, and popcorn. I congratulate them on their successful event and hope that it will continue as an Eastertime tradition for many years.

The village of Swanton has made a donation by purchasing a brick for the 911 memorial that is being built at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. An 8'x 8' brick is \$200.00 and may be engraved with up to six lines of script. A 4'x 4'brick is also available. Contact me at village hall for a form if you would like to donate. A groundbreaking ceremony is set for April 14, 2013 at 2:00 PM at the Fulton County Fairgrounds.