

Summer activities abound, and that includes lots of baseball, softball, and other games at Memorial Park. Please remember that kids move quickly and suddenly, and therefore, drivers need to slow down and keep watch for our youngest citizens, on foot or on bicycles, especially since school is out.

Fireworks in Swanton will be held June 29 from the high school this year. We have been having Swanton Fireworks for several years now on the Saturday before July 4. I have often been asked by citizens why we host the fireworks so early. First, there are more firefighters available to work on a Saturday night versus a weeknight. Secondly, scheduling a fireworks company for several days BEFORE July 4 is easy. Thirdly, it provides a weekend day and evening where family and friends can gather for an entire day of fun and fellowship leading up to the fireworks as a finale. We trust you will enjoy the fireworks and invite out of town friends and family to come to Swanton to enjoy them as well. In past years we estimate that 10,000 or more people watch the Swanton Fireworks.

In recent months, water customers have been receiving letters regarding the level of TTHMs in the Swanton water supply. The EPA writes this letter and demands we mail it. The village of Swanton is not allowed to insert any other information in the same envelope. The letter does not tell the entire situation, and therefore, the village will soon be writing to further explain changes that have caused the EPA letter and just what the village of Swanton is doing to lower the TTHM levels. Once you have read it, I believe you will understand it and have a different perspective on the water situation.

Lastly, the Tree Commission continues to meet to analyze the village's trees in the parks and village right of ways. This work is tedious, but necessary, to protect and preserve our urban forest which brings health and beauty to our town. The principles we apply are based on scientific research and evidence, and supported by the standards of the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources. We are developing a tree maintenance plan that will continue to enhance our landscape for decades into the future.