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Preparations are underway to provide another fun and fabulous Fireworks evening on June 29. Vendors have been confirmed, donations canisters have been delivered to businesses in town, and there are just a few items to finalize. I ask that you be conscious of where the donation canisters are located and contribute to this event. Canisters are at all local banks, restaurants, real estate offices, and retail merchants. The village of Swanton matches our citizens' donations, and a local resident matches that total. Volunteers are still needed, both youth and adult, for that evening at the high school. Youth can solicit for donations, and we need adults to park cars and direct traffic. Please call my office if you will help at 419.826.0335 or Joe Kahl at 419.826.9751. We will be forming a new committee for next year and we will be diligent in keeping this event popular for future years.

Saturday I participated as an evaluator at a mock hazardous chemical spill exercise at a factory in Wauseon. The purpose of this exercise is to coordinate and measure the county EMS systems readiness in handling a chemical accident. There were about 90 people involved which included victims from the factory and emergency responders from police and fire throughout the county. There was an evaluator from the State of Ohio EMS, and he will prepare a report that will analyze the actions of the day. This type of exercise is a state requirement every four years. Swanton Deputy Chief Kelvin Davis was the coordinator of the event.

I have noticed many properties and homes being remodeled or repaired and yards being spruced up this spring and summer. I appreciate these efforts and hope it will create a ripple effect through each block. The village has worked hard to maintain its properties, and I hope residents will be enthused to do so, as well as help their neighbors who may be unable to do their own. It is my hope and my goal to show residents improvements they can readily see in order to think about the effects so everyone can experience it in their heart to become a village where all contribute and everyone has a role to fulfill. I have many ideas to get us there! I am excited to keep learning as I work with the Tree Commission and the Planning Commission, and also with various clubs around town. The planning process is long and arduous, but certainly worth the time involved. I think the next two years will be exciting times in our village, and it is my goal to become the most outstanding small town in the region. I'll see you on the journey!