

This week is busy for many in the village of Swanton. The Corn Festival Committee is busy, of course, with the final preparations for the event. At 7:00 AM, the Elks Club on Main St. starts serving breakfast and the public is welcome. The 5K run follows at 8:00 AM. The Pharoah's Car Club show starts at 9:00, followed by the grand parade, volleyball, horseshoe, and basketball tournaments, plus a talent show. But beyond that, we have many clubs and organizations that operate food booths. The Swanton Fire Dept. has the BBQ chicken stand, Elks run the sweet corn stand, Lions Club offers popcorn, The Rotary Club sells burgers and brats, and there are numerous others involved because it takes so many to be able to provide so much entertainment. Don't forget about the "All Class Reunion" Friday night, and the concert Saturday night featuring the band "The Websters". If you are curious about the band, look up the Corn Festival's website where there is an article about the band, plus contact information for all events. You may find the Corn Festival's webpage by accessing www.villageofswantonohio.us, hit community links on the left side of the page, and then the Swanton Corn Festival link.

The village of Swanton is much involved in the Corn Festival too. Our police department is on full staff for the evening before and all during the day. The Public Works Dept. has been working steadily on landscape maintenance, along with street and sidewalk cleaning, and working with the Corn Festival Committee to provide electrical services and various other public necessities.

The village of Swanton will have a double booth featuring three village departments which will provide basic guidelines and information to keep citizens aware of village policies. The Planning Commission will be staffed with members to promote ordinances concerning pools, sheds, fences, and signs with handouts for you to take home. The Police Dept. will be talking to residents about Blockwatch, and the New Tree Commission will be introducing its mission and goals, along with a visual presentation about tree issues along with handouts on several subjects about tree care and planting. We look forward to a productive day of sharing information, but most of all, just meeting and greeting local citizens.

It really does "take a village". See you Saturday!