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### Capital Projects Update

### Project 8&9 Sewer Separation

This will include Mettabrook, a portion of W. Garfield, Allen, West, and Sanderson. Ohio Gas will begin work
on gas lines, within the project scope area, by early August. Underground infrastructure work related to the
sewer separation is tentatively scheduled to begin in later September/early October. A public meeting will be
scheduled before work begins.

#### Memorial Park Master Plan

- Drainage work in the northwest area of Memorial Park will happen in mid summer. This work will include installing storm pipe and catch basins to alleviate the flooding in this area.
- Please see page 2 for information on Memorial Park Playground Survey

### Safe Routes to School

• This project is tentatively scheduled to begin after the July 4th holiday. It will include installing sidewalks along the west side of Crestwood, north side of Harding, north side of Church (from Hallett to the existing sidewalk), z-gates at the grade crossing on Main Street, as well as improvements to pavement markings near elementary and middle schools. Please visit the Village's website for an informational video to learn more.

### Woodside Repaving

• This project will take place in late summer and entails milling and filling Woodside Drive.

### Phase 2 Meter Update

 This project is nearly complete! We thank everyone who has cooperated with this large scale meter project. As of late June 2021, there are less than 100 meters to update.

### **Beard Pavilion**

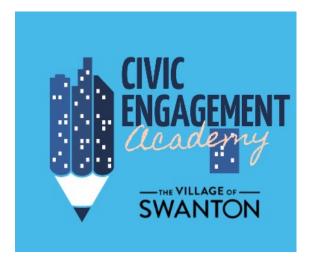
 This project is complete! Please enjoy some time under the newly replaced pavilion.



### Civic Engagement Academy

The Village of Swanton is excited to announce the inaugural Civic Engagement Academy. Village Council and Village Officials strongly support this community initiative and program as a way for community members to learn more about Village operations. This will be a tool to provide accurate and transparent information in an interactive format.

Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age and commitment to seven week sessions on Thursday evenings from late August until early October 2021. There is no fee to attend. More information is found on the Village of Swanton's website under Announcements. Applications will be considered on a first come, first serve basis.





### ACH Direct Payment of Utilities

A free automatic payment option is available to pay utility bills. The automatic withdrawal will happen on the 15th of each month. The ACH Form is available online or at the Village Administration Office. This option has to be set up with a bank account.



### Playground Survey

The Village of Swanton is excited to announce the opening of a survey to garner input from the community on playground options at Memorial Park. Renderings and details on the options are available on the Village of Swanton's website as well as through the survey. Village

Council urges the community to provide their thoughts and welcomes discussion on other aspects of Memorial Park as well. To take the survey, you can click the QR Code provided, visit the Village's website, or stop by the

Municipal Building for a printed copy. Survey will be open until August 2, 2021.



### Recent "flushable" wipes issue

Once again the Village of Swanton spent many hours working on pumps at the North Lift Station on N. Main



Street. Pumps at the lift station sounded abnormal so crews investigated in mid June. Once again the crews found the culprit, wipes marketed as

"flushable". Though these items "flush" down the toilet they DO NOT DISSOLVE like toilet paper. Therefore they get stuck in pumps and pipes which could cause sewer backups if not handled appropriately.

Over the past year, Village crews have spent much more time at the North Lift Station cleaning out or repairing the pumps due to an increase in wipes, rags, and the like. Plans are underway to investigate

options on ways to retrofit the pumps to try and grind or chop the rags. However, Village Officials still kindly request you think twice before flushing these wipes down the toilet.



# Think again!

When you use your toilet, shower, washing machine, or dishwasher, wastewater leaves your home through pipes that connect to the Village's sewer system.

Many materials that are flushed or poured down the drain can harm the pipes that connect to the Village sewers and sewage system.

Flushable? Even though products like wipes and baby diapers claim to be flushable, they aren't.

### Please do not flush:

- disposable diapers
- tampons & applicators
- sanitary napkins
- cotton balls & swabs
- mini or maxi pads
- condoms
- cleaning wipes of any kind -facial tissue
- bandages & wrappings
- automobile fluids
- paint, solvent, sealants, & thinners
- poison and hazardous waste
- cooking grease, oil, fat



### My Water Advisor® 2.0 - Utility Customer Portal

With the Meter Update Project nearly complete, please stay tuned for more information on how Village of Swanton utility customers can create an account through My Water Advisor. This is a customer portal which will allow customers to monitor water consumption with real time data, alerts, and analytics. Village officials strongly encourage the use of this portal through it's web based or smart device application. The Village will be providing some more details and instructional videos over the course of the summer. If you have any questions about this option, please contact Jennifer Harkey at fiscal@villageofswantonohio.us or 419.826.9515.





Please think "Swanton first". Head out and frequent local Swanton businesses.

### Street Tree Assessment Request Process

Are you aware of a tree, in the tree lawn, that may be in need of trimming or could be deemed hazardous and warrant it's removal? The Village of Swanton has a formal process to inspect and assess street trees which begins with its Tree Commission volunteers. Community members can access the Street Tree Assessment Request form on the Village's website, stop into the Municipal Building to pick one up, or email Rosanna Hoelzle, at admin@villageofswantonohio.us and one can be emailed to you. Once the assessments are complete applicants are notified of the decision and next steps.







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### Membrane Softening Informational Session

Are you interested in learning more about the proposed transition from a lime softening water treatment plant to a membrane softening water treatment plant? Village Council and Officials have discussed this project over the last year. An informational session will be held virtually on Tuesday July 20 at 7:00 p.m. It will be broadcast on Facebook Live and community members will be able to submit questions at the end of the session. If you have



any questions prior to the session please contact Ryan Yackee, water@villageofswantonohio.us or 419.826.5831.

### Bulk Drop Off Day Collected Items

### Recycle It, USA

- Computers
- Monitors
- Cameras and Camcorders
- Printers, Keyboards and Mice
- Video Game Consoles
- Speakers & Stereo Equipment
- Scanners & Projectors
- Cell Phones & PDAs
- Memory, Storage
   Devices & Flash Drives

### AllShred Services Paper Shredding

NAID Certified Offsite Services available (destruction will be secure offsite)

5 box maximum

Saturday, September 18 | 8:00am-2:00pm Municipal Office- 219 Chestnut St | Be prepared to show ID

### Restrictions for Dumpster Use

- · Limit of two bulk drop off loads per property
- A load is equal to ONE full pickup bed or ONE full trailer
  - Please respect and follow these directions
- No leaves, grass clippings, brush, or tree limbs
- No tires, motor oil, vehicle bodies or engines. No batteries
- No rocks, bricks, concrete, asphalt, or construction materials.
- No enclosed drums or tanks, all containers must be empty with lids removed.
- No chemicals, oil, gas, ammunition, explosives, hazardous or toxic chemicals.
- No refrigerators, air conditioners, or any appliance containing Freon.
- No televisions
- No burn barrels w/ ashes
- No liquids

### Visit and Connect with us!





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Village of Swanton Police Department
Swanton Fire/EMS



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## THE VILLAGE OF — SWANTON

Summer 2021 Meeting Times

Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.

July 19, 2021

(Committee of the Whole 6:00 p.m.)

### August 23, and September 27, 2021

(Public Service 6:00 p.m.,
Public Safety 6:30 p.m.,
Committee of the Whole 7:45 p.m.)

August 9, and September 13, 2021

(Water & Sewer 6:00 p.m., Finance 6:30 p.m.)

### Planning Commission (as needed) 6:30 p.m.

July 6, 2021 August 3, 2021 September 7, 2021

Tree Commission 6:00 p.m.

July 20, 2021 August 16, 2021 September 20, 2021

Municipal Building CLOSED: July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Day and September 6, 2021 in observance of Labor Day

Typographical Errors: Our staff has made every effort to prepare this newsletter as accurately as possible, however, errors can occur.

Circumstances may require that adjustments be made to programs, fees, schedules, etc. All typographical and printing errors are subject to corrections.