

—THE VILLAGE OF— SWANTON

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Fire Division: Fire Prevention Bureau and Home Safety Inspections

The Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) strives to ensure Village buildings are safe for occupants and visitors through its inspection process and educating the public about fire prevention. Currently the FPB will inspect businesses at no charge to ensure compliance with the Ohio Fire Code. The Fire Prevention Bureau also promotes the benefits of Knox Boxes. To garner more information about Knox Boxes please visit their website at: www.knoxbox.com. The FPB can assist with installation if needed.

Further, the Fire Prevention Bureau is engaged with the community on matters of fire safety education and the reduction of hazards which place the community at risk. The FPB is equipped to perform home safety inspections which will assess for fire hazards as well as perform a Fall Risk Assessment along with Injury Prevention Surveys.

The Fire Prevention Bureau is staffed with three inspectors. Each inspector is certified through the State Fire Marshal's Office as a fire inspector and for plan review of fire systems. To learn more about the Knox Box program, fire prevention and code enforcement, home safety inspections, Fall Risk Assessments, and Injury Prevention Surveys please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at FirePrevention@villageofswantonohio.us and 419.825.1455.



Brush Pick Up



Leaf Pick Up

Brush pick up will end on Thursday November 1, 2018. This service will commence again in April 2019. In the event of a strong storm, the Village will assess and pick up brush as needed. Brush pick up is divided into sections with each section having pick up on a different day. Please check the website for detailed information.

Leaf pick up will commence the week of October 22, 2018. The Village of Swanton contracts with Lammon Brothers to collect leaves. This year Lammon Brothers will begin collecting leaves according to the respective area. Areas are as follows: north of railroad tracks and west of Main Street on Monday, north of railroad tracks and east of Main Street on Tuesday, south of railroad tracks and west of Main Street on Wednesday, and south of railroad tracks and east of Main Street on Thursday. All dates are approximate. Holidays, weather, events, breakdowns and day to day operations may cause adjustments to the schedule.

Please place leaves on the tree lawn for collection, NOT in the street. Leaves placed in the street can be a hazard to motorists, can block drainage, and become wet and matted after a rain, which can significantly slow the collection process. Please do not mix grass, sticks, or brush in with the leaves.

Need Assistance Raking Leaves?

The Interact Club at Swanton High School would like to volunteer their services to rake leaves for those in the Swanton Community who need assistance. There is a sign up sheet at the Municipal Building for those who are interested. Individuals may also call or email Rosanna Hoelzle, Village Administrator. Coordination of raking leaves will be between the Interact Club and the resident. The Village of Swanton will not be a party to the service.



Open Burning Regulations



As the weather begins to change into Fall, the leaves will pile up and bonfires may become more frequent, the Fire Division asks you to review the open burn regulations. If you have any questions please contact the Fire Division at FirePrevention@villageofswantonohio.us or 419.825.1455.



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday November 4, 2018. Please remember to move your clocks back one hour. It is also recommended to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on this day.



Memorial Park Pavilion Renovations

The Village of Swanton is fortunate to receive over \$60,000 in grant funding to be used towards renovations at Memorial Park Pavilion. The Pavilion is a mainstay within Memorial Park and Village Officials would like to continue its use for many years to come. A new concrete floor, new doors, roll up shutters, insulation, and the possibility of a fireplace will be part of the major renovations to take place in 2019. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$168,000. The Village of Swanton is awaiting to hear if the Ohio Department of Natural Resources approved more grant funding.



Memorial Park Master Plan

The Memorial Park Pavilion is the beginning of changes to come to Memorial Park. These changes may take time but Village Officials are aware of the importance of this Park and have committed to reviewing all aspects of its use to better plan for the future. With this in mind, the Village will utilize the services of Poggemeyer Design Group to lead the coordination of a Master Plan for Memorial Park. The planning will begin in late 2018 into 2019 and public forums will be a part of this process. Please stay tuned to the Village's website and social media account to learn more about having your voice heard in what you would like to see Memorial Park look like in the future.

Adopt a Bench Program

In 2019, the Village of Swanton will roll out an Adopt a Bench Program for Rotary and Pilliod Parks. New benches will be placed along the paths and there will be opportunities for community members and businesses to "Adopt" a bench and have a plaque placed on said bench.

Safe Routes to School Grant Funding

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) selected the Swanton community to receive grant money which Swanton will use to keep students safe on their route to school. \$388,600 will go towards infrastructure projects which are opportunities to encourage safer walking and bicycling. A walkable community not only provides for affordable means of transportation but also has many health benefits and is environmentally friendly. Infrastructure funding will become available in 2020. The \$13,411 will go towards non-infrastructure projects such as educational and program materials. Non-infrastructure funding will become available later in 2018.

Fulton County Comprehensive Plan

Fulton County is updating their Comprehensive Plan. This update will create a blueprint for the future which will guide the County in its decision making for the next 20 years. Fulton County is utilizing Maumee Valley Planning Organization to facilitate the update of the Plan. They created a survey which focuses on economic development, land use, housing, and transportation issues in Fulton County. Please follow the link and submit your thoughts. www.mvpo.org/ful2040

***The Village of Swanton is not affiliated with the survey or the Comprehensive Plan. Any questions should be directed to Maumee Valley Planning Organization at 419.784.3882*

Halloween Hoopla & Trick or Treat

Mark your calendars for Halloween Hoopla which will be held on Saturday October 27, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This event is sponsored and coordinated by the Swanton Lions Club. If you have any questions please contact the Lions Club. Trick or Treat in the Village of Swanton will follow from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Memorial Park Digital Sign



The purpose of the sign at Memorial Park is to provide updated information to all residents and community members with ongoing events and programs sponsored by the Village of Swanton, Swanton Local School District, and community organizations. We sincerely hope the sign has encouraged participation in these events since it went live one year ago. If you are involved in a Swanton community organizations such as churches, fraternal societies, non-profit organizations and any other organized groups, and wish to have a message on the sign, please contact the Administration Office by emailing amiller@villageofswantonohio.us or calling 419.826.9515. Village officials reserves the right to change the message to work with the restrictions of the sign.

Christmas in Swanton

Mark your calendars for the annual Christmas in Swanton event which will be held on Saturday December 1, 2018. Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by events at Swanton High School.

This event is run by volunteers and preparation is already underway. If you wish to become involved and volunteer for this event please contact the Village of Swanton at 419.826.9515, and you will be connected to the appropriate people.

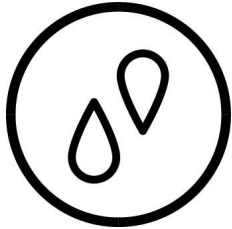


Swanton Shines

After you enjoy the parade and fun at Swanton High School for Christmas in Swanton, head over to Pilliod Park for the inaugural Swanton Shines, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. There will be a 5K run/1K kids walk, hot chocolate, cookies, story time, an appearance by Santa, carolers singing classic Christmas songs, with everything leading up to the Christmas Tree lighting.

The Village of Swanton and a group of community volunteers are evaluating current Christmas decorations in town in order to plan for updates. Money raised at Swanton Shines will go towards this endeavor.

Please stay tuned for specific times and commitments from vendors. We look forward to seeing you the evening of Saturday December 1.



Project 10 Sewer Separation in 2019

Jones & Henry Engineers, the consulting engineers the Village of Swanton utilities for water and sewer projects, began preliminary work for the next sewer separation project entitled Project 10. This project will focus on Brookside from Maple to Hallett, Woodside, and Parkside Drives and is tentatively scheduled to begin in August 2019. This project is an unfunded mandate from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the current estimate for construction is just over \$600,000. Please stay tuned for more information over the next several months regarding this project.



New Vac-Con Truck

Have you seen the new Vac-Con truck driving around the Village? It is hard to miss with its neon green paint job. This truck replaces a 1985 Jet-Vac truck the Village purchased in 1992. Village officials evaluated the purchased for over a year to ensure it was in the best interest of the residents. The Public Service Division utilizes many pieces of equipment. However, a truck like this is used almost every day for a variety of tasks such as cleaning sewers and hydro excavating. After reviewing the various options, Village Council approved the purchase at a cost of just over \$329,000. This truck will be an asset for many years to come.



FLUSHABLE? 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 frequently flushed or poured down the drain can harm the pipes that connect to Village sewers as well as the Village's sewer system.

Even though some products such as wipes and baby diapers claim to be flushable, they aren't.

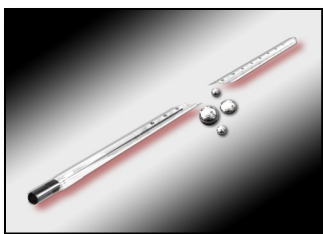


- disposable diapers
- tampons and tampon applicators
- sanitary napkins
- cotton balls and swabs
- mini or maxi pads
- condoms
- cleaning wipes of any kind
- facial tissue
- bandages and bandage wrappings
- automotive fluids
- paint, solvents, sealants, and thinners
- poisons and hazardous waste
- cooking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

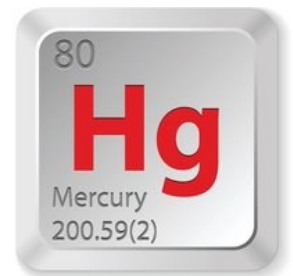
Mercury in Households

In 2007, the State of Ohio passed House Bill 443, which included bans on mercury use. The sale of mercury-containing thermometers, thermostats and novelty items are banned in Ohio. Ohio schools through the 12th grade also may no longer purchase mercury, mercury compounds or mercury-containing measuring devices for classroom use.

If you still have items which contain mercury please do not flush them. Although you can legally throw household products that contain mercury into the trash, it is better to recycle them or send them to a licensed household hazardous waste facility. Mercury and products that contain



metallic mercury, including thermostats, batteries, thermometers and fluorescent lights, can be safely recycled. Homeowners can search the Earth911 website to find local recyclers in their area. Contact the solid waste management district for options on managing your household mercury and mercury-containing products.



November 6, 2018 Primary Election

Please visit villageofswantonohio.us/residents/voter-information for information on voting precincts in both Fulton and Lucas Counties. There are many candidates and issues on the ballot.

State of Ohio

Governor
Attorney General
Auditor of State
Secretary of State
Treasurer of State

United States Congress

Senator
Representative for 5th District

State of Ohio General Assembly

State Senator, District 1
State Representative, District 81
State Representative District 47

Fulton County

County Commissioner
County Auditor

Ohio Supreme Court

Justice

6th District Court of Appeals

Judge

County Court

Judge

Issue 1

To Reduce Penalties for Crimes of
Obtaining, Possessing, and Using
Illegal Drugs

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Proposed by Initiative Petition To add
a new Section 12 to Article XV of the
Constitution of the State of Ohio

A majority yes vote is necessary for
the amendment to pass

Fulton County

Four County Board of Alcohol, Drug
Addiction, and Mental Health
Services Districts (ADAMhs)

RENEWAL - 0.7 mills, 5 YEARS,
COMMENCING 2019

Fulton Township

Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)

Fire Protection at a rate not
exceeding 1 mill for each one dollar
of valuation, which amounts to
\$0.10 for each one hundred dollars
of valuation, for 5 years,
commencing in 2018, first due in
calendar year 2019

Please visit Fulton County Board
of Elections website for detailed
ballot language.

Swancreek Township

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal and
Increase)

Fire Protection at a rate not
exceeding 2 mills for each one
dollar of valuation, which amounts
to \$0.20 for each one hundred
dollars of valuation, for 5 years,
commencing in 2019, first due in
calendar year 2020

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Fall 2018 Meeting Times

Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.

October 9, 2018

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

October 22, 2018

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

November 12, 2018

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

November 26, 2018

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

December 10, 2018

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

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

October 2, 2018

November 6, 2018

December 4, 2018

Tree Commission 6:00 p.m.

October 15, 2018

November 19, 2018

December 17, 2018

Municipal Building CLOSED: October 8,
November 22, 23, December 24, and 25, 2018

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.