

2019 Capital Projects Update

No matter where you go around NW Ohio there seems to be an orange barrel on your route. Major projects are in the works for Swanton in the second half of 2019. Here is a quick overview of the projects.

The following projects will have construction in 2019:

- West Pointe Estates Road Improvements
 - Mill and fill of all roads within the West Pointe Estates Subdivision
 - Estimated cost for construction: \$138,000
 - Requested use of Permissive Tax Funds from Fulton County
 - Work expected to begin in late summer
 - Residents will be notified before work begins
- Memorial Park Pavilion Renovations
 - The Dotson Company was awarded the bid for this project
 - New doors, roll up shutters, painting interior and exterior, and concrete repair on the floors
 - Estimated cost for renovations: \$128,000 (*bid amount from Dotson Company*)
 - Received \$95,000 in grant funding
 - Minor work expected to begin before Corn Festival with major renovations after the event

Preliminary engineering and design phases for the following projects in 2019:

- Business Alley East and Dodge Alley (*N-S alley between Main & Lincoln and E-W alley between railroad tracks and Dodge*)
 - Scheduled for late Winter/early Spring 2020
- Memorial Park Master Plan
 - Engineers are working with the information compiled from community forum and surveys





Residential Refuse and Recycling Agreement

In late 2018, the Village of Swanton published a request for proposals regarding residential solid waste and recycling pick up; two (2) companies submitted proposals. Swanton Village Council approved moving forward with conversations with Republic Services. On May 28, 2019, Swanton Village Council approved a 5-year contract with Republic Services as the exclusive franchise for residential solid waste and recycling pick up.

Village Officials spent many months gathering information as the proposal from Republic Services included more services with an increased monthly fee over the current contract.

Monthly cost

	July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020	July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021	July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022	July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023	July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024
Monthly Costs	\$ 16.04	\$ 16.52	\$ 17.02	\$ 17.53	\$ 18.06

There are a couple main reasons for the increase in monthly cost:

- Addition of bulk pick up
- Increase in recycling costs associated with a policy known as “China’s National Sword”.

NEW to this contract is the ability for Republic Services customers, within the Village of Swanton, to schedule one (1) bulk pick up per quarter at no additional cost.

- Please call 734.848.3633 to schedule the bulk pick up.
- The Village of Swanton is not a party to this arrangement and has no dealings with scheduling.

China’s National Sword went into full effect in March 2018.

- China’s National Sword is a policy of the Chinese government to implement much stricter contamination standards on comingled recyclables going into their country.
- What this means is China will only accept materials at a contamination rate of 0.5%, which is down from 1.5% previously.
 - To put this into perspective, contamination rates of recyclable materials in US households can reach up to 25% before sorting.
 - Contamination of recyclable materials occurs when individuals place incorrect materials into the system (such as plastic bags) or when the right materials are prepared the wrong way (i.e., recyclable container still has peanut butter in it).

Village of Swanton Implements CivicReady® Mass Notification Solution

Fulton County has partnered with CivicReady to implement a mass notification solution. Through Fulton County, residents of the Village of Swanton can participate in this notification system. The Village of Swanton is excited to roll out this initiative, in partnership with Fulton County.

Available from CivicPlus, the integrated technology platform for local government, the CivicReady solution will allow the Village of Swanton to issue urgent notifications, emergency instructions, warnings, and even routine communications to subscribed citizens via email, text message, and voicemail alert, to keep citizens safe and informed. In the event of a local emergency, citizens subscribed to CivicReady will benefit from immediate, actionable information and instructions sent via their preferred notification channel. For non-native English speaking citizens, CivicReady notifications can be automatically translated into one of 63 languages to maximize the effectiveness of the platform in ensuring mass awareness of potentially impactful situations.



"CivicPlus is built on designing innovative solutions for local governments," said Mark Friesen, marketing director at CivicPlus. "We continually invest in our products, such as CivicReady, to strengthen and transform the way local governments serve and communicate with their citizens and are proud to partner with the Village of Swanton to help them accomplish their public safety goals."

CivicPlus has over 20 years of experience working with local governments. Its CivicReady mass notification system is powered by Regroup, an award-winning industry leader in mass notification for critical and non-critical applications. To subscribe to the Village of Swanton groups, please visit <https://fultoncounty-oh.regroup.com>.

Many individuals may ask why this wasn't done before the train derailment incident. Fulton County Officials were working on rolling this out to the municipalities and townships later this year. The train derailment was the catalyst to roll this out to the Village of Swanton before any other community.

LOVE THE DOG, PICK UP THE POO

Stop POO-LLUTION

Please pick up after you pet.
Left behind pet waste is a source of
water pollution and is a public
health concern.



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A graphic with a purple and yellow chevron background. It features a white cloud-like shape containing text. At the top is a purple banner with "Please Join Us!". Below it is the title "Community Forum" in green. The text continues: "Come learn more about the updates to utility billing, software, and meter project". The location and time are listed as "Swanton Community Center 6:00 p.m.". The date is split across three sections: "WEDNESDAY", "7", and "AUGUST".

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Rental Spaces

Looking for a place to host a graduation party, family reunion, bridal shower? The Village of Swanton offers two facilities to rent for small to medium size gatherings. Swanton Community Center can seat 60-75 comfortably.

Memorial Park Pavilion will undergo a renovation in the Summer and Fall of 2019. Rentals at the Pavilion for summer 2019 will only be allowed on weekends to accommodate preparation for the renovation. More information, on both of the facilities, including rental fees can be found on our website at villageofswantonohio.us.



Saturday September 7, 2019

Mark your calendars!

The Fall Clean Up Day is open to all Village of Swanton residents. Please stay tuned for more details.

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 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

Sewer Separation Projects Update

Project 10: Brookside, Parkside, and Woodside is on track to go out to bid in September with a winter 2020 construction start date.

Sewer Separation Project 8 & 9 which includes Sanderson, remaining W. St. Clair, remaining on W. Garfield, Mettabrook, Munson, Allen, and West Streets was set to be farther in the project line up but many issues on Mettabrook caused Village Council to request, from the Ohio EPA, approval to move this project ahead of Project 3 & 11 (St. Richard's Court, Elm, Birch, Oak, and Hickory). EPA has granted this request.



Home Projects? You might need a permit...

Many projects such as additions, fences, sheds, and pools all require a zoning permit PRIOR to construction. Please call 419.826.9515 and ask to speak to someone about zoning approval process.

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Social Media

Village Officials are always looking for ways to communicate information to its residents. We understand not everyone is on a social media platform but this is just one new way for community members to gather information.

If you are on Instagram please head over and follow us @swantonvillageoh



Adopt-A-Bench

As of publication of this newsletter, there are two benches left for adoption. Six other benches, in Pilliod and Rotary Parks, were sponsored by individuals or organizations. If you are interested in more information please feel free to call 419.826.9515.

Welcome the 2019 Summer Intern: Ishmael Mensah

The Village of Swanton is proud to welcome its 2019 Summer Intern: Ishmael Mensah. Ishmael is a graduate student at Bowling Green State University studying for a Master of Public Administration. He will be working on many projects throughout the summer. One of the main projects, and the most visible, is creating a master sign inventory. You might see Ishmael out with the GPS unit, taking the coordinates of signs as well as pictures. This will allow Village Officials to create a plan for sign replacement or sign removal and budget accordingly. Ishmael will also work on creating more efficient file systems in the Administration Office.



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Summer 2019 Meeting Times

Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.

July 15, 2019

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

August 26, 2019 and September 23, 2019

(Public Service 6:00 p.m.,

Public Safety 6:30 p.m.,

Committee of the Whole 7:45 p.m.)

August 12, 2019 & September 9, 2019

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

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

July 2, 2019

August 6, 2019

September 10, 2019

Tree Commission 6:00 p.m.

July 15, 2019

August 19, 2019

September 16, 2019

*Municipal Building CLOSED: July 4, 2019 in
observance of Independence Day and
September 2, 2019 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.