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Downtown Façade Enhancement Program

Swanton Village Council approved a \$30,000 allocation in the proposed 2020 budget to launch the inaugural Downtown Façade Enhancement Program. This program will allow eligible businesses, or property owners, to apply for a 50% grant, up to \$10,000, for an enhancement to the outside of their buildings; certain restrictions apply. Those interested should contact the Village Administrator for more information.

Memorial Park Pavilion Renovations

Renovations are almost complete at the Memorial Park Pavilion. Village Council awarded the contract to the Dotson Company and their crews are working on the final stages of the project. New concrete floor, new doors, new roll up shutters, new ceiling façade, addition of a fireplace, and a new paint job are all included in the renovations. The Village is grateful for the over \$95,000 in grant funding towards this project. Final project estimate is approximately \$146,000.

2019 Tree Plantings

North Branch Nursery will once again plant trees throughout the Village. This year the focus areas include streets where trees have been removed: Lincoln, Chestnut, and Clark. All residents near the new trees will receive information soon.

2020 Infrastructure Projects

2020 will be a busy year for infrastructure projects in the Village of Swanton. Look forward to more information on the Downtown Business Alley Improvement and the Project 10 Sewer Separation project.

Adopt a Bench Program

Earlier this year, the Village of Swanton unveiled an Adopt a Bench Program for Rotary and Pilliod Parks. Eight new benches were placed along the paths in each of these parks. Community members and organizations have already adopted six out of the eight benches. Plaques will be installed to memorialized these sponsorships. THANK YOU! If you are interested in sponsoring one, or both, of the remaining benches please contact the Village Administration Office at 419.826.9515. Thinking about Christmas presents yet? This would make a great holiday gift!

Brush Pick Up



Leaf Pick Up

Brush pick up will commence on October 7, 2019 and run until October 31, 2019. There will be no weekly brush pick up from November 1, 2019 to April 5, 2020 UNLESS there is a storm which warrants the pick up. Brush pick up is divided into sections with each section having pick up on a different day (listed below with leaf info).

Leaf pick up will commence the week of October 28, 2019 and run through December 9, 2019. If snow were to fall another pick up would be scheduled after snow melts. The Village of Swanton contracts with Lammon Brothers to collect leaves. Lammon Brothers collects 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?

Members of the Interact Club at Swanton High School are volunteering their services to rake leaves for those in the Swanton community who need assistance. There are a few stipulations such as time limit and boundary the students will stay within. If you have specific questions please contact the Village and we will connect you with the students. There is a sign up sheet at the Municipal Building for those who are interested. 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 3, 2019. 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.



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Personal Safety

Take only cash and credit cards you need when shopping

Do not let others distract you in crowded areas

Limit use of cell phones in public

Park in well lighted and well traveled areas

Avoid overloading yourself with bags

Home Burglary & Theft Protection

If you are traveling ask a neighbor to watch the house and/or call the Swanton Police Division for a home check.

Put timers on different lights throughout your home Have deliveries sent to your work place or arrange for someone you trust to check on the deliveries to avoid porch pirates

Auto Safety

Leave nothing visible of value in your car such as a GPS or its mount

Keep doors and trunk locked

Stay tuned to weather conditions and plan accordingly with sufficient gas in the tank and warm blankets in the car

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HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS

1. Turn off or unplug all electrical holiday lights before leave your home

2. Never leave food cooking on your stove top or in the oven unattended

3. Keep candles away from combustible materials and extinguish all candles before leaving the room

4. Do not overload electrical outlets

5. Use non-combustible decorations where possible

6. Do not block doorways

TNR TRAP NEUTER RETURN

THE HUMANE WAY TO CONTROL FERAL CAT POPULATIONS

TNR IS A METHOD OF REDUCING OUTDOOR CAT POPULATIONS BY CAPTURING THEM, PROVIDING SPAY/NEUTER, AND RETURNING THEM TO THEIR ENVIRONMENT.

TNR METHOD

WHY IT WORKS:

- ✓ ELIMINATES FELINE BEHAVIORS ASSOCIATED WITH MATING (SPRAYING, YOWLING, FIGHTING)
- ✓ STABILIZES CAT POPULATION, DECREASES IT OVER TIME
- ✓ IMPROVES HEALTH BY REDUCING INSTANCES OF OVARIAN AND TESTICULAR CANCER IN CATS

STEPS

1



THE CATS ARE TRAPPED OR CAPTURED.

2



THE CATS ARE THEN TRANSPORTED TO THE CLINIC.

3



THE CATS UNDERGO SURGERY AND THEIR EARS ARE NOTCHED.

4



THE CATS ARE GIVEN A FEW DAYS TO RECOVER.

5



THE CATS ARE THEN RETURNED TO THEIR ENVIRONMENT.

FOR MORE INFO:



FERAL CAT CONSORTIUM

FERALCATCONSORTIUM.ORG

Trick or Treat & Halloween Hoopla

Mark your calendars for Trick or Treat in the Village of Swanton on Thursday October 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Halloween Hoopla will be held on Saturday November 2, 2019 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.***



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. 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 7, 2019. 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.



Tree Lighting Ceremony

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony set for Friday November 29, 2019 at Pilliod Park on Chestnut Street. Events will begin at 5:00 p.m. with tree lighting at 6:00 p.m. by a ceremonial tree lighter. There will be food available for purchase with The Dawg House 419 onsite, hot chocolate, carolers, Story-Walk® around the Pilliod Park path, and more. Thank you to Swanton Shines for coordinating this event.





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

Did you know that 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.

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.



Village of Swanton's New Payment Service Offers More Choices for Customers

The Village will provide utility customers with easy access to make payments and more payment options. The



PAY YOUR BILL
ANYTIME,
ANYWHERE

We have made it
easier to pay
your bill on the
go with a mobile
optimized
payment site
and the ability to
schedule a
payment

Village has implemented an advanced electronic billing and payment solution. Online account access and payments were previously offered, but now customers can choose to pay with electronic check or a credit or debit card and additionally gain the ability to pay by phone or text message.

The new service brings a user-friendly online payment portal enabling customers to view and pay bills, schedule one-time payments, securely store payment information for later use, review up to 24 months of past bills (as they become available), and enroll in paperless billing. Email notifications are sent when the bill is ready to view, just before the due date and when a scheduled payment is pending. Creating an account is recommended, however, it is not necessary to view bills and make a payment.

The pay by phone option is available 24/7 and is a quick alternative for customers who may not be interested in going online. Customers can simply call 877-493-5091 anytime, enter their account information and follow the prompts to make a payment or get their latest account balance. With Pay by Text, customers can stay informed by receiving text notifications about their bill and additionally have the option to respond via text message to make a payment using their default payment method. Customers can enroll in Pay by Text when making an online payment or within their online account. Visit villageofswantonohio.us for more information and to access the payment portal.

Meter Replacement Policy

Meters are the property of the Village of Swanton. The property owner owns the pipes and valves on either side of the meter. The property owner is responsible to protect the meter serving their property and the structures on their property which are supplied water from the utility. Upon notification there may be something wrong with a meter, the Village of Swanton will investigate and install a new meter if needed, provided the premise is meter ready.

- If the Village of Swanton deems a meter malfunctioned, the Village of Swanton will replace the meter at no charge.
- If the Village of Swanton has reasonable cause to claim the reason for replacement is negligence on the property owner or that the meter was either vandalized, tampered with, or lost in service the Village will assess a meter replacement fee on the utility account.
- If the Village of Swanton deems the meter is frozen, the Village will provide the first replacement at no charge and noted on the account. If the same account is flagged for a second frozen meter, the Village will assess a meter replacement fee on the utility account. The replacement fee will include materials, supplies, and labor.


Fire Prevention Week 2019

The 2019 Fire Prevention Week campaign theme is “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!” The National Fire Protection Association provides a multitude of information to help individuals and families create home fire escape plans.

If you ever have any questions or wish to speak to someone about home fire escape plans please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at FirePrevention@villageofswantonohio.us and 419.825.1455.

How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan

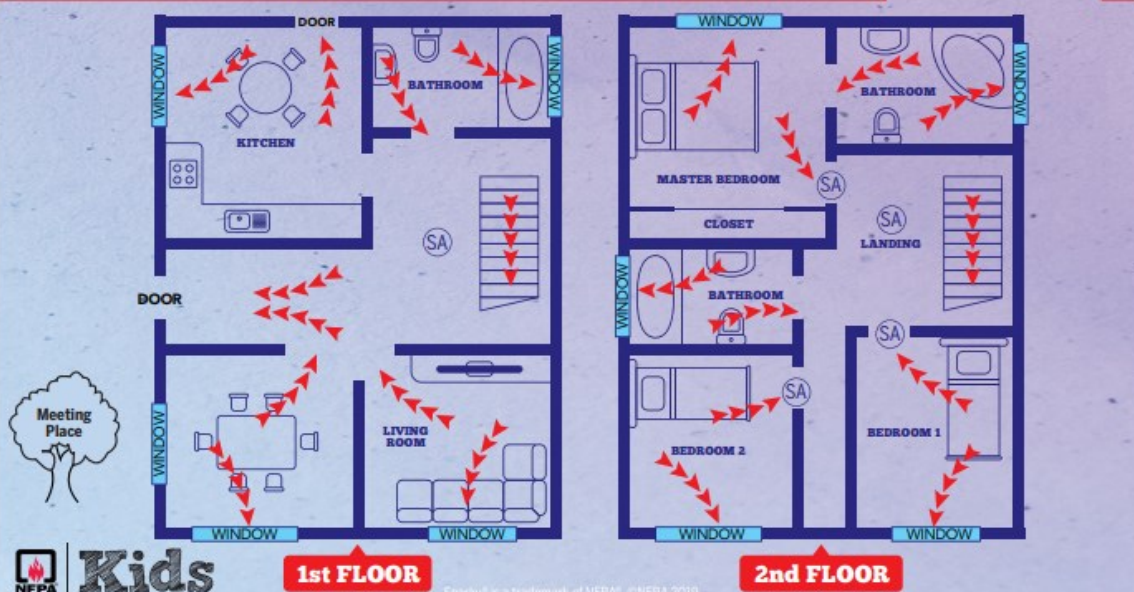
NFPA FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™
NFPA® — The Official Sponsor of Fire Prevention Week Since 1922



Visit Sparky.org for more activities!

- ☐ Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- ☐ Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- ☐ All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- ☐ Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- ☐ Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- ☐ Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- ☐ Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- ☐ Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.
- ☐ Practice your home fire drill!
- ☐ Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on page 2.

Sample Escape Plan



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Fall 2019 Meeting Times

Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.

October 15, 2019

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

October 28, 2019

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

November 11, 2019

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

November 25, 2019

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

December 9, 2019

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

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

October 1, 2019

November 12, 2019

December 3, 2019

Tree Commission 6:00 p.m.

October 21, 2019

November 18, 2019

December 16, 2019

Municipal Building CLOSED: October 14,
November 22, 23, December 24, and 25, 2019

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.