

Operations during COVID-19 Pandemic

These sure are unprecedented times. Everyone at the Village of Swanton hopes you are staying well, practicing social distancing, and washing your hands; every little bit helps to try and flatten the curve. **There is light at the end of this and we know that Swanton will continue to shine. #InThisTogetherOhio.**

As the world looks to overcome this hurdle, the *Village of Swanton staff is still serving YOU!* Essential services have continued but there may be modifications to other services. Public Safety continues to serve you by patrolling and responding to both fire and rescue calls; each Division has limited non-employees from entering Village facilities. Public Service continues to respond to work orders and calls. Operators are still purifying and distributing water from the Water Treatment Plant as well as collecting and treating wastewater at the Water Resource Recovery Facility. Below is a listing of operations and any changes of note. If you have any questions please email admin@villageofswantonohio.us OR call 419.276.4052.

Brush Pick up– Curbside brush pick will be DELAYED until May. During the month of April, residents can drop off brush at the Public Service Division located at 204 Bassett M-F 8:00a-3:00p.

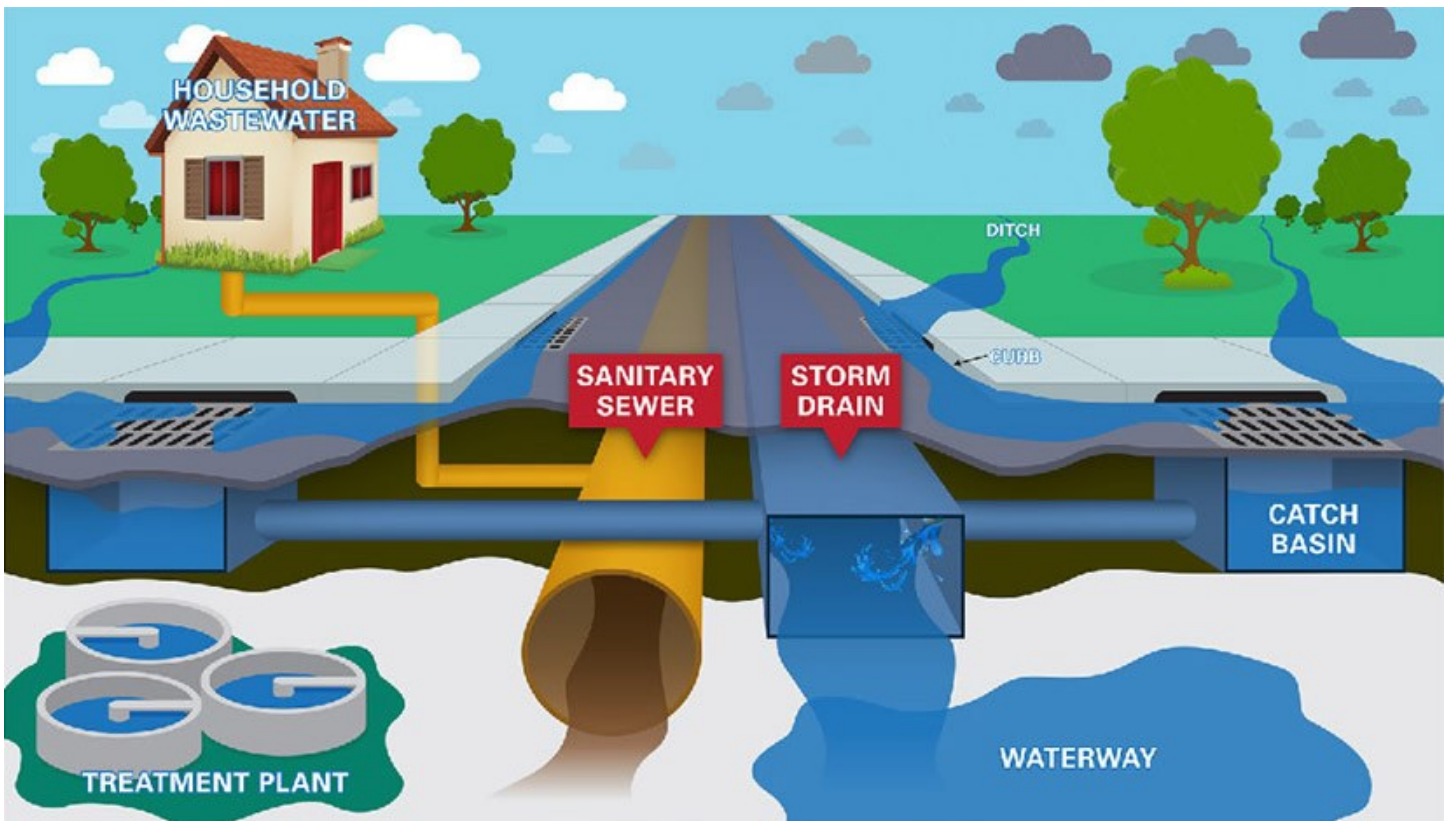
Municipal Income Tax– The Ohio Tax Commissioner extended the due date for filing and payment of state income tax, which in turn has extended municipal income tax filings and payments. Municipal income tax returns and payments have been extended to July 15, 2020. Please remember that tax preparation software DOES NOT e-file municipal income tax returns. If you use a system such as Turbo Tax, you must manually send the information to R.I.T.A.

Playgrounds– Please refrain from using playground equipment at Memorial Park or other public facilities. Governor DeWine ordered playgrounds to close throughout the State.

Utility Bills will continue to generate but customers will not assess late fees and water will not be shut off due to non-payment. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Waste and Recycling– Republic Services is trying to limit exposure to their drivers during this time. The bulk / large item will be suspended until further notice. Republic is asking residents practice Bag It Before You Trash It.

Please visit <http://villageofswantonohio.us/news/covid-19-related-information/> for most up to date information as items above are subject to change.



Sewer/Storm Image; <https://www.azstorm.org/stormwater-101/storm-vs-sanitary-sewer>

FLUSHABLE?

Many materials frequently get flushed or poured down the drain that can harm the pipes which connect to Village sewers as well as the Village's collections system.

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

Here's a list of some things you shouldn't flush:



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 or Bandage Wrappings,
Automotive Fluids,
Paint, Solvents, Sealants, Thinners,
Poisons and Hazardous Waste,
Cooking Grease, Oil, Fat.



Storm Drain Information

Please think twice about dumping anything into a storm drain! It is a common misconception that storm drains lead to a water resource recovery facility but water entering drains receives no treatment and is discharged directly into the closest waterway. Aside from the dirt and pollution that is simply washed off urban surfaces into the waterways, your property may be contributing to water quality issues in local streams without you even knowing.

Never dump anything directly into a storm drain. Further if you see debris covering a storm drain, please lend a hand and remove from the cover.

Adapted from <http://www.stormwater.allianceforthebay.org/take-action/habits-to-help/dont-dump-into-drains>

The Spring Bulk Drop Off Day is open to all Village of Swanton residents. Please be prepared to show ID.

- Limit of **two** pickup, trailer or equal loads of trash
- 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 appliances containing Freon.
- No television
- No burn barrels w/ashes
- No liquids



AllShred Services-Paper Shredding:

NAID Certified Offsite Services available:
(destruction will be secure offsite)
Five (5) banker box maximum.



Mosquito Spraying

Annual mosquito spraying is tentatively scheduled for the first week of June; please stay tuned for specific dates. Treatments after the initial spraying are based on weather and intensity of mosquito population. Employees are trained to safely and responsibly use pesticides to reduce mosquito numbers.

The vehicle used to conduct the spraying travels at about 10 mph and will have a sign identifying mosquito spraying in process.



LOVE THE DOG, PICK UP THE POO

Stop POO-LLUTION

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



Easy as 1-2-3:

1. Bring a bag.
2. Pick up the waste.
3. Dispose of it in the trash.

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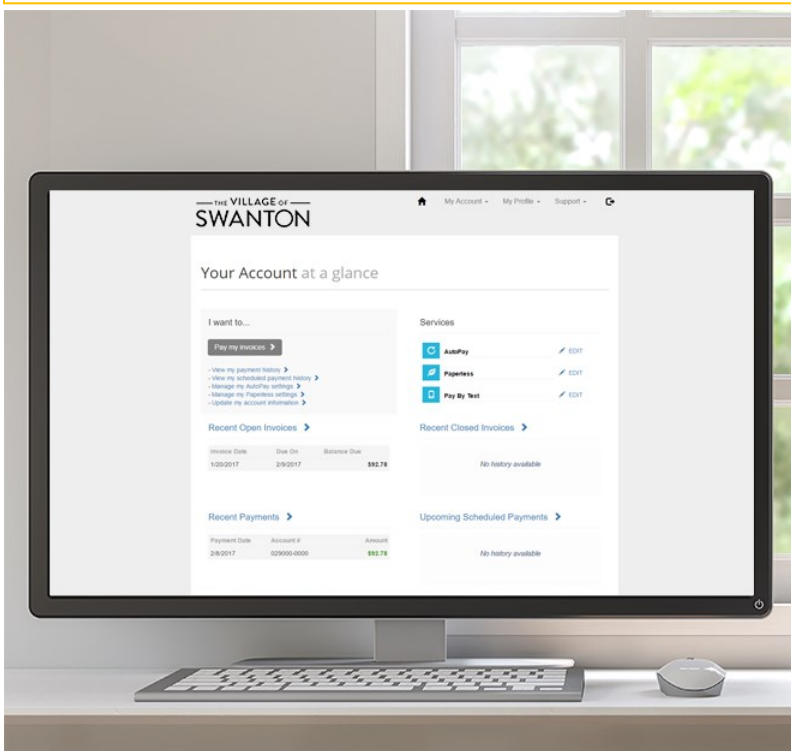
2020 Construction Season

Project 10 Sewer Separation: This project must be operational by August 2020. Construction began in early March and is expected to continue to early summer. This project centers on Brookside between Hallett and Crestwood and parts of Woodside and Parkside. Once underground infrastructure is complete Parkside will be improved (milled and filled) and Brookside will have a complete road reconstruction, including curb and gutter.

Business and Dodge Alleys: Construction is scheduled for Summer 2020. This is for the alley that runs North and South between Main Street and Lincoln Avenue from Zeiter Way and Church Street as well as the alley at runs from Main Street west to Dodge Street, just North of the railroad tracks.

2020 Census

Have you filled out the #2020Census questionnaire? It is important to have an accurate count of those who reside in the Village of Swanton as many decisions related to programs, initiatives, and more are based off the information from the decennial Census. By now, everyone should have received the mailings. If you misplaced it that's okay, just head to 2020census.gov to enter in your response. #BeCountedOhio2020



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Changes to Primary Voting: April 28, 2020

The State legislature made April 28 the new primary date and extends mail-in voting period to allow absentee ballots postmarked by April 28 to be counted. THERE IS NO IN PERSON VOTING. The Village of Swanton has one issue on the ballot. It is a new 1.2 mil levy for park operations. If passed, this levy would replace two current 0.5 mil levies. If you did not vote early, you will have to request an absentee ballot from your respective counties' boards of elections office.



All residents of the Village of Swanton, age 18 and older, with earned income are required to file a Village income tax return annually. The Village of Swanton contracts with the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A) to administer income tax collection. **DUE TO COVID-19 pandemic, income tax returns are due July 15, 2020.** Please submit your income tax return electronically at www.ritaohio.com or mail completed Form 37. Mailing addresses vary based on balance due or refund.



Taxpayers that have moved outside of the village limits or are a retired person receiving only retirement income, must notify RITA by completing an Individual Declaration of Exemption Form located at <https://cdn.ritaohio.com/Media/700801/exemption-form.pdf>. Otherwise, RITA will continue to expect an income tax return and the taxpayer will be considered delinquent.

Memorial Park Digital Sign

If you are involved in a Swanton community organization 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 reserve the right to change the message to work with the restrictions of the sign.

**HOW TO
GET YOUR
MESSAGE
ACROSS**

2020 Permanent Appropriations

At the March 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, Swanton Village Council approved the 2020 Permanent Appropriations. Please visit the Village's website to review the details. Please contact Jennifer Harkey, Fiscal Officer, if you have any questions.



Annual Clean Up Message

Per Swanton Village Codified Ordinance §92.08, the Mayor hereby orders all persons to thoroughly clean and provide proper drainage for all lands, yards, lots, premises, or structures and to cause all trash and other unclean and unsightly matter to be removed therefrom on or before May 10. Further, all persons who own land within the Village are responsible for maintaining property free of weeds or high grass in excess of ten inches.

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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Spring 2020 Meeting Times

*Please stay tuned for more information on
virtual public meetings*

Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.

April 13,
May 11, &
June 8

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

April 27,
May 26, &
June 22

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

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

April 7, 2020
May 5, 2020
June 2, 2020

Tree Commission 6:00 p.m.

April 20, 2020
May 18, 2020
June 15, 2020

Municipal Building CLOSED: May 30, 2020

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.