

# —THE VILLAGE OF— SWANTON

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# Village VOICE

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## Remembering Councilman Paul Dzyak

Mayor Toeppe read a proclamation on September 28 honoring the life and legacy of Councilman Paul Dzyak. Mr. Dzyak passed away on September 18, 2020. Mr. Dzyak honorably served his country as a member of the United States Navy and was elected to serve as a Village Council member in 2014. Mr. Dzyak made excellent and constructive contributions to the Village of Swanton through his performance of his duties and responsibilities both as a member of Village Council but also throughout other community endeavors. His time of service was marked by exemplary dedication of the best interests of the community, and he worked constantly for the betterment of its economic, cultural, and aesthetic development. He will be missed.



## Municipal Building Hours of Operation Change

Effective Monday October 5, 2020 the hours of operations for the Administration side of the Municipal Building will be 7:30 a.m. –4:00 p.m. This decision comes after analysis of operations. The Administration side of the building includes

the Administrator, Finance Director, and Administrative Assistants. If you do not feel comfortable coming into the building due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Staff can be reached by phone or email. Further, there is a drive up drop off box for utility payments.



## Capital Improvement Update

Project 10 Sewer Separation is complete. Work begins to prepare for Project 8 & 9 Sewer Separation which is tentatively scheduled to begin construction in Fall 2021. This includes Mettabrook, Allen, West, Sanderson, and portions of Browning and W. Garfield. Road improvements to the Business East and Dodge South alleys is nearing completion. 2021 will include Safe Routes to School work on Brookside, Crestwood, and at the rail crossing on Main Street. Further there will be some more improvements at Memorial Park, mainly drainage work to reduce flooding.

## Brush Pick Up



## Leaf Pick Up

Brush pick up will commence on October 5 and run until October 29, 2020. There will be no weekly brush pick up from October 30, 2020 to April 4, 2021 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 26, 2020 and run through December 7, 2020. 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](mailto:FirePrevention@villageofswantonohio.us) or 419.825.1455.



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday November 1, 2020. 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

## 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

## Council Vacancy

With the unexpected passing of Councilman Paul Dzyak, a vacant seat exists on the Swanton Village Council. This seat will be filled by Council appointment. The appointment will serve out the remainder of Councilman Dzyak's term which ends December 31, 2021.

Per Ohio Revised Code, the remaining members of Council have 30 days to appoint a qualified person to fill this vacancy. In order to ensure Swanton Village residents have an opportunity to express their interests the Village has established the following process. Any Swanton Village resident, who is a registered voter and at least 18 years of age, willing to serve, and interested in being considered for appointment to the open Council seat should send a letter of interest and qualifications to the following postal or email address: Attn: Mrs. Rosanna Hoelzle 219 Chestnut Street Swanton, Ohio 43558 Email: [admin@villageofswantonohio.us](mailto:admin@villageofswantonohio.us).

## COUNCIL VACANCY

Letters and qualifications from interested parties will be received until 1:00 p.m. October 9, 2020. Anyone with questions or would like more information should contact the Village Administrator at 419.826.9515.

## Trick or Treating

Mark your calendars for Trick or Treating in the Village of Swanton on Saturday October 31, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are recommendations from the State of Ohio to keep in mind while trick or treating. Toledo- Lucas County Health Department has also provided recommendations to enjoy this activity in a safe manner; please see next page. Trick-or-treating has always been an opt-in activity and one decided by each respective family. This year will be no different. We encourage all to be kind and practice social distancing.



## 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. 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](mailto: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.



**CONTACT US**

## Downtown Façade Enhancement Program

Swanton Village Council approved a \$30,000 allocation in the proposed 2021 budget for the 2nd year of the Downtown Façade Enhancement Program. This program allows 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.

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Downtown Façade  
Enhancement Program

## Sidewalk Improvement Grant Program

Swanton Village Council approved a \$10,000 allocation in the proposed 2021 budget for the inaugural Sidewalk Improvement Grant Program. This program allows eligible owner of a residentially zoned or residential use property, within the Village of Swanton, to apply for a 50% grant, up to \$1,000, for an improvements to public sidewalks; certain restrictions apply. Those interested should contact the Jennifer Harkey, Finance Director for more information.



# COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR TRICK-OR-TREATING

## TRICK-OR-TREATERS:

- **Perform health screen prior to leaving home - do not participate if feeling sick**
- **If living with people who may be at greater risk from COVID-19, please reconsider participating**
- **If child is at greater risk of complications from COVID-19, contact your doctor before participating**
- Masks should be worn at all times
- Stay with family unit and in your own neighborhood if possible
- Stay six feet away from other families
- Limit one family at a time when approaching participating houses
- Use hand sanitizer frequently during collection
- Collection bag should have a wide mouth to allow for dropping treats inside
- Do not eat any candy while participating
- If possible, wipe off candy wrappers with sanitizing wipes (allow to dry) when arriving home and prior to eating candy
- Wash hands before eating any candy

## THOSE PASSING OUT TREATS:

- **Do not pass out candy if feeling sick**
- Wash hands prior to passing out treats
- Masks should be worn at all times
- If possible, place table or other physical object between you and trick-or-treaters
- Limit interaction with those outside of your household
- Prepare goodie bags ahead of time (grab & go) and place at end of driveway or edge of yard
- Use only prepackaged, factory wrapped items, no homemade-wrapped treats



## TRUNK-OR-TREAT EVENTS:

- Consider setting up pre-registration and limit the number of participants per time frame
- Masks should be worn at all times
- Advertise expectations of the community prior to the event (i.e. social distancing, wearing masks, etc.)
- Assure distance between vehicles ("Trunks")
- If able, use physical markings between vehicles and consider one-way traffic
- Wash hands prior to passing out treats
- If possible, only attend event(s) in own neighborhood



*Those who are at a greater risk of COVID-19 affects, should refrain from either trick or treating or passing out treats.*







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.

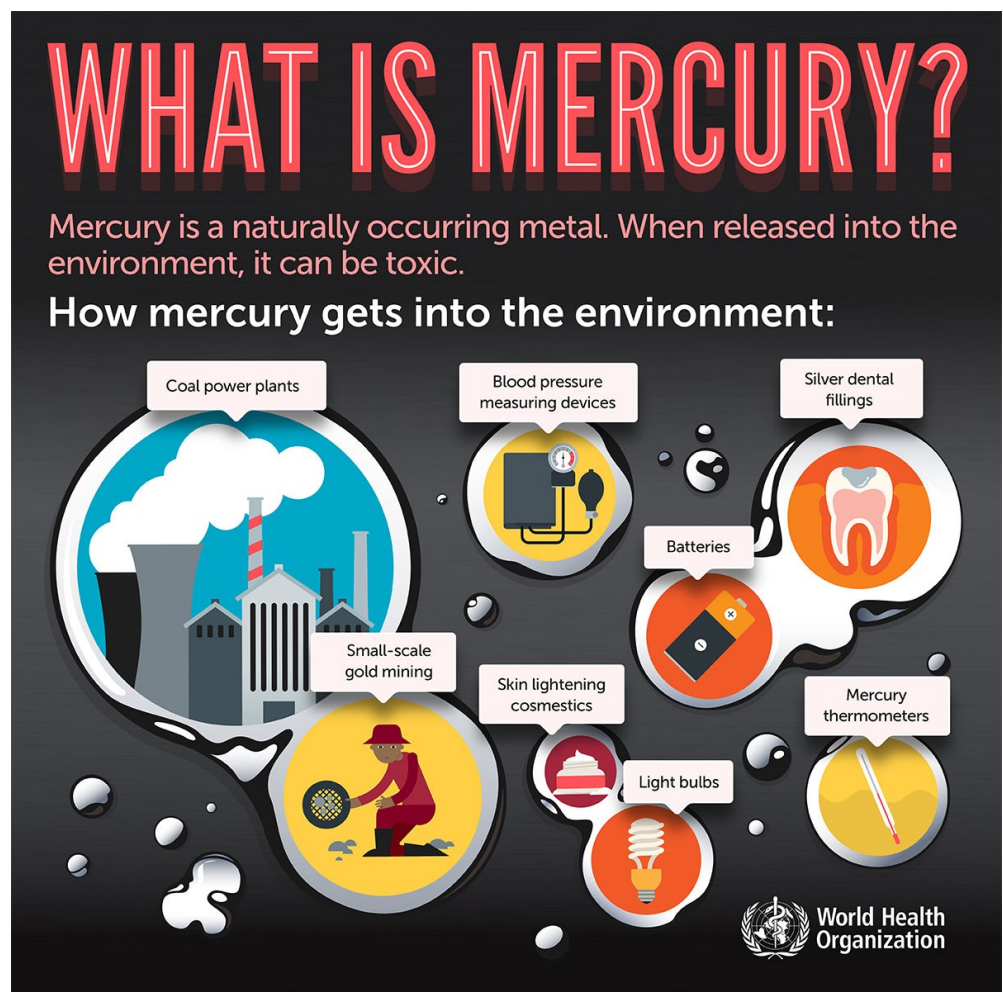
***Even though some products such as wipes and baby diapers claim to be flushable, they aren't.***

- 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.



## Fire Prevention Week 2020

The 2020 Fire Prevention Week campaign theme is “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” The National Fire Protection Association provides a multitude of information to educate everyone about the simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves, and those around them, safe in the kitchen.

Check your smoke detector battery and make sure you have functioning smoke detectors on all levels of your residence. If you ever have any questions or wish to speak to someone about fire safety please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at [FirePrevention@villageofswantonohio.us](mailto:FirePrevention@villageofswantonohio.us) or 419.825.1455.



### DID YOU KNOW?

There is *quarterly* curbside bulk pick-up available within the Village of Swanton.

*This bulk pick-up is no additional cost for current Village of Swanton residents who are Republic Service customers.*

Bulk items include but are not limited to\*:  
mattresses, furniture, home project debris, & appliances  
*\*restrictions may apply*

Please call Republic Services to set up your pick-up:  
734-848-3633  
*The Village of Swanton does not schedule pick ups.*

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### 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.

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Village of Swanton Police Department  
Swanton Fire/EMS

### **Administration/ Finance**

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419.826.9515

### **Public Safety**

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## **Fall 2020 Meeting Times**

### Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.

**October 13, 2020**

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

**October 26, 2020**

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

**November 9, 2020**

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

**November 23, 2020**

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

**December 14, 2020**

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

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

October 6, 2020

November 10, 2020

December 1, 2020

### Tree Commission (as needed) 6:00 p.m.

October 19, 2020

November 16, 2020

December 21, 2020

Municipal Building CLOSED: October 12,  
November 26, 27, December 24, and 25, 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.*