

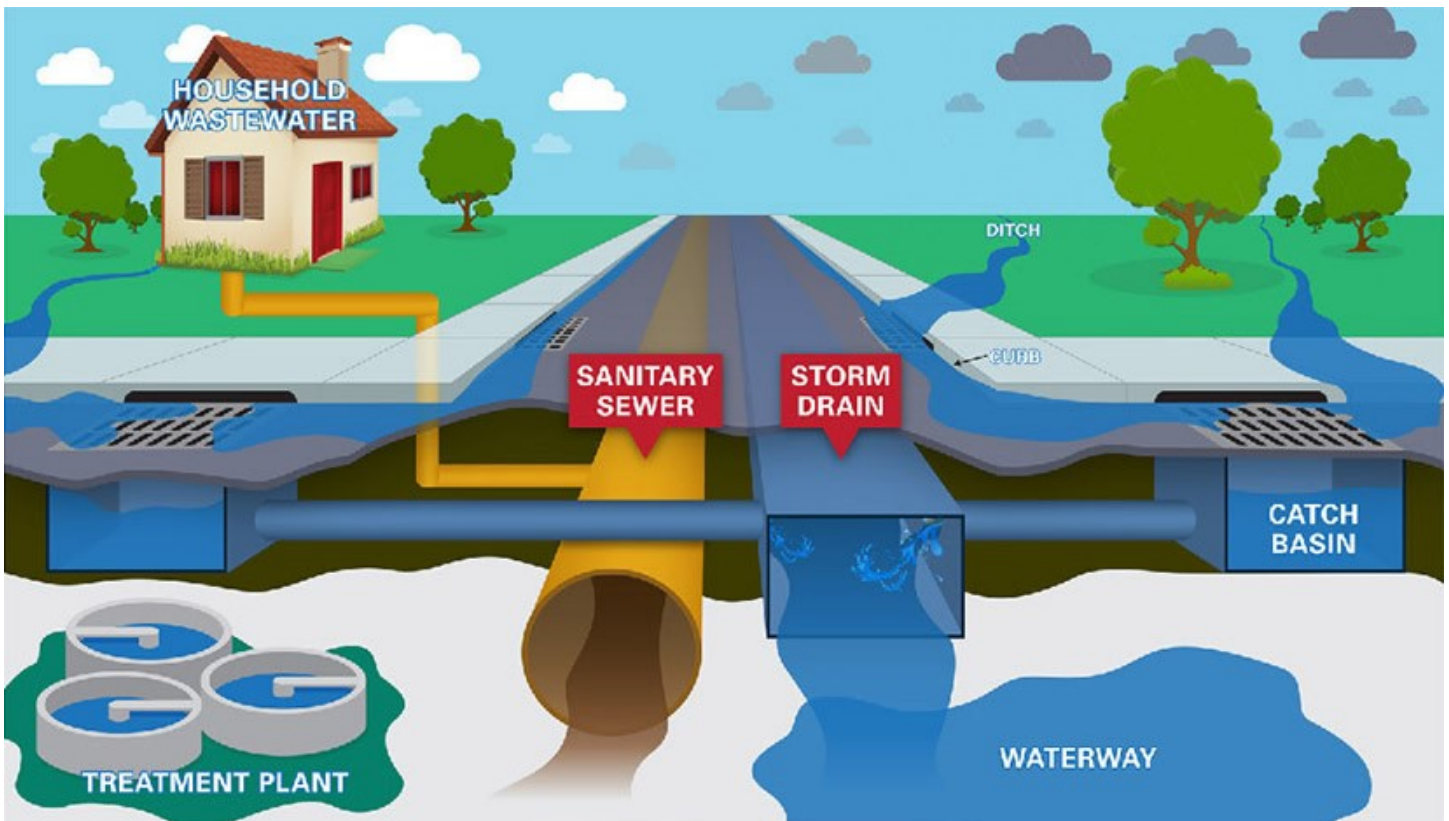
## 2021 Capital Improvements and Construction

Another busy year of capital improvements within the Village of Swanton. There are many projects which will come to fruition in 2021 as well as many currently in the design phase. These projects are crucial to continuous progress within the Village of Swanton. For more details on any of the following projects, please reach out to the Village Administrator, Rosanna Hoelzle, at [admin@villageofswantonohio.us](mailto:admin@villageofswantonohio.us) or 419.826.9515.

- **Water Resource Recovery Facility Master Plan:** Partnering with Fishbeck, a consulting firm, to review WRRF operations in order to better prepare for improvements which may be needed in the future.
- **Title XV: Land Use Codified Ordinance update:** Partnering with CT Consultants, to review and analyze three chapters of the Codified Ordinances as it relates to zoning, subdivision regulations, and flood plain regulations. The last major review of the zoning code took place in 1992.
- **Memorial Park**
  - Beard Pavilion Replacement: Construction on the replacement structure will begin in April 2021 and should be completed, barring any unforeseen issues, by August at the latest.
  - Drainage: Work will be done to alleviate flooding in the northwest portion of Memorial Park
  - Parking lot updates: The parking lot near RL Harding Fields will be seal coated and striped.
- **Safe Routes to Schools**
  - Installation of sidewalks
    - West side of Crestwood from Brookside to Swanton Elementary School
    - North side of Church Street from Hallett Ave to connect to existing sidewalk
    - East side of Elton Parkway and North side of Harding Drive
  - Z-gates at Main Street railroad grade crossing
  - Improvements to School Zone signage and pavement markings
  - Crosswalk enhancement at Garfield and Elton Parkway



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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

### Electronic Recycling

Computers/Servers/Monitors/Cameras/ Camcorders/  
Printers, Keyboards & Mice/Networking Hardware/  
Scanners & Projectors/Video Game Consoles/ Cell  
Phones/ Speakers & Stereo Equipment/ Memory, Storage Devices/Flash Drives



## Overlapping Taxing Jurisdictions

In Fulton County, the boundaries of townships and municipalities are not conformed which is a fancy way to say everyone in Fulton County lives in a township but there are residents who also live in a municipality, such as the Village of Swanton. As a result of boundaries not being conformed, this leads to legal overlapping jurisdictions. Taking this one step further, this can also mean two legal taxing jurisdictions can place similar levies on the ballot. For example, the Village of Swanton has a 2 mil levy on the ballot for fire protection services. Both of the townships which overlap the Village of Swanton, in Fulton County, also have levies for fire protection services. Therefore, residents inside the Village pay a tax to the township and the Village. However, the Village of Swanton contractually provides fire protection service to a majority of the land in these respective Townships. Over the past decade, the three entities discussed moving towards eliminating the overlapping tax for those who reside in the Village of Swanton. At a joint meeting of Village Council, and the Fulton and Swancreek Board of Trustees, in July 2020, Swanton Village Council expressed their commitment to rescind, or stop collecting, the Village levy if both the townships agreed to an updated contract. At this same meeting, both Swancreek and Fulton Townships verbally agreed to this. More information will be forthcoming after the May election results.

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- Project 8 & 9 Sewer Separation
  - Project scope area: Mettabrook, Allen, West, Sanderson, a portion of Browning, and W. Garfield from Browning to Munson.
  - Will be the largest sewer separation project done at one time and will cause many inconveniences.
  - Tentatively scheduled to begin in October and go until Spring 2022
- Phase 2 Meter Update
  - Last phase of the meter update project will include over 1,330 meters
  - Water meters typically have a useful life of 15 to 20 years. The mechanics of a water meter slow down over time due to age and wear which results in the water meter not registering water usage accurately.
  - Will begin in May 2021 and should be complete by the end of June 2021
- Membrane Softening– Water Treatment Plant
  - Currently in the design phase to transition a portion of the treatment process to use membranes instead of lime softening
  - Though an upfront cost, this transition is expected to be safer for employees and have less chemical cost over time
  - Tentatively scheduled to begin construction in late 2021

### CIVICREADY Mass Notification System

*Since July 2019, the Village of Swanton has used the CivicReady system, through Fulton County, to send out mass notification messages through email, phone calls, and texts.*

There are three notification groups for the Village of Swanton: General notifications, Boil Advisory, and Infrastructure Projects notifications. Haven't joined yet? The quickest way is through Text to Join.

Text 30890, and in the message type Join SwantonGeneral or Join SwantonBoil or Join SwantonProjects (it is case sensitive and there needs to be a space between Join and the keyword).

You can also sign up by accessing the website, <https://fultoncounty-oh.reggroup.com> and following the prompts.

### 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.

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SPRAYING**



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. As with federal and state, the local tax returns have been extended to May 17, 2021. Please submit your income tax return electronically at [www.ritaohio.com](http://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](mailto: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**

## 2021 Permanent Appropriations

At the March 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, Swanton Village Council approved the 2021 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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# Swanton Village Brush Pick Up 2021 Schedule

Brush pick up will begin on April 5, 2021 and continue **WEEKLY** until April 29, 2021.

**MONTHLY** brush pick up will occur from May 10, 2021 to September 17, 2021 on the **2nd Monday** of each month.

**WEEKLY** brush pick up will start up again from October 4, 2021 until October 28, 2021.

**NO WEEKLY** brush pick up from October 29, 2021 to April 3, 2022  
**UNLESS** there is a storm which warrants the pick up.

*The Village is divided into four sections to correspond to one day of the week. During April and October, each section will be picked up four (4) times; once per week.*

*Monday: North of railroad tracks and West of Main Street. Tuesday: North of railroad tracks and East of Main Street. Wednesday: South of railroad tracks and West of Main Street. Thursday: South of railroad tracks and East of Main Street*

**Brush pick up, provided by the Village of Swanton, is for fallen tree limbs not for clearing of lots or removal of entire trees**

## Water Shut offs for Non-Payment

Water shut offs for non-payment will resume effective, April 5, 2021. Resuming disconnections was not done lightly. The Village of Swanton is mindful of the various difficulties facing community members due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If any resident has a question on their utility bill, please do not hesitate to contact the Village Finance Director at 419.826.9515.



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BUSINESS

Please think "Swanton first". Head out and frequent local Swanton businesses.

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## Sign up to go Paperless

Don't worry about your bill getting lost in the mail!



Easy as 1 - 2 - 3



1 Enroll in paperless billing. Receive your bill via email to reduce paper waste.

2 Enter payment information online. Review and submit your payment.

3 Receive an instant email confirmation of your payment amount and payment date.



• No Check Writing



• No Trips to the Mailbox



• No Paper Statement to File

To enroll in Paperless billing, visit: [www.villageofswantonohio.us](http://www.villageofswantonohio.us)



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Village of Swanton, Ohio  
Village of Swanton Police Department  
Swanton Fire/EMS



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### **Water Treatment**

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### **Water Resource Recovery**

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419.826.5891

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## Spring 2021 Meeting Times

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

April 12,  
May 10, &  
June 14

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

April 26,  
May 24, &  
June 28

(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 6  
May 4  
June 1

### Tree Commission 6:00 p.m.

April 19  
May 17  
June 21

Municipal Building CLOSED: May 31, 2021

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