

# —THE VILLAGE OF— SWANTON

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# Village VOICE

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## *How does the Fulton Township Fire Levy Affect Village of Swanton Residents?*

In Fulton County, the boundaries of townships and municipalities are not conformed which is a 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 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, in which they live, 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. In order to do this Fulton Township will place a levy question (a new 1.0 mil levy) on the ballot in November 2021. If this passes, Swanton Village Council will stop collecting its levy which will result in decreased property taxes for all who reside within the Village.

## Sidewalk Improvement Grant Program



The inaugural Sidewalk Improvement Grant Program was an overall success in 2021. There were a few hiccups along the way but Village Officials are working to streamline the process in 2022. 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 improvements to public sidewalks; certain restrictions apply. Those interested in submitting an application for a 2022 project, should visit the Village's website for more information.

## Brush Pick Up



## Leaf Pick Up

Brush pick up will commence on October 4 and run until October 28, 2021. There will be no weekly brush pick up from October 28, 2021 to April 2, 2022 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 25, 2021 and run through December 6, 2021. 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.*

## 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.

## Lights On Swanton

The Village of Swanton is embarking on a campaign to encourage community members to report streetlight outages. The goal is to improve visibility at night and promote safety throughout the Village.

Please email [admin@villageofswantonohio.us](mailto:admin@villageofswantonohio.us) or call 419.826.9515 to report the exact location (street address preferred) with the closest intersection street.

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Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on **Sunday November 7, 2021**. 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 leaving 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

## 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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First!

Please think “Swanton first”. Head out and frequent local Swanton businesses.

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## Trick or Treating & Halloween Hoopla

Mark your calendars for Trick or Treating in the Village of Swanton on Saturday October 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 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. Halloween Hoopla will be held on Saturday October 30 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. 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.



**CONTACT US**

## Downtown Façade Enhancement Program

The 3rd round of the Downtown Façade Enhancement Program is slated for 2022. 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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through the  
Downtown Façade  
Enhancement Program

## Christmas in Swanton

Mark your calendars for the annual Christmas in Swanton event which will be held on Saturday December 4, 2021. Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by events at Swanton High School.



## Tree Lighting Ceremony

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony set for Saturday November 27, 2021 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.





## Memorial Park Playground Fundraising Opportunity

The Village of Swanton intends to move forward with upgrades to the playground area at Memorial Park. Village officials are working on multiple grant opportunities to assist with funding the project, which totals over \$200,000. The Rotary Club of Swanton Foundation has verbally committed to a donation towards this project. Please stay tuned for more information on sponsorship and general donation information related to this project. This information will become available on the Village's website before the end of 2021.



Play area  
geared  
towards  
2-4 year  
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Play area  
geared  
towards  
5-12 year  
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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 2021

The 2021 Fire Prevention Week campaign theme is “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!” 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.



### My Water Advisor® 2.0 – Utility Customer Portal

With the Meter Update Project nearly complete, Village of Swanton utility customers can create an account through My Water Advisor 2.0. This is a customer portal which will allow customers to monitor water consumption with real time data, alerts, and analytics. Village officials strongly encourage the use of this portal through it's web based or smart device application. Please head to <https://mywateradvisor2.com/login> to create an account. If you have any questions about this option, please contact Jennifer Harkey at [fiscal@villageofswantonohio.us](mailto:fiscal@villageofswantonohio.us) or 419.826.9515.

### 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

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#### ***Fire/Rescue***

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### **Water Treatment**

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### **Water Resource Recovery**

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419.826.5891

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## **Fall 2021 Meeting Times**

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

**October 12, 2021**

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

**October 25, 2021**

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

**November 8, 2021**

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

**November 22, 2021**

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

**December 13, 2021**

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

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

October 6, 2021

November 9, 2021

December 7, 2021

### Tree Commission (as needed) 5:30 p.m.

October 18, 2021

November 15, 2021

December 20, 2021

Municipal Building CLOSED: October 11,  
November 25, 26, December 24, and 27, 2021

*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.*