

—THE VILLAGE OF— SWANTON

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We wish the Swanton community a very happy, healthy, and prosperous new year!

Welcome New Council Members!

Each Council Member-Elect sent in a short biography about themselves. Welcome to Village Council!

Mike Disbrow

Mike grew up on a horse farm in Whitehouse and worked in his family business (RAMM Fence) from a young age. They purchased Hansen's old turkey farm on Airport Hwy and moved their business to Swanton around 1995. They have operated out of there with manufacturing, warehousing and sales since and ship their products nationwide and occasionally worldwide. He and his wonderful wife Sam moved into the Swanton in 2017 and have loved being here. They enjoy mountain biking, fishing, working on their home and landscaping, and anything outdoors in his free time. He is looking forward to serving this community with his part on Village Council and is excited for the great things Swanton has to offer.

Patrick L. Messenger

Patrick has been a resident of Swanton Ohio for 8 years. He is looking forward to his role as a member of the Swanton Village Council. He plans on being a voice for the community while being part of helping the Village of Swanton continue to thrive. He enjoys being involved in the community, participating in activities such as coaching youth sports and attending Community Civic engagement training so he can learn the inner workings of how Swanton operates. He feels this will make him a better part of the community by giving him the knowledge to help in leading Swanton in the right direction. He also enjoys vacationing in Tennessee with his fiancé and 5 children.

Samantha Disbrow

Samantha was born and raised in Northwest Ohio. She attended BGSU and received her bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design. She worked for the Toledo Chamber of Commerce where she helped start EPIC Toledo, a young professionals organization. Most recently she was the art director for the YMCA of Greater Toledo Association. Sam moved to the Village of Swanton in 2017 with her husband and three dogs. She loves art, decorating, home projects, landscaping and spending time with her friends and family.

Derek B. Kania

Derek grew up outside of Bowling Green, in what then was considered country. He was always busy helping his dad work on semis and dump trucks as well as helping his mom with paperwork from the family trucking business. He graduated BGHS in 2001 and thought he would follow in his dad's footsteps and run the business. Fate had a different plan for him. On September 11th, he knew he had to do something with his life that could eventually make a difference. After a lot of internal thoughts and discussions with his family he chose to join the Air Force. As a reservist, he was able to also work in the "civilian" world as a deputy, truck driver, heavy equipment operator, and underground utilities site foreman. Through all this he was able to get his Bachelor's in Homeland Security and an Associate's in Criminal Justice. (continued page 2)

Public Official Recognition

In 2021 the Village of Swanton recognized the following outgoing Council Members. Thank you for all your years serving Swanton!



*Kathy Kreuz,
Tony Stuart,
Michael Rochelle,
and
Craig Rose*



Facility Rental Procedures

Interesting in reserving one of the Village's facilities? Facilities can be rented during the following time periods: Memorial Pavilion: April –October 2022; Community Center: January – December 2022; Memorial Park Athletic Facilities (dates vary) Please check the Village of Swanton's website for available dates and times. You can also call 419.826.9515 to inquire about availability. **Reservations must be made a minimum of 2 weeks to a maximum of 12 months prior to the scheduled event.** Please note the change in reservation Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis.



Christmas Tree Pick Up

The Public Service Division will pick up Christmas Trees the week of January 10. Please place at curb, or edge of street, by Monday morning January 10. They will make a few trips throughout the Village limits to pick up throughout the week.

Fire Safety Inspection Program

The Swanton Fire and Rescue Division has developed a new Fire Safety Inspection Program for commercial properties. The goal is to ensure all business, occupancies, and events are safe, successful, and in accordance with Ohio Fire Code. More information will available soon on the Village of Swanton's website.



Continued from page 1 Derek B. Kania

He was prepared for a lot of things in life but when he was notified that he would be heading off to Iraq in 2007 that really rocked his world. Being in Iraq wasn't what threw him for a loop, he was prepared as well as he could be and he had some good leadership to follow, what really threw him off was meeting his wife in Iraq. Derek and Cat were married in 2009 and have traveled quite a bit, seeing a lot of the world. When they decided to settle down and he joined the 180th, a friend of his mentioned that Swanton would be a great town to start a family. They have been in Swanton since 2013 and they have never regretted moving here. All towns have their pros and cons but there are many more pros than cons in Swanton, and he hopes that people will start seeing the pros and not dwelling on the cons. Swanton has a lot to offer, you just have to be willing look.

Increase in Water and Sewer Rates effective bills due February 15, 2022

Date	Monthly Base Rate Increase WATER	Usage Rate (per 1,000 gallons) Increase WATER	Monthly Base Rate Increase SEWER	Usage Rate (per 1,000 gallons) Increase SEWER
2022	\$1.35	\$0.17	\$1.25	\$0.30

Capital Project Updates

Project 8 & 9

All underground work on Sanderson, Allen, and West is complete. Work continues in the Browning, Mettabrook, and West Garfield area. The project is expected to continue until Summer 2022.

Membrane Softening

Water treatment options have been discussed since 2019. The switch to a membrane softening treatment will begin in earnest very soon. Final Completion: December 1, 2022. For more information please reach out to water@villageofswantonohio.us.

Memorial Park Master Plan

Village of Swanton received a NatureWorks grant in the amount of \$20,447 to be used towards playground updates. Barring any issues the updated playground area will be ready for Summer 2022.

Playground Fundraiser

The website is now able to accept donations toward playground updates. See next page for more details.

Hallett Ave Improvements

Hallett Road A: Work from Airport Highway, north of Garfield Avenue. Estimated cost: \$800,000. Grant: \$448,000 (56%)

Hallett Road B: North of Church Street to Ohio Turnpike. Estimated cost: \$580,000. Grant: \$371,000 (64%)

Work includes removal and replacement of curb and gutter, new pedestrian walk on west side of road, as well as widening the existing structure over Al Creek to facilitate pedestrians. Due to outside funding sources, work is anticipated to begin within the next couple of years.

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.

Why **renovate** Memorial Park playgrounds?

-  Creates a safe place for the children of our community to play and spend time
-  Invests in the development of the Village in order to entice business and residential growth
-  Encourages health and wellness

Why **donate** to your community?

-  Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law
-  Donors are publicly recognized as participants in the future progress of the Village
-  Promote an exciting and educational environment within the community



← Scan here for donation form

Sponsorship

\$500-\$749 (Bronze Tier)

\$750-\$999 (Silver Tier)

\$1000-above (Gold Tier)

Sponsors will be publicly recognized through a plaque at Memorial Park

General Donation

\$1-\$99 (White Tier) donations will aid in the purchase of the Jumbo Flyer in the 2-4-year-old play area

\$100-\$199 (Purple Tier) donations will aid in the purchase of RoxAll Seesaw in 5-12-year-old play area

\$200-\$299 (Grey Tier) donations will aid in purchasing swings

\$300-\$399 (Platinum Tier) donations will aid in constructing a safe ground material

\$400-\$499 (Diamond Tier) donations will aid in buying the large play structures

Swanton Village Brush Pick Up 2022 Schedule

Brush pick up will begin on April 4, 2022 and continue **WEEKLY** until April 28, 2022.

MONTHLY brush pick up will occur from May 9, 2022 to September 12, 2022 on the **2nd Monday** of each month.

WEEKLY brush pick up will start up again from October 3, 2022 until October 27, 2022.

NO WEEKLY brush pick up from October 28, 2022 to April 2, 2023

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

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 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 begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday March 13. Please remember to move your clocks ahead one hour. It is also recommended to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on this day.



Winter is Coming



We ask everyone to be aware of the workers plowing snow. If there is snow and ice, please remember to take it slow and allow enough room between you and the plow. Further, throughout snowfalls, of more than 3 inches, removing parked cars from the street allows for a more efficient snow removal per Section 73.05 of the Codified Ordinances. Further per Section 95.12 illustrates the duty to remove snow from sidewalks and around fire hydrants within 24 hours of its accumulation.

To avoid clearing your driveway entrance repeatedly, wait until the plow trucks have completely cleared the roadway curb to curb. Please do not shovel or plow snow into the streets. Please do not pass a snowplow truck. Each truck has blind spots that reduce side and rear visibility. If you cannot see their mirrors, then they cannot see you. Increase the following distance between your vehicle and others. Also allow for safe distances between your vehicle and a salt truck to reduce the chance of loose materials striking your car and to give you more time to react to sudden stops.



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 Authority (R.I.T.A) to administer income tax collection. Please note that many of the self-preparation software programs such as Turbo Tax DO NOT e-file Village income tax return. If you self-prepare your taxes, please make sure you e-file your Village tax return at www.ritaohio.com.

Please notify R.I.T.A if you have moved in or out of the Village or have retired.

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**COMMUNITY
CLEAN UP
DAY**

**SATURDAY
MARCH 19 from
1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Interested in helping get Memorial Park ready for Spring?
Volunteer to pick up branches, rake leaves, and clean up litter.
Grab a friend, a pair of work gloves, and meet at
Memorial Park Pavilion. The Village will provide bags.

Career Opportunities

The Village of Swanton has a couple career opportunities available. If you are interested in serving the public for a great organization, please check out the Village's website for more information.

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Winter 2022 Meeting Times

Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.

January 10, 2022

(Committee of the Whole 6:00 p.m. Finance
6:30 p.m., Water & Sewer 7:45 p.m.)

January 24, February 28, & March 28, 2022

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

February 14 & March 14, 2022

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

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

January 4, 2022

February 1, 2022

March 1, 2022

Tree Commission 6:00 p.m.

January 18, 2022

February 22, 2022

March 21, 2022

**Municipal Building CLOSED: January 3 & 17
and February 21, 2022**

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.