

— THE VILLAGE OF — SWANTON

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Village Voice

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Hey Mayor! What's Happening in The Village of Swanton?

Let's take a quick look at what your Village Council accomplished in 2022.



First of all, you elected 4 brand new individuals to Village Council. They all expressed a desire for transparency and growth. And they hit the ground running with their colleagues.

One of the very first actions they took was to establish a Live Streaming Policy that promotes greater access and awareness of the issues before the village and how they approach decision making. Now anyone may watch a Council, Commission, or Committee meeting on their computer in real time or at their leisure. And, by the way, a new microphone has been installed so meetings can be more clearly heard. It will be in operation at the next Council meeting.

The next action council took was to establish an Economic Development Commission. That happened last September. An introduction and orientation of the new Economic Development Commissioners will take place on February 8. The new commissioners will be announced at the next Council meeting on February 13. The purpose of this commission will be to work to develop a plan for economic growth. Someone once said that the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The person who plants the tree likely will never sit under the shade it offers nor enjoy the fruit that it bears. Similarly, the establishment of an Economic Development Commission is that seed that is being planted. It is a beginning, albeit long overdue.

Council also approved the establishment of a Dedicated

Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). Council held three readings of this ordinance and listened to the input from many community members. They modified the original proposal in response to residents' input and concerns. The DORA has been approved by the State of Ohio, signage has been ordered and the establishments have been given state approval.

This past year we also saw several businesses give their buildings a much-appreciated face lift. We are looking forward to even more improvements this spring and summer.

You also may have noticed that the Village contracted to have about 600 sidewalk sections ground down. This was much needed and appreciated. Sidewalk sections that protruded less than two inches were ground flat.

Memorial Park has a brand-new, fantastic playground area.

The brush pick-up policy has been changed to better accommodate the needs of the residents. Sewer separation and road repaving projects were completed.

We hired a new Fire Chief, Village Administrator, and Billing Clerk. Several firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics were also added to the village roster.

And get ready for Pizzaroma, a new pizza shop to open on Airport Highway and a new retail shop to open in the space left vacant by Younique Boutique. A child day care will also be opening next to the Board of Education.

These are exciting times for Swanton. Watch us grow!

Mayor Neil Toepe

Capital Improvements

- Project 3 & 11 & 12 – The pre-construction planning has begun. The Sewer Separation is to begin this fall.
- Water Resource Recovery Facility Screen/Headworks Project – Continues to be in the design phase.
- Memorial Park Master Plan – Playground equipment was installed this past Fall. The Village is looking into ways to improve the park road and working with the Corn Festival Committee to fill in the ditch that runs between the park road and the pedestrian bridge in order to create more green space for the festival.
- Village Alley Ways – A survey has been done and will be complete early February. The Village is also looking into ways to improve the paved alley ways throughout the Village.
- ODOT Systemic Safety Study – The Village has applied for a grant to add pedestrian crosswalks and new side walks on Main Street from Garfield up to Swanton High School and Swanton Sport Center.

Upcoming Events

TBA - Haller Family Caboose dedication at Pilliod Park

May 13, 2023 - Bulk Pick-Up Day

Now taking Applications for the Downtown Facade Enhancement Program

Please visit the Village of Swanton website for the guidelines and application. Applications are due March 24, 2023.



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Honor Our Veterans Banners

26 of the 76 Veterans Banners were ordered and hung on Veterans Day November 11, 2022. The Village is continuing to accept order forms now through April 14, 2023 in order to fill the Downtown Street lights with Our Veterans & Honor them from Memorial Day through Labor Day! Order forms can be found on the Village website.



Housekeeping Items

REVISED Brush Pick Up Schedule

Brush pick up will be the 2nd week of the month between April and October.

NO BRUSH PICK UP WILL OCCUR BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND MARCH unless there is a major storm which warrants pick up.

Brush pick up is provided by the Village of Swanton. It is the Public Service Superintendent that decides what is considered a reasonable amount of brush.

The Village WILL NOT pick up brush from clearing of trees.

Call 811

Whether you're planting a tree, shrub or garden, aerating your yard, installing a mailbox or building a fence or deck, contacting **OHIO811** before you dig protects your home and your family. Avoid potential injury, property damage, and utility disruption.

PLEASE Pick Up After Your Pet

It is a public health concern and a source of water pollution - not to mention GROSS! Thank You!

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.

Be CivicReady!

Sign up to receive messages from the Fulton County mass notification system. These messages include General Notifications, Boil Advisory, and Infrastructure Project notifications.

Simply text 30890 and in the message type **Join SwantonGeneral**, **Join SwantonBoil** or **Join SwantonProjects** (they are case sensitive and there needs to be a space between Join and Swanton).

DO NOT FLUSH!

- Disposable diapers
- Tampons/tampon applicators
- Sanitary napkins
- Cottonballs/swabs
- Cleaning wipes of any kind
- Facial tissue
- Bandages/bandage wrappings
- Automotive fluids
- Paint, solvents, sealants, or thinners
- Hazardous/poisonous waste
- Cooking grease, oil or fat





Please be cautious of what you flush. Many wipes claim to be "flushable" but are NOT. The items listed above as well as the "flushable" wipes wreak havoc on our sewer collection systems.

Sign Up to Go Paperless!

Enroll in paperless billing with The Village of Swanton. No check writing, no trips to the mailbox, no paper statements to file!

To enroll follow the steps below or visit villageofswantonohio.us.

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.

Spot a concern around the Village? Submit your complaint online!

Tall grass? Unkept property? Scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit villageofswantonohio.us.



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Water Treatment Plant

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419 826 5831

Water Resource Recovery Facility

WRRF@villageofswantonohio.us

419 826 5891



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@Village of Swanton Police Department

@Swanton Fire/EMS



@swantonvillageoh

Village Meeting Times

Village Council Meetings

2nd & 4th Monday of the month - 6p



February 13 & 27

March 13 & 27

April 10 & 24

May 8 & 22

June 12 & 26

July 17

August 14 & 28

September 11 & 25

October 10 & 23

November 13 & 27

December 11

Planning Commission Meetings

1st Tuesday of the month as needed - 6:30p

February 7

March 7

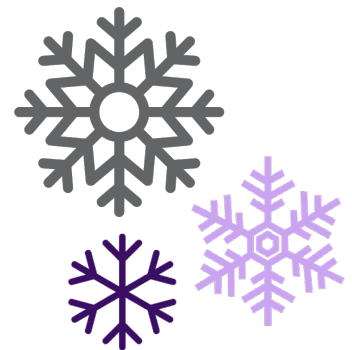
Tree Commission Meetings

TBD - 6p

Municipal Building CLOSED

February 20 - President's Day

May 29 - Memorial Day



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.