



— THE VILLAGE OF — SWANTON

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Village Voice

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Welcome Holden Benfield!

Holden Benfield, the new Village of Swanton Fiscal Officer, started work on March 6, 2023.

Benfield was born in Detroit, Michigan and moved to Northwest Ohio in 2005. He began college at the age of 13 and graduated from the University of Toledo with his bachelor's in Business Administration, as well as his Masters in Accountancy in the Fall of 2021.



Photo Credit: Bill O'Connell

He has also spent the past eight years working and participating in Swanton's events and is looking forward to serving the Village of Swanton.

Benfield has been working with the traveling clerk from UAN and is getting as much information he can from her. He is also learning more about the job and is taking specific courses provided by UAN. Benfield also spoke about the 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending and how it can benefit the Village. Specific projects can be selected for this which will in turn provide funding for its completion.

Village of Swanton Residential Government Aggregation Program

Discount on Electric Bill Available Through Swanton's Governmental Aggregation Program

Residents and small businesses in the Village of Swanton have the opportunity to save money on their electric bills through the community's electric aggregation program.

By participating in this program, residents and small businesses will pay 6.96 ¢/kwh. According to state law, local communities are allowed to bring their citizens together to buy electricity as a group and negotiate the terms, conditions and price of the electric supply on the group's behalf. This type of group buying power has proven to be an effective way to obtain a lower electricity price for all the group members. Swanton voters approved governmental aggregation in May 2010. Energy Harbor was selected as the community's electric generation supplier. Toledo Edison will continue to be responsible for the delivery of power to homes and businesses, and will continue to read meters, maintain poles and wires and restore power after an outage.

Questions about enrolling in this program should be directed to the community's electric generation supplier Energy Harbor at 1-866-636-3749.

Capital Improvements

- Water Plant Membrane Project: The early planning stages of this project began in the beginning of 2021 and the construction phase began at the end of February 2023. The purpose of this project is to remove the Lime Softening System which is what is currently in place and replace it with a Reverse Osmosis Water Softening System. To learn more about this project please scan the QR code.



Upcoming Events

- Arbor Day - April 21 - Swanton Middle School - 1:45pm
- Bulk Pick-Up Day - May 13, 2023
- Swanton Downtown Market - June 10 & July 8
- Fireworks - July 1 - Memorial Park

Housekeeping Items

Brush Pick Up Schedule

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

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 at amiller@villageofswantonohio.us or 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.



Connect With Us!

The Village of Swanton

villageofswantonoh.us

Village Administration/Finance

Admin@villageofswantonoh.us

Fiscal@villageofswantonoh.us

419 826 9515

Swanton Police Department

SPD@villageofswantonohio.us

419 825 5263

Swanton Fire & Rescue Department

FireChief@villageofswantonohio.us

419 825 2531

Public Service

PublicService@villageofswantonohio.us

419 826 2531

Water Treatment Plant

Water@villageofswantonohio.us

419 826 5831

Water Resource Recovery Facility

WRRF@villageofswantonohio.us

419 826 5891



@Village of Swanton, OH

@Village of Swanton Police Department

@Swanton Fire/EMS



@swantonvillageoh

Village Meeting Times

Village Council Meetings

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



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

May 2

June 6

Tree Commission Meetings - 6p

April 17

May 15

Municipal Building CLOSED

May 29– Memorial Day

June 19– Juneteenth

July 4– Independence Day

Live Streaming Meetings

Please stay tuned for more information on the addition of Live Streaming public meetings. Council, Commission, and Board meetings are always open to the public and we invite anyone to attend in person. If that is not feasible, the addition of live streaming meetings may help.

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.

