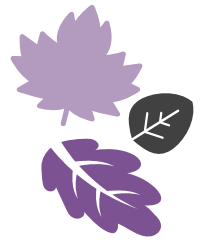


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Fire Chief Kepling Sworn In

Chief Kepling has 12 years of experience in the fire service and has a combined service time of 6 years with Swanton Fire & Rescue. Chief Kepling has served in multiple rolls for various sized departments to include volunteer, part-time and combination departments. Previously, Chief Kepling has served the City of Napoleon as a Lieutenant and Firefighter/Paramedic, Delta Community Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic and the Swanton Fire & Rescue Division as a Firefighter/Paramedic and Lieutenant. Chief Kepling has served as the Interim Fire Chief since July 28. He was sworn in as the new fire chief at the October 10 Council meeting.

Capital Improvements

- **Munson Road** - Project bid advertising will begin in February with award end of March for construction
- **Crestwood** - OPWC Nominations have been submitted.
- **Project 3 & 11 & 12** - Work will begin first part of November in the Tree Streets North of the railroad tracks.
- **WRRF Screen/Headworks Project** - Project bid advertising will begin in October with end of November award date scheduled.

Upcoming Events

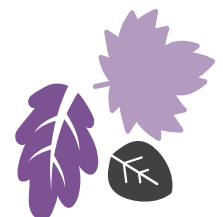
- **October 28, 2023** - Halloween Hoopla 3-5p
Trick-or-Treating 6-7:30p
- **December 2, 2023** - Christmas in Swanton

Leaf Pick Up

Lammon Bros will begin this year's leaf pick up on Monday, October 30 the schedule will be as follows:

- Northside of the tracks Monday & Tuesday pick up
- Southside of the tracks Wednesday & Thursday pick up
- Friday will be an option should there be inclement weather that prohibits them from being able to pick up.
- **REMINDER:** IF IT IS RAINING THEY WILL NOT BE PICKING UP LEAVES. PLEASE BE PATIENT AND UNDERSTANDING AS WET LEAVES CLOG THEIR EQUIPMENT.

Thank you & Happy Fall Ya'll!



It is that time of year again!

Time to submit your applications for the 2024 Sidewalk Replacement Grant Program!

The Grant:

This grant is a 50% reimbursement of expenses directly related to maintenance and replacement of sidewalks within the right-of-way to a maximum match of \$1,000 per applicant. In 2024, there is \$10,000 set aside for Sidewalk Replacement Program grant funding.

If Village is unable to fund all grant requests in calendar year, approved applications will not have to reapply and will be considered the following year. Priority points will be given to those property owners. If unfunded after 2nd year, must reapply.

The Village will request bids and pay the contractor directly for approved grant funded projects. The program allows property owners to benefit from cost savings associated with purchasing in larger quantities. The contractor will quote each property separately. The property owner will pay the Village directly for their portion of project cost prior to project start.

Replacement of sidewalk sections may require removal of a tree. Additional grant funds available if the tree or tree roots are impeding on existing sidewalk. Village crews will confirm necessity of tree removal on private property as well as in right-of-way.

Private property

Property owners that must remove a tree for sidewalk replacement will be eligible to receive an additional amount up to 50% of the cost of removal, not to exceed \$500. Village will request bid on behalf of resident

Right-of-way

- Village will manage removal for eligible projects
- Village crews will replant grass after project completion.

Eligible:

- All residential zoned or residential use within Village limits
- Improvements on existing sidewalks with a trip hazard of one (1) inch or more.
- Multiple sidewalk sections on each property
- Must be current on Village of Swanton Income Tax, Utility Bill and Property Taxes
- Must be zone residential or residential use

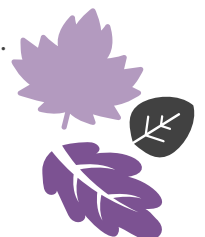
Ineligible Improvements:

- Sidewalks in an area in which there are not currently sidewalks
- Sidewalks inconsistent with adjoining sidewalks or local zoning
- Driveway approaches and aprons
- Property owner acting as contractor
- Private sidewalks
- Retroactive applications

Application:

- All grant applications must be submitted the Village Administrator and must include completed Sidewalk Replacement Program Application.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Village Administrator will review applications for compliance.
- Village Crews will verify proposed sidewalk sections and tree assessment (if necessary).
- Award notification, including itemized quote from contractor and invoice from Village, will be sent to applicant.
- Invoice will be due payable to Village of Swanton prior to work being done.
- Work will begin Spring 2024, contingent on weather.
- If payment not received, work will not be completed.

Village Employees are not eligible to receive grant funds from this program



Housekeeping Items

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.

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).

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 the zoning approval process.

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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The Village of Swanton

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Swanton Police Department

SPD@villageofswantonohio.us

419 825 5263

Swanton Fire & Rescue Department

FireChief@villageofswantonohio.us

419 825 2531

Public Service

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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

October 23

November 13 & 27

December 11

Planning Commission Meetings

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

November 7

December 5

Tree Commission Meetings

November 20 - 5:30p

December 18 - 5:30p

Municipal Building CLOSED

November 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving

December 22-25 - Christmas

December 29 - New Year

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.

