

Swancreek Township

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Recycling

Roads

Recycling Facts

- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours - or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gasoline.
- A 60-watt light bulb can be run for more than a day on the amount of energy saved by recycling one pound of steel. In one year in the U.S., the recycling of steel saves enough energy to heat and light 18,000,000 homes.
- To produce each week's Sunday newspapers, 500,000 trees must be cut down.
- The average American uses seven trees a year in paper, wood and other products made from trees. This amounts to about 2,000,000,000 trees a year.
- Americans throw away 25,000,000,000 Styrofoam coffee cups every year.
- Each month, we throw out enough glass bottles and jars to fill up a giant skyscraper. All of these jars are recyclable.
- A modern glass bottle would take 4,000 years or more to decompose - and even longer if it's in a landfill.

Source: Ohio Township News

Swancreek Twp. recycling is open 24/7. We would like to thank all of you who use this facility for, sorting properly, and only leaving the recycle items that we can accept and keeping our building clean. Our building was purchased with grant money and the county operates on grant money, as well as revenue received from recycled items. Please check our website swancreektwp.org for list of materials we can accept. Many of you have asked how the recycling program works; Fulton County is mandated by the state to operate a recycling program. The Fulton County Recycling and Solid Waste Department collects the recyclables, which include; #1 & 2 plastics, card board, newspapers, magazines, glass, steel and aluminum cans and delivers them to Triangular Processing, an entity that is operated by the Fulton County Board of D.D. Triangular Processing employs people from this organization to sort approximately 150,000 pounds of recyclables per month. This entity's goal is to be self sustaining. We urge all of you who do not recycle to make that extra effort to recycle. This will help Triangular Processing to retain jobs, as well as help keep our landfills from filling up, save energy and can save you money on your monthly garbage bill.

We will be doing mainly preventative maintenance on our roads, in the form of crack sealing, dura patching, and chip sealing on Co. Rd. 1 between B & C, Oak Ct., Sherwood Ln., Forrest Ln., and Co. Rd. 5-1 between D & C and Co. Rd 1-3. Please slow down and be considerate when you approach our maintenance workers. Thank you! We are presently working on plans to resurface Co. Rd. 2-2, as well as improve drainage. We will again apply for grant money to do this project.. We have applied for a community development block grant in the amount of \$41,000.00. We have a \$125,000.00 grant pending with Ohio Public Works Commission.

FYI - Co. Rd. 5-2 will be closed due to a bridge replacement North of Co. Rd. F. Tentative dates July 1st — Oct. 1st.

Budget

With the downturn in the economy and the cut in local government funding, as well as the elimination of the personal property tax, we have had to tighten our budgetary belt.

Drainage

Tiles & Catch Basins—

2009 has been a very rainy spring thus causing a lot of flooding. Ohio Revised Code only allows the Board of Trustees to maintain the drainage for the water runoff from the township roads. These tiles and catch basins are for the most part, old and too small to accommodate the requests we have had to hook up to them for residential drainage. Please keep in mind that this system of road drainage tile is for road drainage only. Fulton County is responsible for all the ditches in the county.

Driveway Tiles

Maintenance and care are the property owner's responsibility. It is important to keep these tiles open to ensure proper drainage.

A driveway permit is required for all new driveways or existing drives that are going to be paved with asphalt or concrete. There is no fee for this.

Cemeteries

All flowers, potted plants, etc, must be removed from the ground from April 1st through Nov. 30th. Any thing left on the ground that would interfere with mowing will be removed by our maintenance department.

Just a reminder; our cemeteries are maintained without any revenue from a levy. We maintain 28 acres.

Please check our website for all cemetery rules & regulations.

Fire & EMS

In 2008 Swancreek Township contracted with the following Fire & Rescue Departments:

York—115 runs

Providence Fire Dept.—48 runs

Swanton Village—133 runs

We receive quality service at a reasonable cost. We would like to thank all of the hard working dedicated fire fighters and EMTs who serve our community.

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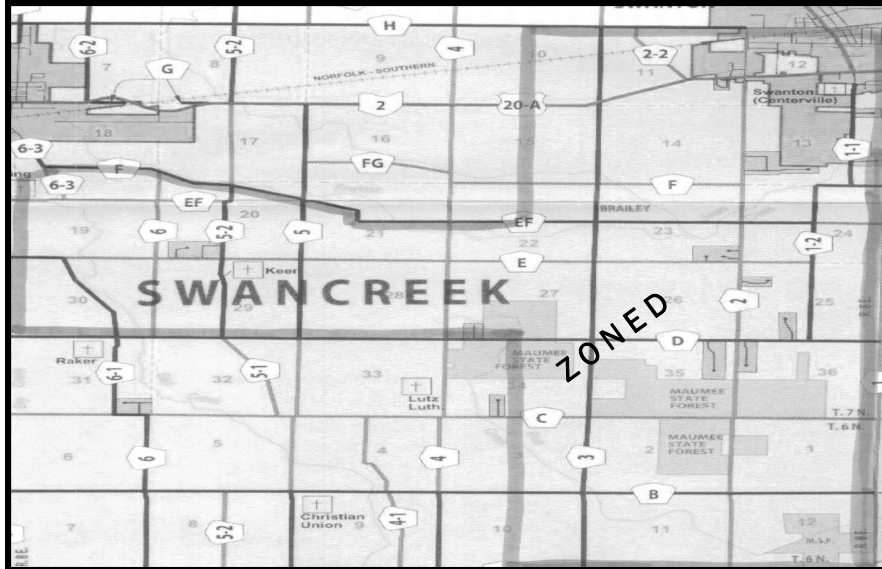
Zoning

Approximately 3/4 of Swan Creek Twp. is zoned. Zoning is the regulation of the use of land and buildings that permit a community to control development of its territory. It provides for orderly growth by protecting homes and property from harmful uses on neighboring properties. Any Zoning restrictions must have a reasonable relationship to public health, safety, morals, or general welfare. Ohio law provides for the submission of a zoning plan to the electors of the township. A zoning permit is required for most improvements within the zoned area. Please check the zoned areas that are highlighted on the map or call the Administration Office to see if you live in a zoned area. You can pick up a permit at the Township Administration Building or print one off of our website. Our Zoning department consists of two boards, as well as the Zoning Inspector, Walt Hallett, III.

Swan Creek Zoning Board:
Walt Lange, James McConkey, Joe Kahl, Sally Wylie & Bob Westmark

Swan Creek Zoning Board of Appeals:
Darrin Gramling, Bill Grimsley, David Smith, and Gregg Winseman

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COMMUNITY IN THE PAST, AS WELL AS OUR PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS!



Open Burning Laws

Before you light that match the Ohio EPA has a few friendly reminders on burning debris. It is illegal to burn material in the following locations: Within the boundaries of any municipal corporation; within 1,000' of a municipal building corporation with 1,000 to 10,000 residents; within one mile of municipal corporation with more than 10,000 residents, such as Urbana; and in unincorporated areas between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. during March, April, May, October and November (an ODNR requirement to prevent spring and fall wildfires). Brush, tree trimmings and leaves may be burned only on the property where they originated and if the burn site meets the boundary requirements. People responsible for the fire must ensure that the fire is located at a point on the premises not less than 1,000' from any inhabited building not located on the property. **Garbage (food waste), dead animals and materials containing rubber, grease and petroleum (such as tires and plastics) cannot be burned anywhere.**

Open Burning Laws, Cont.

While we do not condone open burning. Just one suggestion; PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors when burning. Just remember the foul odor of burning plastic and styro-foam. For questions please contact the EPA at 614-644-3469 or their website www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/general/openburning.html

2009 Board Meeting Schedules

TRUSTEE: 1st & 3rd Mon. of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

ZONING APPEALS: 3rd Thursday of every month, if there is new business, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. All Appeals meetings are published in the local newspaper 10 days before the hearing.

ZONING: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. if there is new business. To view or print any of the 2008 meeting schedules or Minutes of the meetings, please visit our website.

Comments & Suggestions

This is our third newsletter issue. We have had favorable comments in the past and would like to welcome your comments about this issue, as well as any suggestions for upcoming issues.

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To view Meeting Minutes, obtain application forms, fee schedules, request public records, view Water District information, Fill out a "Contact Us" form, view information about our Maintenance Department, Recycling Center, Cemeteries Rules, and much more!