



Where Friendships Last Forever

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A Message from Mayor Nate Henry!

When you drive through a neighborhood that's decorated for the season, it just feels good. Whether it's pumpkins and ghosts in October or lights and wreaths in December, those touches bring life and energy to our streets. They show pride in our homes, pride in our City, and a sense of community that's hard to put into words but easy to feel.

You don't need to have the biggest or brightest display to make a difference. Sometimes it's the small things—a single pumpkin, a strand of lights, or a simple wreath—that make a neighborhood feel warm and welcoming. Those little efforts, when added up across the city, create that "small town" feeling we all value here in Swartz Creek.



It's also something that tends to catch on. One person decorates, then the neighbor across the street does the same, and before long, an entire block looks festive. That kind of friendly momentum is what community pride looks like in action. It brings people together, and it reminds us that the simple things—like putting up a few decorations—can have a big impact on how our City feels.

There's another benefit, too. When people are out putting up decorations or walking the neighborhood to see them, they're connecting with one another. You see more neighbors talking, kids pointing out their favorite houses, and families out for evening walks. That activity makes our neighborhoods feel closer and, in many cases, even safer. A well-lit, active neighborhood is one where people look out for each other.

To keep that spirit going, the City of Swartz Creek holds annual **Halloween and Christmas Decorating Contests**. There's no need to register—just decorate. The **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** drives through town to check out the displays and choose the winners. It's a fun way to celebrate the season and recognize the folks who help make Swartz Creek shine.

So as the holidays approach, I hope you'll join in—no matter how big or small your display might be. Each home adds something special to the look and feel of our City. Together, we can keep Swartz Creek bright, welcoming, and full of that hometown spirit we're all proud to share.

-Mayor Nate Henry

Find the community calendar and service information online at: www.cityofswartzcreek.org

Office Hours: Monday 8am-6pm, Tues & Thursday 8am-430pm, Wednesday 8am-4pm, Friday by appointment

Call 911 For After-Hours Emergencies:

*Do so for water and sewer problems such as water main breaks or sewer backups.
Messages at the office are not checked on the weekends or after hours.*



Dort Federal Pergola at Holland Square Crowdfunding Campaign

Our Downtown is looking to get a boost in 2026, but the community needs support! The Downtown Development Authority is leading an effort to construct a multi-purpose pergola structure at Holland Square that will take events to a higher level by providing a new shelter with sound, lighting, street furnishings, and electricity. The goal will be to improve and add events downtown for our community families.

The project has committed funding from the State of Michigan, Dort Financial Credit Union, and the DDA. We are also working with the MEDC to get a dollar for dollar match on all donations received this winter from the community. If you, your business, or your charity wish to make a difference, now is the time!



Winter Reminders

- ⇒ There is **no parking on any city street from 2am-6am**. Please be mindful to only park on city streets where it is not prohibited. Keeping vehicles off the street permits winter maintenance. Violations will be issued to vehicles parking illegally.
- ⇒ **Property owners are responsible for clearing their sidewalks after snow and ice events!** Folks leaving town for the winter should make arrangements to have this done. Failure to do so can result in the clearing of the walkway by a contractor at the owners expense, and/or fines(\$\$\$)! Please keep the walks clear!
- ⇒ Visit www.cityofswartzcreek.org for updates or like us on Facebook!

Welcome to **Priority's** Enhanced Service Portal City of Swartz Creek

We're excited to share that
City of Swartz Creek
has collaborated with Priority to make it easier than ever to submit service requests online.

<https://www.prioritywaste.com/municipality/swartz-creek-mi/>

After submitting your request, you'll receive a confirmation email with a ticket number, as well as the option to sign up for status updates until the issue is resolved. Each request is sent directly to the Priority Waste Logistic Driver Coordinator dedicated to Municipality, ensuring a timely and efficient response.



How to use Priority Service Portal 2.0



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Thank you for helping us keep our community running smoothly!

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Greetings from your Metro Police Authority,

With the Holidays approaching, we would like to offer a few important crime prevention tips:

1. Retrieve delivered packages from your porch as soon as possible.
2. Always lock your car doors when parked outside.
3. Do not leave purses unattended in grocery carts and hold them close in parking lots.
4. Keep exterior lighting on around your residence during nighttime hours.
5. Always be vigilant for suspicious people and activity in your neighborhood and shopping areas.
6. Do not provide personal information to unsolicited contacts by telephone, email or otherwise

Lastly, as Halloween occurs on Friday this year, please be alert to a busier than normal evening with pedestrians and traffic.

As always, if you see something, say something!

-Chief Matthew Bade

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