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Newsletter

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Winter

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Enjoy Your City Parks in 2023!

Swartz Creek has a number of great recreational amenities to enjoy. We encourage folks to check out community events at the Pajtas Amphitheater, Veterans' Memorial, and Holland Square Downtown. There is a great lineup of summer concerts, family movie nights, and other events.

In addition, the community offers pavilions for use during the summer months. Pavilions are available on a first come, first served basis during the week. Exclusive, holiday, Friday, & weekend reservations are available for a fee. Swartz Creek city residents benefit from a resident-only sign-up window that extends through the month of February. Note that the city will be enforcing new use guidelines, including smaller capacities and forfeitable deposits, for the coming year. This is to keep the parks clean.

Check out the city website or call the office for more information. We hope to add electricity to the Abrams Park pavilions to make them more functional for your event!

Please take time to explore the dog park, new disc golf course (Otterburn Park), sledding, ice skating (weather permitting), tennis, basketball, playgrounds, trails, and open space! We hope to see you there. Have fun, and help us out by keeping the parks clean and safe!



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

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.*

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 our website at www.cityofswartzcreek.org for updates or like us on Facebook!**

Don't Let Utility Bills Drain You...

When components are made available our community will be moving to real time, wireless reading. Water meter transponders are currently wireless, but a mobile reader is required to collect reads. New technology will enable in-place tower antennae to collect and transmit reads every five minutes. This will give users peace of mind by providing high usage alerts, leak detection, and instant reads for transfers.

In related news, the city can email you your utility bill. To sign up, send an email from the preferred account to Jody jkey@cityofswartzcreek.org stating that wish to be added to the list, and she will send a sign up form.

For payment, you will find that the city offers payment via the web portal by credit card and e-check, as well as all conventional means in person. Use the drop box anytime for payment! Please be mindful of the due date to avoid penalties! Payments by card can result in a 3% fee, but that is still below the 4% penalty.

Swartz Creek Historical Society and Welcome New Council Members

Many folks welcomed 2023 by singing Auld Lang Seine, the Scottish song which asks, "Should we forget the friends of our youth and the days long past which made us who we are?" The answer to the question, of course, is a resounding "NO!" That is the point of school Homecoming celebrations and class reunions. That is also the point of the Swartz Creek Area Historical Society, which remembers and celebrates the people and events which made our city who we are.

The Historical Society meets at our city hall at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. There is no charge to attend any of the meetings, and if you wish to join the Historical Society, the annual dues are a ridiculously low \$10 a year. I will also personally pay for your first year's membership, just tell them, "It's on the mayor."

Speaking of our Historical Society, the Chairman of the Historical Society, Dave Spillane, is the newest elected member of the Swartz Creek City Council. Mr. Spillane is also the Chair of the Swartz Creek Fine Arts Association, which puts on the summer concerts at the Pajtas Amphitheater behind the fire station.

Following the loss of Dr. Dennis Pinkston to cancer, the City Council has appointed John Knickerbocker to take Dr. Pinkston's seat on the Council. John has lived in Swartz Creek for 55 years and served on our School Board for 21 years. John is also a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Fire Board, and many other organizations which serve our community. Welcome, John!

Please Stop Using Flushable Wipes!

While these wipes are flushable, they are having a very noticeable and negative impact on sewer flow. Please refrain or reduce use of such wipes so that we do not encounter unnecessary backups!



Greetings from Your Metro Police Authority,

For a very long time we have all been taught to dial 911 in case of an emergency in order to summon police, fire or medical help. But what is often missing in that lesson is that in Genesee County most *police* agencies, including the Metro Police Authority, are dispatched through 911 for both emergency **and** non-emergency calls. So, to complete the lesson, ***if you are in need of the Metro Police Authority for any emergency or non-emergency reason, please call 911.*** We are here to serve.

Matthew J. Bade
Chief of Police



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