

Swansea Town Newsletter - December 2024

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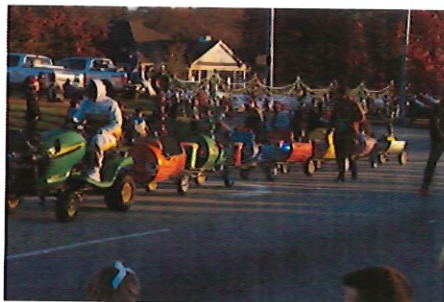
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Above: Swansea HS Tiger Band
Below: Trackless Train



Above: Nucor float
Below: Swansea UMC fishing boat float



'Tis the Season in Swansea!

Swansea officially kicked off the 2024 holiday season with the town's tree lighting on Saturday evening, November 30, and the annual Christmas parade late Sunday afternoon, December 1.

The town's Christmas tree, along with a life-size sleigh and other decorations in the fountain park, make a great spot for holiday photos by day and light up the heart of town by night.

Sunday's parade, featuring over 80 entries, ran about an hour and included federal, state, county, and local government representatives as well as many groups and individuals representing local schools, churches, businesses, and civic organizations. A

good-size crowd filled sidewalks and parking lots along the route through town as the parade left Doug Bennett Stadium, followed Highway 692 into town, turned north onto Highway 321, then proceeded onto Faith Baptist Church Road. You can see for yourself by watching this [WLTN-TV report](#).

Special thanks to Casandra Riley and PULL Community Outreach, Swansea Police Department, Lexington County Sheriff Department, the many volunteers and participants, and everyone who helped make these annual holiday events extra special for attendees.

Parade photos courtesy of Jay Keefer, K2 Communications



Holiday Closures

Town Hall will be closed on the following days in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays:

- Tuesday, December 24
- Wednesday, December 25
- Thursday, December 26
- Wednesday, January 1.

Although the offices are closed for these holiday, business may still be conducted online by going to the [town's website](#) and clicking the appropriate links for Municipal Court or utility (water & sewer) payments. Phone numbers are also listed on the website to make payments by phone.



New Start Time for Court

Effective with this month's court date (Thursday, December 12), the start time for Swansea's Municipal Court proceedings will be 6:00 PM. Court sessions previously convened at 4 PM, which conflicted with the town's usual office hours and many defendants' daytime work schedules. The later start time should better accommodate the work hours of most individuals involved in the court process.

Town Hires New SRO/Patrol Officer

The Swansea Police Department has hired **Zachary Sharpe** to serve as the new School Resource Officer (SRO) for Swansea Freshman Academy. He's been at the school now for a couple of weeks and is already establishing good working relationships with the administration, staff, and students. As a certified Class 1 Law Enforcement Officer with previous county law enforcement experience, Zach will also be patrolling the town whenever school is not in session. If you see him out and about in the SRO vehicle, please say hello and introduce yourself.



We're Hiring!

The town is searching for a full-time Utility Technician to perform semi-skilled work in a variety of water and wastewater utility line construction, repair, and maintenance assignments. This position requires a high school diploma or GED, as well as some experience and knowledge in the use, maintenance, and repair of equipment and tools typically used in excavation, construction, and plumbing.

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Interested applicants should review the [online job description](#), complete the town's [employment application](#), and submit their application package (employment application, letter of interest, resume, and references) to town administrator [Chris Keefer](#).

Prevent Water Line Freeze-Ups

Cold weather season is here, with low temperatures this week dipping into the 20s. That's the point where water lines can freeze and rupture, creating costly, messy problems in your home. Here are some common precautions you can take to help prevent water line freeze-ups:

- Keep doors to garages and crawlspaces securely closed and insulated, as they often lead to areas where water lines are exposed.
- Install foam pipe guard on, or place a utility light near, exposed water lines.
- Open cabinet doors under sinks to allow warm indoor air to circulate around exposed water supply lines.
- Allow faucets on outside walls to drip slowly over night. To capture the water for reuse, put a cookpot or container in the sink.



If you do experience a water line freeze-up, see these tips from the [American Red Cross](#) and [Consumer Reports](#).

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Happening in the Community

Christmas Open House

Saturday, December 7 | 10 AM to 5 PM

Swansea Market Place & Event Facility | 220 S. Monmouth Avenue

Do some holiday thrift & gift shopping, enjoy refreshments, and enter to win door prizes throughout the day. Be sure to bring the kiddos because Santa will be dropping by at 12-2 PM and 4-5 PM for photos and more, with children's activities in between visits.

Toy Giveaway

Saturday, December 7 | 9 to 11 AM

204 Meadowfield Road, Gaston

The Remnant Ministry, Disciples United, and Rainbow Promise are teaming up to make sure children get a toy, clothes, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus—and learn about the reason for this holiday season—during their 14th annual free Toy Giveaway event.

Christmas in the Country

Saturday, December 7 | 9 AM to 2 PM

Locklair's Farm Supply | 109 State Pond Road, Gaston

Looking to put a little country in your Christmas? Stop by this one-day craft show featuring soaps, candles, yard art, wreaths, Christmas décor, and more hand-crafted by local artisans and crafters. Enjoy food and music while you shop, and have your photo taken with Santa.

Christmas at the Farm Fundraiser

Saturday, December 14 | 1-4 PM

Hooves, Heart & Hope Equine Rescue/Sanctuary | 804 Jim Rucker Road, Swansea

Bring the family (and a stocking stuffer for the resident equines) to horse around on the farm! There will be pony rides, photos with Santa and a pony, Christmas crafts and cookie decorating, s'mores, hayrides, and a cake walk. Activities range from \$2 to \$10, but you can purchase a \$15 wristband to enjoy all the activities (excluding the pony ride, which is \$10 extra). We hear that Santa and Mrs. Claus will be dropping by at 1:30.



If you have event information you'd like to share with the community, email the details to [Chris Keefer](#).

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