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Summer

Connecting with Swartz Creek's History

With the celebration Independence Day and America's 250th anniversary across the country, I've found myself thinking about how we can connect with history here in Swartz Creek.

Earlier this summer, I joined residents, members of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Swartz Creek Area Historical Society for a ceremony honoring a Revolutionary War veteran buried in the Swartz Creek Cemetery. As part of the America 250 celebration, the event highlighted a remarkable connection between our community and the founding of our nation. It was a reminder that history isn't just found in places like Washington and Philadelphia, or the pages of a textbook. It's here in our own community.

Since that day, I've thought about how easy it is to drive past places every day without knowing the stories they hold. An old home, cemetery, or familiar street can tell us something about the people who came before us and the community they helped build.

Connecting with our past doesn't have to mean spending hours in a library. It can be as simple as asking a parent or grandparent about growing up in Swartz Creek or visiting the Miller-Holland House Museum. You might be surprised by what you learn, and by how closely your own experiences are connected to the history of our City.

The America 250 celebration is a chance to reflect on more than our nation's history. It's also an opportunity to appreciate the people who built this community and left it better than they found it. We benefit from their efforts every day, often without giving it much thought.

I'd like to thank the volunteers of the Swartz Creek Area Historical Society for the time and care they devote to preserving our local heritage. Because of their work, future generations will have the opportunity to learn where we came from and better understand the community we share today.

History often feels distant until we realize it happened where we live. Swartz Creek has its own story worth preserving, and I hope America's 250th anniversary inspires us to discover a little more of it.

Sincerely,
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.*

Election News!

Absentee ballots are here and available. If you have not received one or need to be on the permanent ballot list, please contact the city clerk, Jacquie Forrest, at 810-635-4464

9-day early day voting will start on Saturday July 25, 2026 from 8-4 in the council chambers at City Hall offices at 8083 Civic Drive and end Sunday, August 2, 2026.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 is Primary Election Day. In person voting will be held at Swartz Creek Community Church from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Swartz Creek Fire Department

It's that time of year when we celebrate our country's independence! Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays, but they also cause thousands of injuries each year.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a professional display. If you choose to use consumer fireworks at home, please do so responsibly:

- Follow all local laws (www.municode.com) and safety guidelines. Note that the city allows consumer fireworks only on those days explicitly by state law.
- Keep a bucket of water or a hose nearby.
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Never relight a firework that doesn't go off.
- Light one firework at a time and move away quickly.
- Never point or throw fireworks at people, animals, or buildings.



As we celebrate America's 250th anniversary, let's make safety part of the celebration.

Greetings from your Metro Police Authority,

It is that time of year again when we at the Metro Police Authority host our annual National Night Out Open House. The event will take place on Wednesday, August 5th from 5-8 pm. You will have the chance to tour our headquarters, interact with officers & staff, meet our local and Federal law enforcement partners, interact with our public safety partners from the Swartz Creek and Mundy Fire Departments as well as Medstar ambulance service. Additionally, food will be generously provided by the Redwood Lodge. And, if the crew is not too busy, the Medstar Life Flight helicopter will make a visit!

It is a great time for all ages and there will be a lot of freebies for the kids! I hope you can join us.

Mike Murphy
Chief of Police

Wood Chipping Guidelines

- ◆ Limbs must be 4" or less in diameter and under 48" long
- ◆ Stack cut ends facing the curb/road edge
- ◆ No lumber, tree removal, contracted jobs, or lot clearing jobs will be accommodated
- ◆ Pickup is limited to brush from onsite properties within the city limits only
- ◆ No vines, strings, wires, stumps, or other obstructions
- ◆ Arm load sized piles only

Makers Markets

The Handmade and Homemade only market returns to Holland Square Downtown, 5-8pm, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month!

July 14

August 11

Car Shows!

The Swartz Creek Area Historical Society will be hosting car shows in Holland Square and Holland Drive this summer, 10am to 3pm, on the following dates!

August 30

October 4

Slip and Slide!

The Swartz Creek Fire Association and Shattered Chains will be holding the annual slip and slide at Elms on **July 25th**.

SUMMER 2026
Movies in the Park

Rocky IV
June 26th

Hoppers
July 10th

Super Mario Galaxy
July 24th

Zootopia 2
August 7th

Movies start at Dusk!
6:30 PM - 11:00 PM
Food Trucks, Bounce House, Balloon Artist & Magician
Fred & Phyllis Pajtas Theater
8099 Civic Dr, Swartz Creek, MI 48473

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SUMMER CONCERTS AT PAJTAS ON TUESDAY EVENINGS

Concerts start at 7pm at Pajtas Amphitheater. Follow the Swartz Creek Fine Arts Association on Facebook for up to the minute weather changes and other updates.

July 7th—Genesee Valley Concert Band—Patriotic America 250!

July 14th—Street Angels—Fleetwood Mac/Stevie Nicks

July 21st—After It All—Classic Rock

July 28th—Rebel Line—Country

August 4th—Invasion—All British Influence

Home Occupations: Balancing Entrepreneurship and Neighborhood Quality

Many successful businesses begin at home. Home occupations can provide valuable income for families, encourage entrepreneurship, and contribute to the local economy. The City recognizes these benefits and permits many home-based businesses through a simple registration process.

The purpose of the City's home occupation regulations is not to discourage business activity, but rather to ensure that residential neighborhoods remain residential in character. Home occupations are intended to be secondary to the use of the property as a home and should not create impacts that affect neighboring properties.

To accomplish this, the ordinance limits the size of home occupations, requires that business activities occur primarily within the dwelling, restricts outdoor storage and displays, limits traffic and deliveries, and prohibits activities that generate excessive noise, odors, vibration, parking issues, or other nuisances. Home occupation permits are required and must be renewed every two years.

Residents who operate home businesses are encouraged to review the ordinance and ensure they are properly registered. Doing so helps protect both the business owner and surrounding neighbors.

Likewise, residents should know that they have the right to enjoy their property without unreasonable disruption. If a home occupation creates excessive traffic, parking problems, noise, outdoor storage, or other impacts that alter the residential character of a neighborhood, City staff can investigate and work toward compliance.

Our goal is simple: support responsible home-based businesses while preserving the quiet enjoyment and residential character of our neighborhoods.



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