

SWISHER FARMERS MARKET

Each year the Swisher Farmers Market is held on Thursdays from June into October in the park next to city hall. Vendors set up tables of their wares while local musicians entertain everyone. The market is a place to get seasonal fruits and vegetables, flowers, and even homemade breads. You may even find some handmade décor to add to your home.

To become a vendor for the 2024 season, please watch <https://www.swisheria.org/farmersmarket> for the 2024 vendor form. It will be posted a few weeks before the season starts in June.

The 2023 Swisher Farmers Market ended their season by receiving a grant from the Community Foundation of Johnson County. This grant will be used for the 2024 season. Thank you to Thresa and Laura for accepting the check.



Pictured: Thresa and Laura

Thank you to the 2023 Farmers Market Committee for putting together this wonderful community event. The committee consisted of: Alice, Barb, Tawnia Kakacek, Tammy Wright, and Thresea.

Upcoming Dates:

- 10/23 – City Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, Swisher Library
- 10/31 – Halloween – Trick-or-Treat, 5:30-8 PM
- 11/4 – WILOS Ladies Day Out Vendor Fair, 9-2 PM, Downtown Swisher
- 11/7 – Election Day – City, School Board, Kirkwood Trustee, School Bond Issue
- 11/10 – Veterans Day
- 11/13 – City Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, Swisher Library
- 11/15 – Parks & Rec, 7 PM, Swisher Library
- 11/20 – Planning & Zoning, 7 PM, Swisher Library
- 11/23 – Thanksgiving, city offices closed
- 11/24 – City offices closed
- 11/27 – City Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, Swisher Library
- 12/11 – City Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, Swisher Library
- 12/18 – Planning & Zoning, 7 PM, Swisher Library
- 12/20 – Parks & Rec, 7 PM, Swisher Library
- 12/25 – Christmas, city offices closed
- 1/1 – New Years Day, city offices closed

A poster for the 'CITY LOGO COMPETITION: TIME TO VOTE'. The poster has a blue and white color scheme. At the top left, it says 'VOTE' in white on a blue background. Below that, the title 'CITY LOGO COMPETITION: TIME TO VOTE' is written in large, bold, blue letters. To the right of the title is a photograph of a wooden sign that says 'WELCOME TO SWISHER'. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: 'Please help the City decide which logo is the best. Each logo was submitted by someone in the community. You will be able to vote once per day. Please share the link with your neighbors, friends, and family. You do not need to live in Swisher to vote!'. At the bottom, it says 'For additional details: <https://www.swisheria.org/logo>'.

CITY LOGO COMPETITION

The city is looking for a new logo to use on signs, letterheads, social media, and more! Earlier this fall we asked residents to submit their ideas for a new logo. 11 ideas were submitted and now we are asking the citizens to let us know which one is their favorite.

There's still time to vote! Visit [swisheria.org/logo](https://www.swisheria.org/logo). You can vote up to once per day.

CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Earlier in 2023 a survey was mailed to each household in Swisher. This survey asked our residents to help develop a vision for the community over the next ten years. After the survey was completed, residents were given the opportunity to weigh in on vision. After compiling the opinions of our neighbors, it is now available to view and give your opinion.

To see the Swisher Comprehensive Plan you can visit City Hall during normal business hours or visit:

<https://www.talkto.ecicog.org/swisher-comp-plan>

"I would like to see more options to support local businesses without having to leave Swisher."
"Preserve a historic main street; restoring old buildings that are sad looking or providing an incentive to remove and rebuild."

-Swisher survey comments

"I would love for there to be more sidewalks. Families that want to walk to the parks from the Maple St/Orchard St development have to walk on Swisher View Drive which can be very busy and dangerous for little kids and dogs."

-Swisher survey comment

"Expanding the library and establishing a community/recreation center is important for a parent of two young kids. The parks and recreation and library programs are outgrowing their current resources. Both could greatly benefit from receiving more funding, as well as facilities to support more youth, and even adult programs."

- Swisher survey comment

Johnson County is also working on their ten-year Comprehensive Plan and are looking for input.

To learn more visit:

<https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/compplan>

NOW HIRING

The city is currently hiring for two positions. You do not need to live within Swisher city limits to work for the city.

Full-time City Clerk

- This is a full-time position, currently 32-35 hours per week but have option to work 40+ hours per week if preferred.
- The candidate must have strong computer skills including knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Candidates should also have strong customer service skills along with financial background, billing, payroll, and accounts payable/receivable experience.
- The position is responsible for Annual Reports, online filings, preparing budgets and agendas along with minutes for Council and Planning & Zoning, and other city duties.
- Pay is based on experience/knowledge and will range from \$18 to \$20 per hour.
- Benefits include IPERS, short-term disability insurance, \$900 monthly stipend in lieu of health insurance.
- Applications due by November 30, 2023 at 4 PM

Snow Removal

- November 2023 thru March 2024
- Job duties include plowing streets, shoveling sidewalks, can come at any time of the day or night, and additional tasks as requested by the City Maintenance Department.
- \$15 per hour. On-Call basis but guaranteed a minimum of \$50/week.

To apply for either position, please visit:

<https://www.swisheria.org/jobs>

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

There are positions will be available to serve on the following City of Swisher Commissions. These are appointed positions:

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

- Two positions—4-year terms - Commencing 1-1-2024 to 12-31-2027

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

- Two positions—4-year terms - Commencing 1-1-2024 to 12-31-2027

LIBRARY BOARD

- Two positions--6-year term - Commencing 1-1-2024 to 12-31-2029

AFFILIATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR SWISHER COMMUNITY FUND

- One position -- 1 year term
- Two positions -- 2 year term
- Three positions -- 3 year term


BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

- Two positions -both vacancies are until 12/31/27.

Download an application here:

<https://www.swisheria.org/boardsandcommissions> or pick up an application at City Hall during regular hours.



City Offices	School Offices	Public Measures
Official's Initials: _____ Ballot Style: 24 Official Ballot 2023 City & School Election November 07, 2023 County of Johnson, State of Iowa Swisher, College CSD, KW5		
For Mayor <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i> <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in vote, if any	For School Board Director, District 3 <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i> <input type="radio"/> Randy Bauer <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in vote, if any	ND Shall the following public measure be adopted? Shall the Board of Directors of the College Community School District in the Counties of Benton, Union and Johnson, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$43,000,000 to provide funds to build, furnish and equip a swimming pool / wellness center facility, with related site improvements to build, furnish, and equip a concession stand / ticket booth addition at John Wall stadium, including related improvements; to remodel, repair, and improve the former Prairie Creek Intermediate (now 5th Grade Center/Prairie Delta) facility, including relocation/expansion of boys/girls wrestling practice rooms and conversion of existing gymnasium space into an indoor batting/hitting facility, with related improvements? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
For City Council <i>Vote for no more than THREE</i> <input type="radio"/> Michael A. Stagg <input type="radio"/> Julie Persons <input type="radio"/> Curt Cline <input type="radio"/> Daryl Hynek <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in vote, if any	For School Board Director, District 4 <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i> <input type="radio"/> Angie Ehle <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in vote, if any	
	Merged Area X Trustees, Kirkwood Community College	
<input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in vote, if any	For Director, District 5 <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i> <input type="radio"/> Alan Jensen <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in vote, if any	
For City Council, To Fill Vacancy <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i> <input type="radio"/> Adam Roeder <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in vote, if any		
School Offices		
For School Board Director, At Large <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i> <input type="radio"/> Markus Cannon <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in vote, if any		
For School Board Director, District 1 <i>Vote for no more than ONE</i> <input type="radio"/> Dawn Kousheh <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in vote, if any		

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 7

On Swisher City ballots: Mayor, Council, School Board, Kirkwood Trustee, and the CCSD Bond Measure.

You can see a sample ballot for Swisher here: <https://gis.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/pollingplaces/>

Check your voter registration or request and absentee ballot through the county auditor:

<https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/auditor/elections>