

# Freemansburg Elementary 4th graders support the Swifts

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🦋 Latest in a series of posts on the Swifts 🦋

*Jennie Gilrain taught a science lesson on habitat loss and its effect on the survival of species using our local Chimney Swifts as an example, and her excited students — some of whom are pictured here — wrote letters to Mayor Donchez and City Council. Click on the students' names to see their full letters.*



Please make the Chimney Swift the Bird of Bethlehem. Then people will notice the Chimney Swift and think, “Maybe this bird is really special, and I should help it.”

***Christian***



The swifts' feet can't grip onto tree branches. So when the chimneys are gone, they can't rest in the trees, and they keep flying until they die.

***Cole***

We are the next generation, so thank you for making this city a better place to live in for us and the swifts.

***Devin***

When swifts fly, it's like a paintbrush gliding through the air. . . . When the Chimney Swifts are flying it's like a princess is dancing in a ballroom, because it is super dainty and elegant!

***Emma***

Chimney Swifts are in rapid decline. . . . This makes me sad because I care about the birds. I want you to care about the birds too.

***Gianna***

Please save our birds. Chimney Swifts are beautiful. When they go into the chimney, it looks like a tornado.

***Jayben***

I hope you have enough time to think about saving the Chimney Swifts. Please save our Chimney Swifts.

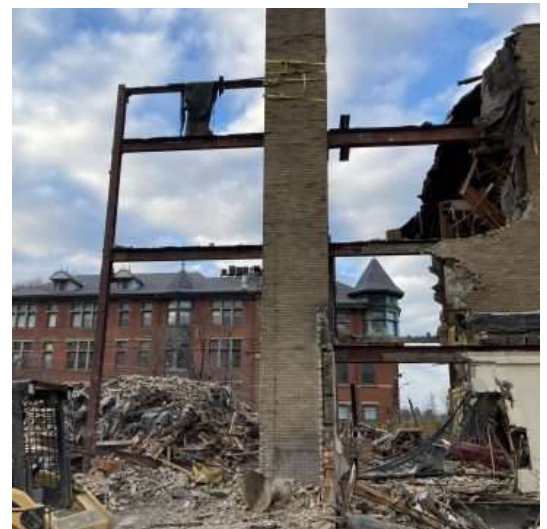
***Jonathan***

Chimney Swifts are the most beautiful birds when they work together; and if you care about beauty, then chimney swifts will help you make Bethlehem a more beautiful place.

***Julian***

They are almost extinct. They are dying. . . . Please.

***Laila***



They are not going to be able to nest, and they are going to be cold. . . . please hear me out.

**Lanaisja**

I love the swifts very much. I don't want to hurt them. I want them to have a home. So please protect the swifts because they are part of our community.

**Mariyah**

Chimney swifts are beautiful, and they deserve homes like we do.

**StarLynn**

I think chimney swifts are cute.

**Yasiel**

Swifts are part of our city's history and have been living here for a long time. They are part of our family, so we should be nice to them.

**Ryan**

I want you to put up chimneys for all the Chimney Swifts to live in. You should do this because you're my friend, and I'm your friend.

**Laylah**



*photos by Gilrain and C Noble, art work by Audobon*

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**Save Our Swifts**

