

# Village of Spencer

Winter 2017

## Railroad Safety

Some of us are very glad the train whistles are not blasting through the night. Some of you may miss them. Regardless, it is everyone's job to continue to respect the tracks and use safe practices.

1. Do not try to go around the signal arms.
2. When walking, cross where the signals are - NOT through Main St. or through the field off Mill St.
3. Pay attention to your surroundings.
4. Do not play on or around the tracks.
5. Never put anything on the tracks.



**Please remind your children to be careful.** There have been recent reports of children crossing the tracks when a train is approaching on E Clark Street and also crossing where there is no signal.

## Village Trustee Candidates

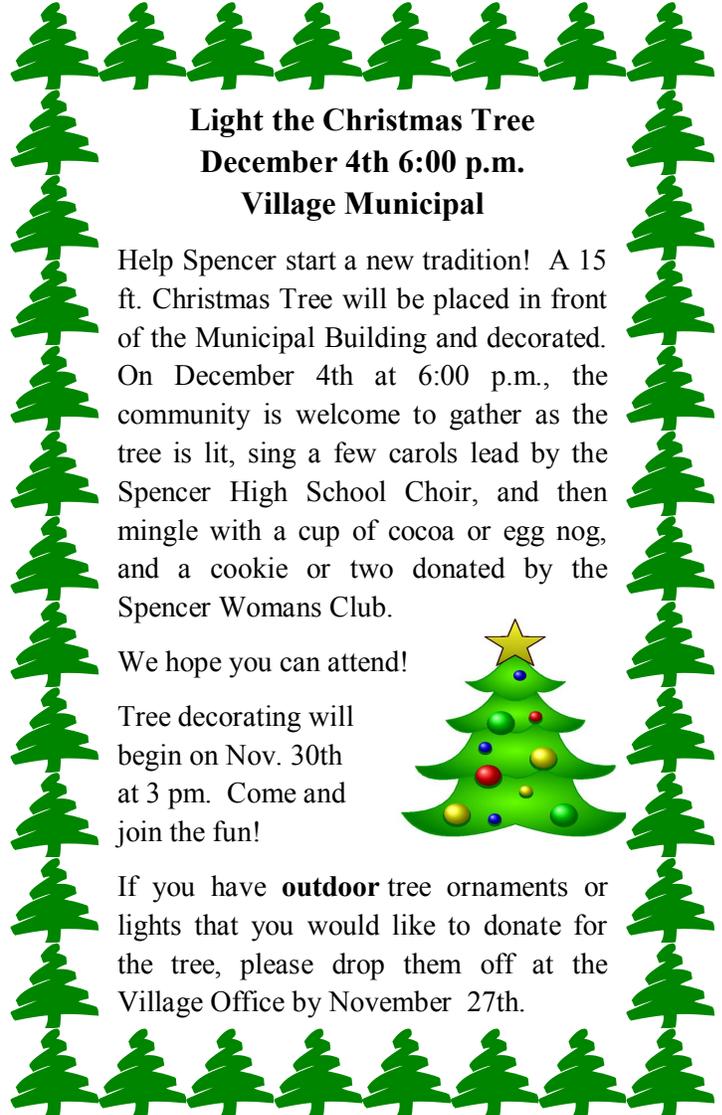
The Spring Election is on April 3, 2018. Candidates are needed to fill any open seat(s) on the Board of Trustees. Interested persons need to file three forms with the village clerk by 5 pm January 2, 2018. The first is a Campaign Registration Statement stating the financing of the campaign, the second is a Declaration of Candidacy, and the third is a set of Nomination Papers. Nomination Papers require the candidate to gather 20-100 signatures from village residents who are eligible electors. The time period to circulate Nomination Papers is from December 1, 2017 until 5 pm January 2, 2018. You can pick up all three forms, as well as detailed instructions, at the Village Office.



## Lunch With Santa

**Saturday, December 2, 2017**  
**The Olde Hall (Spencer Kids Group)**  
**10:30 to 1:00 p.m.**

Lunch just \$2, horse-drawn wagon rides, gift table - fun for all!



## Light the Christmas Tree December 4th 6:00 p.m. Village Municipal

Help Spencer start a new tradition! A 15 ft. Christmas Tree will be placed in front of the Municipal Building and decorated. On December 4th at 6:00 p.m., the community is welcome to gather as the tree is lit, sing a few carols lead by the Spencer High School Choir, and then mingle with a cup of cocoa or egg nog, and a cookie or two donated by the Spencer Womans Club.

We hope you can attend!

Tree decorating will begin on Nov. 30th at 3 pm. Come and join the fun!



If you have **outdoor** tree ornaments or lights that you would like to donate for the tree, please drop them off at the Village Office by November 27th.

## Water, Sewer, Garbage, and Recycling Rates to Remain Unchanged for 2018

The Village Board has decided to leave the water, sewer, garbage, and recycling rates at the same levels as 2017. The water rate hasn't changed since 2014, the sewer rate decreased last year, and garbage rates increased \$0.50 last year due to cost increases.



## Spencerama Days June 8, 9, 10

Planning meeting November 20th at 6:30 pm. Organizations are needed!

## Winter Parking Ordinance 451-23



No person shall park any vehicle on any street in the Village of Spencer between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the period from November 1 through April 1.

## Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance 418-10

**Removal from sidewalks.** The owner, occupant or person in charge of any parcel or lot which fronts upon or abuts any sidewalk shall keep said sidewalk clear of all snow and ice. In the event of snow accumulating on said sidewalk due to natural means and/or by any other means, said sidewalks shall be cleared of all accumulated snow and/or ice within 36 hours if your lot is located in a commercial or institutional zoning district and 72 hours if your lot is in a residential district from the time the snow ceases to accumulate on said sidewalk. Sidewalks are to be kept clear of snow and ice to a minimum of four feet in width. In the event that ice has formed on any sidewalk in such a manner that it cannot be removed, the owner, occupant or person in charge of the parcel or lot which fronts upon or adjoins said sidewalk shall keep the sidewalk sprinkled with sand and/or salt to permit safe travel by pedestrians. The Board has the right to review any sidewalk concerns after a written request from property owners.

**Snow and ice not to encroach.** No person shall push, shove or in any way deposit any snow or ice onto any public street, alley, sidewalk or public lands dedicated to public use



except for parcels or lots located where existing buildings are constructed within five feet of the street right-of-way and the sidewalks exist from the Village right-of-way to the curblin. In such instances, the owners, occupants and/or employees of parcels or lots shall be permitted to deposit snow and ice from their sidewalks onto the public streets.

## Water Read Buttons



Please keep a path open to your water read button. Contact the Village if you build a fence that blocks access to it.

## Holiday Fire Safety

For most of us, the holiday season represents a time for family festivities and good cheer. Few of us consider that the holiday season is a time when there is an increased risk of home fires. Fortunately, with a little added awareness and some minor adjustments to holiday cooking and



decorating, the season can remain festive and safe for everybody.

### Cooking

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of U.S. home fires and home fire injuries. Most cooking fires involve the stovetop. Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stove and turn it off when you leave the kitchen, even if it's for a short period of time.

### Candles

Candles are widely used in homes throughout the holidays, and December is the peak month for home candle fires. Two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles. We encourage residents to consider using flameless candles, which look and smell like real candles. However; if you do use traditional candles, keep them at least 12" away from anything that can burn, and remember to blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed.



### Trees



If you have an artificial tree, be sure it's labeled, certified or identified by the manufacturer as fire-retardant. If you choose a fresh tree, make sure the green needles don't fall off when touched. Before placing it in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk. Be sure to water your tree daily. Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit and is at least three feet away from any heat source. Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory and make sure you know whether they are designed for indoor or outdoor use. Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Never use lit candles to decorate the tree. Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed. After Christmas, get rid of the tree by placing it on the curb for collection by the Village.



## SKG is Searching for Board Members

Spencer Kids Group provides kids from the Spencer school district with a youth center, SHIP (after school homework program), and the Summer Rec program. It also holds many family activities such as a Bunny Breakfast, student dances, Halloween Carnival, outdoor movie nights and more. Overseeing the overall direction of Kids Group is a volunteer board of 16 members with representatives from all aspects of the community. The board develops policy, works on finances, and assists in fundraising. Spencer Kids Group is searching for new individuals to participate as board members and help make decisions on the happenings of SKG. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Erica Schober at 715-659-4969.

## Library Holiday Hours

Thursday, November 23 - Closed  
Friday, November 24 - OPEN 1-5 pm  
Monday, December 25 - Closed  
Tuesday, December 26 - Closed  
Monday, January 1 - Closed



## Emergency!



More and more you see in the news, weather disasters, active shooter events and other emergencies. During these times, it is essential that the Village can contact our residents to provide timely information that can save lives. Spencer has, in place, an emergency notification system that can help do this; however, we need your help. We cannot notify you if you are not in the system. You can sign up for this service by going online to [www.spencerwi.org](http://www.spencerwi.org), clicking on the CODE RED ENROLLMENT TAB and filling in the form. The Village will only be using this system in case of an emergency and WE WILL NOT share any of your information.

Spencer Residents:

## Never Write Another Check?



You don't have to when you pay utilities online at

[www.SpencerWI.org](http://www.SpencerWI.org)

Call toll free **877-885-7968**

Download "**PSN Payments**" from the App Store® or Google Play™



We accept...



Authorized payment processor...



## THE VILLAGE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE:



**Thursday, November 23**

**Friday, November 24**

**Monday, December 25**

**Tuesday, December 26**

**Monday, January 1, 2018**

# No Wipes Down the Pipes

## Even if a product says it is "flushable" it's not!

Diapers, disposable wipes, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, and facial tissues

**Unless it is toilet paper, it should not be flushed!**

**Putting these items down toilets may plug sewers and cause raw sewage to back up into YOUR HOME**

Village of Spencer  
PO Box 360  
Spencer, WI 54479

PRESORTED STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PERMIT #3  
SPENCER, WI 54479

You can pay your water bill online...

Go to [www.spencerwi.org](http://www.spencerwi.org) and click on the "online payment" tab.

You can also drop payments in the Payment drop box located next to the Village Municipal Building door on the police entrance side.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SPENCER

- 11/20 to 12/24 - Spencer Lions Christmas Tree Sale - La Morenita Mexican Restaurant
- 11/22 - Community Thanksgiving Worship Service - LuCille Tack Center 7 pm
- 11/24 & 25 - Village Office Closed
- 11/25 - PTA Craft Sale - Spencer Schools - 9 am - 3 pm
- 11/25 - Vendor Event - SKG Hall 9 am - 3 pm
- 11/25 - Vendor Event - Meeting Room 9 am - 3 pm
- 11/28 - It's A Wrap! - Meeting Room - 6:30 pm
- 12/2 - Lunch with Santa - SKG Hall - 10:30 am - 1 pm
- 12/4 - Village Christmas Tree Lighting - Village Complex - 6 pm
- 12/5 - Spencer High School Handbell Choir - Meeting Room - 9 am to 10 am
- 12/18 - Book Club "A Season of Angels" - Meeting Room 6:30 pm
- 12/21 - Book Club "A Season of Angels" - Meeting Room 1:30 pm
- 12/25 & 26 - Village Office Closed
- 1/1 - Village Office Closed
- 1/2 - What's New in Spencer - Meeting Room - 9 am to 10 am
- 1/11 - Myths and Realities in Wisconsin's Court System - Meeting Room 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- 1/25 - The History of Wisconsin Public Broadcasting - Meeting Room 6 pm to 7 pm
- 1/15 - Book Club "Too Close to the Falls" - Meeting Room 6:30 pm
- 1/18 - Book Club "Too Close to the Falls" - Meeting Room 1:30 pm



**Clerk's Office:** 715-659-5423  
**Police Dept:** 715-659-5453  
**Non emergency Fire Dept:** 715-659-4030  
**Emergency:** 911  
**Email:** [clerk@vil.spencer.wi.us](mailto:clerk@vil.spencer.wi.us)  
**On the Web:** [www.spencerwi.org](http://www.spencerwi.org)

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