

Village of Spencer

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WINTER 2018

LIGHT THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH - 6:00 PM

On Wednesday, November 28th gather at the Municipal Building at 6 pm to light the Community Christmas Tree. Join the Spencer High Choir members in singing some carols and watch as the tree lights are lit. There will be hot cocoa and cookies provided by the Spencer Woman's Club inside following the tree lighting. It would be great if you and your family would join us for this special event.

Decorating will take place on November 27th starting at 1 pm. Your help would be appreciated. Volunteers to string cranberries and popcorn would also be appreciated. Contact the Village Office if you are interested in helping.



ACH DIRECT PAYMENT

You can pay your Water/Sewer/Garbage/Recycling bill automatically with no extra cost to you. The payment is drawn from your checking or savings on the 15th of each month (unless the 15th is on a weekend or holiday then the next bank business day). This payment option is managed in the Village Office and through the bank. There is no 3rd party involved. Stop in or visit spencerwi.org for a form. Bills can also be sent to you by e-mail instead of mail. It will still be necessary to process charge card payments through Payment Service Network and pay their fees.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL CODE 418-10

The owner, occupant or person in charge of any parcel or lot which fronts any sidewalk shall keep said sidewalk clear of all snow and ice...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...shall keep the sidewalk sprinkled with sand and/or salt to permit safe travel by pedestrians...

Failure to comply with the above requirements will cause the Village to clean any walk, without prior notice, that is not cleared and bill the responsible landowner.

See www.spencerwi.org - Ordinance Book for the complete ordinance.

KEEP ALLEYS CLEAR

When snowplowing begins, items that are encroaching the alleys are subject to being hit. Make sure you keep your items far enough away from the alley that the plows can clear the snow safely.

KEEP WATER READ BUTTONS CLEAR

Somewhere, on your house, you will find a button that looks like this. Please remember to keep a clear path to this



button for the meter reader. Snow should be cleared to allow easy access also. If a fence, porch or other item causes access to be a problem, contact the Village Office to discuss options to move your button.

VILLAGE DUMPSTER

The 20 yard dumpster by the Village garage **IS NOT** your personal dump site! An occasional small item, etc. with permission is ok; however, you need to contract a dumpster on your own for home repair projects, cleaning out a house, etc.

WINTER PARKING - CODE 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.





WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

The wastewater treatment plant upgrades are almost complete. The new biosolids storage tank will be ready for use just in time for winter. The tank and the new digester building are sized to meet the capacity of our plant and should fill our biosolids treatment and storage needs for the next 20 years. Adjacent to our new tank is a hauled waste receiving station. Hauled waste has become a significant percentage of our operating revenue and it is what allowed us to complete the upgrade project with no increase in residential wastewater rates. The new receiving station allows for staging of trucks off of the road and should allow for quicker and safer unloading operations.

Due to the increase in workloads associated with the upgrade, the sanitary sewer collection system, and stricter phosphorus regulations, the Public Works department has added a new Assistant Wastewater Operator to our staff. Originally from Granton, Ethan Perrine lives in Spencer and has spent most of his working career with Staab Construction out of Marshfield. Staab rebuilt our plant in 1989 and is the general contractor on our current upgrade project. Ethan has a wealth of construction experience including plumbing, electrical, welding, and carpentry skills. Sponsored by the Village, next year he will be enrolling in the State's new Wastewater Operator Apprentice program.





Will Garton, Ethan Perrine, Chris Helgestad, Joe Scidmore, Scott Griepentrog, John Dunbar

LIBRARY NEWS

Come and check out the Library! There are more than just books to read, so stop in and see what Audrey and Wendy have going on.

On Tuesday, November 13th from 9:00-10:00 am, see what Justin Loew, meteorologist from WAOW Channel 9 has to say about the weather. He will do a presentation on predicting the weather, following weather patterns and other aspects of his job. Following the presentation, you will have time to ask questions.

Beginning on November 13th and monthly on the 2nd Tuesday each month from 1:00-3:00 pm, check out Cribbage at the Library. Novices are invited to learn how to play, and seasoned players are encouraged to challenge a friend or fellow library patron to a game or two. All supplies are provided.

The holidays are right around the corner and you and your family can celebrate by attending a special story time! On Thursday, November 29th from 6:00-7:30 pm kids and families can hear holiday-themed stories read by library staff. Then, stick around to make holiday crafts with all supplies provided!



You won't want to miss the **Spencer High** School Handbell Choir Holiday Concert on Tues., Dec. 4th from 9:00-10:00 am. Enjoy the soothing sounds of the season during this special holiday concert! The

SHS Handbell Choir will bring its unique sound and melodies to the library for a free one-hour concert filled with songs of the holiday season!

"What's new in Spencer?" On January 8th from 9:00 -10:00 am you will have a chance to find out. Paul Hensch, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer and Shawn Bauer, Spencer Police Chief will give you the scoop and answer questions.

Did you know that February is "POTATO LOVERS MONTH?" On February 5th from 9:00-10:00am, Sarah Agena from the Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers will tell us about the "healthy" side of a potato.

"Respect - Honor & Gratitude" - The Honor Flight Please come on Feb. 14th from 6:00-7:30 pm to help make cards and signs to be sent on the April Honor Flight to Washington, DC. Each veteran on the Honor Flight will receive mail, which will include cards and thank you notes

from Spencer. All supplies will be provided.



FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING AND BURN

Thanks to the donation of 621 N Pacific Street from Joe and Kathy Hansen, the Fire Department had an opportunity to conduct several fire simulations and training exercises before the final burn on October 27th.



The Doo Wop Project Saturday, Dec 8 at 7:30 pm



Featuring the music of the Four Seasons, The Drifters and The Temptations and more! Oh, What a Night! Old school, new generation...performed by stars from Broadway's hit musicals, The Jersey Boys and Motown: The Musical. The showmanship and vocal excellence of these

five singers and their hot band will give you a night to remember! The Doo Wop Project is coming to the Tack Center Saturday, Dec. 8th at 7:30 pm. Tickets to The Doo Wop Project would make a superb holiday gift for you and a pal!

Opening Reception for January Gallery **Artist, Tom Marcott (photography)**

Fri. Jan 4 from 5-7 PM

The Siegmann Family

Sun, Jan 27 at 2 PM

Christian bluegrass and southern gospel with tight sibling harmonies

Opening Reception for February Gallery Artist, Mary Jo Fox (watercolor, pen, and ink) Fri, Feb 1 from 5-7 PM

Gina Chavez

Sat, Feb 9 at 7:30 PM

Offering her signature style of bilingual Latin Folk-pop

Visit lucilletackcenter.com or call 715.659.4499 for tickets and more information.



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Besides mail or stopping in the office, you can pay your water bill...

With automatic payments on the 15th with no additional fee (contact the Village Office for a form to fill out or find it on spencerwi.org) OR

Through PSN (credit or check) by going to spencerwi.org and click on the "online payment" tab. OR

You can also drop payments in the Payment Drop Box after hours located next to the door on the police entrance side of the Municipal Building.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SPENCER

2nd Monday each month - 6:30 pm - Village Board Meeting - Board Room

2nd & 4th Wednesday - 10am - Play & Learn Group & Storytime - Meeting Room

1st Tuesday monthly - 7pm - Spencer American Legion - Meeting Room

2nd Tuesday monthly - 1-3pm - Cribbage at the Library - Library

2nd Thursday monthly - 7pm - Shady Lane 4H - Meeting Room

4th Tuesday monthly - 5pm - C.O.M.E. (Community Outreach Meal for Everyone) - St. Johns Lutheran Church

November 13 - 9-10am - Meteorology with Justin Loew - Meeting Room

November 21 - 7pm - Community Thanksgiving Worship Service - LuCille Tack Center for the Arts

November 22 & 23 - VILLAGE OFFICE CLOSED - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

November 24 - 9am-3pm - Annual PTA Craft Sale - School and Annual Vendor Event - Meeting Room

November 27 - 1pm - Decorate the Village Christmas Tree - Municipal Building

November 28 - 6pm - Lighting the Village Christmas Tree with Carols, Hot Cocoa, and Cookies - Municipal Building

November 29 - 6-7:30pm - Holiday Story Time - Library

December 1 - Spencer Lions' Christmas Tree Sale - Great Lakes Fresh Market (on site 8am-3:30pm to help you)

December 1 - 10:30am-1pm - Lunch with Santa - Spencer Kids Group Hall

December 1 - 3-midnight - MorganStrong Fundraiser Benefit for Morgan Gorst - Belvedere Supper Club

December 4 - 9-10am - Spencer High School Handbell Choir Holiday Concert - Meeting Room

December 24 & 25 - VILLAGE OFFICE CLOSED - MERRY CHRISTMAS

January 1 - VILLAGE OFFICE CLOSED - HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 8 - 9-10am - What's New in Spencer? - Meeting Room

February 5 - 9-10am - Powered By Wisconsin Potatoes with Sarah Agena - Meeting Room

February 14 - 6-7:30pm - "Respect - Honor & Gratitude" - The Honor Flight - Library

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