

Village of Spencer

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SPENCER POLIC DEPARMENT K-9 UPDATE

The Spencer Police Department would like to thank all businesses, organizations and individuals who donated to the K-9 program. With your help, we have exceeded our fundraising goal and will have a K-9 unit working in our community this year. The excess funds will be used to maintain the K-9 unit. Also, the Police Department plans on raising money yearly through our golf tournament to keep the dog supported by donations instead of tax dollars.



Officer Mindy Stellmach will be training with the new dog starting in May at Northern Michigan K-9. This kennel has been training K-9 units for police departments for 15 years. Once trained, Officer Stellmach and the new K-9 will be working in the Village sometime in June.

To also facilitate the K-9 unit, the police department purchased a 2019 Dodge Durango which will be outfitted with the equipment needed to have a K-9 unit serve our community.

Again, the Police Department would like to thank you for all of the support that we have received on this project. This will help the department continue to strive to make Spencer a drug free community.

BIKE TRAIL PLAN

In 2018, The Village Board conducted a feasibility study to check on the possibility of developing a bike trail circling the Village. The Board looked at many different possible routes, and worked with residents to see if they would allow a bike trail on their land. Many residents agreed, and we would like to thank those who allowed us to check to see if a bike trail would be appropriate on their property.

When the report was finished, the findings showed that a bike trail was feasible. However, due to the significant wetland areas around the Village, cost became a factor. Several boardwalks would need to be installed to cross these wetlands. Along with that cost, paving the trail in other areas would have a large financial impact.



The final report indicated estimates for the four phases to build the bike trail. Phase 1 would cost \$939,583, phase 2 would cost \$1,362,707, phase 3 would cost \$1,526,917, and phase 4 would cost \$786,369. The total to build this bike trail would be \$4,615,576.

At this time the Village Board does not feel that moving ahead with the Bike Trail would be a good use of taxpayers money, and that those funds could be used for other purposes to improve the Village.



SPRING ELECTIONS
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 7AM - 8PM



DON'T MOVE SNOW INTO THE STREETS

Did you know that dumping or moving snow into the street is illegal under the Village Code? Section 418-14 states that:

“It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited, dump, sort, scatter or leave any... snow (or) ice...in any public street, sidewalk, alley, or upon any public property or upon any property of another, without the express permission of the owner or occupant thereof.”

The Village works hard to keep the streets clear of snow. Please help us by NOT moving snow into the street. You will receive a fine if you continue to ignore this ordinance.

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 after hours in the Payment Drop Box located next to the door on the police entrance side of the Municipal Building.

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.

LETTER FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Fellow Citizens,

Are you a community minded person willing to serve in office for a two year term? Your time is compensated for and you can gain knowledge and insight into the workings of the Village.

The Village Board of Trustees meets once a month at 6:30 pm on the second Monday of each month. Meetings usually last about 60-90 minutes (though there are exceptions). Working together, the trustees address the needs and concerns of the Village according to proper order and ordinances. Each of the trustees is also a member of two of the six standing committees. They meet to discuss and make recommendations to the full Board regarding specific issues, as they arise.

If you are a person interested in seeing Spencer grow and succeed, please consider this opportunity to serve. You must be a Spencer resident to qualify. I would be happy to discuss this opportunity with you further. Please call me at 715-659-5106.

Thank you.

Pauline Frome, Village President



LIBRARY NEWS

Have you “checked out” the Library lately? There is so much more than books at the library! Programs are offered each month such as on Tuesday, March 5th from 9-10 am you can learn how to get a jump start on planting this year’s garden? You will learn how to start tomatoes, peppers, cabbage and other plants well before spring arrives.

On Tuesday, April 2nd from 9-10am you are invited for a presentation about one of nature’s most revered and maligned mammals: the wolf! Pam Resech, wildlife educator with the George W. Mead Wildlife Area, will discuss wolf behavior, how to identify wolves in the wild and other characteristics of this majestic animal. She will bring wolf pelts and even a wolf skull!

Myths & Truths - Human Trafficking in Central Wisconsin will be presented on Thursday, April 11th from 6-7pm by Officer Sarah D’Acquisto from the Wausau Police Dept. and Brenda Bayer from the Women’s Community.

2019 STORMWATER PROJECT

This summer, the Village is replacing the storm-water line on the north side of West Main Street from North Madison Street approximately 400 feet to the west. Residents in that area will be informed of construction details in the spring.

at the TACK

CALENDAR

King Arthur’s Quest by Missoula Children’s Theatre

Auditions for area youth K-Grade 10 • Mon, Feb 25 from 4 pm – 6 pm • LTCA Stage

Performances: Sat, March 2 at 3:00 pm & 5:30 pm

A classic story featuring nearly sixty local children

The High Kings—Thurs, March 14 at 7:30 pm

Selling out houses across America and the British Isles, **The High Kings** have been serving up both traditional and original Irish songs for more than ten years. To say that **The High Kings** are charting a new course for Irish ballad music – equal parts rousing and reflective, energetic and insightful – is an understatement. They are marking out a new and bright era for Irish folk music, and aiming to bring a whole new audience along for the journey. Jumpstart your Saint Paddy’s Day weekend at the Tack! Purchase tickets online at lucilletackcenter.com or call 715-659-4499



The High Kings bring a wee bit of Ireland to the Tack!

OPENING GALLERY RECEPTIONS

March Gallery Artist, Carmen Schweiger (mixed media)

Fri, March 8 from 5-7 pm

April Gallery Artist, Carmen Duran (painting)

Fri, April 5 from 5-7 pm

Greet the artist, enjoy refreshments, free admission

LIBRARY NEWS, cont.

Book Club will meet on 2/18 at 6pm & 2/21 at 1:30pm to discuss Agatha Christie’s Murder on the Orient Express. On 3/18 at 6pm & 3/21 at 1:30 pm join the discussion on Mandy Mikulencak’s book The Last Suppers. For other library activities, see What’s Happening on the back page.

SPENCERAMA DAYS

JUNE 7, 8, 9, 2019

Music, food, games, activities, a parade, car show, and more will be happening at SPENCERAMA DAYS 2019!

The line-up is underway, the bands are booked, and plans are being set for a great weekend; a time for family, friends, and the community to come together. Our hope is to add more games and activities for everyone to enjoy and participate in.



Activities like Chalkfest sponsored by the LTCA, the Rib Cookoff sponsored by Great Lakes Fresh Market, bounce houses sponsored by Spencer Kid's Group, and more are returning.



To keep SPENCERAMA DAYS going, it takes YOU! Volunteers are needed to help keep the park cleaned up each day. We also need non-profit groups to offer activities (games/activities for all ages, face painting, etc.) or food booths or food items. The money each organization makes will stay with them. We have some ideas to share if you are willing to help. The weekend is meant to offer affordable family fun and an opportunity for the community to get together. For more information contact Deb Schafer at 715-659-5423 or deputyclerk@vil.spencer.wi.us



IT ALSO TAKES YOU TO COME AND HAVE FUN! Bring your friends and family. Watch for more details!

SKG ANNUAL AMATEUR DOG SHOW

Saturday, March 23rd

Register at 12:00 - show starts at 1:00.

Registration only \$10

Spectators Welcome!



Preregister with Beth Meyer at 715-207-5174 or bam-meyer@live.com

WATER METER RADIO READS

The Village is installing new equipment on your water meter touchpads that are attached to the outside of your house. This equipment will allow the Village to drive by and collect your monthly water readings, much like how your electricity and natural gas meters are read. This will increase the efficiency of our meter reading program, and increase safety by removing the need for a person to walk on the streets to every building in the Village.

The Village will be phasing in this program over the next eight years, installing approximately 100 of these radio read units per year.

If you have any questions, please contact the Village at 715-659-5423.

QUICK NOTES

Garbage Collection

Please remember to place your garbage and recycling bins out by 6:00 am on collection day. Advanced Disposal starts collection at 6:00 am and if your can is not out, it won't be picked up.

No wipes down the Pipes

Please don't put anything other than toilet paper down the toilet. So called "disposable wipes" can clog up and burn out pumps in our collection system.

8th Annual

SPRING FEVER DANCE

To Benefit Spencer Kids Group

Saturday, April 6th

117 E CLARK ST, SPENCER

7 PM - 11 PM (Doors open at 6 PM)

Advanced Tickets \$25 per ticket (\$30 at the door)

TICKET PURCHASE INCLUDES:

- 1 PERSON ADMISSION
- LIVE MUSIC BY "40 Fingers"
- FOOD & BEVERAGE (SODA, BEER, WINE)
- ENTRY INTO THE PRIZE DRAWINGS

1ST - \$1,500 2ND - \$1,000 3RD - \$500 4TH - \$100

5TH - \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE - M&S SALES

6TH-10TH -\$50 11TH-15TH -\$25 (Need not be present to win)

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

SPENCER KIDS GROUP 117 E Clark St

M & S SALES 805 S LaSalle St

SUE LUCHT at Land O'Lakes

CITIZENS STATE BANK-302 S Pacific

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Spencer Kids Group (Erica) 715-659-4969 - Harley Meyer
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SPENCER

2nd Monday each month -6:30pm -Village Board Meeting - Board Room
1st Tuesday monthly -7pm -Spencer American Legion - Meeting Room
2nd Tuesday monthly -1pm-3pm -Cribbage at the Library - Library
Wednesday weekly -10am-10:30am -Family Story Time - Library/Meeting Room
2nd & 4th Wednesday -10:30am-11:30am -Play & Learn-Library/Meeting Room
2nd Thursday monthly -7pm - Shady Lane 4H - Meeting Room
4th Tuesday monthly -5pm-6pm -C.O.M.E. (Community Outreach Meal for Everyone)-St. Johns Lutheran Church
February 18th -6pm & February 21st-1:30pm -Spencer Book Club -“*Murder on the Orient Express*”-Library/Meeting Room
March 2nd -3pm & 5:30pm -Missoula Children’s Theatre -”*King Arthur’s Quest*” -LuCille Tack Center
March 3rd -8am-1pm -Christ the King Pancake & Sausage Luncheon -208 S. LaSalle St., Spencer
March 5th -9am-10am -“*Starting Garden Plants*”- Get a start on planting this year’s garden - Library/Meeting Room.
March 8th - 5-7pm - Carmen Schweiger (mixed media) - LuCille Tack Center
March 10th -Noon-1pm -Spencer Special Olympics-Basketball Fundraiser -Spencer School - Main Gym
March 14th - 7:30pm - *The High Kings* - LuCille Tack Center
March 17th - Spencer SwampStompers -Pancake Breakfast - Club House - 405 W. Cedar Street
March 18th -6pm & March 21st-1:30pm -Spencer Book Club -“*The Last Supper*”- Library
March 23rd - register at 12:00, show starts at 1pm - SKG Annual Amateur Dog Show - Olde Village Hall
April 2nd -7am-8pm -**Spring Election** -Village Complex - Meeting Room
April 2nd - 9-10am - *Wolves: A Family Tradition* - Library/Village Board Room
April 3rd - 4:30pm-7pm -Lions’ Smelt Feed - Olde Village Hall
April 5th - 5-7pm - Carmen Duran (painting) - LuCille Tack Center
April 6th - 7pm-11pm -Spencer Kid’s Group -Spring Fever Dance - Olde Village Hall
April 11th - 6pm-7pm -“*Myths & Truths-Human Trafficking in Central Wisconsin*” - Library/Meeting Room
April 15th - 6pm & April 18th -1:30pm -Spencer Book Club-“*The Silent Gift*” - Library/Meeting Room
April 28th - TBA -Spencer SwampStompers-Steak Feed -Club House - 405 W. Cedar Street

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