

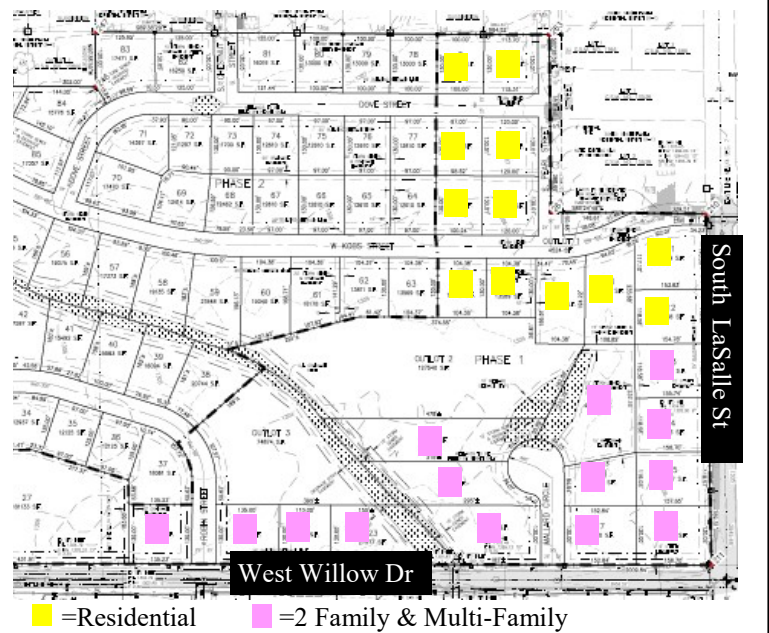


Village of Spencer

Summer 2020

UPDATE ON GRAUPNER'S 3RD ADDITION

The Village's new subdivision has been named the 3rd Addition to the Graupner Subdivision to honor the Graupners who have developed two other subdivisions in that area of the Village and who also used to own the farmland that we are building on. The Village has plans submitted to the state for review on phase 1 of the development. Phase 1 will open up 27 lots that will include single family homes, two and three family homes and multi-family housing. The funds used to pay for this project will be coming from the tax incremental financing seen from the new construction in the subdivision, and not from general taxes. Your taxes are not going up to pay for this project! We expect bids to be awarded in the next couple of months for construction of the water, sewer, stormwater and streets. Lot prices will range from \$12,000 for single family homes and up to \$27,000 for three family homes. We have seen tremendous interest from people looking to buy a lot and build. If you are interested in building a home or a rental property, please contact Paul Hensch at the Village at 715-659-5423.



VILLAGE ORDINANCES

Open Burning is permitted without a Burn Permit as long as the size of the pile of material to be burned does not exceed four feet in any direction measured horizontally or three feet measured vertically.

Unlawful Dumping on Streets, Chapter 418-14 It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited, dump, sort, scatter or leave any rubbish, stone, wire, earth, ashes, cinders, sawdust, hay, glass, manure, filth, paper, snow, ice, dirt, grass, leaves, construction waste, garbage or other offensive or noxious material 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. **THIS INCLUDES - DO NOT PUT YOUR GRASS CLIPPINGS IN THE STREET!**

Regulation of Length of Lawn and Grasses, Chapter 271-5 Public nuisance declared. The Village Board finds that lawns, grasses and noxious weeds on nonagricultural lots or parcels of land, as classified under Chapter 480, Zoning, of the Code of the Village of Spencer, within the Village of Spencer which exceed eight inches in length adversely affect the public health and safety of the public in that they tend to emit pollen and other discomforting bits of plants, constitute a fire hazard and a safety hazard in that debris can be hidden in the grass, interferes with the public convenience and adversely affects property values of other land within the Village. For that reason, any nonagricultural lawn, grass or weed on a lot or other parcel of land which exceeds eight inches in length is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

Junk Vehicles, Chapter 456 No disassembled, inoperable, unlicensed, junked or wrecked motor vehicles, truck bodies, tractors, trailers, farm machinery, vehicle parts or tires, or appliances shall be stored upon private residential property or unenclosed within a building upon nonresidential property within the Village of Spencer for a period exceeding 10 days unless it is in connection with an authorized business enterprise located in a properly zoned area maintained in such a manner as to not constitute a public nuisance.

Dog Licensing, Chapter 172-3 Village and State laws require dogs must be licensed **each calendar year!** If you own a dog, bring the following information and payment to the Village Office to register your dog(s): Your current rabies vaccination certificate (from your vet) showing date of vaccine and expiration, vaccine manufacturer, vaccine serial number, dog breed, color, and whether it is male or female, spayed or neutered. License fees are \$5 for spayed or neutered dogs or \$10 if not. Having your dog licensed helps the police identify your dog in the event they get out which can save you money.

Ordinance Chapter 172-8 The owner or person in charge of any dog or other animal shall not permit solid fecal matter of such animal to deposit on any street, alley or other public or private property, unless such matter is immediately removed therefrom by said owner or person in charge. This section shall not apply to a person who is visually or physically handicapped.

Not following this ordinance could result in you receiving a \$124.00 fine.

Building Permits Chapter 193-2 There are several reasons for obtaining a building permit before your work begins. One reason is to discuss plans with the Village Clerk to determine that the plan fits all zoning ordinances, set-backs, etc. It would be tough if the hard work you put in has to be torn down and moved. Call or stop in the Village Office if you have questions.

See the complete ordinance book online at spencerwi.org for more information.

SLOW DOWN

The Spencer Police have received several complaints regarding speeding on Village streets. Please abide by the speed limits that are posted. The department is a member of the Marathon County Traffic Task Force focused on enforcing speeding and seatbelt violations. At certain times, patrols will be increased to address these issues. Violations may result in citations!

Several complaints have also been received regarding the speed of ATV's through residential areas. As a reminder, the Village ordinance states in Section III: Conditions The ATV/UTV operator shall observe a speed limit of 15 miles per hour, shall be registered according to Wisconsin State Statutes, and operation shall be conducted in accordance with 23.33(4)(d), Wis. Stats. You can find additional information

at <https://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/le/LE0500.pdf> and <https://www.ecode360.com/SP3597/laws/LF1112835.pdf>



STREET SWEEPER

This Spring the Village purchased a street sweeper. The Village Board felt that this would be a less expensive way to keep our streets clean than hiring a firm to sweep the streets. The board also felt that the Village roads would get swept more often than the three times per year that we had been contracting out for. This machine will also let us clean out catch basins and pick up leaves. So keep an eye out; the sweeper is out and about taking care of our roads.

at the TACK

Having experienced the reality of a pandemic and the accompanying restrictions, let's look forward to when we can once again come together to laugh and be inspired and amazed by the exceptional talents of local, national and international performers and artists. And what will you see when the time is right? TA-DA! It is with great excitement that the Tack introduces its 2020-21 "On With the Show" season – subject to change, as necessary, to keep patrons, performers, volunteers and staff safe.

"Tribute bands" have always been well-received here at the Tack, and this season we're giving a nod to the beloved music of The Carpenters (a holiday show with returning Helen Welch) and the unforgettable hits of ABBA by ABBA-Mania (Canada.) Michael Perry's "Sneezing Cows and Love Songs" and "Mutts Gone Nuts," which were postponed last spring, will finally find their way to the stage. The dark winter months will light up with the energetic Zydeco swamp/blues/rock music of Wisconsin's own Copper Box; while amid dry wit and banter, Canadians Bridge & Wolak will perform various genres of music on digital accordion and clarinet. Using the storytelling style of his native Ireland, Aidan Dooley is expected to re-enact the riveting true stories of the Antarctic Exploration by Scott and Shackleton in an intimate piece of theater set to take place in March 2021. Featuring the incredible talents of Central Wisconsin locals, November's "Talent at the Tack" will offer a grown-up "Cabaret," so to speak, that will benefit the Arts Adventure Education Series for area school children. As always, we like to think there's something for almost everyone at the Tack!

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You are cordially invited to hop on to our website, print your own brochure, view dates and details of each event, note health and safety precautions/procedures in place and be advised of any changes that may become needed as the season rolls along. A limited number of hardcopy season brochures will be mailed to those without computer technology, but most communication this year will be via website, email and social media. Don't be left out of the loop! Sign up to receive eblasts and updates at: lucilletackcenter.com; send your email address to: info@lucilletackcenter.com or leave a message at 715.659.4499.

When we get back to the theatre, things may feel a bit different. We're confident, however, that it will be worth the wait. Until that moment, stay healthy! At the Tack, it's "On With the Show!"

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Sponsored by the Spencer Area Chamber of Commerce
August 5, 12, 19, 26

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION! DON'T MISS IT!

Spencer Community Boosters

Activities at the ARC Park are returning to full swing!

Thursday's are adult league night for Men's Softball and usually there are Volleyball pick-up games.

In July, youth games will resume Monday-Wednesday. There will be a 14U Softball Round Robin on July 12th, a 10U Tournament on July 18th and on July 19th a 10U Softball Round Robin.



The Brad Bauer Tournament will be held August 14th through 16th. The Men's League will end on August 20th.

So many improvements have been done over the years but improving the size and capacity of the concession stand or changing the fact that the announcing booth is too far away from the umpire to hear the calls can't be done with the current set-up. The buildings are showing their age and the cost to fix them was deemed a waste of money since they don't meet current needs. Starting in August of 2020 SCB will be tearing down and rebuilding the Shelter that will house an announcing booth above and behind home plate. The shelter will include garage doors on the sides so that, during inclement weather, they can be closed. In 2021, the concession stand will be rebuilt. The new stand, will not only have a better layout more conducive to meeting the current needs, but will also provide additional bathroom capacity for large events. Several concerns will be addressed to improve the usability with the updated stand.

Demolition will begin on the current shelter area at the ARC Park after August 20th with plans for the building completion this Fall. SCB is currently seeking sponsors for the project. Sponsors will be listed on front of the building for the life of the building. Sponsors with a \$5,000 or \$10,000 lump sum will have their Logo posted on the front of the building (2 sizes depending on the donation amount). The Village has designated \$5,000 for this project.

We are excited to give the Spencer ARC Park a beautiful makeover.

SPENCER COMMUNITY AMBULANCE SERVICE BLUE CARD PROGRAM

Several years ago, the Spencer Community Ambulance Service began a program called the Blue Card Program. A blue 1/2 sheet of cardstock was printed for you to fill out and place on your refrigerator. The information asked for includes medical conditions, allergies, medications, an emergency contact, etc. If an emergency arises, the responders will have important information available to them which may save valuable time.

Cards are available in the Village Office.

LATE CHARGES AND SHUT-OFFS RETURN

If you are finding yourself behind on your water/sewer/garbage/recycle bill, now is the time to contact the Village Office at 715-659-5423. The Public Service Commission has lifted the temporary moratorium on utility disconnections for nonpayment. Late fees are also allowed for any debt incurred as of July 15th. Bills dated July 24th will include late fees that will be added if the bill is not paid by August 15th. In addition, if your account is past due when the July 24th bills are mailed, a disconnection notice will accompany your bill, unless you have arranged a payment plan. If you have fallen behind due to COVID -19 issues, there may be other options available. Don't wait, call today.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Spencer Library (as well as all Marathon County Libraries) will reopen to the public on June 22nd with limited services available via appointment. We will continue to offer curbside pickup for any patron.

A household can make an appointment for 25 minutes of library time. Appointments MUST be made ahead of time. One household appointment per week. Patrons must remain outside the door until library staff notify them it is okay to enter. Patrons must stop at the sanitize station to sanitize their hands, will be asked to social distance, and masks are highly recommended.

All library materials should be returned in the outside book drop.

Spencer Library Hours:

Monday: Curbside pickup from 1pm-3pm

Library use by appointment from 3-7pm

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday: Curbside pickup from 2-4pm

Library use by appointment from 10am-2pm

Wednesday: Curbside pickup from 5-7pm

Library use by appointment from 1-5pm

Closed Saturdays and Sundays



Please call 715-659-3996 to make your appointment or if you have any questions.

Summer Reading will begin on June 22nd. There will be no performers this summer and crafts will be available as a grab-n-go.

SPENCER COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES AUGUST 6-9

The Spencer Chamber will sponsor community garage sales in August. Don't miss your opportunity to clean out some unwanted items and make a bit of cash. By July 27th, let the Village Office know where your garage sale will take place, some items of interest that you are selling, and which dates and times you will have your garage open to the bargain hunters. Maps will be created and available on spencerwi.org or for you to pick up, at the Village Office and a few additional locations, a day or two before the event.



NOMINATIONS FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NEEDED

Sponsored by Spencer Area Chamber of Commerce

Even though SPENCERAMA was cancelled this year, the Spencer Area Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the Citizen of the Year. This deserving individual will be announced on August 19th during Music in the Park at the Lions Shelter at 6:30pm. Please submit a letter of nomination for the person you think has contributed the most to Spencer this past year. Tell us why you have chosen this person. Send your nomination to Partners Bank P.O. Box 137 Spencer, WI Attn: Linda or drop it off at Partners bank or email lindah@partnersbankwi.com. Nominations may also be dropped off at the Village Office, 105 S Park Street, Spencer. Get your nomination in no later than Friday, July 31st to be considered.

REMINDER-FILL OUT THE CENSUS

At the end of May, the Village has been lagging behind on our response rate to the US Census. The Statewide average response rate is 67.1%, Marathon County's rate is 74.3%, and Spencer sits in at 66.6%. In 2010, The Village's response rate was 78.1%. We need to do better as a community to get our response rate up, so that we continue to receive our fair share of State and Federal funds. Things

Fill out your 2020 Census
online today.



Respond online at
2020CENSUS.GOV

Shape
your future
START HERE >

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like Fire Department funding, road funding and school funding are determined by the census.

If you have received a census form, please fill it out and send it in. If you have not received a form, you can still respond online. You can go to 2020CENSUS.gov and click on "respond." Next click on "Start Questionnaire"

and then click I do not have a Census ID. The census only takes a short time to fill out.

So, whether you live in an apartment or own your home, filling out the census is important to our community. Together, we can make sure that Spencer is represented fairly!

**THERE WILL BE NO ELECTRONICS DROP-OFF
EVENT THIS YEAR.**

Village of Spencer
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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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SPENCER

- 1st Tuesday monthly - 7 p.m. - Spencer American Legion - Meeting Room
- 1st Thursday monthly - 6:30 p.m. - Spencer Woman's Club - Meeting Room
- 2nd Monday monthly - 6:30 p.m. - Village Board meeting - Board Room or Meeting Room
- June 22 - New Library hours (see page 3)
- July 11 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Spencer Garden Walk, sponsored by the Spencer Woman's Club
- July 12 - 14U Softball Round Robin - ARC Park
- July 18 - 10U Baseball Tournament - ARC Park
- July 19 - 10U Softball Round Robin - ARC Park
- August 5, 12, 19, 26 - Music in the Park (watch for more information)
Sponsored by Spencer Area Chamber of Commerce
- August 6-9 - Village Wide Garage Sales sponsored by the Spencer Area Chamber
- August 14-16 - Brad Bauer Tournament - ARC Park
- August 19 - Miss SPENCERAMA, Lil' Miss SPENCERAMA, and Jr. Miss SPENCERAMA crowned - Lion's Shelter
- August 19 - Citizen of the Year announced - Lion's Shelter

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SPENCERAMA DAYS 2021!
JUNE 11, 12, 13
Family fun, games for all ages, music, food, the parade, and so much more. If you or your organization are interested in being part of SPENCERAMA 2021, please contact the Village Office so you can be part of the plan from the beginning. Planning meetings will start this fall.



SPENCER GARDEN WALK

Sponsored by
SPENCER WOMAN'S CLUB

Saturday July 11th
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Tickets
\$10 in Advance
available at: Citizens State Bank,
Spencer Village Office, Amie's Cut Loose

\$15 Day of Garden Walk
available at: all Garden sites

Proceeds from Garden Walk
to benefit
Sleep in Heavenly Peace

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