



# Village Of Spring Valley

Fall 2016

The village office will be closed in the afternoons November 18th-28th when Luann is out of the office. Angie will be in most mornings during those days. The office will be closed Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving and Nov. 25 when both Luann and Angie will be out



## *Voting Information*

As the Village of Spring Valley prepares for the November 8th General Election, I want to make sure you are all aware of new laws. The following information may be helpful:

1. A Wisconsin voter's residency requirement for voter registration purposes is now 10 days, previously 28. You must show Proof of Residency when you register. The registration deadline is Friday, November 4th at 5 p.m. Same Day Registration (registering the same day you vote) is available but is time consuming...Save time at the polls, register by the 4th!! If you mail in a registration, a **Proof of Residency** must accompany the form.
2. You will need a photo ID to vote. Yes, we probably know you, but it's the law, and poll workers are required to see your ID. A state issued drivers license or state ID is the best ID to present. A few others are acceptable. If you do NOT have a state issued ID please call the village office for other acceptable forms of ID.
3. In-person absentee voting will be Oct. 24th—November 4th, 8:00 a.m.—4 p.m. If you cannot make it during that time, please call the office to make an appointment with Luann.
4. Voters who were mailed an absentee ballot MUST return the ballot in the absentee certificate envelope with voter signature, adult U.S. citizen witness signature and **witness address** for the ballot to be counted.

Please visit [www.gab.wi.gov](http://www.gab.wi.gov) for more voter information, other forms of acceptable ID, or to check your registration status.

### **Voter**

### **Registration**

If you have moved, changed your name, or have never registered to vote please come into the village office before the election to make those changes. Remember you will need to bring proof of residency if you have moved. Register early to save time at the polls! No one is allowed to register on Monday, the day before an election.

## **2016 Election Date:**

**November 8—Fall General Election**

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voting is at the Village Hall—E121 S. Second Street.

**Interested in running for board trustee?** All you need is 20 signatures to get your name on the ballot. The following board trustees will be up for re-election on April 4th, 2017: Marsha Brunkhorst, Mary Ducklow, Andy Vorlicek, Nick Falde. The **required nomination papers** can be picked up at the Village Office December 1, 2016 and must be turned back in to the Village office by January 3, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. We also have positions open on the Board of Appeals committee. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Village office.

~It's almost time to dig out the snow shovel and tune up the snow blower, which means it's also time to review snow removal and parking policies~

**Winter Parking restrictions** will go into effect **Sunday November 1, 2016**. There is no parking allowed on village streets between the hours of 2:00am-6:00am. Spring Valley Police Department will be issuing tickets to vehicles parked illegally during these hours, regardless of snowfall. Parking will be enforced every night between November 1st and March 31st. If you are experiencing mechanical difficulty or you are having overnight guests you must contact the police department to avoid a ticket.

**Village snow plowing and removal** is scheduled at the discretion of the Director of Public Works. The Public Works Department will make every effort to clear the streets following a snow fall to help make them safe for motorists. The village is not responsible for anything damaged within the right-of-way. This includes, but not limited to, turf, mailboxes, flowers, gravel, and trees.



**Please do NOT shovel or blow snow into the street.** This creates a hazardous condition for motorists. In addition village ordinances prohibit this action and doing so may result in a fine.

## Please Keep Sidewalks Clear of Snow

Pursuant to Section 38-150 of the Village Code of Ordinances, the owner, occupant or person in charge of any lot which fronts or adjoins a sidewalk shall keep the sidewalk clear of all snow and ice. If snow accumulates on a sidewalk due to natural means and/or by any other means, the sidewalk shall be cleared of all the accumulated snow and/or ice within

24 hours from the time the snow ceases to accumulate on the sidewalk. Sidewalks are to be kept clear of snow and ice to a minimum of four feet in width. If ice has formed on a sidewalk in such a way that it cannot be removed, the owner, occupant or person in charge of the sidewalk shall keep the sidewalk sprinkled with sand and/or salt to permit safe travel by pedestrians.



*If you fail to remove the snow and/or ice after you have been notified the village will do so at a minimum charge of \$100.00 per hour. Unpaid bills will be assessed to the property tax bill.*

## HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants the week of October 3rd thru the 7th. Remember to **check your water before washing clothes to prevent staining.** Residents with water softeners should also check the cycle time of their softeners so the unit does not regenerate during this time period.



## BRUSH PICK UP

Curb side brush pick-up will be on October 3rd and 4th. This does NOT include lawn debris!



Visit our web page at  
[www.springvalleywi.com](http://www.springvalleywi.com)

There you will find board and committee members, agendas and minutes; a calendar of meeting dates, office closings, and holidays as well as Community Center and Handy Andy availability dates. Common ordinances, zoning, Dam Days information, and many other informational items can be found here.



## WATER RATE INCREASE SCHEDULED FOR 2017

The Village of Spring Valley has not had a water rate increase since 2002. In order to keep up with increasing costs, an increase in rates is needed. An application for this increase has been submitted to the Public Service Commission and will be somewhere around 20%. **Please note** the rates for the sewer portion of your utility bill will remain the same. Below is an example of an average utility bill within the village and what an increase may look like. If you use more water than the amount used in the example, your total bill may go up more than what appears in the example. If you use less water than the example, your total bill may not go up as much as what appears in the example. The average water consumption for a residential customer per quarter in Spring Valley is 9,000 gallons.

**Please remember this is an illustration only.** Actual increases are determined by the PSC.

**Residential customer**, 5/8" meter, using 9,000 gallons of water per quarter.

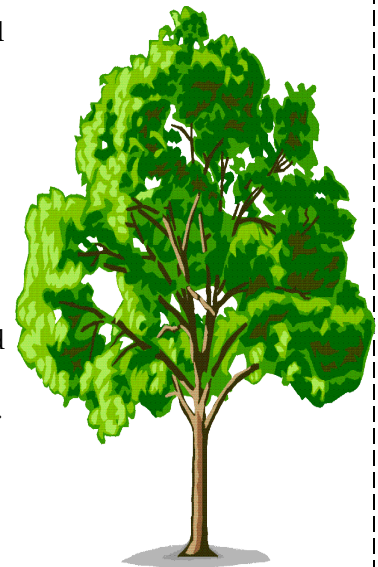
Current water base	\$ 15.45	20% increase	\$ 18.54
Consumption	20.70	20% increase	24.84
Current sewer base	96.00	Remains at	96.00
Current sewer usage	<u>45.00</u>	Remains at	<u>45.00</u>
Total current bill	\$177.15	Possible bill after rate increase	\$184.38

## Use this winter to get ready for spring!! Consider purchasing a Memorial Bench.

Memorial benches are available for purchase in the Spring Valley Village office and may be installed at any time. The placement will be determined by the Village Board or Public Works Department, with your preference in mind. Benches are currently being placed in Handy Andy Park, along the Highway 29 walking trail, or in the park located at the head of the walking trail near the fish pond.

The benches are made out of recycled plastic, cedar in color, and keep 540 milk jugs out of landfills. They measure 60" long, 32" tall, with a seat height of 18". You can get them with or without arms and they are mounted on permanent posts. Come in for pricing of the bench itself, router letters, engraved plates, or embossed Zinc

Plates. You may also have a tree planted in memory or in honor of someone. Call the village office for details. 715-778-5635.



**Wondering where you're using all your water?** Here are some estimates. Find the full article and water saving tips at <http://water.usgs.gov/edu/qa-home-percapita.html>

**Bath** — A "full tub" varies, but 36 gallons is a good average amount.

**Shower** — Old showers used to use up to 5 gallons of water per minute. Water-saving shower heads produce about 2 gallons per minute.

**Teeth brushing** — <1 gallon. Newer bath faucets use about 1 gallon per minute, whereas older models use over 2 gallons.

**Hands/face washing** — 1 gallon

Face/leg shaving — 1 gallon

**Dishwasher** — 6-16 gallons. Newer, EnergyStar models use 6 gallons or less per wash cycle, whereas older dishwashers might use up to 16 gallons per cycle.

**Dish washing by hand** — About 8-27 gallons. This all depends on how efficient you are at hand washing dishes. Newer kitchen faucets use about 1.5-2 gallons per minutes, whereas older faucets use more.

**Clothes washer** — 25 gallons/load for newer washers. Older models might use about 40 gallons per load.

**Toilet flush** — 3 gallons. Most new toilets use 1.6 gallons per flush, but many older toilets use about 4 gallons.

**Glasses of water you drink** — 8 oz. per small glass, not counting water for pets. You also use water for cooking!

**Outdoor watering** — 2 gallons per minute, depending on the force of your outdoor faucet.

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## 2017 Dog and Cat Licensing

Per state law, all dogs over 5 months of age are to be vaccinated and licensed. Village ordinance requires this for cats as well. The fees are: neutered and spayed dogs and cats are \$10.00, intact are \$15.00. In order to avoid the late penalty fee of \$5.00 please make sure your pets are licensed by April 1st, 2017. Owners who fail to license their dogs and cats are subject to a \$169.50 fine.

Licensing forms will be included with your property tax bill. If you do not receive a tax bill, they can be found on the village website site at [www.springvalleywi.com](http://www.springvalleywi.com) or they can be obtained at the village office located at E121 S. Second St. When applying for a license, owners must provide a current rabies vaccination certificate. Landlords, please pass this information on to your tenants.

Spring Valley vaccination clinic is January 20th 1-5 p.m. at the S407 Newman Ave (Village Shop)

Plum City vaccination clinic is January 19th 1-4 p.m.

Elmwood vaccination clinic is January 21st 9 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

### Are you receiving your lottery and gaming credit on your property tax bill?

You may claim the credit if you were the owner on January 1, 2016 and used the property as your primary residence. The credit is not allowed on business property, rental units, land, garages, etc. A non-Wisconsin resident cannot claim this credit. If you qualify and there is not a lottery credit on your tax bill, forms are available at the village office. Due date is January 31, 2017, but **PLEASE have them turned in before property tax bills are printed in November 2016. It will be much easier to**

### Do you have old prescriptions and over the counter drugs you would like to get rid of?

The village has a container located in the village office to dispose of them. Please have the medicine in the original containers or a zip lock bag. The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday—Friday

### Send us your email address

Luann would like to have the ability to send out mass emails to the residents of Spring Valley for various reasons. If you would like to be included in those mailing please send your email address to Luann at



### Notes about water and sewer accounts

Snowbirds: let us know when you have returned so there is no delay in your water and sewer billing

Telephone numbers: please let us know when you have a change in your telephone number. Many people are going to cell phones only and it is hard to track those numbers.

Moving in or out: renters, landlords and property owners *please* notify the village office when you move in or out. This will ensure that the last bill you receive will be the correct billing and that you will not be held liable for someone else's water usage.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

November 8, 2016	General Election
November 24	Office closed for Thanksgiving
November 25	Office closed — Angie out
November 18-28	Luann out of office
December 23 & 26	Office closed for Christmas
January 2, 2017	Office closed for New Years
January 31	First half property taxes due
April 1st	Pet licenses due

# Goings On at the Spring Valley Library

**A-Z Book Club:** The challenge is to read 26 books, each written by an author whose surname begins with a different letter of the alphabet, A-Z. Book Club meets at 9:30am every other Saturday.

**Children's Book Club:** This reading group is open to kids grades 2-5 and meets on every first Saturday at 10:30am. Children are invited to enjoy a lively book discussion and snacks!

**Teen Book Club:** This reading group is open to kids grades 6-9. A regular meeting schedule is still being worked out so check in at the Library to learn more about selected titles and the meeting date.

**Crochet Club:** Open to all ages at all level of skill! Beginners will be provided with crochet hooks and yarn. We have a left-handed teacher available so left-handers, if you've always wanted to learn, now is your chance! Crochet Club meets at 10am every third Saturday.

**Fall Story Time:** Story Time with Ms. Julie from 9:30-10:30am on Wednesdays September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19 and 26; November 2, 9, 16, and 30<sup>th</sup> and December 7.

**Early Release After School Program:** Friday, November 4 and December 2 from 1:15-2:30pm with Ms. Julie. ***Registration is required.*** A family friendly animated film will follow after the craft activity from 2:30-4pm. Walk-ins for the movie are welcome. Snacks will be provided after the program.

**Job Services:** A representative of the WI Department of Workforce Development visits the Spring Valley Library every second Friday of the month to assist job seekers in their employment search. Resume and online job application help is offered as well as, help with interview prep. Scheduled dates through to the end of the year are: September 9, October 14, November 11 and December 9 from 10-12pm. Contact the Library for more information.

## Did you know?

That the Library offers exam proctoring, faxing, copying, printing, scanning, wi-fi and public computers with internet access? We also have local newspapers and popular magazines for check out as well. Faxing is a \$1per page; copying/printing is 10cents per page for black and white; copy/printing is 25cents per page for color.

That the Spring Valley Library is a member of the MORE consortium, partnering with 50 libraries in the immediate West-Central Wisconsin area? This means that with your Library card you have access to millions of materials and can chose whichever library location is most convenient for you to pick up your interlibrary loan materials and return them. Your library card also gives you access for FREE to Ancestry.com and, you can download e-books on your ipads, kindles and chromebooks for FREE by using your library card.

That the Library now has a Friends of the Library group? Friends advocate for the library and support the library by providing fundraising for programs and other needs. Interested in learning more? Email: [friendsofsvlibrary@svlibrary.org](mailto:friendsofsvlibrary@svlibrary.org).

### Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10-7

Friday 10-5

Saturday 10-1

Follow the Spring Valley Library on Facebook  
Visit the Library website: [www.springvalleylibrary.org](http://www.springvalleylibrary.org)  
Email the Director: [schmitt@svlibrary.org](mailto:schmitt@svlibrary.org)  
Call 715-778-4590

We hope to see you at the Library!



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## Things you may want to know.....

### **Village Office**

Luann Emerson, Clerk/Treasurer  
Angie Fisher, Office Assistant  
715-778-5635  
Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm  
clerk@springvalleywi.com

### **Public Works Department**

Tim Howe, Director  
715-778-4238

### **Spring Valley Public Library**

Becky Schmitt, Library Director  
715-778-4590

Monday	10:00am-7:00pm
Tuesday	10:00am-7:00pm
Wednesday	10:00am-7:00pm
Thursday	10:00am-7:00pm
Friday	10:00am-5:00pm
Saturday	10: 00am-1:00pm

### **Village Board Members**

#### **President:**

Marsha Brunkhorst 778-4382

#### **Trustees:**

Mary Ducklow	778-5975
Dale Jacobson	778-4555
Matt Huepfel	778-4289
Nick Falde	778-4343
Andy Vorlicek	778-4248
Rich O'Connell	778-4862

The Village Board meets the first  
Wednesday of each month at 7:00  
p.m. in the Council Room at the  
Village Hall.

### **Spring Valley Police Department**

John DuBois, Chief  
715-778-5678  
chief@svpolice.org

### **Spring Valley Fire Department**

Terry Shafer, Chief  
715-778-4452

### **Spring Valley Ambulance**

Tod Jorgenson, Director  
715-778-4452

Village Assessor-Bowmar Appraisal 715-834-5801

Building Inspector-All Croix Inspections-Todd Dolan 715-377-2152

Garbage Pick up-Paul's Industrial Garage 715-792-5209

WE Energies 800-242-9137

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