



Village Of Spring Valley

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SUMMER 2021

COVID UPDATES FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICES:

We will be reopening the village office beginning in July. PLEASE REMEMBER you can pay utility bills and register pets via mail and the security box located outside the main doors. If you're not sure if you need to come into the office for your transaction please call 715 778-5635.

The Police Department We will still be keeping the office door locked for security reasons. People will need to knock to gain entry. We will still be asking people to wear a mask in our office area as we do not have good fresh air flow. 778-5678.

Construction Updates

Abatement at the **OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** will begin July 19th. Demolition is expected to start August 2nd and could last up to 6 weeks. Watch for trucks transporting debris north on Sabin, then west on First St. to Newman, then south on Newman along the truck route to Hwy 29. This should avoid congestion in the busiest part of downtown.

EAU GALLE ROAD is scheduled to begin July 12th when WE Energies begins relocating services. Construction should be starting August 2nd. Haas will start at Akers/Sabin corner and proceed toward the bridge, hopefully completing this section by Dam Days. They will, however, be working on all of Eau Galle Rd during this time. Unfortunately Eau Galle Rd will be closed for Dam Days. Substantial completion is mid-October.



NEW PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

Joe Hoheisel has joined the Public Works team. He is from New Richmond, WI, and is a family man with 1 daughter and 2 sons. Joe enjoys hunting, fishing, anything outdoors. His previous experience includes foreman at Starcon, Hudson Ford technician, previous owner of a Snap-on Tools franchise. He comes to the village with extensive knowledge in maintenance, operating equipment and snow removal. He will be a great fit with all village employees, learning new things every day!



Tree trimming and brush clearing will continue through the summer. Please watch for public works vehicles on the streets. This may include areas near your property if visibility has been obstructed.

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## Highlights of the Summer in the Valley

- ◇ July 4th Celebration: American Legion Food Stand, Root Beer Floats, All American Ball Games, Fireworks, north McKay Ave at the ball fields
- ◇ July 5th—Village Office Closed
- ◇ Sept 6th—Labor Day—Village Office Closed
- ◇ Sept. 17, 18, 19—Dam Days Celebration –
- ◇ Sept. 19 2:00—Dam Days Parade
- ◇ Oct 4th-8 Hydrant Flushing





The **2020 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**, our annual DNR report on the condition of the drinking water in Spring Valley, will be published in the Spring Valley Sun Thursday

July 1st. It is also available in the Village Office during regular business hours M-F 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. If you would like to see the report but cannot come in during these hours please call Luann 715-778-5635 and a more convenient time can be scheduled. You may also view the report online from the village website at [www.springvalleywi.com](http://www.springvalleywi.com)



The Village has received many complaints about pet owners walking their dogs and not picking up after

them. We have put up “doggie-doo” stations in the west parking lot at Handy Andy Park and at the start of the walking path tucked up next to a shrub. We can add more around town if we see these being used. It has been estimated that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million [fecal coliform bacteria](#), which are known to cause cramps, diarrhea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney disorders in humans. Please do not leave your dog waste for others to step in!

Don't forget,  
2nd half property taxes due  
July 31st.



## Handy Andy Park Project

The Handy Andy Park Project Committee is so grateful to all who donated towards the new playground equipment in the park. Many in the community are enjoying the new space, A huge thank you to all that have made monetary donations and to all those that donated their time and expertise for the installation.

With the goal of a new playground complete, the Park Project Committee has now set a new goal of putting a safe walking/biking path from town into the park, and possibly even a loop around the entire park, We believe the addition of this path will help to keep the kids in our community safe and serve as a beautiful place for exercise and recreation for the entire community to enjoy. Please visit either of these websites for more information and donation forms:

<https://svcommunity.wixsite.com/handyandyparkproject>  
[www.springvalleywi.com](http://www.springvalleywi.com)

Donations can be made and mailed to:

Handy Andy Park Project  
Village of Spring Valley  
P.O. Box 276  
Spring Valley, WI 54767



### Summer Ordinances to remember:

- \* 38-82 Open burning
- \* 18-5 Noxious weeds controlled by property owners
- \* 18-7 Grass length not to exceed 6"
- \* 58-594 Swimming pools require fences
- \* 6-6 Keeping animals, running at large
- \* 6-12 Barking dogs
- \* 6-10 Cleaning up pet waste
- \* 50-142/143 ATVs & golf carts

These and others can be found in detail on the village website

### A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE POLICE DEPT:

#### ATV/UTV EQUIPMENT/RIDING LAWS

- Headlamp/Taillamp required when operating on road
- License Plates are required to be displayed on back
- Registration decal front half of ATV facing outward
- Headgear for all operators and passengers under 18 years of age
- ATV Safety certificate required for operators born on/after January 1, 1988
- Speed for in town in 10 MPH
- No ATV/UTV traffic on McKay





**Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put** serves independent seniors and disabled adults of the Spring Valley and surrounding community (at no charge) through **non-medical** volunteer coordination. As of June 1, certain services & events have resumed, others have been added, all are included in the June/July schedule below. Please call the office to become a volunteer or to receive assistance **(715) 778-5800**.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** For meals inquiry, **please call the ADRC of Pierce County @ 715-273-6780**, or the ADRC of St. Croix County @ 715-381-4360. Staying Put volunteers deliver meals Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri.

**ARTS & CRAFT CIRCLE:** **June & July dates TBD @ Staying Put office** - crafts, art projects, socialization.  
**Reserve a spot, or call for a ride**

**TEA-BASKET VISITS:** Would you enjoy a personal home-visit with tea & cones?

**STRONG BODIES FITNESS SESSIONS:** This physical fitness program is co-sponsored by the ADRC of Pierce County. Classes have resumed effective June 1, 2021, Tuesday and Fridays 9:30-10:30 a.m. @ SV Village Hall. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

**BOOKS-TO-GO/SV LIBRARY:** Volunteers will deliver a basket of books or movies to you for your reading/viewing enjoyment, along with a friendly visit.

**TECH WORKSHOP:** For personal help on your electronic device,

**MEMORY CAFÉ:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesdays of the month.** This is a social get-together for older adults held 10:00 AM-11:30 AM at St. John's Lutheran Church, S520 Church Ave., Spring Valley. Anyone with memory loss is invited to attend with a friend or companion. Have fun and share stories, enjoy coffee or tea and treats.

**WALKING BUDDIES:** Would you like a walking partner?

**ANIMAL CARE:** Could you use some assistance with animal-care?

**TRANSPORTATION:** Staying Put is collaborating with New Freedom Transportation/CILWW to provide drivers & coordination of transportation to medical appointments and other 'life-essential' trips outside of Spring Valley.

**CALL STAYING PUT FOR OTHER SERVICE REQUESTS:** Light housekeeping, light yard work, simple maintenance projects, friendly visits, caregiver breaks, local rides in town, various errands, referrals to other agency assistance and various for-hire sources.

**For more information or wanting a ride please call Seniors Staying Put @ 715 778-5800**

### **VISIT OUR WEBPAGE 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, Community Center and Handy Andy availability dates, common ordinances, zoning, information, Dam Days schedule of events, and many other informational items.

#### **Village Board Members**

##### **President:**

Marsha Brunkhorst 778-4382

##### **Trustees:**

Mary Ducklow 778-5975

Kevin Olson 778-5016

Andy Vorlicek 778-4248

Liz Erickson 778-4506

Ruth Lukes 778-5828

Rich O'Connell 778-4862

The Village Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Room at The Village Hall.

#### **Village Office**

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm  
 715-778-5635

**Luann Emerson**, Clerk/Treasurer  
 clerk@springvalleywi.com

**Ruth Esanbock**, Office Assistant  
 svassist@springvalleywi.com

**Public Works Department** 715-778-4238

**Steven Kirby**, Lead

**Joe Hoheisel**, Assistant

Village Assessor-Bowmar Appraisal  
 715-834-5801

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

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

WE Energies 800-242-9137

Xcel Energy 800-895-4999

St. Croix Electric 800-924-3407

#### **Spring Valley Police**

##### **Department**

Sharon Verges, Chief

Dulcie Lily, FT Officer

715-778-5678

chief@svpolice.org

##### **Spring Valley Fire**

##### **Department**

Mike Fitzjarrell, Chief

715-778-4452

##### **Spring Valley Ambulance**

Tod Jorgenson, Director

715-778-4452



## LIONS CLUB NEWS



Spring Valley Lions Club is sponsoring the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus on Saturday July 24th with two shows, 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. This delightful show under the big top guarantees action packed, family friendly entertainment for all ages. Presale tickets will be available at a variety of local businesses ahead of the show. Watch for posters for details.

The 53rd Dam Days Celebration sponsored by the Spring Valley Lions Club will be held on September 17, 18, 19.

Those famous Lion's burgers will be served all weekend. Friday tractor pull, home football game, Saturday is full of activities for Children and adults; magician at the Library, Youth Olympics, Folioz at the theater, music on the street, and much more with the Grand parade on Sunday.

If any questions please call 715 778-4506



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### Spring Valley Public Library

715-778-4590

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

[kschneider@svlibrary.org](mailto:kschneider@svlibrary.org)



Monday-Thursday: 10-7pm

Friday: 10-5pm

Saturday: 10-1pm

#### Library News:

- The library is officially FINE FREE! *"We believe that ALL library users should have access to the library without any barriers, going fine-free is just the beginning."*
- The library & the Library Director, Katie Schneider were recognized by the Chippewa Valley Technical College for outstanding partnership with the college from the Library and Information Resources program. The library will be taking on future students for their mentorships during fall/spring months.
- The Spring Valley Public Library will be hosting Trivia at Mooney's Rusty Horse Bar & Grill on the first Wednesday of each month which will start July 7th at 7 PM. If trivia ends up being a hit, we will host weekly in the fall/winter months! Prizes will be awarded to the winner! Stop on down and have some Trivia Fun! Adults only.

The Adult Book Club that started in January has 18 members that meet on the last Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. This book club is entertaining, laid back and FUN! If you would like to join, please contact Katie Schneider at [kschneider@svlibrary.org](mailto:kschneider@svlibrary.org).

- Welcome to the Summer of Story walks! The library put up 2 story walks along the bike/walk path & the other 2 story walks are at the pool! Happy Reading!
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program: This free program encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he/she enters kindergarten. Studies have shown that the more books read to a child before kindergarten, the better that child does in school. Fostering the love to read can start with snuggle time with books. For every 100 books read they get a FREE book! WE LEARN TO READ SO WE CAN READ TO LEARN!
- Summer Reading Program: As of 6/10/2021, the library has 186 people signed up with the age ranging from babies to adults! The summer reading program is a huge hit all thanks to the wonderful donations that came in from the local businesses to help sponsor the summer reading prizes. Haven't signed up yet? No Problem, you can still sign up because the program goes till August 14th!

Coming Soon: Music/Movement Storytime for toddlers, Bingo Nights, Art Classes, Escape Rooms, Community Scavenger hunts, Murder Mystery, DIY Programs and so much more! We are just waiting for COVID19 restrictions to be lifted and we will be ready to plan so many fun ideas for all ages.

Questions: Please contact the Library Director, Katie Schneider at 715-778-4590 or [kschneider@svlibrary.org](mailto:kschneider@svlibrary.org)

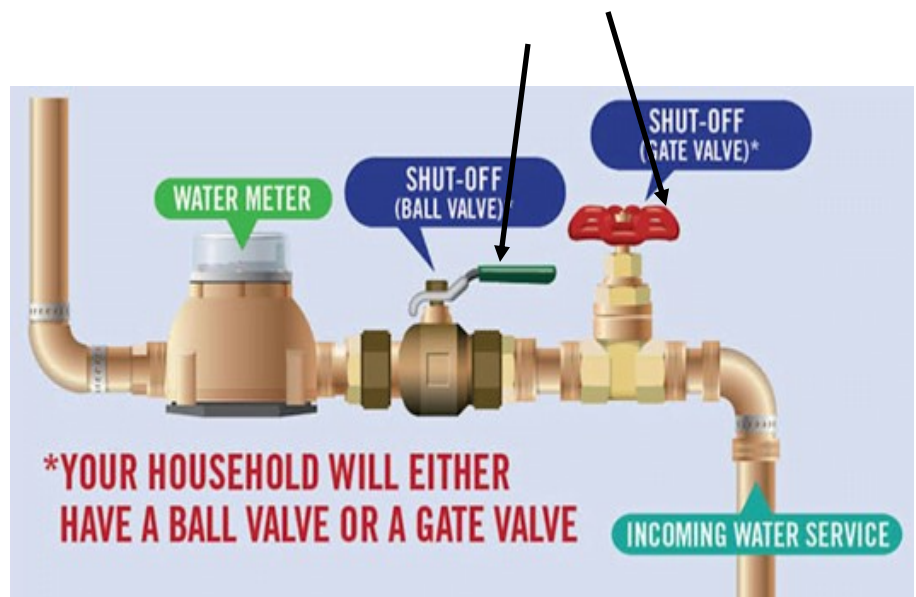
**Spring Valley Waterworks** will be installing new water meters throughout the entire village. Our current meters are nearly 20 years old and technology has come a long way! The new Kamstrup meters will eliminate the need for a 2-week, hands-on water meter read; they are an AMR Drive-by System. The meters are more efficient, have a temperature detector for freezing conditions, and have consumption capabilities to detect leaks. We have contracted with HydroCorp to install everyone's meter. HydroCorp will begin the process of scheduling your install by sending a letter to each home and asking for a timeframe that works for you. If your appointment needs to be re-scheduled because of a homeowner issue, you will be billed for a second appointment. Your meter must be accessible! Clear clutter from around the meter and if you have enclosed it, it will need to be exposed. It is your responsibility to make sure the valves feeding your meter are operable. Your meter should already be grounded. If it is not up to code at the time of your install it will be done for you and you will be charged on your September 30<sup>th</sup> bill. The cross-connection vacuum breaker will also be checked at this time. If you need the part, it will be installed and you will be charged for that as well. The project is expected to start in mid-late July and last 4-5 weeks. If you have any questions, please call Luann at the village office 715-778-5635.

- \$70 to reschedule an appointment
- \$15 to bring your grounding strap up to code
- \$5.50 to install a cross-connection vacuum breaker

Proper grounding strap installation should go **around** your meter. The new meters are composite so grounding through your meter would provide no continuity for your electrical ground. If you have a plastic water line from the street this does not apply to you.



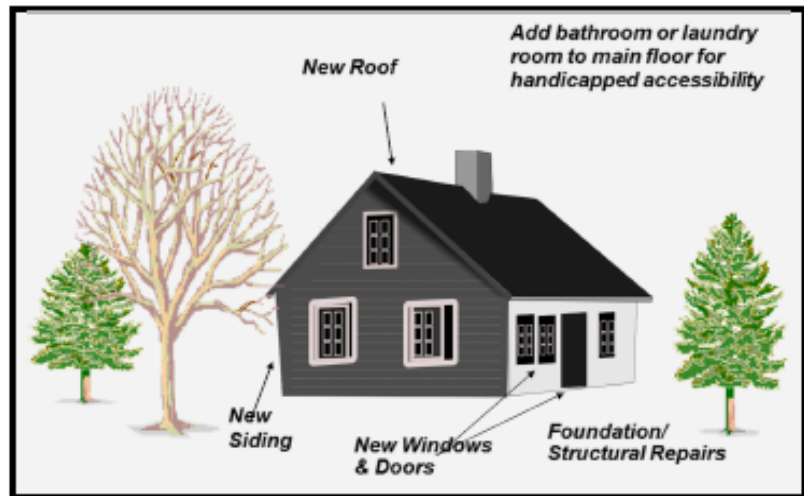
You will have either a ball valve or a gate valve. Please make sure it is functioning properly.



# Home Repairs That Can Be Made With 0% Deferred CDBG Housing Loans

## ELIGIBLE REPAIRS:

- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Water Heater
- Furnace
- Doors/Windows
- Interior Walls, Floors, Ceilings
- Roof
- Foundation Repairs
- Sewer/Water Laterals
- Well/Septic
- Modifications for Disabled Individuals



## Who Can Apply For 0% Loans?

■ **LMI\* Homeowners:** 0% deferred loans may be made to eligible LMI homeowners to make needed home repairs. The loan does not need to be repaid to the *Village of Spring Valley* until the home is sold or is no longer the owner's primary residence. Loan amounts typically range from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

■ **LMI\* Homebuyer:** 0% deferred loans may be made to eligible LMI homebuyers to assist with purchasing an existing home within the *Village of Spring Valley*. The loan is used to pay for up to half the down payment, and all reasonable closing costs. The loan does not need to be repaid to the local municipality until the home is sold or is no longer the owner's primary residence. Loan amounts typically range from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

■ **Loans to Landlords:** 0% loans may be made to eligible landlords who agree to rent their units to LMI household\* for at least 5 years. The loan with Landlords are amortized and need to be repaid to the *Village of Spring Valley*. Loan amounts typically range from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Landlords who accept CDBG loans may not charge rents in excess of the prevailing, non-subsidized rents in the local municipality as defined by the CDBG Housing Program.

\***LMI Eligibility:** LMI refers to low-and moderate-income.

Total annual household income for LMI households cannot exceed the following limits:

| Persons: | 1        | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5        | 6        | 7        | 8         |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Income:  | \$55,950 | \$63,950 | \$71,950 | \$79,900 | \$86,300 | \$92,700 | \$99,100 | \$105,500 |

If you have questions, please contact the Village's Housing Administrator at 715-235-9081