



Village Of Spring Valley

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FROM PUBLIC WORKS:

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE for sched-



uling your meter change outs. There were very few violations for improperly installed meters and plumbing and those were corrected promptly!

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, 2021 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, 2022, but **PLEASE have them turned in before property tax bills are printed in November 2021. It will be much easier to process!**



FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

the Village Office has 2 Notaries Public. Both Ruth and Luann are available to notarize your documents free of charge.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Eau Galle road is in full swing. Per the grant stipulations all construction must be completed by October 31st. Thanks for your patience!



2021 PROPERTY TAX SEASON IS UPON US!! There are many calculations that go into figuring tax bills and we, as well as the school and county, are already preparing for December. Tax bills will be mailed

the beginning of December; by statute they must be mailed by December 15th. In order to claim real estate taxes on your 2021 tax return, payment must be made to the village office or postmarked by December 31st, 2021. Remember, whether you're making 1/2 or full payment, your first tax payment is made to Village of Spring Valley. Any payment made after January 31st should be made payable to Pierce County Treasurer and paid in the Treasurer's Office at Pierce County.

INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE VILLAGE BOARD?

This is where decisions are made on affairs of the Village. The following Village Board Trustees will be up for re-election on April 5th, 2022: Kevin Olson, Rich O'Connell, Matt Huepfel position temporarily being filled by Mary Ducklow. The **required nomination papers** can be picked up at the Village Office December 1, 2021 and must be turned back in to the Village Office by January 4th, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Daylight savings time is coming to an end. Remember to set your clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 7th. This is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.





The Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants the week of October 4th thru October 8th. 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. If your water appears dark or cloudy let it run until clear.

Notes about water and sewer accounts

Snowbirds: let us know when you leave and return 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.

WINTER REMINDERS

~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~

Village snowplowing 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.



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.

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.

Winter Parking restrictions will go into effect **Monday November 1, 2021.** 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 have overnight guests please contact the police department (715 778-5678) to avoid a ticket.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 4-8	Fall Hydrant Flushing
Oct. 15	Utility accts>30 days past due PIF or go to tax roll
Oct. 20	3rd Qtr utility bills due
November	Watch for budget public hearing
Nov. 7	2:00 a.m. turn clocks back 1 hour
Nov.25	Closed for Thanksgiving
Dec. 1	Board candidate papers begin circulation
Dec. 15	Property tax bill mailing deadline
Dec.23&24	Closed for Christmas holidays
Dec.31	Closed for Jan. 1, 2022 holiday
Jan.31	First half property taxes due



Notes from the SVPD:

- School has been back in session now for a month. There has been higher traffic on 29 with kids walking and riding bikes to the new elementary school. That will more than likely slow down with the coming winter months. Please continue to be on the look out for those young pedestrians.
- Halloween is fast approaching. Parents a reminder to walk with the younger children, watch as they cross the streets. Make sure face coverings do not limit their vision. Check candy before kids eat and toss any candy not in an original closed wrapper .
- BE AWARE of the BUSES, the yellow and RED lights, and the extended stop arm and stop signs. These are warnings for drivers to stop from both ways for those buses and children. PLEASE help to keep everyone SAFE.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS:

On October 31st from 5-7 pm Emmaus Church is hosting Trunk-Or-Treat where trick-or-treating is done from parked cars in the church parking lot.

- Please check the village website closer to Halloween for updates.



The DNR has completed its architectural review of the old elementary school. The demolition will continue as soon as Haas can get going again.



Beware of Solicitation!

If someone is knocking on your door to sell something please ask them for their Direct Seller's Permit they received from the village office (also called a Solicitor's Permit), If you see someone going door-to-door in the village, please call the village office to verify they have a permit. Anyone selling to the general public must fill out an application and have a background check done by our village police department. This includes vacuum cleaner sales, meat dealers, drive-way sealing services, roofing, food trucks etc. This will help ensure honesty and safety for all our residents.



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

The village has a secure container to dispose of them. Please bring meds in their original container or zip lock bag. Also accepting pet medications and sharps. The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday—Friday

2022 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 \$20.00, intact are \$30.00. Please license your pets by April 1st, 2022 to avoid late fees and fines. 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 Vaccination clinics are held in January; watch for details.



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Spring Valley Fire Department and Spring Valley Area Ambulance Service are in need of volunteers! If you have ever thought about volunteering and being part of a great organization in your community please call Fire Chief Mike Fitzjarrell or Ambulance Director Tod Jorgenson. They will have valuable information for you on how to get started. They can both be reached at 715-778-4452. YES, leave a message, they will return your call!



2022 Elections

- Spring Primary – February 15, 2022
- Spring Election – April 5, 2022
- Fall Primary – August 9, 2022
- General Election – November 8, 2022

Voter Registration

If you have moved, changed your name, please update your registration at myvote.wi.gov If you are not registered to vote you can register on this site as well. Register early to save time at the polls! No one is allowed to register on Monday, the day before an election.

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION

can be done online at myvote.wi.gov You can find out about your voting status, upcoming elections, and who is on the ballots. If you need further assistance please call the village office.



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
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Public Works Department

715-778-4238

Steven Kirby, Lead
svwwtp@svtel.net

Joe Hoheisel, Assistant

Spring Valley Police Department

Sharon Verges, Chief

chief@svpolice.org

Dulcie Lily, FT Officer
officer2302@svpolice.org

715-778-5678

Spring Valley Fire Dept

Mike Fitzjarrell, Chief

715-778-4452

Spring Valley Ambulance

Tod Jorgenson, Director

715-778-4452

The rate increase for the water utility will go into effect with your 4th quarter water usage. Please note this rate increase is for water utility only and does not affect the sewer rates on your utility bill. Current and increased rate schedules are on the back of your utility bill. Below are some guiding points to use when reading your utility bill.

HOW TO READ YOUR UTILITY BILL. HAVE YOUR CURRENT UTILITY BILL IN FRONT OF YOU:

<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>PUBLIC FIRE</u>
5/8"	\$22.50	\$96.00	\$18.15
3/4"	\$22.50	\$102.11	\$18.15
1"	\$27.00	\$120.56	\$45.00

PER VOLUME CHARGE—WATER

First 20,000 gal- -4.10 per 1,000

Next 180,000 gal- -3.90 per 1,000

PER VOLUME CHARGE—SEWER

Each 1,000 gal. of water 5.00

Above is the start of the same table that is on the back of your utility bill. Residential and most businesses have a 5/8" meter so this is the line you're going to look at, forget about the 3/4" and 1" rows unless you know you have a larger meter. Your base fee for Public Fire is \$18.15, this is the first line of your utility bill. Let's look at the water charge. It is a combination of the base fee of \$22.50 + usage which is calculated at \$4.10/1000 gallons used up to 20,000 gallons. The usage number on the front of your utility bill will tell you how much water you drew through your meter. If your previous meter read was 762,000 (stated as 762) and your current meter read is 771,000 (stated as 771), that means you pulled 9,000 gallons of water into your home. $9 \times \$4.10 = \36.90 . Add this to the \$22.50 base fee and your water charge is \$59.40. The sewer usage is calculated on that same number as water usage. You've only got 1 meter in your home and whatever is coming in is going out! Sewer base fee is \$96.00 and usage is calculated at \$5/1000 gallons into the sanitary sewer system. $9 \times \$5 = \45.00 . Add this to the \$96.00 base fee and your sewer charge is \$141.00. If you add all three of those numbers, your total utility bill will be $\$18.15 + \$59.40 + \$141.00 = \218.55 per quarter which averages to \$72.85 per month.

Now lets look at the rate increase: Public fire increases to \$34.88. The base fee water goes to \$30.00 and usage goes to \$8.00/1000 gallons. There are no changes to the sanitary sewer figures. Using that same usage of 9,000 gallons, that same bill under the new rates would be $\$34.88 + 102.00 + \$141.00 = \$277.88$ per quarter which averages to \$92.63 per month.

If you would like further help understanding your utility bill please call or come in to the village office.

Spring Valley Public Library

715-778-4590

www.springvalleylibrary.org

kschneider@svlibrary.org



Monday-Thursday: 10-7pm

Friday: 10-5pm

The Summer Reading Program hosted by the Spring Valley Public Library was a huge success this summer, and it's all thanks to local businesses that donated to the cause. These donations brought in \$2,000 to spend on amazing prizes for all ages.

A huge thank you to our sponsors!

A Butchery Shoppe, Arneson Insurance Agency, Cenex - Spring Valley, Crystal Cave, Dragonfly and Damsel, First Bank of Baldwin, MBC Sports, Mooney's Rusty Horse Bar & Grill, Pierce Plumbing INC, Sneaker's Pub & Eatery, The Spillway, Spring Valley Bakery, Spring Valley Dentistry, Spring Valley Drug, Spring Valley Golf Course, Spring Valley Police Dept., Team Oil, Vino in the Valley, RC&D Transportation LLC, and Wild & Raw Wellness.

Summer Reading Program Statistics

A total of 276 people signed up for the Summer Reading Program - an amazing turnout with all age groups represented.

9 Babies and toddlers

102 Children under 5th Grade

71 Tweens (6th - 8th Grade) = 482 books read among the Tweens group

18 Teens (9th - 12th Grade) = 42 books read among the Teens group

76 Adults = 533 books read among the Adults group

Participation over the last 4 years: 2020 - 62, 2019 - 83, 2018 - 69, 2017 - 78

Craft Tuesday Participation

Slime: 61 children

Lava Lamps: 46 children

Stress Balls: 59 children

Cloud Dough: 85 children

Galaxy Jars: 36 children

Tie-Dye Shirts: 61 children

Many patrons have visited the library over the summer. We served 1,338 patrons in June, 2,210 in July, and 8,727 in August!

Other Events

Hero Day: 30 participants

Lock-in Party: 20 participants

Trivia: 28 participants

Adult Book Club: 30 participants

Bingo: 18 participants

Upcoming Events

NO SCHOOL Event: Monday, October 11th: PAW Patrol: The Movie will be played at 10 AM & Disney Jungle Cruise @ 1 PM

Kids Halloween Costume Party: Sunday, October 31st @ 2 PM @ Mooney's Rusty Horse. All the little ghosts, witches, and ghouls are welcome to our kid's costumes party. We will have prizes, candy, games, and Pizza specials. Then kiddos can hit the town for a scary night of trick or treating. Get your pictures with Bucky the tarantula!!

Christmas Wrapping Party: Saturday, December 4th at 7 PM. All supplies included. The event will be held at Mooney's Rusty Horse

Monthly Events

Senior Bingo: Wednesdays from 1 PM-2 PM @ the library! Coffee Bar included.

Trivia Night: Get your thinking caps on and come out for trivia at Mooney's Rusty Horse on the first Monday of every month @ 7 PM! Prizes will be awarded! September 2021- May 2022 *If a holiday falls on the 1st Monday- No Trivia*

Spring Valley PL Book Club: Book Club meets on the last Wednesday or Thursday of each month at 7 PM. If you would like to join, please contact Katie Schneider, kschneider@svlibrary.org!

St. Croix County Traveling Book Club: Each month a different St. Croix County public library will host a book discussion at a local restaurant. Contact the library for more details.

Fun events will be held at the library during the school year when there is NO SCHOOL.
