



# Village Of Spring Valley

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Winter 2021

## FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE:

Happy New Year everyone! I'm hoping you and yours stayed healthy over the Christmas break and are ready to begin the new year. If you ever have any questions or concerns about anything Village, please call the office and I would be happy to review them with you. Here are the latest concerns:

- This is the first quarter with the rate increase applied to water used. If your bill was high last quarter you may want to check your usage.
- Property tax bills have Eau Galle Rd and SV Health Care Services loan payments added to the levy limit. Yes, this could go down next year if the nursing home has enough income to reimburse the village for the loan payment. Details on budget can be found on the insert that came with the tax bills.
- Steve Marek came to my office and got the ball rolling; the rink is being constructed with the help of many village residents. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and temperatures will stay low enough for the ice to freeze. Thank you to a local resident who made a donation to the skating rink project, plans are pending. Nice job everyone!
- Joe Folsom met with local businesses in November; there has been new interest in revitalizing the Chamber of Commerce. Watch for information coming soon!

## IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE VILLAGE BOARD YOU NEED TO ACT SOON!

Nomination papers to have your name on the ballot for Village Trustee are due to the Village clerk by January 4th 2022. There are three Trustee seats being voted for during the April 5th election, I have nomination papers from two residents. If you are interested, there are 2 short forms and you will need just 20 signatures by January 4th. There can be up to 6 names for 3 positions on the ballot before a primary is needed. Please contact Luann at the Village Office if you have questions. 715-778-5635.

## Voter Registration

If you have moved, changed your name, or have never registered to vote please go to [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) to update your registration status.

With the new utility rates in place you might be wondering how you're using all that water. Did you know:

**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.

(reprinted from web site)

# 2022 Dog and Cat Licensing



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 or spayed dogs and cats are \$20.00, intact are \$30.00. In order to avoid a late penalty fee of \$5.00 please make sure your pets are licensed by April 1st, 2022. Owners who fail to license their dogs and cats are subject to a \$169.50 fine. Licensing forms were 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 you can call the Village office and we'll mail you a form. When applying for a license owners must provide a current rabies vaccination certificate. Landlords please pass this information on to your tenants.

**Spring Valley Pet Vaccination Clinic Friday, January 21st 1-5 p.m. S407 Newman Ave (Village Shop)**

Elmwood vaccination clinic is Saturday, January 22nd 9 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

No vaccination clinic in Plumb City

**PLEASE bring any updated vaccination records or reminder cards for each animal.**



## WINTER SNOW REMOVAL STREETS AND SIDEWALKS



**Winter Parking restrictions** went into effect **November 1, 2021** and will continue through March 31st 2022. Spring Valley Police Department will be issuing tickets to vehicles parked illegally during these hours, regardless of snowfall. If you are experiencing mechanical difficulty or have overnight guests please contact the police department to avoid a ticket. Public Works-Lead can also issue tickets if necessary during a snow event.

### **HOMEOWNERS RESPONSIBILITY TO SHOVEL THEIR WALK:**

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. 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.*



Shovel snow from around your fire hydrant. Residents are asked to clear snow from the hydrant located near their property.

After a snowfall, check the condition of your mailbox and post. Keeping snow from in front of the mailbox is the owner's responsibility.



Please make sure to pull the garbage cans back to the house or garage after garbage day pick up. Things should be off the streets when the village needs to be out plowing snow.



**The Spring Valley Police Dept is going to be doing an active check to make sure all residences are in compliance.**

**HOUSE NUMBERS**—Is your house properly numbered? Police, Fire, and EMS are asking that houses be properly numbered. In an emergency, being able to properly locate your house is crucial. Pursuant to 38-158(b) of the Village Code of Ordinances, Display. The owner, occupant or agent in charge of a premises shall cause the official street number assigned to such building as provided in subsection (a) of this section to be affixed to each principal building controlled by him, and the maintenance of such affixed number. The physical numbers shall not be less than 2 ½ inches high, on a background of not less than three inches. Such physical numbers shall be provided by the village administrator’s office, if requested, at cost. All numbers shall be preceded with the letter of one of the following E/W/N/S. Each required number shall be affixed on the particular building in a location so that it may be easily and readily seen by a person of ordinary eyesight on the public street or highway upon which the building abuts. Buildings abutting also on a public alley shall also affix the street number in a location so that it may be seen in a similar manner from such alley. (Code 1988, § 4-2-15)



Village Assessor-Bowmar Appraisal Michael Kochaver 715-834-1141

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

Xcel Energy 800-895-4999

St. Croix Electric 800-924-3407

Food Pantry 715-778-5988



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[www.springvalleywi.com](http://www.springvalleywi.com)

If you’re looking for information on the Village, look no further than the Spring Valley web site. Board and committee members, agendas and minutes, office closings, Community Center and Handy Andy availability dates, voting information, construction and Police Department updates, common ordinances, zoning, Dam Days information, and many other informational items can be found here. For suggestions on helpful content call the village office.

**Village Board Members**

**President:**

Marsha Brunkhorst 778-4382

**Trustees:**

Mary Ducklow 778-5975  
(open)

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**

Luann Emerson, Clerk/Treasurer  
clerk@springvalleywi.com

Ruth Esanbock, Office Assistant  
svassist@springvalleywi.com

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

**Public Works Department**

Steven Kirby  
Public Works Lead

Joe Hoheisel  
Public Works Assistant  
715-778-4238

**Spring Valley Police Department**

715-778-5678

Sharon Verges, PT Chief  
chief@svpolice.org

Dulcie Lilly, FT Officer  
officer2302@svpolice.org

**Spring Valley Fire Department**

Mike Fitzjarrell, Chief  
715-778-4452

**Spring Valley Ambulance**  
Tod Jorgenson, Director

## DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1, 2022	New Years Day
January 3	New Year's holiday. Village closed.
January 5	Village board meeting 6:15 p.m.
January 20	Utility bills due
January 21	Pet Vaccination Clinic 1-5 p.m.
January 26	Village Feb. board mtg 6:15 pm.
January 31	First half property taxes due
February 15	Primary election if needed
February 22	Village March board mtg 6:15 p.m.
March 2-11	Limited office hours L-vac.
April 1	2022 Pet licenses due
April 5	Spring Election

BOARD OF REVIEW—Watch for set date in March 31 2022 newsletter. The process of having your assessed value reduced starts with the Assessor and ends with BOR if you cannot reach an agreement or believe the assessor is incorrect. This is a court-like setting with Board of Review panel, Assessor, and property owner reviewing all documents. Village Board of Review will be mid-May 2022.



### Spring Valley Public Library

Monday-Thursday: 10-7pm

Friday: 10-5pm

Saturday: Closed Dec-Jan

715-778-4590

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

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



**Congratulations** to Director  
**Katie Schneider and her Husband Ryan on  
their new addition Grace Diane born  
Dec. 1, 2021**

### Handy Andy Park Project update:

Despite the cold, the Handy Andy Park Project continues to blossom with the recent addition of a blue metallic Musical Flower, Bongo Drums, Safari Jeep, and Bicycle Rack.

A big Thank You to all of our generous donors, and to those who have helped with installation.

We continue to raise funds for a future walking path. We are wanting to create a walking path to connect the park to the downtown area, providing safe access without crossing over our busy highway. We would also like to eventually extend the path around the perimeter of the park, with a few additional park benches and plant some trees.

Stop down at Handy Andy Park and take a few moments to see the updates, enjoy the flowing river, chirping birds, sounds of children playing, and relax in the peace that nature has to offer.

If interested in donating to the Handy Andy Park Project, please make checks payable to "Handy Andy Park Project". You may drop your donation off at the Spring Valley Village Office (E121 S. 2nd St.) or mail your donation to the Village of Spring Valley, PO Box 276, Spring Valley, WI 54767.

