



VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY

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Photo ID Required to Vote

Beginning in 2012, all voters will be required to show a photo ID such as a driver's license or state-issued ID before a ballot is issued. Call the Village Office with any questions you may have about this requirement.

Upcoming Elections

- *February 15th - Primary
- *April 5th - Election

The Village Board election will be included in the Spring election. Terms are for two years. There are three seats open on the Village Board: Rich O'Connell, Matt Huepfel and Dale Jacobson and are up for re-election.

If you would like to run for a seat on the board, nomination papers can be picked up at the Village Office. The first day you are able to circulate papers is December 1, 2011. Papers can be circulated until January 4th, 2012.

Daylight Savings Ends

Daylight Savings is coming to an end. Remember to set your clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 7th.



Also, this is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

How to Register to Vote

What are the voter registration requirements?

- ... Must be a U.S. Citizen
- ... Must be at least 18 years of age by election day
- ... Must have been a resident of the Village at least 28 days prior to election day.

When may I register to vote?

- ... Registration is open year round at the Village Office during regular hours and until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before all elections.
- ... By Mail - The application must be postmarked no later than the 3rd Wednesday before the election.

What forms of identification are needed when I register to vote?

Proof of residency is required for voter registration and must be current and valid. The following are acceptable Proof-of-Residence if it contains the information specified above:

1. A current and valid Wisconsin driver license.
2. A current and valid Wisconsin identification card.
3. Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit.
4. Any identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but not including a business card.
5. A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election.
6. A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes election day (NOT for first-time voters registering by mail).
7. A university, college or technical institute fee card (must include photo).
8. A university, college or technical institute identification card (must include photo).
9. A gas, electric or telephone service statement (utility bill) for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before election day.
10. Bank statement.
11. Paycheck.
12. A check or other document issued by a unit of government.

Do I ever have to re-register?

No, unless you:

- ... Move to a different address
- ... Change your name



It's Getting to be That Time of Year - Winter Reminders

Winter parking restrictions will go into effect **Tuesday, November 1st, 2011.**

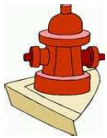
Village Ordinance does not allow vehicles to be parked on Village streets between the hours of **2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.** Tickets will be issued to vehicles parked illegally during these hours, regardless of snowfall. This means parking will be enforced every night of the week between November 1st and March 31st. If your car experiences a mechanical difficulty or you will be having overnight guests who need to park in the street, you must contact an Officer to avoid a parking ticket.

Hydrant Shoveling Please help out

After a snowfall, the Village crew cannot always clear snow from fire hydrants right away so if you have a fire hydrant located on your property the Village Board is asking that you shovel it out if at all possible. This helps insure that in case of a fire the hydrants can be found immediately.

Hydrant Flushing

The Village of Spring Valley Municipal Utilities will be flushing fire hydrants **October 17th - 21st.**



This maintenance is important to assure that the fire hydrants in the Village are reliable and function as they should. It is also a requirement of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

Please be aware that you may experience rusty colored water during this period. If this occurs, open all faucets and run your water until it clears. If you still have problems, contact Tim Howe at 778-4238. Remember to check your water before washing clothes to prevent staining.

The utility staff appreciates your patience during this yearly maintenance procedure.

Fall Means Leaves

Village Ordinance states that it is unlawful to rake leaves into the street. We are asking for the cooperation of all our residents:

PLEASE DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREETS!!

They block the sewers, plug the drains, cause damage to the street sweeper and create a safety hazard when wet or frost-covered.

There is a compost pile located behind Ultimate Coatings in the Industrial Park, which is on the west side of town off Highway 29. This is for brush, leaves and grass only - absolutely NO garbage, building materials, furniture, etc. Do not put these items in bags.

With everyone's help, we can keep our streets clean and neat.

Got Brush?

**Curbside brush pickup
October 17th - 18th**

Please have your brush, limbs and trees on the curbside ready for pick up.

NO lawn debris (leaves, grass clippings, garden vegetation, weeds, etc.) will be accepted.

Do not put brush in plastic bags.



Special Antlerless Archery Deer Hunt

Once again the Village of Spring Valley has been issued a special permit by the Wisconsin DNR to allow a special antlerless archery deer hunt for deer that are causing damage. The permit starts September 17th, 2011 and ends January 31st, 2012. To obtain a permit please contact the Spring Valley Police Department at 715-778-5678 and press option 3. Leave your name and phone number and the next available officer will contact you.

While the permits are free of charge, hunters must possess a valid archery license in the State of Wisconsin. The holder of this special permit must abide by all state DNR rules and regulations regarding deer hunting and must have permission from a landowner prior to entering the land to hunt.

Check it out!

You can now check out a Power Check meter from the Spring Valley library. Stop into the library or call 715-778-4590 for more information.

THE MORE YOU KNOW,
THE MORE YOU CAN SAVE.

When it comes to energy efficiency, knowledge is power! By checking out the Power Check energy meter, you're taking an important step to learn more about your own energy use and about what you can do to save money and conserve energy.

Use the Power Check energy meter with any standard 120-volt appliance or electronic device to measure voltage, electricity cost and electric consumption, to:

- Determine the operating costs of various appliances, such as refrigerators, room air conditioners, computers and lamps.
- Identify your home's high-energy-use appliances.
- Predict your savings in reducing appliance use.
- Calculate the cost savings for replacing older appliances with energy-efficient models.
- Discover your "energy vampires," – appliances that use energy even when switched off.

Using less energy can help:

- Save money.
- Conserve natural resources.
- Reduce power plant emissions.

Valley Villas & Spring Valley Health Care Services

invite you to the following events:

October 2nd, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, Spring Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center community open house and tours of the new Spring Valley Senior Living and Health Care Campus

October 3rd, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Ribbon cutting ceremony and tours of the new Spring Valley Senior Living and Health Care Campus

Spring Valley Stagehands Events

"Peace in the Valley"

Sunday October 2nd at 2:00 pm

This show of old hymns will feature Mike Murtha of Trigger Happy and Swanee from the Whitesidewalls along with other special guests.

"White Christmas"

Saturday December 3rd at 7:30 pm
& Sunday December 4th at 2:00 pm

Tickets for these shows are \$5.00 per person. Call Cindy Kongshaug at 715-778-5583 to purchase tickets or for more information.



Story time has started at the Spring Valley Public Library. This is a program for 3-5 year olds that is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 am and will go until November 23rd. There's no need to register and you do not need to attend every week. Please join us!

Village of Spring Valley Safe Routes To School Plan

In 2010, the Village of Spring Valley received a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) planning grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to complete a SRTS Plan for the Village in 2011. The purpose of the SRTS program and planning grant is to identify safe biking and walking routes to school for children as well as encourage more children to walk and bike to school creating a healthier lifestyle. The Village is utilizing the planning services of the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission (MRRPC) to prepare a Safe Routes to School Plan. A Safe Routes to School Planning Committee has been working the past several months on developing a Safe Routes to School Plan for the Village. At this point in the planning process, the committee has developed draft recommendations and would like additional input from parents and residents.

Residents are invited to attend a Safe Routes to School "Open House" to be held at the Spring Valley Elementary School on October 25, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Residents are welcome to stop in for a few minutes anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to review information gathered to date and review draft plan recommendations for the Village of Spring Valley. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact the Village of Spring Valley at 778-5635. Your input and attendance is appreciated.

