



VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY

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Community Events and Happenings



A Little Bit Country, A Little Bit Rock n Roll

The adult community choir will be performing with the band *Trigger Happy* on Friday, April 8th and Saturday, April 9th. Both shows will be at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$8.00. Call Cindy Kongshaug at 778-5583 for more information or to make reservations.

Come and enjoy some toe-tapping tunes.



Remember to vote on April 5th. There are only two people running for three village trustee seats open for the spring election. It's not too late to run as a write in candidate.



The Village is in need of poll workers to help run our elections. These are paid positions which requires some training. If you are interested stop by the village office or call Rita at 778-5635.

Once again the Spring Valley Police Department will be sponsoring a bike rodeo for kids this spring. Plans for this event are still in the works. Please watch for fliers and notices to be posted in the coming weeks.



Hydrant Flushing

Spring Valley Municipal Utilities will be flushing fire hydrants May 3rd - 7th. 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 happens, open all faucets and run you water until it clears. If you still have problems, contact Tim at 715-778-4238. Remember to check your water before washing clothes to prevent staining.

Thanks for your patience during this yearly maintenance procedure.

REMINDER - Dog and Cat Licenses

All dogs and cats kept within the Village MUST be licensed. Dogs and cats more than 5 months of age must obtain a license every year. Licenses are due April 1st or are due the date the dog or cat becomes 5 months of age. The cost is \$10 for a neutered/spayed dog/cat or \$15 for an intact dog/cat. There is a \$5 late fee for licenses applied for after April 1st. Please include proof of rabies vaccination when you submit your application.

Pets can be registered at the Village office Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.



The Tri-County Cruz'rs invite you to the best show in a "dam" town, car, truck, motorcycle and tractor show. Saturday, June 11th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.



20 trophies will go to the best of show for cars, trucks, motorcycles & tractors.

\$5.00 registration fee - - spectators free

Vendors welcome - - \$25.00 space fee

For more info contact Wade at

778-4531.



Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Tri-County Cruz'rs and Spring Valley/Elmwood Cub Scouts will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt Sunday, April 17th at 2:00 pm at the Health Care Center. All children ages 0-10 are welcome to attend. A girl's and boy's bike will be given away in each of 3 age groups.

This is a free event, so come join the fun!



The Spring Valley Elementary Parent's Club will once again be hosting Touch a Truck Day Sunday, June 5th from 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm in front of the elementary school. Kids will be able get a close-up view of fire trucks, police cars and other equipment. The event is free and open to everyone. Concessions will be served, with proceeds going to the Parent's Club.



Spring Clean Up

May 7th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Village Shop at S407 Newman Avenue

Items not accepted: Recyclable goods: glass, tin, aluminum, plastic, mixed paper, cardboard and newspaper; gas or oil filters and containers; household batteries; fluorescent light bulbs; concrete or asphalt; yard waste (branches and grass clippings); treated lumber with creosote (railroad ties); solvents and cleaners.

Items that will be charged:

Large appliances	\$20	Car Tires	\$4	Mattresses	\$15
Televisions/Monitors	\$15	Car tires with rims	\$6	Chairs	\$15
Refrigerators/Freezers	\$25	Car Batteries	\$ 2	Sofa	\$25
Computers	\$15	Air Conditioners	\$30	Bicycles	\$ 7

Some other items that can be dropped off (for a charge) include: ATV, bike and lawnmower tires; dehumidifiers; windows; batteries and mowers. All others to be determined at site.

Curbside brush pickup will be May 9th & 10th

Remember NO lawn debris will be accepted.

I want to come to the Board of Review to contest the value of my property, what do I need to do?

Anyone who wants to contest the value of their property must file a “notice to file objection” with the Board of Review within 48 hours of the open book and Board of Review. This form can be obtained at the village office or on our website site at springvalleywi.com.

The open book is where you meet with the assessor to discuss the value of your property, how it compares with other comparable properties and how the value was determined. The assessor has the ability to change the value if he/she sees fit. If the assessor feels the value is correct and the property owner still thinks it is not, he can go before the Board of Review. Before this board the property owner must convince them what he thinks the property should be valued at.

The Board of Review is legally bound to accept the assessor’s assessment as correct unless there is evidence that proves the assessment is incorrect.

When presenting your case:

1. You have to allow the assessor to view the property if asked.
2. Provide a written or oral notice of intent to file an objection to the clerk of the Board of Review at least 48 hours before the scheduled Board of Review hearing.
3. Complete the entire written objection form and file it with the clerk of the Board of Review.
4. Object to only the total valuation of the land and the improvements of a particular parcel.
5. Present factual evidence first – evidence that supports the opinion of the value stated on the objection form.
 - * Recent sale of the subject property. The sale must be an “arm-length” transaction in order to be used as evidence value. Sales to relatives, sales under distressed circumstances, foreclosures, etc. cannot be used.
 - * Recent sales of the other comparable properties
 - * Appraisals
 - * Follow “Rules of Best Evidence”

Four Golden Rules

1. The assessor’s values are presumed to be correct unless proven otherwise.
2. The board cannot change any value fixed by the assessor except upon evidence presented to it by persons under oath.
3. The evidence must be factual in nature, not just matter of opinion.
4. A small percentage difference between the market value established by the assessor and the taxpayer’s idea of value usually is not sufficient to warrant a change by the Board of Review.

Would you like to have a community garden in Spring Valley?

- * Raise produce and flowers for your family
- * Save money on fresh, healthy, organic food
- * Relax, exercise, spend time outdoors with friends and family

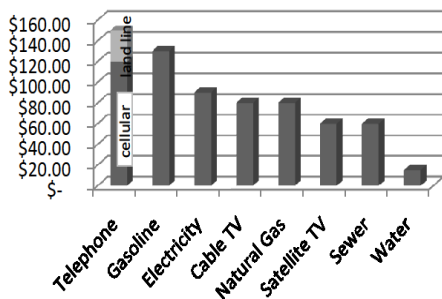
Please call Tracy O'Connell at 715-668-6175 or email her at tracyo@baldwin-telecon.net for more information.

With so many people using cell phones these days, it can be hard for us to locate a person's phone number if we need to contact them. If you have a cell phone, unlisted number or if your number has recently changed, please notify the village office at 715-778-5635 so we can update our records.

The Village of Spring Valley has been fortunate to receive a Safe Routes to School grant. The grant is to be used to develop a safe route for children to get to school. This includes both the elementary and middle/high school. An ad hoc committee will be meeting on March 24 at 6:30 at the village hall. We would be happy to receive any input we can get from the residents. The meeting is open to everyone.

Pierce County Clean Sweep will be Saturday, April 16th from 8:00 am to noon. Hazardous waste will be collected at the Material Recovery Facility which is located at Highway 65 North in Ellsworth. They will also be having the Pharmaceutical Collection Event at the same time. If you have any questions, call Pierce County at 715-273-3092.

How do your water and sewer rates compare to your other utilities?



All rates are based on Wisconsin averages, except sewer & water, which are our base rates.

One- and two-family dwellings in Wisconsin need smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms

Carbon monoxide alarm requirements added February 1

As of February 1, 2011, there are Wisconsin requirements for both smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in almost all one- and two-family dwellings, regardless of the building's age. The new carbon monoxide safety net is for dwellings with fuel burning appliances, fireplaces or attached garages.

Owners and Renters Have Responsibilities

Owners are responsible for alarm installations and occupants have responsibility to maintain the alarms. Owners must repair or replace alarms within five days of written notice from an occupant or an inspector. Authorized inspectors may enter dwellings to inspect alarms when requested by owners or occupants. Tampering with alarms is illegal, dangerous, and can cause serious liability concerns.

Where and What Kinds?

Alarms must be installed in the basement, and on each floor level. The alarms need not be installed in attics, garages, or storage areas. The alarms may be separate or combination units, powered by batteries, or in the case of new construction, tied into the home's electrical system, interconnected with battery backup. Installation must follow manufacturers' instructions. Those instructions are provided with new alarms and usually can be found on the manufacturers' Web sites. The manufacturer should be identified on the alarm. Alarms used in Wisconsin must be approved by Underwriters Laboratories.

Save lives and property!

Smoke kills more people in residential fires than the flames. Smoke alarms detect the presence of smoke even before you can see it or smell it, especially when flames might not be in your line of sight. (There are alarms for people with visual or auditory disabilities.)

Carbon monoxide is a gas created by incomplete burning of fuels. Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless and tasteless, but highly toxic. It can build up over time, with unrecognized symptoms such as headaches, nausea, disorientation, or irritability eventually building to unconsciousness and fatal poisoning. Carbon monoxide alarms warn of the gas before it reaches dangerous levels. Examples of some carbon monoxide sources are garages, heaters, fireplaces, furnaces, appliances or cooking sources using coal, wood, oil, kerosene, or other fuels. Electric appliances are not carbon monoxide sources.

Alarms do not guarantee safety

Alarms must be tested regularly and should have batteries changed at least annually, or when a low-battery warning sounds. The alarms must not be painted over and should be kept clean. Alarms should be replaced when they reach the end of their life span.

Multifamily buildings

Buildings with more than two residential units also need smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. The installation requirements for those multifamily dwellings are different. Rules for alarms in multifamily dwellings and other public buildings are in the Wisconsin Commercial Building Code,

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NOTICE

The Village is having trouble with the pumps in the lift station. They are plugging up with fibrous wipes such as baby and personal hygiene wipes. We ask that you do not flush these products down the toilet and dispose of them in the trash instead.

Thank you for helping us out.
Tim Howe, Public Works Director

Address Service Requested

Village Office

Rita Goveronski, Administrator
Brenda Wolf, Office Assistant
715-778-5635
E121 South 2nd Street
P.O. Box 276
Spring Valley, WI 54767
Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30

Spring Valley Police Department

Dennis Sorenson, Chief
715-778-5678

Spring Valley Fire Department

Terry Shafer, Chief
715-778-4452

Spring Valley Ambulance

Tod Jorgenson, Director
715-778-4452

Spring Valley Public Library

Doris Ronnander, Librarian
715-778-4590

Monday 9:00 - 7:00
Tuesday 11:00 - 7:00
Wednesday 11:00 - 7:00
Thursday 11:00 - 7:00
Friday 9:00 - 5:00
Saturday 9:00 - 12:00
Sunday Closed

Syverson Pool

The pool will be open daily from 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm from June 1st - August 31st.

Rates	Season	Daily	Punch Card
Child (2-17)	\$72	\$2.75	\$27/10 punch
Adult	\$77	\$3.75	\$37/10 punch
Family	\$142	\$15.00	---

Session I Lessons will be held June 20th - 24th and June 27th - July 1st from 9:00 - 12:00. Session II will be held July 11th - 15th and 18th - 22nd from 9:00 - 12:00.



LESSONS

In school district \$36
With season pass \$26
Out of district \$46
With season pass \$36

Many other programs are available. If you have any questions or would like more information, call Kelly Johnson at 778-4335.



Village Board Members

(all phone numbers are 715)

President

Marsha Brunkhorst 778-4382

Trustees

Mary Ducklow 778-5975
Dale Jacobson 778-4555
Matt Huepfel 778-4289
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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.