

# Village of Spencer

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## 2020 CENSUS

The 2020 Census will be this year. It is important that you return your census questionnaire and have your voice counted. Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. That funding helps every community, no matter the size; no matter the location. Also, the results determine how many seats in Congress each state gets.

In the middle of March, you will receive an invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. This is the first time that you can respond online to the census. If you don't or can't respond online, you will receive a paper questionnaire in the mail in the middle of April. Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.



When you respond to the census, your answers are kept anonymous. They are used only to produce statistics. The law is clear, no personal information can be shared.

The US Census Bureau is also hiring in our area. There are many positions available. You can go to [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs) to find out more.

## 2020 ELECTIONS

This year we will be holding 5 elections. February 18th is the primary for the 7th Congressional District and for State Supreme Court. April 7th is the Spencer Village Board, Spencer School Board, and Presidential Preference. May 12th is the Special Election for the 7th Congressional District. August 11th is the Primary and November 3rd is the Presidential Election along with other offices.

To save yourself time at the polls, it will be important to know if your voter registration is up to date. If your voter registration is not up to date because you moved, changed your name, or haven't voted in some time, you will need to stop by the clerk's office to re-register. During busy elections, that can take some time. The easiest way to find out if you are up to date is to check now on [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov). Click on My Voter Info, enter your name and your birthdate, and it will show you if you are registered and at what address. If you need to update either your name or address, you can do it on that site. Then, you will need to bring one proof of residency with you to vote (driver's license with correct address, utility bill, bank statement...)



If you haven't registered to vote, you can also use [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) or you can stop in the Village Office and register in person. State law does not allow anyone to register the Monday before the election so don't wait! Finally, remember to bring your photo id to the polls in order to vote.

## DON'T MOVE SNOW INTO THE STREETS



Did you know that dumping or moving snow into the street is illegal under the Village Code? Section 418-14 states that: "It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited, dump, sort, scatter or leave

any... snow (or) ice...in any public street, sidewalk, alley, or upon any public property or upon any property of another, without the express permission of the owner or occupant thereof."

The Village works hard to keep the streets clear of snow. Please help us by NOT moving snow into the street. You will receive a fine if you continue to ignore this ordinance.

## SEWER RATE CHANGE

On the February 25th water/sewer/garbage/recycle bill, you will be charged a sewer rate. This change affects the minimum charge which will be \$15.99 up to 2,000 gallons (old rate \$14.32) and will be \$9.59 per 1,000 gallons for 2,000 gallons and over (old rate \$8.59). Water, garbage, and recycling rates will remain the same.

## SPENCERAMA DAYS

Mark your calendar for June 12th, 13th, 14th! Watch for details!

**MUSIC GAMES FOOD**



## LIBRARY NEWS

**Monthly, 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 1pm-3pm: Cribbage at the Library.** If you're a fan of the card game cribbage, stop by the library to play some games with others. If you've never played before, here's a chance to learn. Cards & boards available or bring your own. From novice to expert, everyone is welcome!

**Tuesday, February 4th, 10am-11am: Meet K-9 Officer Ella!** Ever wonder what it takes to become a crime-fighting canine, or the dog's human handler? Join us at the library to meet Spencer's newly acquired K-9 Officer, Ella! Ella and her law enforcement partner will visit the library to talk about her training and her crime-fighting career.

**Monday, February 10th, 5:30pm-6:30pm: Help MCPL show local veterans that we care!** The Honor Flight needs thank you cards to be handed out to vets on their return flight home during the next Honor Flight trip to Washington D.C. in April. Local folks can show their support by making cards and letters at the library! Come show your support and help us reach our goal of 100 cards! All supplies provided.

**Monday, February 17th, 5:45pm & Thursday, February 20th, 1:30pm: Spencer Book Club [ADULTS] - "The Kitchen House"** by Kathleen Grissom - Book Preview: Working as an indentured servant alongside slaves on a tobacco plantation, Lavinia, a 7-year-old Irish orphan with no memory of her past, finds her light skin and situation placing her between two very different worlds that test her loyalties. Good times with great books! The Spencer Book Club meets twice a month. New members welcome, just read the book and show up!

**Tuesday, March 3rd, 10am-11am: Fraud Watch Network.** Two representatives from AARP will talk about different scams to be aware of including tricks con artists will use and how robo calls work.

**Monday, March 23rd, 3:30am-4:30pm: Cultures in Conflict on the Roof of the World: China & Tibet.** Rich Lohr will do a presentation on the conflict between China and Tibet. Rick traveled to these countries in 2001 and will show us photos of his travels.

**Monday, March 30th, 2:30pm-6:30pm: Passport Event.** The Passport Acceptance Team will be at the Spencer Library to assist with renewals and new passport applications. Photos will be taken on site. All necessary forms are available at the Spencer Library. Please call or look online to make sure you have all the necessary papers. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Please call 715-659-3995.

**Tuesday, April 14th, 10am-11am: Hens and Chicks Planted in Every Container.** Bring your favorite small container as Darlene Lloyd will help us plant our own "Hens & Chicks" succulent plant. Bring your own container and everything else will be provided.

**Wednesday, April 22nd, 5:30pm-6:30pm: A Traveling Trunk of Aprons.** Join Anna Chilsen Straub from the Marathon County Historical Society as she brings a trunk load of aprons dating back to the late 1890's to present. If anyone has an apron from the past or present and would like to share, please feel free to bring your apron.

## at the TACK

And the beat goes on!

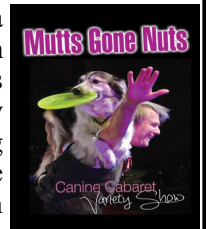
Just in time for Valentine's Day, make plans to bring your honey to **Heart By Heart** featuring two original members of the 80's rock band, HEART. They consider it their duty to create music that is authentic, passionate and true to HEART'S original recordings. Jumpstart your Valentine weekend on Thursday, February 13th at 7:00pm with **Heart By Heart!**

The little red truck from Missoula, Montana is on its way to Spencer. Auditions for **Gulliver's Travels** will take place on Monday, March 2nd from 4-6pm on the Tack stage. Kids from Kindergarten through 10<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to audition for the sixty roles to be filled by area youth. They'll rehearse after school over the course of a week and present a public performance on Saturday, March 7th at 2:00pm. This lighthearted musical is the perfect family entertainment to break up the winter doldrums.



New York Time's bestselling author, humorist and musician, **Michael Perry**, will make his third stop at the Tack on Thursday, March 19th. Book clubs, writers and readers are encouraged to attend "**An Afternoon with Author, Michael Perry**," a one hour session devoted to "Writing from the Middle of Nowhere." Later that evening Michael will present stories and songs drawn from his working class background, accidental book and songwriting career and life on the road in a used van full of musicians.

Closing the Tack's performance season is a canine cabaret never before seen in Spencer. Expect the unexpected as canines and comedy collide in a family-friendly performance that leaves audiences howling for more. These aren't stunt dogs, they're "**MUTTS GONE NUTS**" coming on Sunday, April 26th at 2:00pm.



Don't forget that the work of three more artists will be featured in the gallery including Liz Sallee Bauer's photography, outdoor landscape paintings by Dana M. Johnson and Sher Schier's mixed media paintings. An Opening Reception will take place for each of them on the first Friday of the month from 5-7pm. Greet these talented individuals, view their creations and have a munchie, all free of charge.

And new in 2020 is **ART NIGHT**, a chance for adults to "play" with a variety of artistic mediums. The next will take place at the Spencer Village meeting room on Wednesday, February 22nd from 6:30-8:00pm when art teacher Carmen Schweiger will lead participants in a small felting project. Registration is not necessary and it's free to any adult.

There's lots yet to come at the Tack! Visit [lucilletack-center.com](http://lucilletack-center.com) or call 715.659.4499 for more information.



# 23rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11, 2020



Preschool to 3rd Grade  
Arrive by 10:15 a.m.  
Hunt Begins at 10:30 a.m.  
Spencer Village Park or  
Spencer Public Schools  
(Weather Dependent)

There will be *Golden Eggs*  
with special prizes baskets.  
Bring your own basket!

Sponsored by the Spencer FFA



# Formal Dress Consignment Sale!

Proceeds to benefit SKG

Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 AM- 5 PM

Spencer Kids Group Olde Hall (SKG)

117 E Clark Street Spencer



Do you need to find your perfect dress?

We will have many available to choose from.

Cash or check only

Do you have a formal dance dress to sell?

- Drop off dress(es) Feb 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> at SKG Monday-Friday Noon- 6 PM or by appointment
- \$10 consignment fee per dress due upon drop off with a \$30 max per family (tax deductible)
- 6 dresses max per family
- Open to the first 200 dresses
- You pick and keep your sale price
- Pick up unsold dress(es) Feb 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> or they will be donated to SKG

Please make sure  
dresses are clean and  
stain free

Volunteers Needed!

- Get first pick of dresses
- Meet your volunteer requirement for school, etc.

Contact information:

Erica Schober 715-659-4969  
spencerkidsgroup@hotmail.com



LIONS' SMELT FEED  
OLDE HALL  
APRIL 1ST • 4PM-8PM

SPENCER KIDS GROUP PRESENTS



# CORNHOLE Tournament

BEER & FOOD

SATURDAY  
MARCH 7TH

SPENCER KID'S GROUP

BAGS FLY @ 1PM

DOUBLE ELIMINATION  
TOURNAMENT  
HOUSE RULES APPLY

NO CARRY INS ALLOWED

PRIZES  
FOR  
1ST - 4TH  
PLACE

CASH  
PRIZES

NO  
AGE  
LIMIT

32  
TEAM LIMIT

REGISTRATION  
\$20  
PER TEAM

REGISTER  
YOUR TEAM  
TODAY!

PRE-REGISTRATION  
IS REQUIRED BY  
FEBRUARY 21ST

FORMS AVAILABLE  
ONLINE AND AT SKG

MAIL FORM TO  
SKG: PO BOX 15  
SPENCER, WI

OR DROP OFF AT  
SPENCER KIDS GROUP

# 9TH ANNUAL SPRING FEVER DANCE

TO BENEFIT SPENCER KIDS GROUP



SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

OLDE VILLAGE HALL, 117 E. CLARK ST. SPENCER

7 PM - 11 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM)

ADVANCED TICKETS \$25 (\$30 AT THE DOOR)

MUST BE 21 OR OVER TICKET PURCHASE INCLUDES:

- ONE PERSON ADMISSION • LIVE MUSIC BY "40 FINGERS"
- FOOD & BEVERAGES • ENTRY INTO THE PRIZE DRAWINGS

RAFFLE PRIZES

1ST - \$1500 2ND - \$1000 3RD - \$500 4TH - \$100  
5TH - \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM M&S SALES  
6TH-10TH - \$50ea 11TH-15TH - \$25ea

LICENSE #R00019373-A-82052

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: SPENCER KIDS GROUP  
NUTZ DEEP II • LITTLE CLUB • MY BROTHER'S PLACE  
AND FROM THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED BELOW

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: SPENCER KIDS GROUP (ERICA) 715-659-4969,  
CARRIE NEITZEL 715-212-1235, LINDSEY HINRICHSEN 715-897-0622, TRACEY ACKMAN  
715-207-9912, LINDA HINRICHSEN 715-498-2863, BRITITAINY BAUER 715-207-9692

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PERMIT #3  
SPENCER, WI 54479

Besides mail or stopping in the office, you can pay your water bill...

With automatic payments on the 15th with no additional fee (contact the Village Office for a form to fill out or find it on [spencerwi.org](http://spencerwi.org)) OR

Through PSN (credit or check) by going to [spencerwi.org](http://spencerwi.org) and click on the "online payment" tab. OR

You can also drop payments in the Payment Drop Box after hours located next to the door on the police entrance side of the Municipal Building.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SPENCER

2nd Monday, each month - 6:30pm - **Village Board Meeting** - Board Room  
1st Tuesday, monthly -7pm - **Spencer American Legion** - Meeting Room  
1st & 3rd Tuesday, monthly - 1pm-3pm - **Cribbage at the Library** - Library (2/4, 2/18, 3/3, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21)  
Wednesday, weekly - 1:30pm-3pm - **Play & Learn & Family Story Time** - Meeting Room  
1st Thursday, monthly - 6:30 **Spencer Woman's Club** - Meeting Room  
2nd Thursday, monthly - 7pm - **Shady Lane 4H** - Meeting Room  
4th Tuesday, monthly - 5pm-6pm - **C.O.M.E. (Community Outreach Meal for Everyone)** - St. Johns Lutheran Church  
February 4th - 10am-11am - **Meet K-9 Officer Ella** - Meeting Room  
February 10th - 5:30pm-6:30pm - **Honor Flight Mail Call** - Meeting Room  
February 13th - 7pm - **Heart By Heart** - LuCille Tack Center  
February 17th @ 5:45pm & February 20th @ 1:30pm - **Spencer Book Club - "The Kitchen House"** - Meeting Room  
February 18th - 7am-8pm - **Spring Primary Election** - Village Complex - Meeting Room  
February 22nd - 6:30pm-8pm - **"ART NIGHT"** - Carmen Schweiger - Free adult felting project - Meeting Room  
February 22nd - 9am-5pm - **Spencer Kids's Group - Formal Dress Consignment Sale** - Olde Hall  
March 7th - 12 Noon-6pm - **Spencer Kid's Group - Cornhole Tournament** - Olde Hall  
March 7th - 2pm - **Missoula Children's Theatre - "Gulliver's Travels"** - LuCille Tack Center  
March 8th - 8am-Noon - **Christ the King Pancake & Sausage Luncheon** - 208 S. LaSalle St., Spencer  
March 8th - 1pm - **Spencer Special Olympics-Basketball Fundraiser** - Spencer School - Main Gym  
March 19th - 7pm - **"Michael Perry Live: Sneezing Cows and Love Songs"** - LuCille Tack Center  
April 1st - 4pm-8pm - **Lions' Smelt Feed** - Olde Hall  
April 4th - 7pm-11pm - **Spencer Kid's Group - Spring Fever Dance** - Olde Hall  
April 7th - 7am-8pm - **Spring Election and Presidential Primary** - Village Complex - Meeting Room  
April 11th - 10:15am (Hunt 10:30 am) - **Easter Egg Hunt** - Spencer Village Park or Spencer School (weather dependent)  
April 26th - 2 pm - **"MUTTS GONE NUTS"**, a canine cabaret - LuCille Tack Center