

SPENCER CITY STAR APRIL 2023

Did you know Spencer once generated its own electricity?

Today, the North Canadian River flows by the City of Spencer like a stream, barely rising enough to float a boat. In Spencer's early days, the river flowed high and steady. It was used to transport barges that hauled freight and brought local crops to market. The strong current also brought electricity to our small but growing community.

The *Canadian River Water Power Company* was located west of the train tracks, just off the Main Street curve into downtown Spencer. The power plant used a water wheel and a system of gears to spin the turbines at high speed.



Spencer's Canadian River Water Power Co., established circa 1900
From the Oklahoma Historical Society photography collection

In 1909, Spencer had about 300 residents, with another 1,100 in the surrounding township. The plant was sized just right to provide reliable power to this small population. Spencer had electricity before much of Oklahoma City.

Next to the generating plant was a water-powered grist mill. The grist mill ground local wheat into flour for baking and produced middling for animal feed. A milldam was built to shift some of the water flow to the power plant and mill without interrupting river traffic.

The power plant ran until the 1930's, when it ceased operations due to its generating capacity being too small to meet the demand.



Boating on the Canadian River
From the Oklahoma Historical Society photography collection. (20130-4, Carl Reynard Collection)

OG&E's distribution network had also expanded into eastern Oklahoma County and beyond.

This article is in celebration of Spencer, OK's 120th anniversary. Want to learn more about Spencer and Oklahoma history in general? Join us the first Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM in the museum on 50th Street and Palmer Avenue.

Jim Scanlan for the
Spencer Historical Society



CITY OF SPENCER, OK TRASH-OFF HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH
9AM-1PM**

MEET AT THE SENIOR CENTER

8306 McCoy Drive, 73084

**TRASH BAGS, VEST &
GLOVES WILL BE
PROVIDED**

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED



FOR MORE INFO VISIT US @
WWW.CITYOFSPENCEROK.GOV

TIRE RECYCLE

If you or someone you know has old tires that need to be discarded in a safe and environmentally friendly way, you can drop them off **any time** at the **Spencer PW barn**, located at 3550 McCoy Drive, 73084. Tires **MUST** be recyclable and follow these requirements:

- No tires with rims will be collected during the event.
- No tires will be collected from any other source or event. (such as tire dealerships, salvage yards, service stations, etc.)
- No exempt tires will be collected. (such as forklift, offroad, heavy machinery, backhoe tires, etc.)
- No tire shreds, pieces, burnt tires, or commingled trash will be accepted.
- Tires must be rollable and will only be collected for specified reasons.

RECYCLE



SEEKING VENDORS

If you sell fresh produce and are interested in being a vendor at the city's upcoming Farmers Market starting **April 29, 2023**, please contact Kellie Peacock at spencerfarmersmarket@gmail.com or call us at city hall, 405-771-3226 (Option 3). We want to hear from you!

Si vendes vegetales y frutas frescas y estas interesado en vender tus productos en el mercado de Spencer que empezara este **29 de abril**, por favor comunícate con Kellie Peacock a spencerfarmersmarket@gmail.com. O llame al ayuntamiento al (405) 771-3226, opción 3. ¡Esperamos por ti!

NO WIPES in the PIPES

Just because the packaging say "flushable" does not mean the toilet is the best place to dispose of these

DID YOU KNOW?

The term "flushable" means the product may break down after being submerged in water.

HOWEVER,
it doesn't say how **LONG** this process takes.



When these wipes are flushed down the toilet they can cause problems on our homes, waste water treatment network and the environment.

**Thank you for not flushing
"flushable" wipes**



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Comidas
Después
de la
Escuela
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CITY OF SPENCER DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Utility: We at the utility Dept. are continuously working on building a friendly yet professional relationship with our residents so that they feel they can trust us and reach out with any questions or concerns they may have. We have also improved our billing process to provide customers with consistent utility bills every month. We've reinforced other methods like payment arrangements to help customers in need. In addition to that, using our Meter system, we can provide our customers with accurate meter reading information and warn customers when a leak may be happening at their property so they can take care of the problem and avoid a high-water bill.

Police: 2022 officers were certified as crisis officers to help with the growing mental health concerns in our community. Also, 2 New patrol cars were added to our aging fleet. The Fleet was last updated in 2016. We also added new officers to the department to assist in the call volume. Currently, in 2023, the Spencer police station is under renovation. The police station hasn't been updated since 2000. In addition, we added 2 New reserve officers to help with the department's workload. All of our officers completed a bias training class in 2022.

Animal Control: Animal Control has a new facility we will be moving into on April 1, 2023. To help with the dog and large animal overflow. We have a new animal control officer for the animal control department. He will attend the animal control academy this month and is training with Midwest city.

Code: Code Enforcement is focused on building relationships, quality workmanship, and excellent communication with residents, the public, commercial builders, and contractors by networking positively. CE has brought forward new construction by developing 70 new residential housing for the community working with LLW Development. Also, (10) new residential housing has come to Spencer with the help of Oklahoma Central Habitat for Humanity. CE strives to have a strong relationship with residents and proactively works to keep properties clean and clear. Code Enforcement took on a new role as Floodplain Manager working with the Oklahoma Water Resource Board and being active and working diligently with the community and board members. Also, when necessary, Code is volunteering service with other departments when needed. The overall focus of Code Enforcement is continued education for Building Inspectors, Electrical, Plumbing, and HVAC inspectors, and planning and zoning staff representative.

CITY OF SPENCER

FOOD TRUCK

MAY
5
2023

COME JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT!

FROM TO
5:30 PM-9 PM

SENIOR CENTER
PARKING LOT

8306 MCCOY DRIVE, SPENCER, OK 73084

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT www.facebook.com/Spencer.ACityFocusedonGrowth

INSIDE SEATING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EATING
AT THE SENIOR CENTER

CITY OF SPENCER, OK
TEE IT UP FORE
SPENCER PARKS

FUNDRAISING

TOURNAMENT

MAY 12

LOCATION

711 S
DOUGLAS
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CITY, OK 73130

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FORMAT

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REGISTRATION
ENDS MAY 1, 2023

CITY OF SPENCER CHAMBER NEWS

President Kenneth Smith and Vice President Daeshon Bufford went out to Spencer Elementary to throw a pizza party for the kids! Their partners OKCPS, alongside Principal Stacy Storey allowed this to happen.

¡El presidente Kenneth Smith y el vicepresidente Daeshon Bufford fueron a Spencer Elementary para organizar una fiesta de pizza para los niños! Sus socios, OKCPS, junto con la directora Stacy Storey permitieron que esto sucediera.

Chamber is actively seeking new business partners to join them. If you want to be involved with the Spencer Chamber of Commerce, please come and sign up. We meet every second Monday at 7:00 PM @ the Senior Center. 8306 McCoy Drive, 73084.

La Cámara está buscando activamente nuevos socios comerciales para unirse a ellos. Si quieres formar parte de La Cámara de Comercio de Spencer, por favor ven e inscríbete. Nos reunimos en el segundo lunes de cada mes a las 7:00pm en el Centro de eventos de Spencer, localizado en 8306 McCoy Dr. Spencer OK, 73084.



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