

SPENCER CITY STAR FEBRUARY 2023

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Q: Wild fire safety during dry conditions
Have you thinned out and maintained the vegetation around the house?

A: All vegetation is fuel for a wildfire, though some trees and shrubs are more flammable than others. To reduce the risk, you will need to modify or eliminate brush, trees and other vegetation near your home. The greater the distance between your home and the vegetation, the greater the protection.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Informed Reminder:

- Lock your home and vehicle doors
 - Take any valuables inside with you
 - Report any suspicious activity to Spencer PD
- As we enter the season of inclement weather:
- Stay alert to weather, road, and driving conditions
 - Check on your neighbors
- *Posting photos, comments, or information on social media does not constitute a report of a crime.

CODE ENFORCEMENT—Have questions or concerns regarding city code? Go to [Code of Ordinances | Spencer, OK | Municode Library](#) for further information and a direct interactive list. This link can also be found at www.cityofspenceroak.gov, under the city code tab on the homepage.

DEPARTAMENTO POLICIA

Recuerdo informativo:

- Asegúrate que tu casa y carro están cerrados con llave.
- llévate todas tus cosas valiosas para adentro contigo.
- Reporta todas las actividades sospechosas que veas al departamento de policía de Spencer. Si ves algo, di algo.

La temporada de incrementación del clima se acerca:

- Mantente alerta con las condiciones de clima, tráfico y carreteras.
- Verifica que tu vecino está bien.

*Subir fotos, comentarios, o información en las redes sociales no es lo mismo que reportar un crime.

DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS PUBLICOS

Tuberías de agua: protege de que tus tuberías no se congelen en el invierno dejando las llaves de cusa gotear para mantener el agua moviéndose; asegúrate que las tuberías están insuladas correctamente y que no están descubierta. Abre los gabinetes debajo de tu llavero para que el aire caliente circule en las tuberías. Cubre las tuberías y llaves de afuera que están expuestas. Mantén el termómetro arriba de 55 grados cuando vas a estar fuera de la casa o de tu negocio por varios días. No descongeles tus tuberías usando lámparas calentadoras, calentador, o fuego – usa un calentador de cabello o almohadilla térmica.

Aguas residuales: ¡ayúdanos a mantener el sistema de alcantarillas de la Ciudad de Spencer libre de contaminantes! No tires aceite o grasa en tu drenaje porque puede causar problemas con los tubos de tus alcantarillas en tu casa y causar problemas con el sistema de las alcantarillas de la ciudad. Si tienes preguntas o algún problema contacta el ayuntamiento de la ciudad de Spencer al (405) 771-3226, presiona la opción 3.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Economic Development: 1st Thursday @ 6:00 PM
Planning Commission: 2nd Thursday @ 6:00 PM
City Council: 3rd Thursday of the Month @ 7:00 PM
Parks Board: 4th Thursday @ 6:00 PM

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- ❖ **Bills are due February 10, 2023**
- ❖ Please be **advised** that **disconnects** will **resume** February 27, 2023
- ❖ **City offices** will be **closed** February 20, 2023 in observance for President's Day.

Mobile Market Specifics

Location: Truevine Ministries, 3701 Spencer Rd. 73084

Time: 9:00-10:00 a.m. on the **last Saturday** of **each month**.

1/30/2023 - 2/3/2023

5/29/2023 - 6/2/2023

7/31/2023 - 8/4/2023

10/30/2023 - 11/3/2023

These are the weeks WM will collect bulky waste in Spencer this year. Residents need to have acceptable bulky waste at the curb before 7:00 a.m. on Monday of these weeks. If you have further questions, call city hall @ 405-771-3226 (**OPTION 3**).

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Water Pipes: Protect your pipes from freezing in cold weather by letting faucets drip slowly to keep water moving; ensure pipes are appropriately insulated and not exposed; and open cabinets under your sinks to allow warm air to circulate the lines, covering exposed pipes and faucets outdoors. If you have an attached garage, keep its doors shut (plumbing is often routed through this space). If your pipes freeze, don't thaw them using heat lamps, a space heater, or an open flame – use a hair dryer or heating pad instead.

Wastewater: Help keep Spencer's sanitary sewer system pollutant-free! Don't dispose of fats, oils, or grease down your drains because it can cause problems with the sewer pipes in your home and cause issues with the City's sanitary sewer system. Any questions or concerns? Please contact the Spencer Public Works Department at (405) 771-3226 (**OPTION 3**).

Reciclaje de gomas de carro: Si tienes gomas de carro viejas que necesitas botar de una forma segura and bueno para el ambiente, la puedes llevar al granero del departamento de servicios públicos al 3550 McCoy Drive, Spencer, OK 73084.

Requerimientos:

- No aceptamos gomas con llantas.
- No aceptamos gomas de negocios como concesionarios de carros, gasolineras y chatarrería.
- No aceptamos gomas exentas como de forklift, gomas todo terreno, gomas de maquinaria pesada, gomas de retroexcavadora, etc.
- No se aceptarán pedazos de gomas o gomas quemadas o basuras mezcladas con material de gomas.
- Todas las gomas deben ser enrollables.

DEPARTAMENTO DE AGUA Y BASURA

Desconexión de agua: El departamento de utilidades de Spencer le quiere recordar que la factura de agua/ basura se vence el 10th de cada mes, y las desconexiones de agua y/o basura las hacemos en la última semana de cada mes. Si no recibimos ningún pago en tu cuenta en la última semana del mes tus servicios serán interrumpidos.

*Debido a navidad y el año nuevo no hicimos corte de agua y/o basura ese mes, pero empezando el 27th de febrero vamos a resumir con el mismo procedimiento como de costumbre.

También recuerden que nuestra oficina estará cerrada el 20 de febrero para celebrar el día de los presidentes (USA).

Día de Basura grande: Waste Management empezara a recoger la basura grande el 30 de enero. asegúrate que tu basura está afuera y lista para ser recogida el día antes. Si tienes preguntas acerca de la basura grande llama a el ayuntamiento de la ciudad de Spencer a (405) 771-3226, opción 3.

DOG TAGS FOR SALE



Come up to City Hall to buy yours today! Pet tags cost \$5 with proof of shot records or \$10 without. Help keep your pet and community safe!

Spencer Railroad Depot ~1903

Hauling freight to Tulsa needed a lot of stops



In 1882, the first St. Louis and San Francisco railroad tracks were laid just north and west of what we now call Spencer, OK.

To the south of these tracks and west of Munger in the Crutcho Township, a small community was being settled. On February 25, 1903, Munger Station and Crutcho Township merged to become Spencer. The town was named "Spencer" by railroad developers and others who came by rail from Spencer, Indiana. The Spencer train depot is pictured below.



Today, most trains that run through Spencer use diesel-electric locomotives and only make an occasional stop to refuel or load/unload.

Spencer Railroad Depot ~1903 (continued)

In the late 1800s to early 1900s though, locomotives were powered by steam. That technology required a train to stop **every eight miles** to take on coal and water.

A single trip from Oklahoma City to Tulsa required nine depot stops:

OKC¹ > Crutcho² > Spencer³ > Jones⁴ > Luther⁵ > Chandler⁶ > Davenport⁷ > Sapulpa⁸ > Tulsa⁹

That's a lot of delays for a run that today takes around two hours. The Spencer Depot is now closed, and the building is gone, but the trains keep rolling through.

Jim Scanlan for the
Spencer Historical Society



CONGRATULATIONS COMMISSIONER CARRIE BLUMERT ON YOUR REELECTION & ANOTHER TERM! WHAT GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS YOUR TEAM HAS PROVIDED THE CITY WITH! WE THANK YOU ALL FOR WHAT YOU DO!

What is your vision for the future of Spencer: what changes would you advocate and why?

Commissioner Carrie Blumert is excited to continue serving the Spencer community for a second term! Every Spencer resident deserves access to well-maintained roads, affordable transportation, quality education, good-paying jobs, healthy food, and safe outdoor spaces. The rich history of this community is special, and we must continue working to improve the quality of life for those who call Spencer home. Over the last 4 years, our District 1 crews have worked to improve roads in Spencer, including repaving main thoroughfares (also called micro-surfacing), restriping, mowing, pothole repair, and tinhorn installations to improve drainage throughout the community. We have also assisted Star Spencer High School by repaving their parking lot and building their new soccer field. In 2023, you will begin to see District 1 crews assist with the revitalization of Kringlen Park. As many Spencer residents know, we desperately need a public library. I hope to work alongside the Metropolitan Library to secure funding for a Spencer library during my 2nd term. I am proud to invest County dollars in this community!

What do you consider the biggest challenge of your current position, what areas need improvement, and why? Areas of opportunities?

Carrie says her biggest challenge is getting folks outside of Spencer to understand the lack of investment in this community over time and how it has contributed to high poverty rates, poor educational outcomes, and lack of resources. We must begin strategically investing in communities like Spencer, so residents have access to their basic needs – parks, quality schools, safe roads, and good-paying jobs. Local government needs to care for its people and put its money where its mouth is!

Oklahoma County District 1 Priority and Accomplishment Plan 2019-2022

Carrie Blumert, Commissioner
SPENCER

Project Type	Location	Year	Distance	Units	Status	Jurisdiction	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost
Drainage Work	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	18-19	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,545.10
Hand Patching	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	18-19	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,434.86
Mowing	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	18-19	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,698.40
Booming	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	18-19	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 5,207.10
Tinhorn Installations	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	18-19	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,354.20
Snow & Ice Removal - Plowing	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	18-19	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 7,654.20
Drainage Work	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	19-20	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,231.44
Hand Patching	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	19-20	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,411.53
Hauling Road Material - Rock	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	19-20	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 984.02
Mowing	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	19-20	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,698.40
Booming	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	19-20	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,207.10
Tinhorn Installations	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	19-20	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,802.45
Snow & Ice Removal - Plowing	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	19-20	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,614.20
Court Demolition	Star Spencer High School	19-20	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 10,298.64	\$ 4,751.91
Parking Lot Entrance	Star Spencer High School	19-20	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 116,141.42	\$ 24,788.88
Hand Patching	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	20-21	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,845.11
Mowing	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	20-21	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,398.40
Booming	Subdivision/Internal City Roads	20-21	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,207.10
Tinhorn Installations	Cross Drain 38th W of Spencer Rd	20-21	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 7,822.56	\$ 7,822.56
Entrance & Parking Lot Phase 1	Star Spencer High School	20-21	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 85,832.50	\$ 83,091.55
Tinhorn & End Pieces Installation	9410 NE 50th Across Road	21-22	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,396.30
Cross Drain Installation	NE 50th West of Post	21-22	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 5,989.87	\$ 5,989.87
Tinhorns Installation	NE 34th Street East of Douglas Blvd	21-22	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 173,646.35	\$ 30,818.05
Concrete Work Street Repair	NE 45th Street East of Douglas Blvd	21-22	200	Feet	100%	Spencer	\$ -	\$ 32,750.97
Roadway Striping	Section Line Roads	21-22	11	Miles	100%	Spencer	\$ 487,591.71	\$ 22,886.72
Providing 1 Pallet of Cold Patch	Potholes in Spencer	21-22	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 17,520.68	\$ 570.00
Soccer Field	Star Spencer High School	21-22	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 19,435.64	\$ 7,042.97
Cross Drain Installation	NE 34th Street East of Douglas Blvd	22-23	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 30,818.05	\$ 30,818.05
Planned Cross Drain Installation	Douglas between NE 36th & NE 50th	22-23	1	unit	0%	Spencer	\$ 5,989.87	\$ -
Parking Lot Phase 2	Star Spencer High School	22-23	1	unit	0%	Spencer	\$ 173,646.35	\$ -
Guardrail Installation	NE 34th Street East of Douglas Blvd	22-23	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ -	\$ 3,009.17
Crack Seal, Microsurface & Striping	Various Spencer Area Roads	22-23	7.5	Miles	100%	Spencer	\$ 487,591.71	\$ 487,591.71
Mowing & Cleanup Mulch Removal	Kringlen Park	22-23	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 17,520.68	\$ 17,520.68
Total Road Maintenance							\$ 1,091,757.43	\$ 881,711.70
DR-4576 FEMA Ice Storm-Debris	Spencer Subdivision ROW's	20-21	1	unit	100%	Spencer	\$ 950,000.00	\$ 940,773.70
TOTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE							\$ 950,000.00	\$ 940,773.70
Total Completed & Upcoming Projects							\$ 1,091,757.43	\$ 881,711.70

What should the county's role be regarding economic development and community engagement?

The county plays a pivotal role in Spencer's economic development and community engagement. When folks are looking to open businesses and form civic groups and organizations, they want to do so in a town they are proud of! Oklahoma County, in addition to the road and bridge work we provide, has first-time home buyer assistance programs, homeless services, a free pharmacy, no-cost bail programs, and public safety protection through our Sheriff's Office. These are just a few of the ways Oklahoma County serves the community and particularly Spencer.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

1. That a general election shall be held on April 4, 2023 to elect the candidates for the City Council. The City Council candidates for Wards 1, 2 and the unexpired term of Ward 3 will be nominated by ward and elected at large, by qualified voters of City of Spencer to serve a four year term.
2. That each council member to be elected shall be an actual resident of the City of Spencer and a registered voter, and the council members from wards shall be actual residents of their respective wards at the time of their candidacy and election. A candidate must also be a registered voter at an address within the municipality, or of the ward where the ward where the office is from a ward for at least six (6) months prior to filing a declaration of candidacy. The election shall, in all respects, be governed by the laws of the State of Oklahoma concerning candidate's qualifications.
3. That the term of office begins at 12:00 noon on the second Monday following the election, all as set forth in 11 O.S. §8-102.
4. That if there should be no candidate to be voted upon at the election, than said election shall not be held.
5. That the period of filing for the offices of council members shall begin on February 6, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. and close on February 8, 2023 at 5:00p.m. Filing for office shall be with the Secretary of the Oklahoma County Election Board in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
6. On the date of the election, the Oklahoma County Election Board and shall remain open continuously from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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.

City of Spencer

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Phone: 405-771-3226

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Monday – Friday Spencer,
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
1:00 PM-5:00 PM



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