

# SPENCER CITY STAR JUNE 2023

## 100 Years Ago – 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Improvements

The Vision 23 project to beautify our main traffic corridor is still in the planning stages. To boost local interest, here's a news article from a 1923 edition of the *Spencer Area News* reproduced exactly as it was printed.

### 23rd St. Road Gets Lights and Shade

The Twenty-third street pavement east from Oklahoma City to Choctaw, is to be lighted by electricity in the near future, plans to this effect having been made by the board of county commissioners with the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company. The only expense to the county will be for the current used, said Commissioner Ed Butterfield, who added: "The lights will not only do away with the danger of hijacking, but will help to counteract the bright lights on cars which have caused so many accidents."

Another improvement to be made on the Twenty-third street road will be the planting of maple trees on each side of the road from the state capitol to the county farm. The trees have been donated by an Oklahoma City nursery, and will be planted by the country under direction of the civic committee of the City Federated Club, of which Mrs. Grant Stanley is chairman.

The streetlights we take for granted, but Maple trees all along 23<sup>rd</sup> street? We've looked, but if any still exist after 100 years, they are hard to find. Maybe you can spot one? Let us know.

With thanks to Cindy Van Kley and the *Oklahoma Historical Society*.

Jim Scanlan  
*Spencer Historical Society*



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### TAMPERING IS PROHIBITED

#### Sec. 28-37. - Interference with fire hydrants.

It is unlawful for any person except one duly authorized by the city utility superintendent or a member of the fire department to open, turn on or off, interfere with, attach any pipe or hose to, or connect anything with, any fire hydrant or stop cock belonging to the city. It is unlawful for any person to obstruct access to any fire hydrant by placing around or thereon brick, lumber, dirt or other thing, or in any other manner obstructing access to a fire hydrant.

### AGREEMENT FOR USE OF FIRE HYDRANT METERS

In consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained, the parties agree to the following:

(1) A deposit of **One Thousand Dollars, (\$1,000.00)** is required for each flush meter obtained. The deposit will be applied to the account when the meter is turned in. The remaining balance of the deposit will be refunded to the User.

(2) In the case of an emergency, the Fire Department can seize the use of the hydrant by the User immediately.

#### (3) Sec. 18-33. -Not to connect hose with fire hydrants.

It is unlawful and an offense for any person to use, molest or connect any hose or any apparatus with any of the fire hydrants or plugs within the city without first securing permission in writing from the chief of the fire department or utility superintendent as authorized by the fire chief. (Prior Code, § 13-3.8; Code 1983, § 13-215)

### ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS

#### Sec. 6-178. Requirements for keeping/raising large animals.

Large animals (horse, pony, mule, calf, sheep, goat, cow, steer, bull) may not be kept in areas zoned for residential, commercial or industrial use. Commercial feed pens for livestock are prohibited within the city limits of Spencer, Oklahoma.

(1) No large animal may be kept within 40 feet of the dwelling on the same property or within 100 feet of a dwelling adjacent to this property.

(2) No large animal will be kept within 100 feet of a private water well on this property or within 100 feet of a private water well adjacent to this property.

(3) Adequate fencing to prevent large animals from running at large shall be provided.

(4) Adequate water, food supply (pasture, grain or hay), and appropriate shelter shall be provided for large animals.

(5) Poor drainage combined with the accumulation of animal manure causing unsanitary conditions, flies, mosquitoes and foul odors may be declared a public nuisance by the City of Spencer with corrective action required by the property owner.

(6) Equine registration required. Effective June 30, 2021, any horse, pony, or mull kept within the city limits of Spencer must be registered with the City of Spencer on an equine registration form provided by the city. An annual registration fee of \$25.00 shall be required for each registered equine animal. All equine registration forms expire on June 30th of each year and must be renewed with the registration fee paid for each animal.

## CITY OF SPENCER CHAMBER NEWS

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who attended the Spencer Chamber Luncheon at Rose State on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and a special thanks to our partners of the Greater OKC Chamber for sponsoring the event, along with the county and Commissioner Carrie Blumert for coming to speak.

The Chamber will be holding regular meetings on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday** of each month. If anyone has questions about joining or would like to attend, they can reach out to us at [Spencerokcoc@outlook.com](mailto:Spencerokcoc@outlook.com)





# ASSISTANCE

NAME OF THE PROGRAM	COMPANY NAME	PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL	ADDRESS	WEBSITE
Supportive Service for Veteran Families Program (SSVF)	Goodwill Industries of Central Oklahoma	405-326-6981 OR 405-278-7100	6824 E RENO AVE MIDWEST CITY OK 73110	
Financial Assistance	Imagine Me Foundation		PO BOX 84405 PHOENIX AZ 85071	<a href="https://www.imagineme.foundation.org/services/">https://www.imagineme.foundation.org/services/</a>
The Last Mission Project	Operation First Response			<a href="https://www.operationfirstresponse.org/assistance-request/">https://www.operationfirstresponse.org/assistance-request/</a>
Critical Financial Assistance	Operation Homefront	877-264-3968		<a href="https://operationhomefront.org/critical-financial-assistance/">https://operationhomefront.org/critical-financial-assistance/</a>
Financial Assistance for Families Working in the Restaurant Industry	Children of Restaurant Employees (CORE)	<a href="mailto:info@coregives.org">info@coregives.org</a>		<a href="https://coregives.org/apply/">https://coregives.org/apply/</a>
Financial Assistance and Counseling	Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS)	817-782-6000		<a href="https://www.nmcrcs.org/our-services/financial-assistance-loans">https://www.nmcrcs.org/our-services/financial-assistance-loans</a>
Life Needs Financial Assistance	Helping Hands For Freedom (HHFF)	<a href="mailto:esnelz@helpinghandsforfreedom.org">esnelz@helpinghandsforfreedom.org</a>		<a href="https://www.helpinghandsforfreedom.org/life-needsfinancial-assistance">https://www.helpinghandsforfreedom.org/life-needsfinancial-assistance</a>
Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance	Catholic Charities of OKC	800-375-8514	1232 N CLASSEN BLVD OKC OK 73106	
Utilities Assistance	Shepherds of Love Ministries	405-348-5195		
Homeless Prevention Services	Upward Transitions	405-232-5507	1134 W MAIN ST OKC OK 73106	<a href="https://upwardtransitions.org/oas-application/">https://upwardtransitions.org/oas-application/</a>
Utility Assistance	Community Action Agency	405-232-0199	319 SW 25th ST OKC OK 73109	<a href="https://www.caaofokc.org/services/emergency-needs/">https://www.caaofokc.org/services/emergency-needs/</a>
Tribal Rental Assistance Program	Delaware Nation - Housing Department	405-480-2220	904 W PETREE RD ANADARKO OK 73005	<a href="https://www.delawarenation-nsn.gov/housing/#Department">https://www.delawarenation-nsn.gov/housing/#Department</a>
Emergency Rental Assistance Program	Sac and Fox Nation			<a href="https://sacandfoxha.com/programs/">https://sacandfoxha.com/programs/</a>
Financial Assistance	Army Emergency Relief	866-878-6378		<a href="https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/assistance/">https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/assistance/</a>

## Waste Management offers house-side garbage cart pickup services. This is for senior and disabled citizens.

The Utility Department currently does not have a change of service form with this service on it. Customers can call city hall @ 405-771-3226 (option 3) and we can have it changed to this service for those who qualify. It does not cost anything extra but will take a couple of weeks to get it completely set up.

## 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

PO Box 660  
8200 NE 36th Street  
Spencer, Oklahoma 73084  
Phone: 405-771-3226

Fax: 405-771-3228  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
1:00 PM.-5:00 PM



## STORM

Only rain in the stormdrain

Stormwater runoff picks up harmful pollutants as it flows across lawns, sidewalks, and streets. It flows untreated through the storm drain system, eventually reaching our rivers, washes, and retention areas. Help prevent stormwater pollution.

*Do your part!*



**PROPERLY DISPOSE**  
of PAINT, AUTO FLUIDS, POOL  
CHEMICALS, CARPET CLEANING  
WATER, and other household waste.

### PICK UP PET WASTE

and bag and tie your trash.  
Keep our stormwater clean!



Keep it **ON THE GREEN!**  
Don't let your yard chemicals wash  
into the street or storm drains.

### STAY SAFE!

Don't let children  
play in washes and avoid driving  
through flooded areas. A driver can  
lose control in one foot of water.



Find an **HHW (HOUSEHOLD  
HAZARDOUS WASTE)**  
**COLLECTION SITE** by  
contacting your local municipality.

**CITY OF SPENCER, OK  
YEAR ROUND-MONTHLY  
FARMER'S  
MARKET**

**JUNE 17TH, 2023**

**9 AM- 2 PM**

**8306 MCCOY DRIVE, 73084**  
**OUTDOOR EVENT  
OPEN TO ALL!**

## SEEKING VENDORS

The SFM to the 3RD SATURDAY of each month and will be held outdoors from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 8306 McCoy Drive, 73084.

Please email us at [spencerfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:spencerfarmersmarket@gmail.com) to receive an application and get signed up as a vendor!

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[www.cityofspencerok.gov](http://www.cityofspencerok.gov)  
for forms, information, events  
and city news