



Vision Statement: *"The Good Neighbor City" where quality of Life is available to all!*

(Photo: Turner Falls near Davis, OK)

Mission Statement: *To promote the existing peaceful atmosphere while providing quality services to our community through public awareness, public safety, communication and beautification, utilizing economic development as a means to enhance a positive future.*



City Events

- **Planning Commission**
Generally meets the first Thursday each month at 6:00 PM via Zoom, City Hall, or the Senior Center.
- **City Council**
Meets the third Thursday each month at 7:00 PM in City Hall.
- **Economic Development Committee**
Meets as needed.

News from Around Spencer

- Our city engineer and staff, area residents and representatives from Oklahoma County met last week to investigate removing brush and debris from Silver Creek. We'll keep you updated.
- Star Spencer Mid-High School's varsity football team is off to a good start this year. Here's the game schedule for October 2021:
 - Friday, 10/1 – Crossings (Homecoming)
 - Friday, 10/8 – Chandler (away)
 - Thursday, 10/14 – Meeker (home)
 - Friday, 10/22 – Prague (away)
 - Friday, 10/29 – Millwood (home – Senior Night)For a complete list of Star Spencer Mid-High School Athletic events, go to www.okcps.org/page/2396.
- The city will hold a special election on Tuesday, November 9th to fill the city council vacancy for Ward 4. Make your voice heard and vote.

Community Organization Events

- **Spencer Historical Society**
Meets the first Tuesday each month at 7:00 PM at the Spencer Museum, 50th St and Palmer Rd.
- **Spencer Chamber of Commerce**
Meets the second Monday each month at 7:00 PM at the Spencer United Method Church in old downtown.

The Latest from our Website

Visit our city website at www.cityofspencerok.gov for information on upcoming events, news, and alerts for events such as utility repairs.

Did you know that **you can download and print forms** to complete before you come to city hall?

For example, we've posted forms for:

- Code Enforcement Request
- Building Permit Application
- Fence Permit
- Utility Application, homeowner or realtor/property management
- Public Participation in city meetings

Save time and reduce stress by filling out forms before you arrive. Go to our website and click the *Forms & Documents* icon to begin.



Spencer Elementary / Spencer Chamber – BUG Bike Giveaway

Jim Scanlan, Lorrie Scanlan and President Brenda Mendoza of the *Spencer Chamber of Commerce* met with Principal Stacy Storey last month.



Brenda Mendoza, Lorrie Scanlan, Jim Scanlan, Stacy Storey

Together, they set up the display of two BUG (Bring Up Grades) bicycles, helmets and locks at Spencer Elementary School on 50th Street.

This ongoing program donates a bicycle to the 3rd grade boy and girl who have shown the most improvement to their overall grades by the end of the semester. In the event more than two students qualify, the winners are selected by the teaching staff. The award ceremony will be held in December.

The Chamber thanks donors Council Member Renita Fair and former Mayor Marsha Jefferson for covering the bulk of this semester's BUG program costs.



Want to include your community news or event?

We can often include a public or non-profit event in this newsletter. Submit the date, time, and details to City Hall. If you have a photograph of your recent event, pass that along, too.

Some Spencer History

On February 25, 1903, Munger Station and Crutch Township merged to become the City of Spencer, OK.

Within 20 years, Spencer had its own electric generation plant, a car dealership, and a grist mill. The city had electricity before most of Oklahoma City. We also had a cotton gin, a variety of successful businesses, and bountiful peach harvests near "nine-mile flats." Recreation ranged from family-friendly ice cream socials to forms of entertainment frowned upon in the greater Oklahoma City area, such as a gambling establishment housed in a riverboat casino.

Prior to around 1934, the North Canadian River flowed deep and carried significant amounts of people and freight. Bridges were built and improved, allowing more traffic to flow in and out of our city.

As the years went by, Spencer saw prosperity through plentiful harvests and successful business enterprises. The rodeo was key to Spencer's popularity.

We also underwent hardship from droughts and from changing market trends. However, **by working together**, our city survived and is around today.

What's the difference between a city and a town in Oklahoma?

Spencer, OK is a city, Jones and Luther are towns.

In Oklahoma, cities are communities with a population of 1000 or more that are incorporated as a "City." Cities have aldermanic, mayoral, council-manager, or home-rule charter types of government. Towns are limited to a town board type of municipal government.

Jones, OK is known as the "Town of Jones City."

Spencer Senior Center Update

Most repairs to the Senior Center from last winter's freeze damage have been completed. We've replaced the roof and are refurbishing the ice machine. The Senior Center Board is working to have the center open and available for reservations in October.

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Monday – Friday
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**Spencer
Forward!**

