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Spring Lake Village



Village Hall Holiday Hours

Village Hall will be closed on the following dates:

November 11	Veteran's Day
November 28-29	Thanksgiving
December 24-25	Christmas
December 31(p.m.)	New Year's Eve
January 1	New Year's Day

Now Accepting 2014 Reservations Tanglefoot Park & Mill Point Docks



The Village is currently accepting seasonal reservations for next summer. We are also accepting applications for dock rentals. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please call Mary at 616-842-1393.

DON'T FLUSH MEDICATIONS!

If you have unused medications (prescriptions or over-the-counter, including pet meds) please do NOT flush them down the toilet. Place the medications in a plastic ziplock and dispose of them in our secure drop box located in the lobby of the Spring Lake/Ferrysburg Police Department during regular business hours.



FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The Village of Spring Lake will provide the fall leaf pickup program from October 21 thru November 25th. **Leaves must be raked onto the street and off of the lawn, except for the leaves on M-104 (Savidge Street) ~ leaves must be bagged.** The hose on the vacuum truck is limited in length; therefore piles on the lawn are hard to reach. Please do not rake twigs into the leaf piles as they damage the hose. We will post the route on the sandwich board sign in front of Village Hall and the message on the phone system will indicate where the DPW crews will be on any particular day. Leaf hotline 616-607-1188



BRUSH COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 16th

DPW crews will make one pass through the Village to collect brush. Brush should be stacked neatly with the cut end facing the street. Your brush must be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on 09/16/13. Crews will not make a return visit.

Right-of-Way Parking Ordinance Adopted

On August 19, 2013 Village Council amended the parking ordinance to allow single-family residential homes to formally utilize a parking space in the Village right-of-way (ROW). The application, along with the requirements, to install/maintain a single parking spot is available on the Village website or by calling Mary Paparella at 842-1393. *Front yard parking is still prohibited, per the ordinance.*

Common Ordinance Violations

Listed below are the most common Zoning Ordinance violations that may elicit a visit from our local Code Enforcement Officer. A complete copy of the Zoning Ordinance is available on the Village's website.

Inoperable Vehicles (Sec. 3.8)

Blight (Sec 3.8)

Vehicles for Sale (Sec 11.3 & 11.4)

Front Yard Parking (Sec. 16.1)

The most common Code of Ordinance violation is tall grass and weeds (Sec 30-111 ~ 30-116). The Code is available in its entirety, including newly adopted ordinances, at www.municode.com. We ask that property owners make every attempt to be good neighbors. When in doubt, call the Village *before* you receive a citation, so we can let you know if your activity violates any Village ordinance.

NO WIPES IN THE PIPES!

Sure, the container *says* they are flushable but we are here to tell you that WIPES ARE NOT FLUSHABLE! When you flush cleaning cloths such as Clorox disinfecting wipes or baby wipes down the toilet, it can cause a great deal of damage to our sewer system as the wipes can wrap around pump parts and cause sewer back-ups. Regardless of what the packaging says, they should NEVER be flushed down the sanitary sewer or into a septic system.

NON-EMERGENCY POLICE NUMBER

In the event you have a concern that is not an emergency, but you would like to reach the Spring Lake/Ferrysburg Police Department, please call

1-800-249-0911

WINTER IS COMING!

When removing snow from your driveways, it should **not cover fire hydrants** or be piled in a manner that causes vision obstruction for drivers. If a fire hydrant is near your home, do not pile snow around the hydrant. A snow covered hydrant may be unusable to the fire department in an emergency situation.

- If the hydrant in your area gets snow covered, **please clear away the snow.**
- Keep your snow on your property. Residents and private snow plowing contractors may not deposit snow on public streets. This is a Village ordinance.
- If you drive a vehicle with snow removal equipment, all safety precautions must be taken including an amber oscillating light.
- On garbage day please keep garbage cans in your driveway not on Village streets.
- Ice and snow removal should be completed within 24 hours of the snowfall.
- **Sidewalk Shoveling -- It is the responsibility of the property occupant or owner to keep their sidewalks clear of snow.** If the work load allows for time to clear sidewalks, Village employees will give priority to sidewalks that are in the immediate vicinity of the Spring Lake Area Public Schools.

WINTER PARKING RULES

Parking is prohibited on any Village street from December 1st thru April 1st, from 2 a.m. until 6 a.m. for street maintenance. Regardless of the amount of snowfall (or lack thereof), violators will be ticketed. **Please park your vehicles in your driveways in order to keep our DPW safe when plowing your street.**



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 7-11, 2013

Each year the Spring Lake Fire Department spends some time before or during Fire Prevention Week, visiting each of the elementary schools in the village and township, to teach the children about fire safety. This year the theme is “Let’s Get Cookin’ with Fire Safety”. Be sure to spend some time with your children asking them to share with you about what they have learned. Fire Prevention Week wraps up with our annual Fire Prevention Open House.



SLFD FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 10, 6pm-8pm

Spring Lake Fire Station #1

148th Ave, just south of M104 (Cleveland)



A family fun night filled with food, prizes and learning about fire prevention and safety. There will be hot dogs, popcorn, chips and drinks for all! Have fun meeting your firefighters and learning about many of your local emergency teams. Watch as we do a live burn house demonstration to show just how quickly a fire can spread in your home. You can even go on a fire truck ride!

FALL CLEAN UP

The Village will conduct its fall clean-up on 10/02/13. Property owners are responsible for any trash left on the curb after 10/02/13. The following items will NOT be collected as part of this program:

- Tree stumps, automotive parts, concrete, blacktop, batteries, paints/solvents/cleaners.
- Construction material.
- Pipe will be only accepted in 6” or shorter lengths.
- Only one appliance, which cannot use Freon, will be collected per address.
- Place numerous items in one container, such as a cardboard box.
- Container must weigh less than 35 pounds.
- Call 842-1393 for more information.

PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE without penalty or interest on SEPTEMBER 16th. Taxes may be paid in person, via drop box or on-line.

Board & Committee Vacancies

Vacancies for various Boards & Committees occur throughout the year. If you are interested in serving your community, you can download an application from the Village website at:

www.springlakevillage.org

You can also obtain a paper copy from Mary Paparella by calling 842-1393.



ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS!

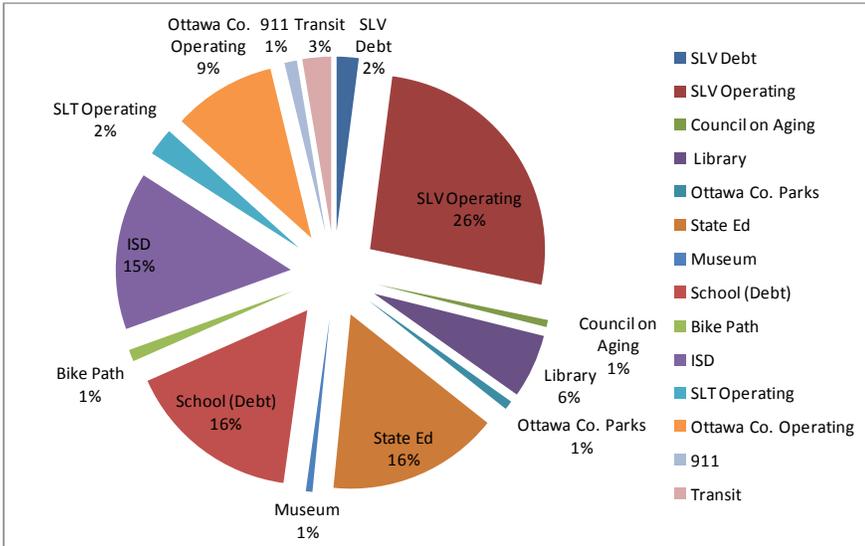


Don’t forget to request your Absentee Ballot from Spring Lake Township before you head south. To schedule property checks while you are away, call Police Clerk Lori Spelde at 842-1889. Also, please give us 24 hours notice prior to your return so that we may schedule your water turn-on. Someone MUST be present before our DPW will restore water service to your property.

Water Service Questions?

Do you have questions regarding your water service? Call Mary at 842-1393. She can schedule a final read, water turn-on/turn-offs and answer your billing questions. For non-emergency service requests, kindly give us 24 hours notice. For after-hours water and sewer emergencies, please call 1-800-249-0911.

Where do all of my taxes go?



Examples of Services that the Village Provides:

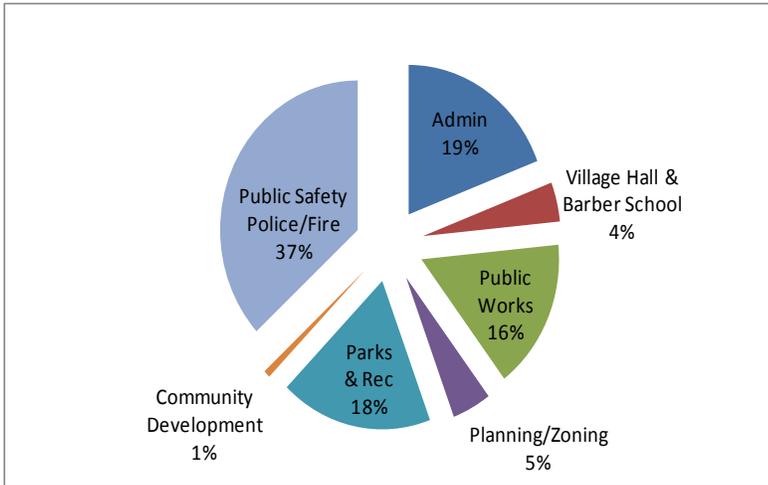
- Police Protection ~ 24/7/365
- Streets

Maintenance
Reconstruction
Repair
Sweeping
Lighting

- Leaf Collection
- Brush Chipping
- Parks Maintenance
 - Central
 - Mill Point
 - Tanglefoot
 - Grand River Greenway
 - Lakeside Trail
 - Lakeside Beach
 - Street End Parks

- Parks & Recreation Programs
- Storm Water Management
- Planning/Zoning
- Economic Development

How does the Village spend its share of my taxes?



The Village's fiscal year runs from July 1 thru June 30. The budget process begins shortly after the start of the calendar year. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend all budget workshops and public hearings in order to voice their concerns and opinions. All notices for public meetings are on the website, Facebook and posted at Village Hall.



Below is a table showing approximately how much you pay to the Village for the services listed above (to the right.) This table is provided for those property owners who escrow their taxes and may not see an itemized breakdown. Of course, should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Village Offices. Staff is always happy to answer questions you may have about your taxes or any other Village-related issue ~ 616-842-1393.

Market Value	Taxable Value	Village Taxes Per Year	Village Taxes Per Month
100,000	50,000	495.06	\$41.26
125,000	62,500	618.83	\$51.57
150,000	75,000	742.59	\$61.88
175,000	87,500	866.36	\$72.20
200,000	100,000	990.12	\$82.51

The Village has a new Facebook page. The new page is set up as a community page, rather than a person. No need to send a friend request, just click "Like" and keep up on all the latest happenings in the Village!