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Spring Lake Village



Village Hall Holiday Hours

Village Hall will be closed on the following dates:

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| November 11 | Veteran's Day |
| November 27-28 | Thanksgiving |
| December 24-25 | Christmas |
| December 31(p.m.) | New Year's Eve |
| January 1 | New Year's Day |

Now Accepting 2015 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 zipper bag and dispose of them in our secure drop box located in the lobby of the Spring Lake Village Hall during regular business hours. The meds are incinerated by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office. Items that DO NOT belong in the drop box:



needles, sunscreen, creams & ointments

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The Village of Spring Lake will provide the fall leaf pickup program from October 20 thru November 26th. **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.



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.**



NON-EMERGENCY POLICE NUMBER

In the event you have a concern that is not an emergency, but you would like to reach the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, please call

1-800-249-0911

Ottawa County Sheriff's Office

Office Hours—The OCSO maintains regular office hours at Spring Lake Village Hall. Walk-in customers can meet Kathy; she is happy to answer any questions you may have regarding police protection in the Village. During non-business hours, there is a red phone in the north vestibule that will connect you to Central Dispatch.

New Website—Everything you need to know about requesting the Speed Trailer, purchasing a handgun or submitting a Home Security Request is now available on-line at www.springlakevillage.org. Click on **Departments** and look for the button labeled **Police (Ottawa County Sheriff)**. You will find tons of valuable information regarding the services that are provided by OCSO.

Business Contacts—The OCSO has been working with local business owners to update emergency contact information. If you are a business owner, you should have had a Deputy stop in, introduce himself and leave a form for you to complete. If you have not met with a Deputy since July 1, 2014, please contact us so that OCSO can get a Deputy there ASAP.

Common Ordinance Violations

Listed below are the most common Zoning Ordinance violations that may elicit a visit from the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office. 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 during the summer 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.



Trick-or-Treat



Bring your little ones down to Village Hall from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. on October 31st to meet OCSO staff. Sergeant Kik (*pictured—right*) will have a special treat ready for your little ghosts and goblins!



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.

TRICK-OR-TREAT!



October 31st

6-8 p.m. in residential areas

4-6 p.m. in the business district

(be sure to look for the pumpkin in the window for participating merchants)

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.**



The Village uses Facebook to disseminate information to residents between newsletters. Just search for *Spring Lake Village*, click "Like" and keep up on all the latest happenings in the Village! You can also sign up for a Constant Contact (electronic newsletter) by logging on to our website www.springlakevillage.org and submitting your email information.

WINTER IS COMING!

When removing snow from your drive-ways, 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 own property. **Residents and private snow plowing contractors may not deposit snow on public streets.** This is a Village ordinance; property owners may be ticketed for snow left in the street or piles that block sidewalks.
- 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 cans & recycle bins in your driveway not on Village streets. 
- Ice and snow removal should be completed within 24 hours of the snowfall.
- **It is the responsibility of the property occupant or owner to keep sidewalks clear of snow & ice.** If the work load allows time to clear sidewalks, Village employees will give priority to sidewalks that are in the immediate vicinity of the Spring Lake Area Public Schools.
- **Shake your mailbox!** Now is the time to make repairs and ensure your mailbox is securely fastened to its post. Village policy states the DPW is not responsible to replace mailboxes when snow knocks the box off its post. 



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Save Lives**

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Fire Prevention Week • October 5–11, 2014



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. 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 9, 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 it's fall clean-up on 10/01/14. Property owners are responsible for any trash left on the curb after 10/01/14. 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.

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 Village Hall.



ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS!



1. Don't forget to request your Absentee Ballot from Spring Lake Township before you head south.
2. Please give us 24 hours notice prior to your return to Spring Lake so that we may schedule your water turn-on. Someone MUST be present before our DPW will restore water service to your property.
3. Taxes **and** water bills are now payable via ACH. The payment is deducted from your account on the due date. No more worries about a late payment!