

# SEASONS OF SPRING PARK

FALL 2017  
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



## FROM YOUR MAYOR

The proposed outdoor storage ordinance is taking shape. Actually, it's nearing its final form. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with it because it will affect a great number of residents of Spring Park. We do not want any surprises; the time for input is now. In some cases screening will simply take care of the identified problems.

*Please note, I was not involved with this proposal at the on-set but came up to speed after January 1, 2017. I commend the Spring Park Planning Commission for the stellar job they have done and also the large number of residents who supported it at the two public hearings. Your City Council has already used an entire special work shop session to "fine tune" this proposal.*

**History:** The Planning Commission has spent over a year working on this proposal. They have had two public hearings to get feedback on issues important to our residents. It started with the desire to work on the appearance of our town. There has been concern about not just what is allowed to be stored in residential areas, but how it is stored. This proposal will be designed to add consistency to both of these issues.

The reason it's important to check out this proposal is because it will affect many residents. Some of the proposed changes will affect:

1. What and how you can store items in your yards.
2. How close you can store items next to your neighbor's property.
3. How close you can store items to a road right of way.

The intent of the proposal is to enhance the appearance of the city. The feedback from the residents has been to put a focus on this issue. Thank you for your previous input and we look forward to your continued suggestions – stop up to city hall and pick up a copy of the proposal!

Your Mayor,

*Jerome P. "Jerry" Rockvam*



## EMERALD ASH BORER PREVENTION



The City of Spring Park is once again treating the publicly owned ash trees in Spring Park with the help of a tree care company. In the interest of preserving as many ash trees throughout the community as possible the company is making its services available to Spring Park residents and businesses at the same reduced price that the City has locked in.

If you are a resident or business in Spring Park and interested in treating your ash tree(s) at this reduced price please contact Jeff Hafner of Rainbow Treecare at 952-252-0596 and reference the Spring Park Emerald Ash Borer Prevention Program by Friday, October 20.

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[www.ci.spring-park.mn.us](http://www.ci.spring-park.mn.us)



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Council Meetings:** 7:00 p.m.  
Oct 16; Nov 6, 20; Dec 4, 18

**Council Work Sessions:** 6 p.m.  
Oct 16; Nov 20; Dec 18

**Truth in Taxation:**  
Dec 4, 7:00 p.m.

**Planning Commission:** 7 p.m.  
Oct 11; Nov 8; Dec 13

**No Sort Recycling:** Fridays  
Oct 6, 20; Nov 3, 17;  
Dec 1, 15, 30 (Sat)

**Utility Bills Due:** Monday, Nov 13

**Office Closed:** Nov 10, 23, 24; Dec 25, 26

**Fall Clean-Up Day:**  
Saturday, Nov 4 (see insert)  
Spring Park Residents Only

**Hydrant Flushing:**  
Oct 23 - 27



## BEST WISHES



~ Goodbye, Mr. Fix-It ~

Paul Lewin has announced he is retiring in October. Paul has been a seasonal maintenance worker since 2013. He is a skilled handyman and hard worker who will be greatly missed. Best of luck, Paul!

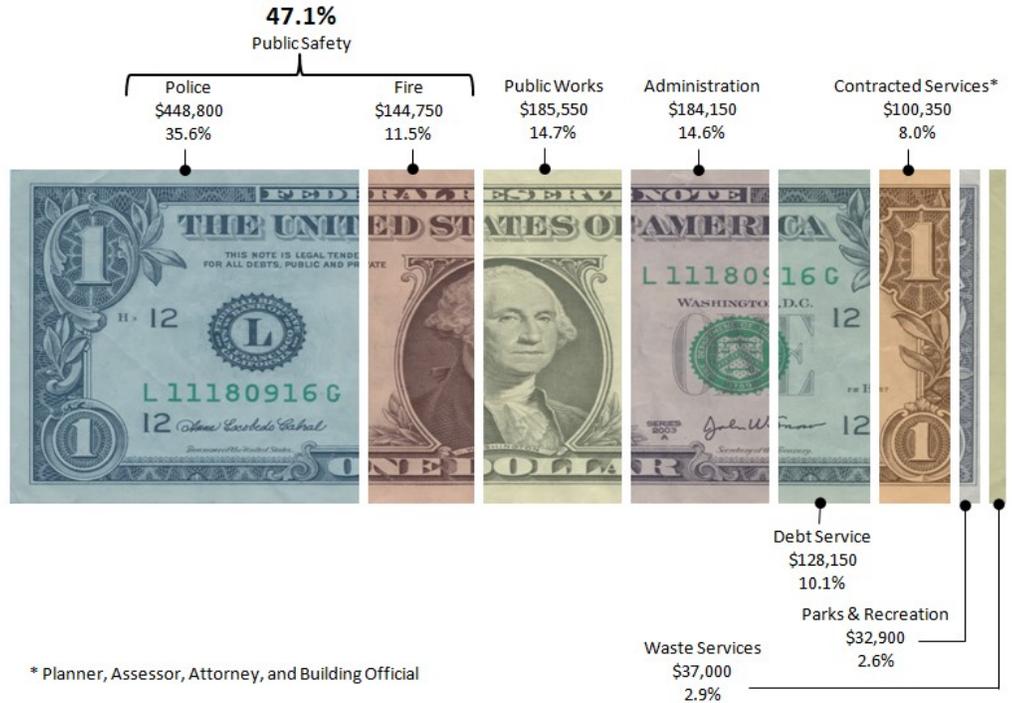


## THE 2018 BUDGET PROCESS HAS BEGUN

The City Council recently met to review the first draft of the City's 2018 budget and to approve a preliminary tax levy of \$1,052,660, which represents a 3.5% increase from the 2017 tax levy. The Council will be hosting a truth in taxation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 4 before adopting the final 2018 budget and tax levy. In the meantime, residents and business owners will be receiving their preliminary tax statements from Hennepin County.

Below is a visual breakdown of how your tax dollar is proposed to be spent in 2018.

### How Your City Tax Dollar Will Be Spent (Proposed)



4349 Warren Avenue  
Spring Park, MN 55384  
**Office Hours:** M-Fri 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
**Summer:** M-Th 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fri 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
**Phone:** 952-471-9051  
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**E-mail:** tschyma@ci.spring-park.mn.us

#### CITY COUNCIL

**Mayor:** Jerome P. "Jerry" Rockvam  
**Council Members:** Pamela Horton, Gary Hughes, Catherine Kane Palen, Megan Pavot

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

**Chair:** Jeff Hoffman  
**Commissioners:** Max Avalos, Bruce Homan, Pete Kaczanowski, Michael Mason

#### CITY STAFF

**Administrator:** Dan Tolsma  
**City Clerk:** Theresa Schyma  
**Public Works:** Dallas Roggeman  
**Office Assistant/Utility Clerk:** Sharon Farniok

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



**Back Channel Brewing Co.**  
Welcome to Spring Park! After months of anticipation Back Channel Brewing Co. opened for business in September. The 12 month process included an ordinance amendment, conditional use permit, liquor licensing, and building permits for major upgrades and renovations to the property at 4787 Shoreline Drive.



## FROM THE CITY DESK

### Street Sweeping and Hydrant Flushing

Street sweeping will occur in late fall. The City will be flushing hydrants from October 23 - 27. Flushing hydrants may cause water discoloration issues. Residents are advised against doing laundry, especially white clothing, while crews are in the area.

### Fall Clean Up Day

Saturday, November 4 is the semi-annual cleanup event for Spring Park residents and apartments. (see attached flyer for details)

### Yard Waste Drop-off Site

Spring Park permits city residents (non-commercial) to dispose of yard waste at no charge until Thanksgiving weekend. The City contracts with the Mulch Store to provide residents with a yard waste drop-off site located in Minnetrista. (see flyer for details)

### Snow Events

It's that time of year again. Please make a note of the following: Move your car from public parking during or immediately after a snowfall of one or more inches. You may return your vehicle to the parking lot after they have been completely plowed. If you are in doubt about how much snow has fallen, we encourage you to move your vehicle regardless to assist our plowing efforts.