



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

SPENCER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

APRIL 2017

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Water Construction Update

Phase 2 of construction at the SMU water plant renovation is getting closer to final completion, even though we returned to lime softening as we did before construction started.

We have also reached completion on our annual hydrant flushing for 2017. Now we are confident the soft water is reaching everyone throughout the community. Now that we have returned to softening, you may be interested in knowing where our water currently is for hardness and it is currently at a hardness of 6-7 grains or 100-120ppm with a pH between 8.3-8.8. We will be continuing to fine-tune the softening process and the hardness will likely end up a little lower once that is complete.

We appreciate your patience throughout the construction process and watch for information later this summer regarding an open house with tours of the new facility.



Improved Reliability

We recently had contractors working near the Spencer High School installing a 6,600-pound utility pole to hold a 3,000-pound switch that will improve electric reliability if a whole town power outage were to occur in the future. This creates a loop system on our transmission line that will help us better control whole town power outages in the future. SMU is always looking for ways to provide our services reliably and affordably!



Time for an AC Tune-Up

With warmer weather around the corner, now is the time to make sure your air conditioner will be ready to keep your home cool this summer. SMU encourages customers to get an annual checkup of their central air conditioner or heat pump in order to make sure it is in good working condition, and the best time to get it checked is before the summer heat officially arrives. During the annual check-up, the technician will check coolant levels and ensure the system is running properly. By making sure the unit is running properly can also help reduce the amount of energy it takes to operate, which can also save some money.



SMU offers a rebate of \$25.00 when you have your AC checked by a heating and cooling professional. For a copy of the rebate form visit our website at www.smunet.net.

If your central air conditioner unit is more than 20 years old, it may be time to replace it before it fails. You can also visit our website to see what rebates are available to help with that decision.

Call Before You Dig

Since April is known as being "National Safe Digging Month", it is time for a reminder to call or click before you dig. Some types of projects that need locates before digging include:

- Planting trees/shrubs
- Installing a fence
- Building a patio, addition, deck, garage, outdoor shed
- New driveway
- Installing a septic system or water drainage system
- Terracing or landscaping

Iowa One Call has made it easy with their 8-1-1 number or you can simply call 1-800-292-8989 or click www.iowaonecall.com.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you changed any of your contact information in the last year? If so, please call SMU at 580.5800 during normal business hours Monday-Friday from 8am to 5pm to make sure we have the correct information associated with your account.



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Where:

SPENCER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

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DOOR PRIZES, TECHNOLOGY
DEMONSTRATIONS

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