



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

SPENCER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

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## New Drinking Fountain at Dale Norton Field

If you made it out to a home football game this fall, you probably noticed some improvements to the concession stand at Dale Norton Field.

Spencer Municipal Utilities was proud to support the project by contributing the drinking fountain with a water bottle filler. We hope fans have an enjoyable experience cheering on the Spencer Tigers!



## 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.

**Project Share**

Project Share is a plan created by your municipal utility to assist needy households in paying their wintertime energy bills.

You can help by adding a regular contribution to your monthly utility and/or communication payment, or by making a direct donation to Project Share. These funds will then be distributed to neighbors in need for wintertime energy costs.

Those qualifying for help will be carefully identified by an area social service agency. A local committee will oversee Project Share to guarantee all contributions will be handled equitably and efficiently.

So please, add to your utility or communication payment each month Project Share. It's a simple way to share some warmth with those who need it. Just fill out the form below and return it to Spencer Municipal Utilities.

I would like to help a neighbor in need with a tax-deductible contribution to Project Share!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Utility acct # \_\_\_\_\_

Communication acct # \_\_\_\_\_

I will contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month to Project Share. I understand this amount will be billed through my account (number(s) provided above).

I have enclosed a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation to Project Share.

I would like the amount I am billed each month rounded up to the next whole dollar and contributed to Project Share through my account (number(s) provided above).

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## Project Share

Project Share is a program SMU has in place to help those in need with their wintertime energy bills. If you haven't signed up, there are several easy ways to participate with a one-time gift, a monthly gift or by rounding up on your utility and/or communication bill. The money collected is distributed to those in need, right here in Spencer through Upper Des Moines Opportunity. If you'd like to participate, you can fill out the form in this newsletter, or you can fill out the form online at [www.smunet.net](http://www.smunet.net).

# SMU Assisted with Hurricane Irma Recovery

When Hurricane Irma hit Florida last month, many were left without electricity and as part of the mutual aid program through Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, SMU sent three line workers and two trucks.

SMU has sent crews for mutual aid in the past, but this was the first time these line workers had the opportunity to assist with hurricane recovery.

They traveled with some others from Northwest Iowa municipals to Moore Haven, Florida, which is located northwest of Miami. Those from other municipals included Alta, Denison, Lake Park and Sioux Center.

Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities coordinated the efforts with the American Public Power Association, and SMU coordinated the efforts for the group from Northwest Iowa.



*We were glad to help out and know that others would be able to help us if it were ever needed here in our community!*



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