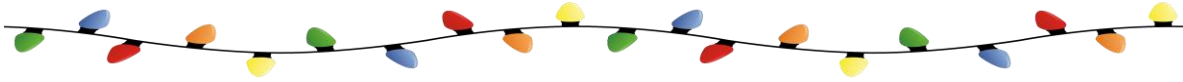


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City Hall will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas and January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's

**Cold weather warning for pets:** Indoor accommodations are recommended during cold weather. If pets must be outside, please set up an area protected from wind, rain, and snow. Insulate with straw or blankets to help keep in body heat. Pets lose most of their body heat from the pads of their paws. 🐾

Annual dog licensing is due no later than January 31, 2019. Come to City Hall for your new license renewal. \$20 for non-neutered \$15 for neutered

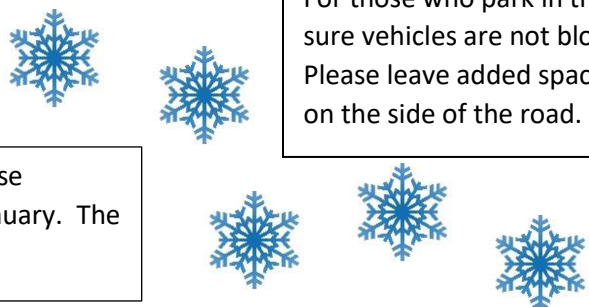
Business license renewal in January. The cost is \$30.

**VERY IMPORTANT to insulate your meters!** Please check your water meters to ensure that the insulation contacts the sides of the pit. Please put newspaper or insulation in a plastic bag and cover your meters.

Be thoughtful and have neighborly courtesy, there has been multiple complaints of cats on others' properties please be respectful and responsible cat owner. Additionally, leaves are blowing into others' yards, please bag your leaves.

The Lagoon will be closed for the season!

**Snow is coming!** Please remember to move cars off the street or you may be plowed in. For those who park in the right-of-way make sure vehicles are not blocking the road. Please leave added space for plowed snow on the side of the road.



Dear Friends,

As many of you are aware, Avista has partnered with community-building expert and best-selling author of "13 Ways to Kill Your Community", Doug Griffiths, to create a community needs assessment for 23 rural communities in Idaho and Washington. Sprague is one of those communities. The assessment itself is built on a popular self-help book for communities which refers to a list of 13 ways that communities across the nation unintentionally limit economic growth and community vitality.

We encourage you to participate in the assessment at:  
**[www.sprague-wa.us](http://www.sprague-wa.us) or <http://avista.surveysby13ways.com/>**

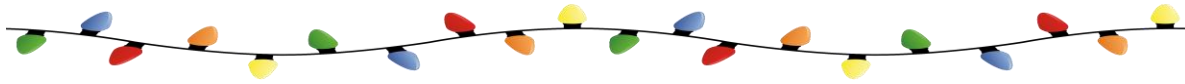
Once on the homepage, simply start typing in the name of your town, select it in the drop down, and begin the survey! It should take approximately 20 minutes to complete, is completely anonymous, and your answers will be sent to your friends at Avista.

*There are also hard copies at the City Hall/Library.*

**“Regardless of the situation, a community’s future truly rests within its own populace and their desire to achieve success. It is just that simple.” - Doug Griffiths, author of 13 Ways to Kill Your Community.**

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**Sprague Food Bank**

Watch for Flyers

**Feed Sprague** - Jill Sheffels – 509-979-2168  
Watch for flyers or check out JUST SPRAGUE on Facebook for the next food distribution.

**Senior Meals** are back and is growing! Thank you for the meals and for coming to enjoy the wonderful meals and gatherings.

Wednesdays at 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm at the Community Hall -213 S. C St.

Please contact Diane Gomes, Jill Sheffels, or Shari Stowell with meal suggestions or questions.

**NOMINATE 2019 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR  
POSTMARK or DELIVERED BY 12/31**

Write a letter saying who and why you think they should be selected.

Mail to:

Sprague Chamber

ATTN: Citizen of the Year Committee

PO Box 17, Sprague, WA 99032

Last 3 recipients will judge.  
Announced at Banquet/Auction  
January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at  
Sprague School. Donations are  
being accepted for the auction;  
contact Joy at 509-257-2319

**Sprague Chamber** Hall is available to rent for events, meetings or family gatherings. For reservations: please call Shari Stowell at 509-850-5565.

Sprague Chamber Community Calendars are ready for pick up at the City Hall. There are still extra calendars available for only \$8.

Sprague Chamber is still accepting dues for membership; \$10 per family or \$25 for businesses. Please mail your dues to Sprague Chamber, PO Box 17, Sprague, WA 99032

Christmas Food & Gift boxes will be delivered on Dec 21st. Each of the 55 children in the 22 homes will receive a gift through the Tree of Sharing at the high school. Donations of non-perishable food can be dropped at the school, community church or call 257-2319 to arrange pick up or donations of money can be made to help buy turkeys, hams and other food. You may drop donations off to Joy Wilken at 403 W 3rd St (use E St door) or mail to PO Box 228. Questions please call Joy at 257-2319. Volunteers to sort food are welcome Dec 21 at 9 am at Sprague School lunchroom.

**Local Church Notices**

**Mary Queen of Heaven** – 200 W. Alder St

Mass 12:30 pm on Sundays – Confessions upon request of by appointment by calling 509-723-1459

**Sprague Community Church**

Pastor Bob Bridge

204 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St – PO Box 345

Worship Service Sundays at 9:30 am – Sunday School at 11:15 am – Wednesday Night Service at 6:45 pm

**St. John's Lutheran Church**

Pastor Bob Kenyon

218 W 3rd St

Worship with us each Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Greetings! Following is our contribution to the Newsletter from Lutheran Church.

"We are each angels with only one wing, and we can only fly embracing each other." Lessons from Tanzania

St. John's Lutheran invites you to join us each Sunday @ 9:00 a.m. for morning worship. On December 8th we will have our 'Hanging of the Greens' service in which the Christmas Tree is decorated. A special invitation also to join us for CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT service @ 5:00 p.m. It is a special Christmas service with lots of singing of carols and reading of scripture, perfect to usher in the true meaning of Christmas. This, of course, is on December 24.

***Merry Christmas to all Sprague residents, families, friends, & visitors!***