



### EASTER EGG HUNT

Spencer Jaycees will host their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 28**, from 2 PM-4 PM at the new Spencer Town Park in front of Town Hall.

### CLOTHING CLOSET

Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 303 5th Street, will hold its semiannual clothing closet on **Saturday, April 18**, from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Free clothing and household goods will be available to anyone who may need them. Further information may be obtained by calling Program Chair Marylyn Koontz at 704-957-0080.



### BUILDING COMMUNITY AT TABLE 10

Everyone deserves a wholesome meal, and that's exactly what you will get at Table 10—a monthly community gathering at Fleming Street in Spencer where all can share a delicious meal and animated conversation regardless of finances. The concept is the brainchild of Quinta Ellis, the chef and owner of Fleming Street. After opening her restaurant almost two years ago, Quinta began pondering how she could help her neighbors. It occurred to her that food brings people together. So Quinta, supported by a group of volunteers, began offering dinner on the **second Monday of each month** on a pay-as-you-can basis. Volunteer Sara Gettys explains, "All of the money collected supports Table 10 exclusively. The hope is that we have enough people who give generously to help cover the bulk of the costs so that the event becomes self-sustaining." The other part of the concept is that everyone eats in the restaurant so that bonds and friendships are formed. While Fleming Street, located at 400 A. S. Salisbury Avenue (behind Family Dollar) features Southern cuisine, the menu varies from month to month. For more information, you can visit Fleming Street's Facebook @FlemingStreetNC.



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# NEW PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD PURSUES AN EXCITING AGENDA



In 2025, the Spencer Board of Aldermen established the Spencer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), consisting of six appointed members. The town adopted formal bylaws and rules of procedure for the board, which meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 10:30 AM in Spencer Town Hall. Over the last year, the PRAB played a key role in advancing the Comprehensive Recreation Plan and the Creating Outdoor Recreation Economy Plan. The board reviewed and endorsed the Stanback Forest Center Master Plan, secured a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant for its development, and participated in organizing events such as the Race to the River 5K. A board member and town staff also attended the Creating Outdoor Recreation Economies (CORE) Conference in Cherokee, NC, as well as a regional recreation marketing workshop in Troy, NC.

Looking ahead to 2026, the PRAB remains engaged in ongoing activities, including seeking grant and funding opportunities to support the master plan, future facilities, and recreation programs. The board will oversee the development of a trail system in Stanback Forest, funded by the Great Trail State Program Grant, and participate in the Connecting Communities to State Parks

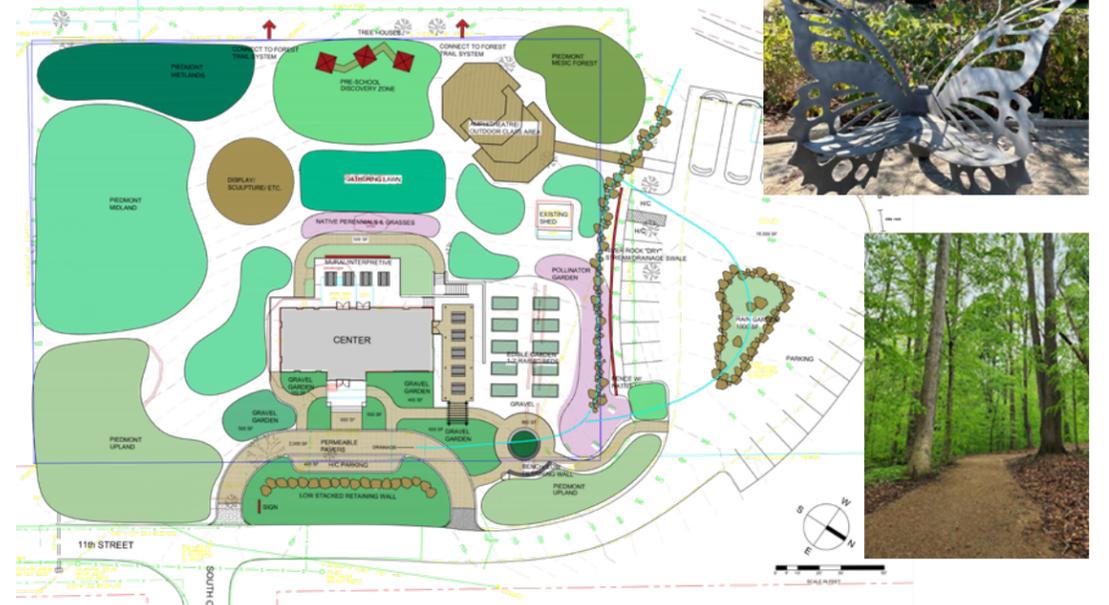
Grant for the Grants Creek Blueway Project. The board is committed to expanding partnerships within the Spencer community, collaborating with organizations such as the North Carolina Transportation Museum, Rowan County Tourism Development Authority, local colleges, and Rowan-Salisbury School, as well as building regional partnerships with agencies like

North Carolina Parks, Carolina Thread Trail, Piedmont Legacy Trail, Davidson County Parks and Recreation, and the Yadkin Riverkeeper.

PRAB members include chairman, Bob Pendergrass, vice- chairman, Dionne Dixon, and members Jim Gobble, Vivian Koontz, Jack Moore, and Phip Sparger.

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## MANAGER'S NOTES

by Peter Franzese



# IN OUR SPRING MOMENT

Spring is a season of new growth and renewal. After a late January/early February that punctuated our otherwise mild and dry winter with an arctic blast, I'm thankful to have a new season emerge. Some might have a favorite season, but my personal take is that we need all the seasons, not just because of the scientific reasons...but because each season has its place. Each season also has its more pleasant and less pleasant moments.

When I pause, take a step back, and think about the entire history of Spencer, it definitely feels like we are in a "spring" moment. We are emerging into a time of promise and new opportunity.

Recently, one of our elected officials was sharing excitement about several new businesses that have opened in the past few months. While I will refrain from using this space to mention particular businesses out of fairness, I certainly agree how wonderful it is to have several new business in our community, complemented by many additional long-standing businesses that are part of Spencer's charm and tradition. If you haven't yet, take some time to check out a business that you have not been to before. I bet you'll be impressed!

Our planning and zoning activity indicates that more is on the way, and it is exciting to think about the promise that continued economic growth has for our Town. Our community is served by a talented and dedicated Town staff. I am thankful for their contributions and am excited to see how their public service continues to grow and develop as the needs of Spencer evolve.

We hope you will make plans to join us this year as we continue our community engagement opportunities. The Talk of the Town and Neighborhood Walk series will once again alternate months, to provide four opportunities for each program between February and November. These programs will take place each month on the third Tuesday, with a summer break in June and July. Next up is our Neighborhood Walk on March 17, hosted by our friends at the NC Transportation Museum. Volunteer Lucas Safrit and museum staff will provide a walking tour of the State Historic Site. Please visit [spencernc.gov](http://spencernc.gov) to find out more.

Our staff and elected officials are committed to finding new ways to connect with Spencer's residents, businesses, and visitors. We hope to see you soon at one of these or another of our upcoming meetings or events this year.



## Local Organizations Join Forces To Support Heart Health

The Rowan Public Library System (RPL), Town of Spencer Library, Rowan County Public Health and the American Heart Association are collaborating to better support heart health in Rowan County.

The American Heart Association is providing onsite blood pressure monitoring stations, similar to what you might see in a pharmacy, at the Town of Spencer Library and all four branches of the RPL, which are located in Salisbury, Rockwell, China Grove and Cleveland. The stations will be available for patron use anytime during branch operating hours. Access is first-come, first-served. RPL will also add heart health-themed kits to its circulating collection, allowing patrons to check out blood pressure cuffs and use them at home.

Free public access to monitoring resources is invaluable. Many people do not realize they have high blood pressure, often called a "silent killer," until they have it checked. Unmanaged, it can lead to numerous health problems. Regular monitoring is essential for early detection and management.

For details about the availability of Spencer Town Library's blood pressure monitoring station, call 704-636-9072. Visit [tinyurl.com/rpl-hearthealth](http://tinyurl.com/rpl-hearthealth) for full details about Rowan County's coalition to Support Heart Health, including partner information, resources, and American Heart Association materials.



## SPENCER'S HOLIDAY CARAVAN PARADE

### THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

Many thanks to our gracious sponsors: Novant, Martha Smith, Cathy Griffin/Century 21, Spencer Moose Lodge, Barnhardt's Jewelry, NC Transportation Museum, Heather's Homemade, and Beth Nance/Doll and Toy Museum.

Thank you also to these local restaurants for their support in adding to the atmosphere of the parade: Roger Dogs, Heather's Homemade, and Queso Salsa.

We appreciate our selfless volunteers who gave their time and talents to help make the event run as smoothly as possible. And, we are also deeply grateful to our town's police, fire, and public works departments for their endless support and knowledge. Finally, thank you all for joining us and ringing in the Christmas season.

### JOIN THE TRADITION

Email us at [spencersholidaycaravan@gmail.com](mailto:spencersholidaycaravan@gmail.com), check out our Facebook page (Spencer's Holiday Caravan Parade), or visit our website at [spencersholidaycaravan.com](http://spencersholidaycaravan.com).

Your talents are needed to help keep this tradition alive and thriving for generations to come. So mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 25, 2026, 6:30pm.



Join us for some **FREE** **Grillin' and Chillin'** **Raffle Prizes!!**

at the **Spencer Senior Luncheon**

**Wednesday, May 6 12 pm**

For Spencer Residents 55 + Only

Call to register 704-216-7714 by April 29

Location: **Oakdale Baptist Church**  
200 Charles St.  
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## New Signage For Spencer Historic District



The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), with the help of Public Works, has completed one of HPC's Historic Spencer Projects.

"Spencer Historic District" signs have been installed throughout our Historic District. The project was completed just prior to January 17th's, 'Walk of Peace.' As a result of the new signage, many out of town visitors asked about Spencer's history. They expressed an interest in returning in the spring to explore Spencer's unique character. They were not only interested in visiting the Train Museum, but our Doll Museum, restaurants and shops. Some have even requested a tour of our historic buildings and homes. We are excited about the interest expressed by our guests. If you want to learn more about Spencer's unique history and character; stay turned to this space as the HPC will soon be offering classes in Spencer's history, so you too may become an Ambassador for Spencer.