

Welcome to Spicer!

On behalf of the Spicer City Council and the entire community, thank you for choosing to spend time in the Spicer area. Spicer is a beautiful, diverse and active community and this year friends and family will see a new look downtown.

Our downtown district has new light standards along with newly painted light poles and updated LED lighting. We hope that you enjoy strolling downtown and make sure to listen carefully for music will be in the air. Six speakers have been installed along with a Community Banner located by the newest addition to the Spicer Skyline – Green Lake Resort, Hampton Inn. Checkout the Community Banner for local event updates, places to visit and local weather reports.

We are very proud to have the newest addition to our business community, The Green Lake Resort, Hampton Inn, with 51 rooms to accommodate all your needs. Located at the corner of Agnes Street and Lake Avenue North, the Hampton Inn began construction last year and will be completed by the time this is published. The Green Lake Resort was a business redevelopment at the site of the Faith Lutheran Church Building that for the many years was home to the Bell Tower Antiques and El Conquistador Mexican restaurant. But don't worry Bell Tower Antiques is still located in Spicer, look for their new location along Highway 23 North.

A lot has happened in our downtown area since last year. Visitors will be able to check out the new DNR Boat Ramp that will be operational by mid-July. The boat ramp will offer additional parking spaces along with an area for decontaminating boats as boaters depart from Green Lake. Kandiyohi County also offers additional decontamination at 4 Seasons located along 6<sup>th</sup>/County Road 71 off of Highway 10. Take the first left after the Spicer Water Tower.

What hasn't changed is the fantastic array of restaurants and dining experiences. Spicer still offers the best dining for family and friends anytime of the year. Outdoors or indoors, fast food or a night out with music, great refreshments and dining. Spicer has something for everyone.

Spicer is also known for a wide array of special events. When "Ice" is your middle name it only makes sense to celebrate with a WinterFest of four weekends filled with family events including the Polar Plunge, Frozen 5K and pond hockey on Green Lake. Spring and summer always brings out the best in Spicer. This year visitors will be able to rent stand up paddle boards, kayaks, or learn to wake surf from another new business "Lone Tree Board & Paddle".

But don't forget the best celebration of all Spicer 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The Spicer parade begins at 10:00 July 4<sup>th</sup> and make sure to check out the multiple music venues, flea market and food happenings starting July 1 through 5<sup>th</sup>. We will also have music in the park, 4- 6pm every Sunday starting after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities.

The last event that we want everyone to mark on their calendar will be held Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. This event is a celebration of our community and we want everyone to attend, because “YOU” have made this community what it is today and will be in the future.

This “Celebration of Community” will be to honor all those volunteers that joined together 10 years ago to build “Wildcat Cove” playground and to honor all the volunteers and citizens that come to Spicer that enrich our area but most of all we will honor a man that volunteered many hours and organized many people and helped create and build many structures throughout the City and Spicer area, including “Wildcat Cove”, the “Lions Shelter”, the “Gazebo” and designing the “Observation Deck” all these structures are located in the Spicer downtown park that will be fittingly dedicated as “**Pirrotta Park**” during the “Celebration of Community”. Ed Pirrotta was a great force throughout Spicer and many organizations and there is never enough “Thank You’s” that can be said to a person such as Ed, but we as a community we want to honor Ed and his family for sharing all of his time, talents and commitment to Spicer.

Thank you for coming to visit, enjoy all that we have to offer and we look forward to the day when you tell us you are coming home to stay.

Best wishes,

Mayor Denny Baker