



The Village Pump

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SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP, OHIO

SEPTEMBER 2012

SPRING VALLEY ACTS – *Carla Smith*

There are so many projects happening in the village that it is hard to believe that the Potato Festival is just a month away. Just this weekend volunteers were working to get supplies ordered, signs up and letters sent out. Now we are looking for more volunteers to make our **35th Annual Festival** a great one. We are going to take our festival to **“Taters and Beyond”**. I hope our community can make it the best ever! But to do that we need lots of wonderful volunteers to get the village ready. Just remember the money the festival makes stays in the Spring Valley Community. It is used on holiday activities, scholarships for local students, beautification of the area, as well as restoration of the George Barrett Cement House.

If you would like to help with the Festival, call ACTS at 862-5050; Jon Keck, festival chairman, at 470-4865; or Carla Smith, ACTS president, at 768-4347.

BIKE TRAIL BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Volunteers have also formed a committee to beautify and update the area along the bike path for our visitors to the village. We will have more information as the project progresses. If you have any ideas, feel free to leave a message at the ACTS office.

BAKED POTATO WASH & WRAP PARTY is scheduled for Thursday, October 4th beginning at 5:00pm at the Methodist Church Basement. Young people from kindergarten age and up are invited to help prepare potatoes for baking. Arrive no later than 6:30pm to enjoy the pizza afterwards and get on the Free potato and pop list at the Festival.

POTATO CANDY AND POTATO CHIP COOKIE MAKING

The dates for Candy making are Sept. 6 6pm-9pm, Sept. 8 9am-?, Sept. 13 6pm-9pm, Sept. 15 9am-?, Sept. 20 6pm-9pm, Sept. 29 9am-? Cookies are Sept. 27 6pm-? and Oct. 4th 6pm-?

SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL – *Eric Snell*

Trash pick up going out for Bid

In order to ensure that we are receiving the best service at the best prices, we are publishing a bid for our trash service. This bid process will occur over the next month and will be available online - www.springvalleyohcouncil.com - and at the Town Hall.

Village of Spring Valley : Main St. Project : Communication Information

A project is scheduled to replace the Main St. surface and underlying infrastructure over the next 6-8 months (Oct 2012-June 2013). This is going to require ongoing communication about street changes, closes, parking, and access. We will not mail information. We will post all daily project schedules with dates and changes at the Town Hall, via Twitter, and on our website: www.springvalleyohcouncil.com. You can also ask questions or request information via email: SpringValleyOH@gmail.com.

Starting September 10, Council Members will be canvassing the village to allow residents to volunteer communication information so that we can better communicate with everyone as necessary.

Main St. Project Schedule

All meetings are public and will be held at the Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

This schedule is current as of Sept 4, 2012. It is subject to change and will be posted at the Town Hall and on the Village Council website – www.springvalleyohcouncil.com – for review.

Sept 6: (meeting) Final village meeting with engineering before bid cycle

Council: Sept 10: communication assignments to all council members – streets assigned, forms provided

Sept 12: Contractor Pre-bid meeting (meeting: location: Greene County offices)

Sept 12 or 13: bid released for responses with a 1 week response requirement

Sept 21: bids due

Council: select oversight by Sept 21

Sept 27: bid selected

Oct 1: (meeting) meet with selected Contractor to discuss scheduling, communication, and planning

Oct 8: (meeting) contractor presents plan and schedule in front of village council

Start project by Nov 1.

Council meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of each Month at 7:30 and open to everyone.

Eric Snell, Village of Spring Valley, Mayor.

SpringValleyOH@gmail.com 937.604.0357.

SPRING VALLEY PARK DISTRICT—Tracey Wright

The Spring Valley Park District would like to thank all the volunteers for their commitment to the youth softball program. Without you, this program could not continue. Watch the Pump for info about sign-ups for next year. Several people have expressed an interest in starting another adult league. Any one that would like to organize a league, feel free.

The new playground equipment should be installed just before or right after the Potato Festival. We are in the process of getting quotes for the new fencing around the ball diamonds. I hope to have these also installed in October.

To reserve the shelter for your event, please call 376-2598. Thank you, Tracey

BARRETT HOUSE – Peggy Leadingham

The Barrett House will be open on Saturday and Sunday during the festival from 10:30AM to 4:00PM. The exhibit will feature the George Barrett family's business papers from his operation of the wool mill in the nineteenth century. The exhibit will also focus on the rehabilitation of the Cement House from the early days when ACTS acquired it to its present condition.

2012 SPRING VALLEY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Spring Valley ACTS is seeking nominations for this year's CITIZEN OF THE YEAR.

Nominate anyone who you think deserves recognition. The person (or persons) can be a resident of either Spring Valley Village or Township and may be someone who has had an impact over many years or who has done some significant work in the community in just the last year, but they may not have been a Potato Festival Citizen of the Year in the past. (A list of past winners may be seen at the Senior Center or at the Library) It is helpful if the nominator signs his or her name, but it is not required. It is also helpful if the nominee's address and phone# is included.

Send nominating letters no later than September 22nd to:

2012 Citizen of the Year PO Box 96 Spring Valley OH 45370 OR

Just drop your letter in the Water Bill drop box at the Village Clerk's office OR

Email your nomination to svcenters@yahoo.com

SPRING VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT -- Phyllis Keferl

THE CLOCK IS TICKING

9/11, motor vehicle crashes at 42 and Spring Valley Paintersville Road, hurricanes, your neighbor having a heart attack, floods, your son injuring himself while riding a bicycle or ATV, tornadoes, your house going up in flames from a grease fire..... What two things do these incidents have in common? They each spell personal disaster for the people involved and the victims need help from people who are trained, caring and have the gumption to get involved and help.

It should not take a major disaster or terrorist attack to awaken us to the fact that none of us is immune to life's calamities and that we all need to depend on others to help us in our hour of need. In time, tragedy touches each of us on a deeply personal level. We need to be ready to meet these events head on.

The Spring Valley Township Fire Department needs help. Our volunteer roster is dwindling down to a dangerously low number. When you call 911 the Spring Valley Township Fire Department is automatically dispatched. Volunteers generally respond from their homes. Will there be enough members to respond to the call? Several minutes go by until it is determined if a sufficient number of trained volunteers can respond. The clock is ticking..... If not, Dispatch Center now determines which adjoining district is available for Mutual Aid. Tick, tick, tick. More time passes as they respond from another township. The clock is still ticking. We all know that time is of the essence. I don't relish the thought of witnessing my husband die from a heart attack while waiting for an ambulance or watching my home burn down while I'm waiting for fire apparatus to come from out-lying districts. What about you?

In the sixty years the Spring Valley Township Fire Department has served the community it has assisted thousands of us living in town, the township and adjacent communities. And it was all done by local citizens. It has been a noble, selfless effort of which we should be extremely proud. I regard every man and woman who serves or has served a hero in their own right. It is an example of what America is all about.

Your community needs you now. You can help in many ways.

1. Seriously consider joining the department as a volunteer. Don't assume your neighbor will take on that responsibility. If you don't have firefighting or EMS experience, training will be provided for you.
2. If you are unable to join, talk with your friends and neighbors and encourage them to join.
3. If you know anyone who is already trained as a Paramedic or Advanced EMT and is a Level I or II Firefighter, tell them that the department needs paid part time help.
4. Stop in at the station on 42. Talk to the members, see the equipment and ask questions. It's your department. Come to the Pancake Brunch and other events sponsored by the Department. Bring your children Get to know your heroes. They are the very people who will help you.
5. Vote for the Fire Department RENEWAL levy in November to provide the monies needed to provide current coverage and to keep our insurance ratings from going up. Granted, the situation we are in is problematic but everything possible is being done to remedy the situation. Be a part of the solution.

We are in this boat together. Most communities are having similar problems. We cannot rely on any one else but ourselves. Continue the tradition. Be a hero! We need you!

If you have any questions, need an application or know someone who might be interested, contact Phyllis Keferl at 475-4570, 862-6001 or at [ejkpk47@ att.net](mailto:ejkpk47@att.net). The clock is ticking.....

SPRING VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Spring Valley Historical Society meets at 7pm at the George Barrett Concrete House on Main St. on the 3rd Thursday of every other month. The remaining meetings in 2012 will be: September 20th and November 15th. Contact person is Bettylou Sullivan, (937) 862-4573. Call and leave message if you need additional information.

The next Spring Valley **Historic Walking Tour** will be on **September 9**, 2012, noon till 4pm. Tours start at the Town Hall, 7 W. Main St. There is no charge, but donations are welcomed.

The Historical Society is looking for **photos of war veterans** who have served our country. They will be displayed at the Potato Festival. Send/request info to: jamesbird@earthlink.net or Gary Zehring at gapz@netzero.net

Spring Valley Village and Township by Carl E Smith.

The first settlement at Transylvania dates about 1803, the year Ohio was admitted to the union, and the date several other Greene County towns started, but was not "laid out", by Jeffry Truman, until about 1820. It never had many inhabitants, was just a typical stage-coach route town, with the usual folks to supply what the coach and passengers needed. When the railroad came up the other side of the Little Miami River in 1841, it spelled the end of Transylvania. The Trumans and the Alexanders and other founding families gradually moved over to the present site of Spring Valley, some mills and railroad businesses having preceded them.

This has been a trail for a long time. The Indians used it on their way to the Ohio River. The Kentucky Militia used it to attack the Indian villages north of her that had been raiding the settlements. The militia widened the road for the settlers. The first stage coach came this way. The first railroad came through here. Now Route 42 goes through from Cincinnati to Columbus.

The settlement was called "Spring Valley" from its many fine springs. Though beginning about 1841, Spring Valley was laid out by the Waltons and others about 1845. The older and earlier part of town, "Cooperville", was so called because it had the cooper shop for making barrels for the Barrett Flour Mill which was located on the rise on the other side of the Gladly Creek just this side of where Schnebly Road comes to Ohio 725. There were a number of houses and buildings around the mill. The Barrett Flour Mills..was the largest flour mill in the region and ran for many years. Renowned for the quality of the white wheat flour, it was sought after by bakeries and restaurants.

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SPRING VALLEY SENIOR CENTER NEWS

1489 Spring Valley-Paintersville Rd., Spring Valley, Ohio 45370

Center Hours: 9am to 4pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, and 6pm to 9pm Friday
(937) 862-4475 Telephone # (937) 862-9975 Fax # svcenters@yahoo.com

Where has the summer gone? It seems that it jumped straight from cold weather to hot and now, suddenly, it seems like fall is upon us! It's again time to think about preparations for Potato Festival and a fund-raiser or two and it won't be long until our Halloween party! It's also time for gearing up some fall crafts and some good hearty meals like chicken & noodles and stroganoff! We have two more month's menus to prepare while we are in the current set-up. If you have a request for a specific entre, please write it down and give it to the director! Our head cook, Greg Zehring, will move on after December. He is currently finishing his associate degree at Sinclair with an internship in computer IT at Ball Aerospace, and plans to continue that in 2013 with classes at Wright State to finish his bachelor's degree.

Progress has been made on our new building, with the carpet and risers taken out upstairs and the new heating and cooling system being installed. The lift will likely be done this year, with the restrooms next year. The trustees have a limit on how much can be spent in one year without bidding the project. The windows and doors will be done in 2013 after a Greene County CDBG (community development block grant) is received. We have filled out a permit application for the catered food service, but until the trustees have a contractor for the lift, the blueprints could change a bit for the placement of the lift, restrooms and kitchen. CAP did not get the grant for food service but Meals on Wheels Assn. out of Montgomery County did get it and have told us that we will be serviced the same as CAP had agreed. Details on number of meals

will have to be determined but they can begin January 2013 here at the current center and move with us to the new building. We will be required to have numbers the day before so sign-ups or reservations will have to be made. We have been assured that food quality will be good and costs will still be donations of about \$2 per meal.

We keep trying to provide activities that will draw more seniors and for those who are just retiring. Our quilting classes and Swedish weaving have been very popular, as have been our line-dancing and 3rd Friday movies. We held a couple of Euchre classes and are trying a daytime progressive Euchre each month for those wanting more practice or not liking night driving. They are also shorter with 8 rather than 10 rounds. If anyone wants to learn another variation, "Bid Euchre" or Dominoes, come in any afternoon and there are several that can teach you! We've also had several oil painting and now, water color painting classes over the summer and plan to continue offering special projects, the next **watercolor class Oct 23**. We have an opportunity to have **beginner computer classes** on Ledbetter Rd the last week of September on Monday, the 24th and Thursday, the 27th from 7:30 to 11:30 if we have at least six people. It will be two days of three-hour classes and will help you learn some basics plus some skills geared to seniors, such as on-line communications. Please call the center or talk to Janet to sign up! Ann will be out for most of October but Linda and Janet will try to cover in the quilt room, at least mornings, if you have projects that you want to work on. What other activities would you like to do at the center? If anyone would like to volunteer to play music or sing for a carry-in dinner night, please call us! Is anyone interested in health-related programs? Susan Millward, the benefits specialist with Greene County Council on Aging, is going to give a presentation on Medicare and insurance for next year on Sept 18 at 1 pm. ANY senior is welcome- you don't have to be a member! We will also have the **Greene County Health Dept** van here for **flu shots Oct 9** from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. For \$25. They will give a receipt to turn in for reimbursement. We continue to have Peggy Smith here once a month for 10 minute massages for \$10. Jeannie Hughes has also continued to provide piano music once each month for your enjoyment. Greg Atwood also continues to call Bingo the second Monday after the pork chop lunch and it only costs a dollar. We also welcome donations of door prizes and game prizes! Anyone wanting to **learn to make noodles**, join us **Oct 1 at 9:15**.

Big events coming up include our booth at the Potato Festival Oct 6 & 7-please sign up to help and stop by to visit or to buy some nice crafts! We also have raffle tickets available for a Dresden plate quilt made in our quilt room for \$1 or 6 for \$5. We will have our annual Halloween Party the evening of our birthday carry-in, October 26. We again plan to have a meal, costume awards, scary stories, fun decorations, and a baked goods auction. Come join the fun!!! We are planning a **Chicken Noodle Dinner** fund-raising dinner on **October 14** from 11:30 to 1:30, with proceed going toward the new building, so please come support us! There has been talk of another garage sale, especially to clear out some ceramics molds and sell the pouring table, but no date has been set yet... Between newsletters, check out our website Activity page on www.springvalleyseniorcenter.com --I try to keep the activities and menus up to date!

SPRING VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Office phone: 862-7691 Office hours: M – F, 9am-12noon

Pastors: Gary and Sandi Maynard, Home phone: 429-9539

Pastors' e-mail: Sandigary@prodigy.net

Web site: www.springvalleyohio.com/svmethodist.aspx

Church e-mail: SpringValleyUMC@gmail.com

Sunday School: 9:15, Worship: 10:30

- 1) Hope you got to enjoy the Community **CARNIVAL** on the 25th. It was fantastic! We were so blessed with an abundance of games and activities for the whole family, led by wonderful and faithful volunteers from the local area. **Thank you to each and everyone!** Highlights included awesome \$.10 meals, 'cake walks', 'balloonist' and most popular 'dunk tank'. An extra big **thank you** goes to the leadership team: Shery, Carla, Carol, Pam, John and dunk tank participants: Eric, Shery, Gary, Jeff and Mike!
- 2) As we've moved into a new school year on Aug 26th, we enjoyed offering our annual Sunday morning **'blessing and prayer'** for **students and teachers** heading back to school. In addition, we were able to give **'back to school gift bags'** to each student. They included a lot of great school supply items. **Extras are still available. If you'd like... stop by and pick one up.**
- 3) YOU ARE ALSO INVITED to join us on Sunday mornings for...

- **Great Worship @ 10:30 am**
 - **Awesome Youth Connections @ 9:15 am** with MUSIC, MOVIES and MORE for Middle School and High School students.
 - **Children's Sunday School @ 9:15 am**
 - **New Adult Class @ 9:15 am** for '**18 to 40-Somethings**'
 - Topic - **The Best Question Ever: Learning to Make Wise Decisions**
- 4) We also offer a midweek, after school **Small-Group** available for the **young men** of Spring Valley. Call Pastor Sandi for more information.
- 5) **FREE BREAD and FOOD PANTRY!** We know times are tough; let us help feed you and your loved ones as needed. Fresh and wonderful Panera bread items are available from 9am to Noon at the church each Friday-Monday; food pantry is always open when the church is.
- 6) Back by popular demand... our mouth watering **CHICKEN and NOODLES and/or APPLE DUMPLINGS during the Potato Festival!** Come see us at the church's food booth, located in front of the Post Office.
- 7) Everyone is also invited to our annual **TURKEY SUPPER** on Saturday, **November 10th**. Meals served from 4 to 6 pm, at the church.

QUESTIONS? or NEED MORE INFO... contact the church office @ 862-7691

Hope to see you soon! Pastor Sandi

SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY — Sue Losekamp

1 E Walnut St Telephone & Fax# 937- 862-4538

Hours: Mon & Wed 3 – 7, Tues & Thurs 2 – 6, Sat 10 – 2

Did you know that “people who frequently read for pleasure are 52% less likely to develop mild cognitive impairment than reluctant readers”? And readers tend to be “more compassionate and empathetic.” So come improve your mind and your life at the Library!

New ADULT FICTION:

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| Backfire (FBI Thrillers) Catherine Coulter | Jack 1939 Francine Mathews |
| The Line Between Here and Gone Andrea Kane | Tuesday's Child Fern Michaels |
| The Innocent David Baldacci | Odd Apocalypse Dean Koontz |
| So Pretty It Hurts Kate White | The Witness Nora Roberts |

New NON-FICTION:

Wild: from lost to found on the Pacific Crest Trail Cheryl Strayed
American Canopy: trees, forests, and the making of a nation Eric Rutkow

New for YOUNG ADULTS:

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| The Middle of Nowhere Caroline Adderson | Girls Acting Catty Leslie Margolis |
| Summer of the Gypsy Moths Sara Pennypacker | Demigod Diaries Rick Riordan |

New for CHILDREN:

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| Gilbert and the Lost Tooth Diane deGroat | Olivia and the Kite Party |
| The Greedy Python and Have You Seen My Cat? Eric Carle | |
| Mac and Cheese and the Perfect Plan Sarah Weeks | A Day at the Zoo |
| I Wish I Knew That: cool stuff you need to know | |
| The Avengers: World's Mightiest Super Hero Team | Heroe Factory: Heroes in Action |

New DVDs: **The Lorax** **The Hunger Games**

“Character is how you treat those who can do nothing for you”

SPRING VALLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE —Judy Madden

The Spring Valley Area Chamber of Commerce quarterly business dinner meeting will be Wednesday November 7th. Speaker TBA. Call Judy Madden at 862-4110 or Pat Zehring at 862-6621 closer to the date for more information or to make reservations. Chamber has been busy with publicity for festival. We have been receiving many phone calls for booth spaces as well as dates and directions. We are blessed with a great festival!

The Spring Valley Historical Society, along with the Clover Valley-Spring Valley 4-H Club and Greene County Master Gardeners developed a flower “quilt square” garden in Founders’ Park - next to the bike path near Main Street. Stop by to enjoy this pretty addition to the park.

Coming up later in October:

HALLOWEENIE ROAST & COSTUME CONTEST
Walton Park on Tuesday **October 30th**
8:00pm following “Trick or Treat” in the village

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