



# The Village Pump

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SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP, OHIO

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## **SPRING VALLEY ACTS** – *Carla Smith*

Four new businesses! A new Main street! Fresh plantings and new signs on the bike trail! New pavement on US 42 and State Route 725! New housing for the Spring Valley Senior Center! What a busy summer in the wonderful village and township of Spring Valley! Shall we show off our community? Volunteer at the Spring Valley Potato Festival which is just around the corner. Many of you volunteer every year to make us one of the best festivals in the area. If you are not sure what you can do, check further in this issue for the help we need. You can also call the Spring Valley ACTS at 862-5050; Jon Keck, festival chairman, at 470-4865; or Carla Smith, ACTS president, at 768-4347. See you during the Festival!

### **Potato Candy and Potato Chip Cookie** making:

The dates for Candy making are: Sept. 7, 9am-?, Sept. 14, 9am-?, Sept. 21, 9am-?, Sept. 28, 9am-?.

### **Cookie Making:**

Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 pm and Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 pm.

**Baked Potato Wash & Wrap Party** is scheduled for Thursday, October 3rd 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.

## **SPRING VALLEY POTATO FESTIVAL** – *Jon Keck, General Chairman*

Folks, it is already that time of year where we are in the scramble to make another Potato Festival a reality. So far we have a good number of vendors returning and plans for all of the activities are coming together.

As always, we need your assistance in a volunteer capacity, to make cookies and candy before the festival, clean up the park and the village, then making and serving soup and baked potatoes. Our Chairpersons will be making calls, but if you would like to volunteer you can call and leave a message on the ACTS phone 862-5250. It will take over one hundred volunteers to make the festival happen, even then we could use more. Remember many hands make light work!

Please work with us, as there may be some changes with all of the road construction and such. I already have seen some potential issues. If you have questions and or suggestions, again you can contact us through the ACTS phone or if you see one of the members we would be glad to help in any way that we can.

Thank you in advance, for all of your support and the effort that I know all of you are going to be putting into making Spring Valley the place that everyone is going to want to be. Have fun and enjoy our **36th Annual Homecoming** with all of our friends and family.

*“Sow the seeds of friendship, harvest joy”*

**SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL – Eric Snell**

It has taken longer than we thought, but the Main St. project is almost done. The week of Labor Day should see black top down and our new street finished. This gets it done in time for the upcoming Car Show on Sept. 21 and the Potato Festival - Oct 5 & 6. Next year the Village will be sponsoring a Music and Local Art Festival in July - keep your eyes open for when it is time to register.

We've had a few new businesses start up and we're really excited to see the energy and motivation of these entrepreneurs. We have two new restaurants - Treana's Folks & Spokes Cafe and Slim's Neighborhood Bar and Grill; a new arts/crafts/antiques store in the "old gift house" – Wicked Junkies; a PinStriping and Graphics shop – The Painter (at the West end of Main St.); an embroidery shop – The Walking Threads (.com); and there is a small engine/motorcycle repair shop planning to open soon as well. Make sure to frequent and support your local businesses as they work hard to stand on their own. And don't forget our tried and true businesses that have been around for a long time, the Spring Valley Body shop, Two Scoops, the General Store, and others who continue to make Spring Valley better.

We need to say Thank You to the Greene County Master Gardeners and local volunteers for their efforts – they have spruced up the entrances on the Bike Path with landscaping and obtained "Spring Valley" signs from the local sign shop – The Painter - a HUGE THANK YOU!! The signs as you enter the village on the bike path look great! The ACTS and others have added benches to the small park by the bike path and more landscaping. Our little village is looking wonderful.

Ideas and suggestions for the village are always welcome. We only succeed with your help. The council meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30pm. We post updates and changes on the door of the Town Hall. You can also get information from the website ([www.springvalleyoh.com](http://www.springvalleyoh.com)), twitter (@springvalleyoh), or by emailing [springvalleyoh@gmail.com](mailto:springvalleyoh@gmail.com). You can also call the office - 937.862.4485 - and leave a message or call the Mayor – Eric Snell – at 937.604.0357.

There are two replacement levies on the upcoming November ballot. These will help us with the ongoing operational costs to keep the infrastructure running.

Do you know what “huffing” is? Parents and other concerned adults need to make themselves more aware of this form of drug abuse which we see evidence of happening in our community right now.

Inhalant use, or “huffing,” describes the abuse of chemical inhalants to achieve feelings of intoxication and euphoria. Thousands of household products can be used as inhalants. Huffing can and does lead to addiction, permanent brain and organ damage and even sudden death.

Inhalants are the fourth most commonly abused substances used by children, after alcohol, cigarettes, and marijuana, and are abused more often by the younger children than by the older ones.

You can find additional information on the internet or at your local library.

Parents, if you have noticed towels or shirts or blankets missing from your home, or if you are finding these items, along with empty spray cans – in your bushes or around your home – you need to be particularly vigilant.

**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**

***Note: We will be closed Columbus Day, October 14th***

We can hardly believe it, but we are celebrating our **25<sup>th</sup>** year as a community library. We have many dedicated and hardworking volunteers, but it is the continuing support of the entire community that has made this possible – it truly does “take a village”. Thank You!

Our Summer Reading program concluded August 14<sup>th</sup> with an ice cream party and the awarding of prizes. There were 22 children ages 4 to 14 who signed up for the program and 14 were active participants. Those 14 readers read a total of 11,058 pages! The lucky winner of the \$100 prize was Nathan Miller, and the winner of the “most pages read” (\$50) and the “most visits to the library” (\$25) was Thomas Foster. We’ve really enjoyed talking to all of our readers about their selections and hope we can have a similar program with even more participants next year.

What's new at the library:

New ADULT FICTION:

<b>Death Angel</b> Linda Fairstein	<b>The English Girl</b> Daniel Silva
<b>The Girl You Left Behind</b> JoJo Moyes	<b>Tell No Lies</b> Gregg Hurwitz
<b>Ocean at the End of the Lane</b> Neil Gaiman	<b>Her Last Breath</b> Linda Castillo
<b>Tap on the Window</b> Linwood Barclay	<b>The Heist</b> Janet Evanovich
<b>The Mortal Instruments series</b> Cassandra Clare.	<b>The Beast</b> Faye Kellerman

New NON-FICTION:

**Images of America: Waynesville & Wayne Twp.** Dennis E. Dalton  
**Martha Stewart's Favorite Crafts for Kids 250 inspired ways to create**  
**The Longest Road: Key West to Arctic Ocean** Philip Caputo  
**Stirrups: What every OB/GYN should tell you, but doesn't** Eban H. Rock MD  
**A Home of Their Own: the story of Ohio's greatest orphanage** Edward R. Lentz

New for CHILDREN and YOUNG ADULTS:

<b>The Saturday Boy</b> David Fleming	<b>Doll Bones</b> Holly Black
<b>Eggs</b> Jerry Spinelli	<b>Horrid Henry Rules the School</b> Francesca Simon
<b>The Skin I'm In</b> Sharon Flake	<b>The Power of Six</b> Pittacus Lore
<b>The Ugly One</b> Leanne Statland Ellis	<b>Rotten</b> Michael Northrop

New DVDs:

<b>The Artist</b>	<b>Wreck-it Ralph</b>	<b>The King's Speech</b>	<b>Bernie</b>
<b>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days</b>	<b>The Big Year</b>	<b>Fantastic 4</b>	

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendars are in and available for pick-up during Library hours. Please call if you need to arrange for delivery. There may be just a few extras available for those who did not pre-order – just \$6 each.

BOOK SALE

We will be setting up for our big annual book sale the entire week before the Potato Festival. If you have books to donate or can help us set up, please come by any time October 1 – 3. It is a lot of hard work, but is one of our major fundraisers. All proceeds go to keeping our doors open.

**SPRING VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Upcoming Society meeting is scheduled for Sept. 19th at 7 pm at the Barrett Concrete House on Main Street in Spring Valley (getting ready for Spring Valley Potato Festival). The Historical Society is hosting a **Walking Tour on September 8, 2013** from 1-3 pm beginning in front of Town Hall on Main Street. The rain date is September 15 - same place and time.

Continuing Carl Smith's history of Spring Valley:

*Spring Valley Village and Township*

A good sized strong crosscut saw was mounted on machinery run by the water wheel and water power, so it cut the log length wise, in whatsoever fashion it was set to do; and it ran at an angle, "up and down", as its name indicates. I never saw it run, but when my doctor father used to drive, with horse and buggy, to doctor the Schnebly family, in the big brick house at the top of Schnebly Hill, I used to ride along with him, and run down the hill to play on the two mills, especially the old open up-and-down saw mill, which especially intrigued me. The mills were built by, or for, Joseph S. Schnebly, a Captain in the War of 1812, who came to the Spring Valley community in 1816.

The histories record a saw and a grist mill at the road and Glady Run. More mills were in the area. None are evident today.

Most rivers and creeks had mills, and mill dams, plural, up and down their courses. Such mills, mill dams, and mill ponds were a big and useful factor in pioneer life, also the mill dams were a good partial check on flash floods. With these many dams, plus there being more timber in the country than now, it made it so there was less flooding then than now, - or the lower part of Spring Valley, "Ladies Green", would have never been built; and so, likewise, the flood section of many towns and villages over the land.

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Some of you may recall this from the 1984 Potato Festival book. If you can't remember the book, or were not even around back then, read this from our town's history.

Mr. Carl Smith, 1983 Ohio Poet Laureate and a good friend and neighbor, authored the following poem in keeping with the 1984 Potato Festival theme, "MAIN STREET, U.S.A." Mr. Smith celebrated his 95th birthday in May of that year.

SPRING VALLEY MAIN STREET, U.S.A.

BY CARL E. SMITH

Spring Valley, Main Street, U.S.A.

What a factor in its day!

How much like the "Great White Way."

Spring Valley's Main Street, U.S.A.

Spring Valley Main Street, U.S.A.

Our home town haven, we may say.

Our hallowed home, for every day

Spring Valley's Main Street, U.S.A.

Spring Valley Main Street, U.S.A.

Though from its portals we may stray.

May we all come back, another day.

Spring Valley Main Street, U.S.A.

*Written July 12, 1984*

### **SPRING VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

#### **IF WE CANNOT GET TO YOUR HOUSE WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU!**

In the past few weeks the Spring Valley Fire Department has started a new mapping program for the township and village to aid us in responding to your house or business if you have a fire or medical emergency. Crews are out checking driveways to see if our fire and medical equipment can make it to your house or business. We have already found driveways which are impassable which would make it difficult or even impossible for us to reach you in an emergency.

Your fire equipment is heavy with engines and tankers weighing up to 50,000 lbs. or 25 tons. They are as long as 40 feet and as high as 13 feet. Their turning radius is larger than a car or pickup truck. So, as you can see, they are very large but they must be able to carry the water and equipment to protect your investments and the lives of you and your family.

These are the things you can ask yourself to make sure we can protect your property and assist you in your time of need:

- 1.) Are all the trees and bushes trimmed back from my driveway so the entire driveway area is at least 13 feet high and 12 feet wide?
- 2.) Are all my bridges, culvert pipes or any other structure spanning water, from bank to bank, able to hold up to 25 tons or 50,000 lbs.?
- 3.) Is the entrance to my driveway large enough so the equipment can make the turn from the road to my driveway if my house or business is more than 300 feet off the road?
- 4.) Are the curves in my driveway large enough so the equipment can make the curves without having to stop and back up?
- 5.) At the end of my drive, near my structure(s), is the area large enough for the equipment to turn around in case a tanker truck is needed?
- 6.) Have I made arrangements with the fire department if I have a gate at the beginning of my driveway?
- 7.) Is my street address visible on BOTH sides of my mailbox?

The fire department crews are looking at these concerns and you will be getting written feedback after our inspection. If you would like for us to visit your home or business to check the access for a response, please contact us at (937)-862-5011 or e-mail me at [svchief10@aol.com](mailto:svchief10@aol.com).

## **RECRUITMENT**

The Spring Valley Fire Department is always in need for more Volunteers to help protect our community to ensure the safety of our residents and that of our surrounding communities.

We just had three of our long term volunteers retire from the department after serving the community for many years. Fred and Carol Zehring were active members of our department for over thirty three years each and their daughter Amy for over eleven years. We thank them for the uncountable and numerous hours they donated to the community. Their times here made positive changes in the lives of many Spring Valley citizens and you can make a difference too if you volunteer.

You can volunteer as a Fire Fighter or as an emergency medical person or you can do both. We pay for all your training and provide the equipment needed to do the job. We are looking for daytime, night and weekend help. It doesn't matter if you don't have experience in either area: we can use your help. We will train you to the level you want to go to.

This is an exciting and rewarding way for men and women to help your community, make life- long friends and further your education.

If you have any interest at all, take the time to see if this is something you would like to do. It can't hurt just to check it out.

Stop by the fire station between the hours of 7:30 am and 5:30 pm Monday through Friday or if you see any of the volunteers' cars there, stop by and pick up an application. You can always E-mail me at [SVchief10@aol.com](mailto:SVchief10@aol.com).

Look for us the upcoming Potato Festival. We'll be assisting in the parking area to raise enough monies to buy a new rescue tool for Engine 10. The one we have is not strong enough to cut through the newer cars and we want to replace it as soon as possible.

*Marvin Moeller, Fire Chief, Spring Valley Fire Department*

## **SPRING VALLEY SENIOR CENTER NEWS**

2551 US 42 S., Spring Valley, Ohio 45370

Center Hours: 9am to 4pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, and 6pm to 9pm Friday

Contact us at: (937) 862-4475 or [svcenters@yahoo.com](mailto:svcenters@yahoo.com)

Or see our website: [www.springvalleyseniorcenter.com](http://www.springvalleyseniorcenter.com)

We've moved and are now open at our **new location: 2551 US 42 South** (between the Spring Valley cemetery and the firehouse). Stop in to check out the building – a large meeting and activity room upstairs, along with an office and restrooms, and the quilt room, kitchen, dining area and restrooms downstairs. It's kind of a tri-level with the entry door at mid- level and a lift that stops at each level, plus stairs, If you're using the lift, you may have to “call it to the floor” with the arrow buttons, it takes 5 to 10 seconds to engage, and you have to hold the black control down on either the up side or down side until the lift reaches the floor and clicks so the door can be opened. We've gotten all of our “stuff” out of the old schoolhouse and are finally getting organized, although it may take a while to get completely settled in. The schoolhouse is available for rent - see Steve Osborne at the apartments. Spring Valley Township trustees and our Senior Center volunteers and staff have put a lot into remodeling the Senior Center and want it to be used by the community. The seniors meet weekdays 9 to 4 except Wednesdays (quilters sometimes start earlier) and anyone is welcome to check us out! We also have second and fourth Friday Euchre Party and carry-ins at 6 pm. Occasionally there is an evening activity, such as painting with Floyd Hook on Sept 10 from 5- 8 (call to sign up!) The Lion's Club and Chamber of Commerce meet there. Otherwise, it is available for evening and weekend rentals-check with director Janet Miller to see the calendar and rates. We are still serving lunch but reservation are needed, as the food is catered by Little Miami River Catering. People ask if we will ever go back to public meals. Right now we do not have a cook but our membership care staff prepare salads and volunteers help with the serving. We use disposable plates, cups, etc. We will continue with that for now, although we have a full food service permit. At some point, a cook could be hired but meals would have to be simpler –it is a smaller kitchen and little food storage without the large coolers and no hood over a stove- so we can't fry meat. Unless we get an outside grill for pork chops, etc, we will be limited to soups, sandwiches, salads, casseroles, or baked meats. We would eventually like to open it up maybe one day a week or month to having our own cooking –for example, baked chicken, pizza, cabbage rolls, broccoli soup and chicken salad sandwiches. A chicken noodle dinner may be planned this winter. For a large dinner, we would probably move the dining upstairs and would need lots of help for preparation! We plan to have some grand opening activities in late September and early October. We will have the Health Dept. giving **flu shots**

**Oct. 8** and would like to build a health fair around that. If anyone wants to help plan or participate, call the Center (same phone # 862-4475). You can also make suggestions for special craft classes or activities – if anyone would like to start a gardening group, we'd love to have you (well, maybe next spring). We continue to do line-dancing Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 am and have a movie day the third Friday at 1 pm. There will be crafts starting back up on a regular basis again but, for now, Sandie is in on Mondays and hit or miss... but you can do needlework whether she's here or not! Sharon has been doing Swedish weaving once a month. Ann is in the quilt room and projects are always going! She plans to do classes again this fall. We will have a Potato Festival booth, but maybe not as big as last year since we've been so focused on clearing out and the move. We welcome volunteers to work with it. We do have: an embroidered quilt to raffle - \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. Come say hello at the festival Oct. 5 & 6!

### **Spring Valley ACTS Citizen of the Year**

Please turn in names for deserving Township and Village community residents for Citizen of the Year (and Youth Citizen of the Year) to PO Box 96 or drop it in the slot at Town Hall for water bills. Include the person's name, address, and phone number (if possible) along with your name and why you are nominating them - what makes them a deserving candidate? It can be for leadership in a local organization such as the Lions, church, or Fire Dept, a local business, or individual deeds that should be recognized! You can also call Janet Miller at the Senior Center to register a name for the committee to consider. Don't assume everybody knows about someone or that someone else will nominate them... Would you like to serve on the committee to choose the honoree - volunteer!

*Janet Miller, Spring Valley Senior Center Director*

Coming up at the end of October:

**HALLOWEENIE ROAST & COSTUME CONTEST**  
Walton Park on **Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
8:00pm — following “Trick or Treat” in the village

The *Village Pump* is available online at [www.springvalleyoh.com](http://www.springvalleyoh.com) or if you would like the “Pump” emailed directly to you each month, just email to [losekamp@aol.com](mailto:losekamp@aol.com) with “Subscribe Pump” in the subject line.