



# The Village Pump

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

Can you feel Spring in the air? After what seemed a long time of cold, snow and no sun, we finally have some warmer albeit still wet weather.

The village seems to be waking up. Saturday, volunteers spent a few hours cleaning up the beautiful planting beds along the bike trail. The seemingly tons of twigs, brush, and logs were cut up and either hauled away or burned. Volunteers are going to begin some more renovations to the George Barrett Cement House.

Don't forget to have your young ones from newborn to 12 years old come hunt for Easter Eggs at our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Walton Park. This event starts at 1 pm sharp. You may also get pictures with the Easter Bunny. A special Thank You goes to the Clover Valley 4H Club for filling and hiding the eggs for us and to all who donated items to make this event great.

While your little ones are hunting eggs, sign them up to play softball this summer at Walton Park. You can also sign up to be a member of Spring Valley ACTS. Your membership helps us provide events for Spring Valley. We are also always looking for volunteers, not just to clean the parks, but to also help with our "42nd on US 42" Spring Valley Potato Festival. Watch the Spring Valley ACTS page and the Spring Valley Potato Festival page on Facebook for ways to help.

Until next time. *Carla Smith, President, Spring Valley ACTS*

## **POTATO FESTIVAL COMMITTEE – Jon Keck, Chair**

Hard to believe that just a couple of months ago we were having a festival, and it was a hot one. There was a good turnout, but not quite the weather for hot soup.

We are already making plans for the next festival on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be the 42<sup>nd</sup> year and even though we haven't fully named the theme, it will have something to do with Potatoes and Route 42. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, please send me an email. We would like to have the theme selected during our next Festival Meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you have a thought on what the theme would look like on the t-shirts, we would be glad to have your recommendations for that as well.

It is hard to believe that with the spring weather just starting to make its way, that we only have six months to be ready for our next town party. If you have any ideas on things that we could be doing to make the festival better, please let me know.

If someone would like to manage a Mash Potato Tug of War, please contact me, we have a sponsor. I know that you all would love to have a parade back, but we haven't been able to come up with a way to make it safe enough, but I am willing to listen to anyone that has an idea on how we could do so. Even then we are going to need more volunteers, and we are already having issues getting enough folks to help with everything we already do.

Speaking of volunteers, we will be looking for folks to help make and sell: potato candy, cookies and soup. We only need a couple of hours from all our village and township folks to make it a lighter load. We have a lot of fun and you get to interact with a lot of folks that you don't normally see. - *Cont'd next page* -

Remember that the festival is what funds the George Barrett Concrete House and all of the ACTS functions: Easter Egg Hunt, maintenance of the Bledsoe and Founders parks, Community Room for meetings, 4H, Chamber of Commerce, Earth/Arbor Day, Christmas in the Village, Village Youth Sports, Library, Museum, Education Scholarships, Halloween Roast and costume judging and activities during the festival itself. Your help and support, volunteering and/or membership in ACTS, helps make this community home.

I look forward to seeing and hearing from you over the next couple of months

### **SPRING VALLEY PARK DISTRICT—*Rhonda Painter***

Spring Valley Township Trustees welcome any resident of Spring Valley Village or Spring Valley Township who would like to donate a tree to Walton Park. The tree can be donated in memoriam of a loved one and may also have a plaque. Spring Valley Township is also applying for grants for new outdoor musical instruments to be placed in the park. For details about donating a tree, please call Rhonda Painter at (937) 475-2408.

### **2019 YOUTH SOFTBALL**

There are 3 age groups/diamonds: Peewee/T-Ball, ages 4-6; Juniors, ages 7-11; & Seniors, ages 12-17. Pick up and drop off sign-up sheets at the Spring Valley Library. Registration deadline is April 30. Open practices begin April 30th and **Opening Day** is scheduled for Tuesday **May 28th**. Games will be played each Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00pm (weather permitting).

Volunteers and sponsors are always needed! Contact Rachel (937) 689-3624 or TJ (937) 470-0071 or [rsthompson3@hotmail.com](mailto:rsthompson3@hotmail.com) Here's to another great ball season! *Rachel*

### **4-H**

4-H is a community of young people learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. For more information on 4-H you can go to their website at [greene.osu.edu](http://greene.osu.edu) or call (937) 372-9971.

### **Clover Valley 4-H News—*Bobby Urschel***

The Club has had a fun start to the new year.

\*They elected new club officers:

President: Elizabeth Montgomery	Vice President: Hannah Hurst
Secretary: Riley Smith	Treasurer: Cody Byrd
News Reporter: Bobby Urschel	Health Officer: Caroline Amatto
Safety Officer: Kyle Polk	Captain of Fun: Reese Smith
Historian: Addison Smart	Flag Officer: Kate Metzler

\*They have chosen a group project, "Can You Dig It", and are currently registering for individual projects.

\*The club will soon be helping the Spring Valley ACTS prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held April 20, 2019 at Walton Park.

### **SPRING VALLEY SENIOR CENTER—*Vicky Mumford***

**MEDICARE 101:** An Overview of Medicare Benefits. Greene County Council on Aging Benefits Specialist Susan Allen will be offering an informational session on **Thursday April 4, 4:30-6:30pm**. Learn what options you have as a beneficiary and the process for signing up for coverage. Let us help take the confusion out of the enrollment process. If you or someone you know will be turning 65 in the next six months, call the center at (937) 862-4475 to sign up for this very helpful presentation. Pizza & Salad will be served. Reservations are required.

### **SPRING VALLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—*Judy Madden***

The next Spring Valley Area Chamber of Commerce quarterly business dinner meeting will be Wednesday **May 1st** at the George Barrett Concrete House, 2 East Main St. Dinner at 6:00pm and our meeting to start at 6:45pm. Cost for dinner is \$8.00. Make your reservations by calling Pat Zehring at 862-6621 or Judy Madden at 862-4110.



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Spring Valley Church is developing more community programs. We hope to continue to reach out to make a difference and invite you to be a part of upcoming events.

**Country Cupboard Choice Food Drive Thru:** Third Saturday each month 10:00am to 12 noon at church parking lot. We partner with the Dayton Food Bank to distribute fresh meat, bread, produce, milk, canned vegetables and canned fruit and lots of yummy baked goods. In addition, the church collects paper products, personal hygiene and cleaning supplies to distribute. All residents in the 45370 or 45385 area are eligible and just need photo ID and proof of residency. Donations are welcomed too!

**Community Meal:** Last Thursday of each month 5:00pm to 7:00pm at church basement. Teresa Shaffer and her kitchen crew cook up a different delicious meal each month, so come hungry! Donations accepted but not required!

**Community Garden:** In progress is a plan to garden the acre lot behind the church parking lot. We hope to have a LARGE garden and need volunteers. There is also room if you want to have a small garden plot for yourself. Contact Dar to reserve a spot. The garden volunteers will be growing tomatoes, beans, squash, zucchini, cucumbers and other veggies or herbs to have for fresh produce in the community. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dar.

**Easter Sunrise Service at Walton Park Shelter and more:** Bring a lawn chair and join us on April 21<sup>st</sup> for an outdoor service with music and message at 8:30am. Breakfast available at church following and traditional worship service at 10:30am.

#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

*June 10-14 Farm Fresh VBS from 9:00-11:30am*  
*June 15 Ice Cream Blast*  
*August 10 Rally in the Valley (Shoes Give-Away and Games)*

#### **SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

2547 US Route 42, Spring Valley OH 45370 Phone: 937-862-5011 Fax: 937-949-4077

**May 18th** will be the Spring Valley Township Fire Department **Annual Pancake Breakfast** at the fire house, 7am – 12 noon. Come enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, and juice for just \$6.00 (\$3.00 for kids 10 & under). Visit with your friends and neighbors, enter raffles, win door prizes! Support your fire department.

#### **Smoke Alarm Safety Tips**

- Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Purchase alarms that have the label of a nationally-recognized testing laboratory.
- For the best protection, smoke alarms should be interconnected so that they all sound if one sounds.
- Test smoke alarms every month by pressing the TEST button.
- Replace batteries at least once a year or sooner if an alarm “chirps” or “beeps” to indicate low battery.
- Occasionally dust or lightly vacuum the exterior of the alarm to remove dust and cobwebs.
- Replace all smoke alarms at least every 5 or 10 years.

Visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Spring-Valley-TWP-Fire-Department-1477166589166211/>

*Thank you! Erica Blom, Administrative Assistant*

The Easter Bunny is coming! **Easter Egg Hunt** is **April 20th** at Walton Park. Be there at 1:00pm sharp to participate. Prizes for the top 3 winners in each age category.

**SPRING VALLEY ZONING**

TIME TO OPEN SWIMMING POOLS: Spring is here which means people will be thinking about opening up their swimming pools for the summer. Please remember that all pools must have a 4-foot barrier around them to protect children from accidental drowning.

DON'T HAVE YOUR CAR TOWED Please keep all vehicles licensed and in good running condition. The Village Council has given me the authority to have vehicles towed if they do not meet the requirements under Ordinance 12 - 05 and Zoning Regulation 520. Several vehicles have already been towed at a cost of about \$150 per vehicle to the property owner. The property owner is also responsible for the storage cost of that vehicle. If you need extra money, and have a junk vehicle, you can have it towed to the salvage yard and sell it for scrap.

GET A ZONING PERMIT All structures, including sheds, require a zoning permit. Be sure to contact me to get that permit prior to placing a new structure on your property. The permit process is not difficult. If you have questions about these issues, or questions about other zoning matters, you can call me at 937-475-2409.

*Dennis Painter Zoning Inspector*

**SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY — Sue Losekamp**

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

Hours: Mon. Tues. & Wed. 3 – 6pm, Sat. 11am-1pm

Please note that the library will be closed Saturday & Monday of Easter and Memorial Day weekends.

Just some of “What’s New at the Library”!

In ADULT FICTION: in addition to the latest from Baldacci, Evanovich, Child, and Grisham,

**The Best of Us** Robyn Carr

**Turning Point** Danielle Steel

**Silhouette Girl** V.C. Andrews

**Letters from Peaceful Lane** Janet Dailey

**All the Wrong Places** Joy Fielding

**I Owe You One** Sophie Kinsella

**The Lost Man** Jane Harper

**Last Year of the War** Susan Meissner

In NON-FICTION:

**The Machine: 1975 Cincinnati Reds** Joe Posnanski

**Act Natural: a cultural history of misadventures in parenting** Jennifer Traig

**Why Religion?: a personal story** Elaine Pagels

**You Can't Go Wrong Doing Right** Robert J. Brown

New for CHILDREN and YOUNG ADULTS:

**The Unteachables** Gordon Korman **Miscalculations of Lightning Girl** Stacy McAnulty

**Creepy Case Files of Margo Maloo: the Monster Mall** Drew Weing

**Jack Plank Tells Tales** and **Goody Hall** Natalie Babbitt

**Town Mouse, Country Mouse** and **The Umbrella** Jan Brett

**Taking Cover: ..growing up during the Iranian Revolution** Nioucha Homayoonfar

**Lyric McKerrigan, Secret Librarian** Jacob Sager Weinstein

Remember that we are here to serve you. If there are books or other information you need, please let us know and we will try to obtain them. We know our hours are limited, but you can call or email [suesbooks@woh.rr.com] to arrange for special times outside our normal hours.

Pick up (and drop off) the Youth Softball sign-up sheets any time the Library is open during the enrollment period March 1 - April 30.

Watch for announcements about our Summer Reading Club which should begin in late June and is open to children pre-K to those beginning 5th grade.

**SPRING VALLEY ARBOR DAY 2019**

The Spring Valley Tree Committee will be celebrating our Fourth Annual Arbor Day. Saturday **April 27th** from 10:00 am until noon. We will be planting a tree honoring Cathy DeWine. Refreshments and crafts and plant sales also. Come join the fun and help us beautify Spring Valley.

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