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**The Village Pump**

**APRIL 2022**

**Spring Valley ACTS**

Spring is here! Get ready for the Spring Valley **EASTER EGG HUNT** at Walton Park in Spring Valley. The hunt begins at **1 pm. on April 16**, 2022. (Don’t be late!) Prizes will be awarded in four categories: 0-3 years old, 4-6 years old, 7-9 years old and 10-12 years old. You may even spot the Easter Bunny coming through.

This Event is put on Thanks to the Spring Valley ACTS, Spring Valley United Methodist Church, and the volunteers from Clover Valley 4H club.  –*Carla*

**POTATO FESTIVAL** Updates:

Jon Keck, Festival Chair (937) 470-4865 Carla Smith (937) 768-4347

Hope you all had a wonderful 2021 Festival! We had a really good day on Saturday and a marginal day on that Sunday, but overall ACTS was able to bring in enough money to cover expenses for the George Barrett Concrete House and Museum, as well as the other activities that we support throughout the year.

Having said that, we do have some key positions within the festival management that we need to fill for this year’s event. We are currently looking for some folks to step up and help out with those openings. Just a couple of hours will make a huge difference. If you love our Festival, then please sign up to help us make it a continued success. We would hate to see our festival be a thing of the past as it is our (A.C.T.S.) major source of income.

Below are some positions that we need to fill. Please consider helping out.

**Vendor Mapping and Set ups –**

Lead – Manage the Vendor Maps and the vendor locations on the map

Volunteers – Assist at sign-in on Friday and Saturday, Assist in the collection of booth space rental,

Marking the booth spaces on the street.

**Flower Booth**

Volunteers – Assist loading and unloading of Flowers and the selling of the Mums, 2 Hr. Shifts

**Soup Kitchen and Trailer –**

Kitchen Volunteer – Assist in making the soup and cleaning cooking utensils, 2 Hr. Shifts

Trailer Volunteer – Prepping and serving soup, collecting funds for the products sold, 2 Hr. Shifts

**Beer Garden**

Volunteers – checking ID’s, serving and collecting funds, 2 Hr. Shifts

**Candy and Cookie Booth –**

Volunteers –Making Candy and Cookies at the Church prior to the festival, Contact Carla Smith, Also, need volunteers to man the booth during the festival, 2 Hr. Shifts

**Trash management –**

Lead - coordinates volunteers on the collection and dumping of totes.

Volunteers – collecting and dumping totes. 2 Hr. Shifts

**Festival Teardown – Volunteers** –

Pulling in all of the equipment from the Tents and Trailer, collecting the electrical wire and posts, tents and trailer and getting them back into storage.

**Two Hour shifts available…**many opportunities, beginning at 9am each day of the festival

**Next Festival Meeting** March 30th, 7 PM in the George Barrett Concrete House

**SPRING VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

1 W. Walnut St. **EASTER SERVICES**

P.O. Box 277 10:30 Easter Worship service

Spring Valley, OH 45370 (there will be no sunrise service or

Pastor Dar Hensley breakfast this year)

Church: 937-862-7691

Dar: 937-657-7014

[darhensley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:darhensley@sbcglobal.net)

We continue to offer a drive-thru Free Food Pantry at the church parking lot the third Saturday of each month 10am until noon; upcoming dates are April 16, May 21, and June 18.

**SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

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

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

Just some of “What’s New at the Library”! We have many of the latest best-sellers, plus:

In ADULT FICTION:

***The Autopsy*** Patricia Cornwell Daniels ***Box 88*** Charles Cumming

***Stranger in the Lifeboat*** Mitch Albom ***One Step Too Far*** Lisa Gardner

***The Paris Apartment*** Lucy Foley ***The Good Son*** Jacquelyn Mitchard

***Next Thing You Know*** Jessica Strawser ***Shadows Reel*** C J Box

***The Lincoln Highway*** Amor Towles ***The Maid*** Nita Prose

In NON-FICTION:

***Keep the Memories, Lose the Stuff*** Matt Paxton ***At Heaven’s Door*** William J Peters

***X Troop:the Secret Jewish Commandos of WW II*** Leah Garrett

New for CHILDREN and YOUNG ADULTS:  
 ***White Bird: a Wonder story*** R J Palacio ***Wimpy Kid #18: Big Shot*** Jeff Kinney

***Last Kids on Earth, books 1, 2, & 3*** Max Brallier ***Steam Train, Dream Train 1-2-3***

You may pick up (and drop off) the SV Youth Softball sign-up sheets any time the Library is open (or use the book drop) during the sign-up period March 21 – April 30.

We hope to have multiple small groups for our **Summer Reading** program this year. Watch for further announcements. We had so much fun with this last summer and are looking forward to it again this year.

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our annual letter asking for donations.

Check us out on Facebook to get regular updates of new books and activities – SpringValleyCommunityLibrary.

***Please note that the library will be closed Saturday & Monday***

***of the Easter, Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day weekends.***

**SPRING VALLEY PARK DISTRICT**

**2022 Youth Softball**

There are 3 age groups/diamonds: Peewee/T-Ball, ages 3-6; Juniors, ages 7-12; and Seniors, ages 13-18. You may pick up sign-up sheets through March and April at Slim’s and the Spring Valley Library. Drop off the completed forms at the Library. Registration deadline is May 1st. Don’t delay! **Opening Day** is scheduled for Tuesday **May 31st**. Games will be played each Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00pm (weather permitting). This is a family-friendly fun time!

Volunteers and sponsors are always needed!

Contact Clara at 937-668-3061 or email [***SpringValleyYouthSoftball@gmail.com***](mailto:SpringValleyYouthSoftball@gmail.com)

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**Show Your Colors Spring Valley!**

**Red, White & Blue**

**Avenue of Flags for 2022 is underway!**

In 2020, **Spring Valley Cares** began sponsoring the **Avenue of Flags** program to show our love and loyalty to our great Nation.

Through this program, we will place an American Flag at your residence or business for five holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veteran’s Day. An annual subscription is $50/year (*discounts available*). Proceeds from this event go back into our community, helping us make a difference in Spring Valley through efforts such as Country Cupboard, GO Spring Valley, and Christmas in the Village

**Spring Valley Cares** is a non-profit organization committed to improving the lives of our citizens and surroundings.

For more information or to subscribe today, please contact Paul Martin or Charlene Landis:

Paul Martin: 937-272-8981 or [jofes57@aol.com](mailto:jofes57@aol.com)

Charlene Landis: 937-768-0045 or [clandis56@gmail.com](mailto:clandis56@gmail.com)

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**ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION 2022**

Your Spring Valley Tree Committee is happy to announce plans for its annual Arbor Day celebration on **Saturday, April 30**, from 10 a.m. till noon. It will be a special one! At 10:00, we will be planting a tree in honor of Jake Rider. Jake was a long-time Spring Valley resident and member of its Tree Committee, who passed away last July. The location of the tree planting will be in the open area between Race Street and SR 725, just west of the bike trail and northeast of the water treatment plant. Parking on Race Street will be available.

We will also be having a plant sale, free refreshments, free tree saplings, and a craft project for kids at the Barrett House (concrete house), located at 4 E. Main Street in the center of the Village.

If you have any questions, please call Sue McLaughlin at 937-862-4414, Patti Weeks at 937-641-9414, or Kade Schmidt at 740-507-4762. Hope to see you there!!

“To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state, and to live as a people, we must have trees.”  
 *--Theodore Roosevelt*

**FYI**

Those pretty white flowers you that you will see blooming along roadsides and in fence rows beginning in April and May are **Poison Hemlock** and should be eradicated where at all possible. It looks a lot like Queen Anne’s lace, but that doesn’t bloom until much later in the summer. All parts of the Poison Hemlock plant are toxic, so you definitely do not want it around. Kill by pulling it up (wear gloves, long sleeves and masks), or spraying with herbicides like Roundup®. Do not burn! It has been spreading like crazy in recent years, so please do yourself and your neighbors a favor and stop it where you can.

**SPRING VALLEY SENIOR CENTER**

**2551 US Route 42, Spring Valley OH 45370 Phone: 937-862-4475**

**Hours: 9 – 4 Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri.**

*Our Mission Statement: To provide and promote recreational, educational, and social opportunities for Greene County residents and to promote available services and support that will allow the elderly to maintain their independence, if possible.*

**Spring Valley Area Chamber of Commerce**

The next Spring Valley Area Chamber of Commerce quarterly business meeting will be Wed. **May 4th**. Our speaker will be Jon Dobney, Director of Greene County Parks and Trails. Our annual carry-in dinner-meeting will be August 10, 2022.

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