



Village of Spring Valley

Spring 2017

Goings On at the Spring Valley Public Library

Librarians Club: This reading group is open to adults and young adults and meets every second Saturday at 9:00am to discuss titles chosen by the librarians!

Crochet Club: Open to all ages and level of skill! Beginners will be provided with hooks and yarn. We have a left-handed teacher available for left-handers. Crochet Club meets at 10am every second Saturday.

New Program! Film Club: The Library now hosts a film club every other Thursday evening at 7:15pm. Films include cult classics and foreign films. Children under 18 require parental permission to attend showings.

New Program! Writers Club and Peer Review:

Come and learn the basics of writing while getting feedback from peers on your own work. Meetings occur the final Tuesday of every month at 4pm. No registration required. All ages welcome!

Summer Story Time: The Library is offering a new story time this summer for those with special needs and learning disabilities called "Not-so-Ordinary Story Time." This new program will be Mondays at 10am June 19 & 26, July 10, 17, 24 & 31 and August 7, 14 & 21.

New Program! Pajama Story Time: The library is offering three half-hour sessions of evening Story Time with Ms. Julie. Children can come dressed for bed and bring a favorite stuffed animal. This new program will run Tuesdays from 6-6:30pm on July 11, 18, and 25

Tech Workshops with SV Seniors Staying Put:

Need a little help operating your tablet or your smart phone? Come join the free Tech Workshop series of 6 held by Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put at the Spring Valley Public Library from 5:30-7pm on June 5, 12, 19, & 26 and July 10 & 17. Call 715-778-5800 to sign up.

Monday, May 8 at 6:00PM: WI Lumberjack History

Author and historian Bill Jamerson will be at the library to present on the history of Wisconsin Lumberjacks and their lives in the logging camps; displays on area sawmills and lumber operations will be available for viewing, courtesy of Pierce County Historical Society.

Monday, June 5 at 12PM: Ice Cream Social

Join us for the kickoff of the Summer Reading Program! Enjoy ice cream sundaes and pick up your reading logs to get started on your reading goals and earn fun prizes!

Thursday, July 20 at 2:00PM: Traveling Lantern

The traveling theatre troupe is back by popular request and will perform a play "The Ribbles Build a Residence" in conjunction with the summer reading theme: "Build a Better World." Open to all ages!

Thursday, July 27 at 3:30PM: Monarch Butterflies

School Forest Director Deb Walters will teach about monarch butterflies and how they assist with food and flower growth and, what we can do to help preserve their habitats and ensure their survival.

Did you know?

That the Library offers exam proctoring, faxing, copying, printing, scanning, free wi-fi and 5 public computers with internet access? We also have local newspapers and popular magazines for check out as well. Faxing is a \$1/page; copying/printing is 10¢/page for black and white; copy/printing is 25¢/page for color. Scanning is FREE.

That the Spring Valley Library is a member of the MORE consortium, partnering with 50 libraries in the immediate West-Central Wisconsin area? This means that with your Library card you have access to thousands of materials and can choose whichever library location is most convenient for you to pick up your interlibrary loan materials and return them. Your library card allows you to download e-books on your tablets for FREE.

Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10-7
Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-1

Follow the Spring Valley Public Library on Facebook
Visit the Library website: www.springvalleylibrary.org
Call: 715-778-4590



Spring Clean Up

will be May 6th from 9:00 am - Noon at the Village Shop at S407 Newman Avenue.

Items not accepted: Recyclable goods: glass, tin, aluminum, plastic, mixed paper, cardboard, newspaper; fluorescent light bulbs, gas & oil filters and containers, concrete, treated lumber with creosote (railroad ties), asphalt, yard waste (branches and grass clippings), solvents and cleaners.

Electronics:

Cell or office phone	\$5
Answering machine	\$5
Copier: desk/floor	\$7/\$45
Computer, laptop, monitor	\$20
Keyboard, printer	\$7
Scanner	\$7
Satellite receiver	\$7
Paper shredder	\$10
Fax machine	\$15
VCR/DVD/CD/Stereo player	\$15
Television (all sizes)	\$35

Appliances:

Stove,	\$20
Water Heater/Furnace	\$20
Dishwasher	\$20
Washer/dryer	\$20
Microwave	\$20
Refrigerators/freezers	\$25
A/C	\$30

Furniture:

Chair	\$15
Mattress/box spring (ea)	\$15
Sofa/sofa sleeper	\$25
Love seat	\$25
Sectional sofa	\$50

Tires:

ATV, bike, mower	\$2
Car tire	\$5
Car tire w/rims	\$6
Semi tire	\$15
Tractor (small/lg)	\$40/\$50

Miscellaneous:

Batteries	\$2
Bicycles	\$7
Barrels (55 gal)	\$8
Windows small	\$4
Windows large	\$8

Curbside brush pickup will be May 8-9-10

Spring Valley Municipal Utilities will be flushing fire hydrants May 1st-5th. Flushing hydrants serves several purposes: it cleans pipe lines, increases the amount of flow capacity and allows department personnel to inspect the operation of each hydrant. It is also a requirement of the WI Public Service Commission.

Please be aware that you may experience rusty colored water during this period. If this happens, open all faucets and run your water until it clears. If you still have problems, contact Tim at 715-778-4238.

Remember to check your water before washing clothes to prevent staining. Residents with water softeners

The DNR is requiring Spring Valley Utilities to check the cross connections of your plumbing system. If they haven't already done so, they will be contacting you to set up a time to do inspections. This is one way we help keep our drinking water safe. If you have any questions about this, contact Tim Howe at 715-778-4238.

Now that spring is approaching it's time to clean up our yards. **Please** use the compost area in the business park for your yard waste and dispose of the other items in the garbage. The compost area is located in the business park just past Ultimate Coatings; watch for the sign. Disposing of yard waste in ditches or levees costs every tax payer money!!



Reminder!

All golf carts and ATV's must be registered and follow all rules and regulations in the ATV and Golf Cart ordinances 50-142 through 50-146. Officers will issue warnings and citations for violations. Ordinances are posted on our web site at www.springvalleywi.com

The 2016 Consumer Confidence Report, our DNR annual report on the condition of our drinking water in Spring Valley is currently available in the village office. It will be posted on the village web site within the next couple weeks at www.springvalleywi.com. You may come in to view the report Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:30 pm.

OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW MAY 22, 2017

Open Book 4-6 p.m.

Board of Review 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Please get instructions and a form to complete from the village office. The form can also be found on the village web site and should be returned to the village clerk at least 48 hours before Open Book and BOR

Spring Valley Gardeners

“Making Spring Valley Beautiful”

Main Street is often the heart and soul of a small town. As residents and visitors enter our small downtown in the summer they see a bounty of color and the beauty of hanging flower baskets along main street. The color continues as several of our store fronts display their own flowers pots. A welcoming first impression for people visiting our town or just a pleasure to enjoy the beauty of our community day after day.



The hanging baskets come together by a group of volunteers with the desire to create and maintain the beauty of our flowers on main street, as well as several other gardens around town. The baskets are planted in late March with the help of Kari at Barnyard Botanicals, where we buy the flowers. She houses them until the last week in May when they are ready to go up. With the assistance of the Spring Valley fire department the baskets are hung along main street. Our volunteers team up in groups of two to water baskets every other day all summer long.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with watering or just working in other gardens around town. If you enjoy being outside working with flowers, are a Master Gardener looking for extra hours, or part of a group looking for community volunteer activities, please consider joining our group. For more information on opportunities to join Spring Valley Gardeners call Diane at 715-778-4862 or contact one of our gardeners.

SUMMER ORDINANCES

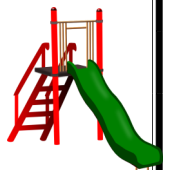
Check the village website for information on the following:

- * **Lawn and grass length regulations**
- * **Swimming pools**
- * **Open burning**
- * **Picking up after your dog when out on a walk**
- * **Leash requirements**

Please call the village office if you would like more information.

The fee for reserving the pavilion at Handy Andy Park is \$20 per day. Call Angie at the Village office to make your reservations.

We also rent out the Community Center! Cost based on time of usage. Call for current rates. 715-778-5635



REMINDER - Dog and Cat Licenses



All dogs and cats kept within the Village MUST be licensed. Dogs and cats more than 5 months of age must obtain a license every year. **Licenses were due April 1st** or are due the date the dog or cat becomes 5 months of age. The cost is \$10 for a neutered/spayed dog/cat or \$15 for an intact dog/cat. There is a \$5 late fee for licenses applied for after April 1st. Please include proof of rabies vaccination when you submit your application. Pets can be registered at

the Village office Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

The village office has had several complaints already this year concerning neighbor's pet's running at large. Be a responsible dog owner-keep your pet on a leash and pick up after your dog! Do not allow your pets to bathroom in someone else's yard or public property!!

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50th Annual Dam Days

Celebration is September 15, 16, 17.

Lots of events are being planned this year, watch for event line-up

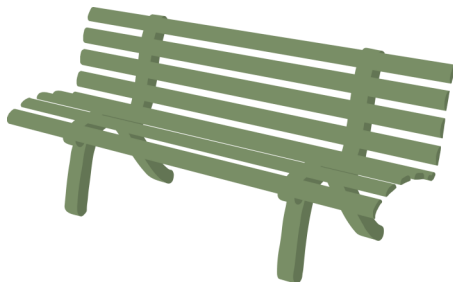


Spring Valley Memorial Bench Donation

Memorial benches are available for purchase in the Spring Valley Village office and may be installed at any time. The placement will be determined by the Village Board or Public Works Department, with your preference in mind. Benches are currently being placed in Handy Andy Park, along the Highway 29 walking trail, or in the park located at the head of the walking trail near the fish pond.

The benches are made out of recycled plastic, cedar in color, and keep 540 milk jugs out of landfills. They measure 60" long, 32" tall, with a seat height of 18". You can get them with or without arms and they are mounted on permanent posts. Come in for pricing of the bench itself, router letters, engraved plates, or embossed Zinc Plates.

You may also have a tree planted in memory or in honor of someone. Call the village office for details. 715-778-5635.



On June 9th from 4pm-7pm at the Football field Spring Valley Police and Emergency Services will

hold the 2nd annual Safety Day. This event will include emergency vehicles and other vehicles on display, demonstrations and information from area hospitals and police, fire, EMS, utility company safety demonstrations, a kids smoke house, and various other fun activities. Kids will have the chance to enter for door prizes. This event is open to all ages including adults and is free. Please bring your families and have a fun time learning about safety. Contact the Police Dept at 778-5678 or Emergency Services at 778-4452 with questions.



I have previously asked for email addresses so that I can send group emails to village residents. A few of you have done this, thank you! I will begin sending information electronically in addition to postings, hoping to reach more of you. If you would like to add your email address to the list, please let me know by sending an email to clerk@springvalleywi.com

Thanks!! Luann

The Water Rate Increase has been approved and is effective beginning second quarter 2017. That means **the water you use on April 1st** and after will be at the new rates. Your first bill with these new rates will be mailed to you within the first 10 days of July 2017.



Spring Valley Water Works (SVWW) can no longer support itself on the income from utility bills. Please remember that SVWW is an entity and supports itself with revenue from usage like any other business. It does NOT rely on tax dollars. The last rate increase was 17 years ago in 2000. Costs have gone up but revenue has remained the same. An estimate of the rate increase was in the Fall 2016 newsletter, but after the Public



Service Commission (PSC), who governs this utility, reviewed data from the original application, annual reports, and audits, they determined that a higher rate increase was necessary. The village board DID NOT set the rates and the board cannot reverse the PSC decision. Before implementing a water rate increase, the PSC requires a Public Hearing. The public hearing was held on March 7th at 10:00 a.m. The Notice of Public Hearing was on the village website, and then posted on the Village Hall door, Post Office, and First Bank of Baldwin board (our 3 public posting places) per the PSC requirements. It was also on the Public Access Channel and in the minutes which were published in the March 2nd 2017 Spring Valley Sun. The new rates are as follows:

5/8" meter	\$ 22.50
3/4" meter	\$ 22.50
1" meter	\$ 27.00
1¼" meter	\$ 36.00
1½" meter	\$ 45.00
2" meter	\$ 60.00
3" meter	\$ 93.00 NC
4" meter	\$135.00NC
6" meter	\$270.00NC
8" meter	\$420.00NC

*NC=No change

Volume charges:

First 20,000 gallons used quarterly	\$4.10 per 1,000 gallons
Next 180,000 gallons used quarterly	\$3.90 per 1,000 gallons
Next 300,000 gallons used quarterly	\$3.10 per 1,000 gallons
Over 500,000 gallons used quarterly	\$2.30 per 1,000 gallons

A residential home using 25,000 gallons of water:

Old bill: \$292.45

New bill: \$345.00

An increase of \$52.55, or 17.52 per month

The best way to lower your bill is to decrease your usage. Make sure your toilets aren't running, inside and outside faucets are shut off tight, and with summer approaching filling kiddie pools will add up fast!

Wondering where you're using all your water? Here are some estimates. Find the full article and water saving tips at <http://water.usgs.gov/edu/qa-home-percapita.html>

Bath — A "full tub" varies, but 36 gallons is a good average amount.

Shower — Old showers used to use up to 5 gallons of water per minute. Water-saving shower heads produce about 2 gallons per minute.

Teeth brushing — <1 gallon. Newer bath faucets use about 1 gallon per minute, whereas older models use over 2 gallons.

Hands/face washing — 1 gallon **Face/leg shaving** — 1 gallon

Dishwasher — 6-16 gallons. Newer, EnergyStar models use 6 gallons or less per wash cycle, whereas older dishwashers might use up to 16 gallons per cycle.

Dish washing by hand — About 8-27 gallons. This all depends on how efficient you are at hand washing dishes. Newer kitchen faucets use about 1.5-2 gallons per minute, whereas older faucets use more.

Clothes washer — 25 gallons/load for newer washers. Older models might use about 40 gallons per load.

Toilet flush — 3 gallons. Most new toilets use 1.6 gallons per flush, but many older toilets use about 4 gallons.

Glasses of water you drink — 8 oz. per small glass, not counting water for pets. You also use water for cooking!

Outdoor watering — 2 gallons per minute, depending on the force of your outdoor faucet. (reprinted from web site)

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The Village Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room at the Village Hall..

Spring Valley Police Department

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 715-778-5678

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 715-778-4452

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Monday 10:00 - 7:00
 Tuesday 10:00 - 7:00
 Wednesday 10:00 - 7:00
 Thursday 10:00 - 7:00
 Friday 10:00 - 5:00
 Saturday 10:00 - 1:00
 Sunday Closed

The Village of Spring Valley is an equal opportunity employer.

Syverson Pool

The pool is open daily from 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm & 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm from June 1st - August 31st.

Rates	Season	Daily	Punch Card
Child (2-17)	\$75	\$3.00	\$25/10 punch
Adult	\$80	\$4.00	\$35/10 punch
Family	\$145	\$15.00	---

Session I lessons will be held June 19th - 23rd and June 26th - 30th from 9:00 - 12:00.

Session II lessons will be held July 10th - 14th and July 17th - 21st from 9:00 - 12:00.

On-line registration began April 13th. Paper registration began April 17th.



LOWES

In school district	\$39
With season pass	\$29
Out of district	\$49
With season pass	\$39

Many other programs are available. If you have any questions or would like more information, call Kelly Johnson at 715-778-4335.