

Village Of Spring Valley

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SUMMER 2023



The April election has come and gone and with that we have new leadership.
WELCOME Theresa Koch who is your new Village President.

She has lived in and around Spring Valley her whole life and has already made progress on a couple key issues in the Village. She is learning the ins and outs of running a board meeting and is looking forward to working for all of you.

Pete Koch was elected as a new Village Trustee and will serve as the new Public Works Committee Chair. He is getting to know the Village from the "streets and utilities" perspective and comes with some knowledge in this area. They are both working very well with the Board.. Please welcome them both!



VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Ruth is only in the office until noon. If you have to come into the office it is best to call first to make sure someone is here. If something comes up in the afternoon such as a meeting, webinar, or appointment, I will need to close the office. We do our best to stay open, I generally don't close the office for lunch in case you need to come in on your lunch break. I can also make arrangements to be here earlier or later than these posted hours if there is still a conflict with scheduling. Office phone 715-778-5635 Ruth ext 5 Luann ext 4.

Highlights of the Summer in the Valley

- ◇ July 4th Celebration: American Legion food stand, root beer floats, All American Ball Games, fireworks
- ◇ July 4th Village closed
- ◇ July 5th Village Board meeting 6:15
- ◇ July 19th Circus/Lions Club
- ◇ August 2nd Village Board meeting
- ◇ Sept 4th Labor Day-Village Office closed
- ◇ Sept. 6th Village Board meeting 6:15
- ◇ Sept. 15-17 Dam Days Celebration
- ◇ Sept. 17 2:00-Dam Days Parade
- ◇ Oct 2-6 Hydrant flushing

The 2022 **CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**, our annual DNR report on the condition of the drinking water in Spring Valley, was published in the Spring Valley Sun Thursday May 11. It is also available in the Village office during regular business hours M-F 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If you would like to see the report but cannot come in during these hours please call Luann 715-778-5635 ext 4 and a more convenient time can be scheduled. You may also view the report online www.springvalleywi.com



Many residents took advantage of the \$1000 grants available through Energy Assistance to pay water bills with over \$13,000 awarded to local residents. Forms are still available in the Village office if you're interested.



DRIVEWAY PERMITS

All driveways installed, altered, replaced, or extended shall meet ordinance 38-192 and must be approved. Failure to comply with this ordinance may result in the driveway having to be replaced. The ordinance can be found on the village web site (www.springvalleywi.com) under Government/Ordinances/Driveways. The actual permit can be found under Forms & Applications, see Building Permits.

Sec. 38-156 Raking leaves and grass clippings into streets, gutters and sidewalks.



In the interest of public safety health and general wel-

fare, community appearance and efficiency of operation, it shall be unlawful to rake or place fallen tree leaves or grass clippings onto the pavement or into the gutter of any public street. No person shall permit grass clippings from mower swaths to remain upon sidewalks or abutting property owned or occupied by him.

Code 1988, § 4-2-13)

SCOOP THAT POOP

THANK YOU for the great response to the "doggie-do" stations that were put in last summer.

Because they have been proven effective, we have added more stations to various parts of the community.

It has been estimated that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million [fecal coliform bacteria](#), which are known to cause cramps, diarrhea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney disorders in humans. Thanks for doing your part to keep us clean and healthy!

HISTORY OF HANDY ANDY PARK

We get many calls wondering what the history of the Handy Andy Park is. So thankful to the Community Group that took the time to get the story straight and had a plaque made and installed at the park. Take the time and take a stroll down to enjoy the views, river and playground, have a picnic and read up on how the park came to be. For those new to the area the park is located on the south side of State Rd 29 east of town. The pavilion at the Park can be rented by contacting the Village Office 715 778-5635 for \$20.00 per day.



Go Paperless-Electronic Utility Bills

Utility billings are notably sent in the mail to businesses and residents of the Village.

Some businesses and residents have decided to go paperless and signed up to receive their billing via email. If you would like to receive your billing via email you may go to the Village website (www.springvalleywi.com) under Utilities & Forms/Applications, Miscellaneous, "Authorization to email Utility Bill" or stop into the office and fill out the form. We need a signature on file to send billings electronically.

If you have decided to receive your billing electronically watch your email on the last day of the 4 quarterly months, (March, June, September, December), for your bill. It comes through as Village of Spring Valley, Subject-Your latest SPRING VALLEY UTILITIES bill is now available. Also be sure to check your junk mail if it is your first time receiving emails from us.



LIONS CLUB NEWS

The SV Lions Club is sponsoring the **Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, Wed., July 19.** It will be located at the north softball field below the dam. Best Circus by A Dam Site, 2 shows 5:00 & 7:30.

The **54th Dam Days** Celebration sponsored by the Spring Valley Lions Club will be held on September 15,16, 17.

Those famous Lions burgers will be served all weekend. Watch for flyers displayed by end of July for a fun filled weekend of activities (Kids games, Adult Activities, Music and food). Grand parade 2:00 on Sunday. If you have any questions please call 715 778-4506

PAYING YOUR UTILITY BILL

Your utility bill is mailed by the last day of the quarter and is due by the 20th of the next month. Payment options:

Mail us a check or money order

Stop into the office and pay by cash, check, money order or credit card.

Put payments in the drop box located outside the front door of the Village hall. The box is checked daily.

Pay with a credit card, either in office or on the Village website (www.springvalleywi.com) scroll down to Secure Online Payments, enter the required information. This is a 3rd party vendor and they do charge a fee.

Set up online bill pay through your bank account.

All payment options can be done as "payment in full" or you may choose to set up monthly payments to better budget your utilities. Any payment made is applied to your account as a running total.

Just a heads up that using "bill pay" from your bank could delay payment 7-10 days.

"The colors of summer" by Spring Valley Gardeners

Our main street is lined with "The Colors of Summer" as the flowers spill over in baskets. In addition to main street lined with the beauty of summer, three gardens around town also display summer flowers. Spring Valley Gardeners is a small organization of volunteers sharing their passion for flowers and gardening. Currently we have eleven active volunteers, and at times, their families jump in to help. In addition to these regular volunteers, a few students have joined us for special projects.

The Village is very generous in supplying and maintaining a vehicle that holds our 100-gallon water tank. Funding to cover the cost of flowers and materials comes partially from the Village and the remaining portion comes from the generosity of the community. We always welcome donations from individuals or businesses to help a small volunteer community organization. If you would like to donate or are interested in being a volunteer, please contact one of our gardeners or call 715-559-0550.



Village Board Members

President:

Theresa Koch 715 307-7417

Trustees:

Matt Huepfel 778-4289

Brad Jorgenson 715-495-2645

Pete Koch 715-317-0835

Liz Erickson 778-4506

Ruth Lukes 778-5828

Rich O'Connell 715-559-4128

The Village Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Room at the Village Hall.

Village Office

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm
715-778-5635

Luann Emerson, Clerk/Treasurer
clerk@vi.springvalley.wi.gov

Ruth Esanbock, Office Assistant
svassist@vi.springvalley.wi.gov

Public Works 715-245-9251
Steven Kirby, Lead

Jeremy Webb, Assistant

Jamie Reitz, Part-time Assistant

Spring Valley Police **Department**

Dulcie Lily, FT Officer
715-778-5678
officer2302@svpolice.org

Spring Valley Fire **Department**

Nate Sorenson, Chief
715-778-4452

Spring Valley Ambulance

Tod Jorgenson, Director
715-778-4452



Summer Reading Programs

Pick up your summer reading logs anytime after June 8th for all ages!

Sensory Mondays

10 AM - 10:30 AM

July 10th: Robot Decorating

Sensory Bags

July 17th: DIY Colored Salt

July 24th: Hungry Caterpillar

July 31st: Bubble Painting

Craft Tuesdays

Come between 10 AM - Noon

July 11th: String Art

July 18th: Magic 8-Ball

July 25th: Pop Rocks

Experiments

August 1st: Fluffy Slime

TEEN BOOK CLUB

- Meet up once a month
- Discover New books
- Pizza & Beverages are included.
- For 6th - 8th graders.



We will always meet on the 3rd FULL week of each month. June we will meet on Monday, June 19th at 5 PM, in July we will meet on Tuesday, July 18th at 5 PM, and in August we will meet on Wednesday, August 23rd at 5 PM. In September, we will start over with the Monday.

Join Today!

Contact the Library Director, Katie Schneider
kschneider@svlibrary.org
or
715-778-4590

Bingo Wednesdays

Starting Wednesday, June 14th from 1 PM - 2 PM, Bingo will be every Wednesday for all ages. Last Wednesday for Bingo is August 9th.

MANY FUN PRIZES FOR BINGO WINNERS!

Painting on the Patio

The library will be having two art classes throughout the summer at The Spillway on their back patio. Please join us for a relaxing night of painting.

These classes will be taught by Destineay Dow!

- Dates: Monday, July 24th

Thursday, August 24th

6 PM - the art class will start!

- Must register for the event due to limited space (25 slots available).
- Adults only
- All supplies included & the event is FREE!
- Located at the Spillway



Register by Facebook Message, email Katie at
kschneider@svlibrary.org or call the library at
715-778-4590.

Visit the library's website springvalleylibrary.org or Facebook page for other updates and programs to be added throughout the summer!



Live performances brought to you by SV Stagehands at the Community Theater.

COMING in July

The Little Prince, adapted by Rick Cummins and John Schoullar from the book by Antoine de Saint-Exupery, is directed by Lee and Ethan Hayes.

The Little Prince is a charming story of unlikely friendship. The play tells the tale of a tired Aviator who becomes stranded in the Sahara Desert. While repairing his plane, a strange little prince appears and keeps him company over the span of two weeks. The little prince tells youthful stories about his times and adventures through the whole galaxy and the friends he met along the way! This is a beautiful story of youth and the sometimes dreadful reality of growing up.



The police department has been made aware of numerous junked, unregistered vehicles within the village. Upon identification of a vehicle that is junked or unregistered, notification will be made to the vehicle owner. Following is the potential enforcement action. Please contact the police department with questions or concerns.

Sec. 50-59. Junked vehicles and appliances on private property. Enforcement:

- (1) Whenever the police department shall find any vehicle or appliance, as described in this section, placed or stored in the open upon private property within the village, it shall notify the owner of such property on which the vehicle or appliance is stored of the violation of this section. If such vehicle or appliance is not removed within FIVE days, the police department shall cause a citation to be issued to the property owner or tenant of the property upon which the vehicle or appliance is stored.
- (2) If such vehicle or appliance is not removed within 20 days after issuance of a citation, the chief of police shall cause the vehicle or appliance to be removed and impounded, and it shall be disposed of by the chief of police or his duly authorized representative as prescribed in sections 50-54--50-57. Any costs incurred in the removal and sale of such vehicle or appliance shall be recovered from the owner. However, if the owner of the vehicle or appliance cannot readily be found, the cost of such removal shall be charged to the property from which it is removed, which charges shall be entered as a special charge on the tax roll.

Spring Valley Chamber of Commerce has been reestablished and is meeting on a regular basis. A group of business owners and interested citizens got together back in November 2022 and have been meeting monthly at various locations in and around Spring Valley. The focus is on businesses; highlighting those currently here and bringing new business to Spring Valley. It has become a very active Chamber with current fundraising for the fireworks show increasing 20%. We are working on a Dam Days event to “Meet Local Businesses”, rebranding the Miss Spring Valley program, and membership is increasing. Current leadership is President Cari Cornelius, Vice President Luann Emerson, Secretary Julie Ducklow, Treasurer Erik Thompson. If you’re interested in checking us out, we meet third Wednesday of the month. If you would like to become a member please find the membership form on our website www.springvalleywichamber.com

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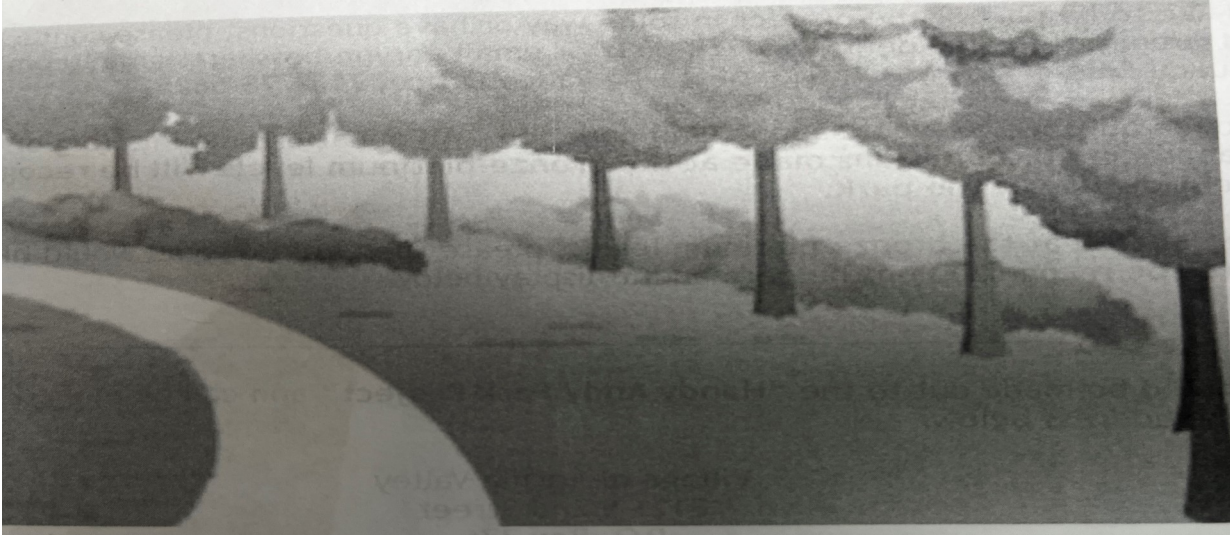


**POLL WORKERS
WANTED!**

We are in need of poll workers to lighten the load on our current staff. There are 4 elections in 2024, you would need to do a few hours training, very easy, can be done online either at home or in the admin office. Shifts range from 2-3 hours and you can work more than 1 shift if you’ like. Please call Luann at 715-778-5635 ext 4 if you’re interested.

Handy Andy Park Project Update/Fundraiser

The jeep that was greatly injured last fall due to a fallen tree has been replaced and the crushed fence has been repaired. Plans for phase 1 of connecting a safe walking/biking path from the current park playground to the downtown area have been established. We are getting bids for the cost of the path and are applying for grant money as well as jump starting our fundraising. Phase 1 will be a concrete winding path from Handy Andy Playground to the north parking lot. We plan to add a concrete pad midway with a checker board table & 2 chairs. Phase 2 will run from the north parking lot to the downtown area. This project will provide a safe path from the park to the downtown. It will also add beauty to our park and community, being a place for residents & visitors to gather, walk, spend relaxing social time, all while being among the calm & beauty of nature. If this project looks like something you would like to support, donation forms are available at the Village Office or on the website at www.springvalleywi.com Forms/Miscellaneous/Handy Andy Donation Form. Checks can be written to "Handy Andy Park Project" and mailed to the Village at P.O. Box 276. Thank You to all who have supported this project in the past & into the future!



SWIMMING POOLS If you put in a below ground pool or above ground pool that involves electricity or is heated you need a building permit from All-Croix Inspections. If your pool is above ground with no electricity or heat you need a local permit from the Village Office. Ordinance 58-594 regulates swimming pools in the Village. A pool is defined as an outdoor structure containing a body of water in a receptacle or other container, having a dept for water at any point greater than 18". ALL MUST HAVE A FENCE! Please consider the safety of neighbors as well as your own family.

Cell or Landline? Please add your phone number when paying your utility bill so we can update our files. **Are you on our email list?** Village notices, board meeting minutes and more can be sent to your inbox!

