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May/June 2022

Letter from the President, Donna Johnson
All Nature Club members are invited to the welcome back gathering



Vegetable & Herb Sale Saturday May 21st & Sunday May 22, 2022, at the Spring Valley Nature Center.

Pre-order Pick up & on-site sale times 9:00am-4:00pm. Additional plants will be available for sale on both days! Order early for best selections.

Tell your family, friends, and neighbors about our pre-order sale, they do not need to be a member of Spring Valley Nature Club to order plants.

Spring Valley Nature Club has a convenient ordering system. This system will allow placement of an on-line Veggie & Herb order, and payment of your order with PayPal, credit, or debit card.

Click www.springvalleynatureclub.org to view all plants available and place an order.

Spring Valley Nature Club meeting June 1st 2022 7:00PM at the Vera Meineke Nature Center

Kim White “The Natural Naturalist” will have a meet and greet with twelve exotic live animals. Meet a Python, McCaw and Bearded Dragon to name a few! You’ll have to attend to see the other nine. A rare opportunity to be up close to these rare and unusual creatures. Bring a camera and some friends! Refreshments will be served!

Spring Valley Update for May/June Newsleaf – 2022

Spring Valley’s grounds and facilities will remain on ‘summer’ hours from May through October. We continue to offer a full schedule of family, youth, and adult programs, including our popular week-long summer camps for youth. Several popular summer special events will more closely resemble their pre-pandemic look and feel in 2022.

- Spring Valley’s grounds and walking trails are open for walkers every day from 8am-8pm.
- Additional parking at St. Matthew’s Catholic Church will be available throughout the summer months. The gate leading onto Heritage Farm’s walking paths from St. Matthew’s will be opened each morning at 8am.
- The **Nature Center Museum** is open to visitors daily from 10am-6pm.
- **Volkening Heritage Farm’s Visitor Center** and other farm buildings are open Wednesday-Sunday from 10am-4pm.
- **Bison’s Bluff Nature Playground** will remain open daily from 10am-8:00pm throughout the summer, except during stormy or rainy weather. Admission for all children ages 2-12 entering the nature playground is \$2 for residents or \$3 for non-residents. Play sessions are one hour long and maximum capacities will be maintained by staff in order to ensure a quality play experience for all.
- Spring Valley has three picnic shelters available for private rental. These are located just east of the Nature Center parking lot, near Merkle Cabin, and at Heritage Farm. Requests for rentals need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance. Rates are based on residency.
- Volunteers continue to assist with outdoor conservation projects, trail maintenance, and with some of our events and programs. If you are willing and able to assist with projects, please contact Brenda Korecky at brkorecky@parkfun.com.

NEW – Spring Valley App

There’s now an app for Spring Valley visitors! Staff has recently developed an app for use on either Android or Apple smartphones. It features not only information on hours, site features, and facilities, but two guided tours that provide information on various natural history or historical topics as you walk the trails. The app is FREE and available from either the Google Play Store or Apple Store (simply type Spring Valley Nature Center into the search bar). It is also available as a web-app by going to www.springvalley.stqry.app.

Spring Events & Programs

NOTE: On-line pre-registration is required for many of the programs listed below. Nearly all classes have limited capacity and will be held outdoors whenever possible. More information and on-line registration are available within the Park District’s virtual **Program Guides** for spring and summer, found at www.parkfun.com.

Monthly Interpretive Themes at the Nature Center and Heritage Farm

Spring Valley’s two visitor centers will be focusing on a different theme each month during the spring, summer and fall. Hands-on activities for youth will accompany each month’s theme at the Nature Center. At Heritage Farm, the interpretation in the farmhouse will include a focus on that month’s theme, and related food items will be available for purchase in the Museum Shop. Be sure to visit each month to experience what’s new! The Nature Center will be focusing on *Wildflowers* in May and *National Great Outdoors Month* in June. Heritage Farm’s focus will be on *Rhubarb* in May and *All Things Dairy* in June.

Mother’s Day Celebration – Sunday, May 8, 12:00-3:00pm

Bring the kids to Heritage Farm to create a handmade flower gift for mom, and then spend some time enjoying the grounds and trails. Park at St. Matthew’s Church, following the signs to the farm. Admission is free!

End of School Campfire – Friday, May 27, various times

Start your summer with a family campfire at Heritage Farm. Enjoy roasting marshmallows or s’mores while playing some campfire games and then hop on the tractor-drawn wagon for a short ride. Sign up for one of three one-hour time slots: 6:30pm, 7:00pm, and 7:30pm.

Rhubarb Festival – Sunday, May 29, 12:00-3:00pm

Celebrate this delicious, tart plant at Spring Valley's first annual Rhubarb Festival! Visit the historic farmhouse to learn a little about the plant's history and see the many uses of this versatile cooking vegetable. A variety of indulgent sweets will be offered in the Museum Shop as well as a limited supply of rhubarb plants for purchase. Free admission for all ages!

Schaumburg Environmental Fair – Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine – Sat., June 11, 12:00-3:30pm

The Schaumburg Environmental Committee's annual conservation and sustainability fair will be hosted by Spring Valley Nature Center again this year. Attendees will learn about the current status of recycling efforts in our local communities and explore other innovative ways to reduce your household waste stream. They will also learn about the connections between waste reduction and climate change. Exhibitors representing local environmental organizations will be present with information and be available to answer questions about their programs and projects. Spring Valley will be showcasing recent efforts to offer Zero Waste special events. The kids will enjoy seeing a curbside waste/recycling truck up close! Admission is free!

German Beer Garden – Sat., June 25, 4:00-7:30pm

A hallmark of many German communities in early America was the *biergarten* or beer garden, a celebration of family, community, and ethnic pride. Bring a picnic dinner, play backyard games, and enjoy a relaxing evening outdoors. Festive music, local craft beer and soda, bratwurst, pretzels, and dill pickles will be available. Admission includes one food item and one beer or soda. Additional beverages will be available for purchase. Park at St. Matthew's Church, following signs to the Heritage Farm entrance. Event runs rain or shine. Admission is \$8/person.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Based on the premise that outdoors is the healthiest place to be, these are outdoor programs for children ages 2-6 (varies by program) accompanied by a parent. All seek to immerse young children in nature, providing them with a basic understanding of the world around us while also teaching about cooperation, helping and sharing, and resiliency. Two new programs also explore farm life.

Nature Yoga Storytime – Sat., May 7 & June 4, 10:00-11:15am

Nature Playdates – Wed., May 4 & May 18 from 1:00-2:00pm; Wed., June 15, 3:00-4:00pm

Lil' Insect Trekkers – Tues., June 21, 3:00-4:30pm

Morning Glories – Fri., May 6, May 13, May 20, May 27, 10-11:15am

Garden to Glass – Wed., June 1, 7-9pm

Adults are able to spend time at Heritage Farm exploring herbal delights to be found in the heirloom kitchen garden while staff mixes up unique garden-themed cocktails on the farmhouse front porch. Attendees are able to explore the farm's grounds while they sip. Program requires pre-registration. The fee is \$17/resident or \$20/non-resident.

Additional programs are being offered through July and August – visit the virtual **Summer Program Guide** to learn more!

ATTENTION PARENTS – Summer Camp are filling fast!!

Spring Valley will be offering a full range of week-long summer camp programs. Each of these day camps is age-based, includes a full schedule of fun and active outdoor learning, and is designed to be both engaging and educational for your youngster. Registration opened in April, and many sessions are already full. If interested, visit the virtual **Summer Camp Guide** soon!

Order Form 2022

Spring Valley Nature Center 1111 E Schaumburg Road 847-985-2100

Sales & Order Pick Up May 21 & 22 2022 9:00AM-4:00PM

<u>Tomatoes</u>	Price	Qty	Total
1000-Aunt Ruby's German Green – Heirloom very sweet 1-2lb pale green 85 days	\$4.50	_____	_____
1002-Brad's Atomic Grape – New introduction Very colorful grape tomato 75 days	4.50	_____	_____
1003-Berkeley Tie Dye Green-A kaleidoscope pattern on this amazing tomato	4.50	_____	_____
1004-Berkeley Tie Dye Pink-Plant produces beautiful 8-12 ounce fruit	4.50	_____	_____
1005-Big Rainbow – Heirloom very juicy 1-2lb gold bi-colored fruits 82 days	4.50	_____	_____
1008-Black Beauty- Dark meaty, extraordinarily rich fleshed, high in anthocyanin	4.50	_____	_____
1009-Black Krim- Heirloom from the black sea of Russia. Indeterminate 75-90 days	4.50	_____	_____
1010-Black Cherry – Heirloom sweet robust flavor burgundy colored 65 days	4.50	_____	_____
1011-Bosque Blue Bumblebee-Perfect for snacking or salads, yellow w/blue shoulders 75day	4.50	_____	_____
1012-Box Car Willie – Heirloom reddish orange very prolific old-fashioned flavor 80 days	4.50	_____	_____
1015-Brandywine - Heirloom connoisseurs favorite 1lb fruit 85 to 90 days	4.50	_____	_____
1022-Celebrity – Hybrid impressive early ripening beefsteak type prolific 68 days	4.50	_____	_____
1025-Cherokee Purple - Heirloom dusky purple pink superb flavor very large fruit 80 days	4.50	_____	_____
1027-Chocolate Cherry- These luscious treats are perfect for salads 70 days	4.50	_____	_____
1030-Great White- Heirloom white very large1lb unique very sweet taste 83 days	4.50	_____	_____
1035-German Johnson–Heirloom large 1lb pinkish red very few seeds 76 days	4.50	_____	_____
1036-German Pink- Deep pink beefsteak sweet flavor 10-16 oz 78 days	4.50	_____	_____
1037-Indigo Apple-Hybrid deep purple highest in antioxidant of any tomato 55 days	4.50	_____	_____
1038-Honey Delight- Four-ounce yellow fruits will light up the garden and your palate	4.50	_____	_____
1040-Kellogg's Breakfast - Heirloom very flavorful superbly sweet yellow low acid 80 days	4.50	_____	_____
1044-Money Maker- A well-known variety that produces smooth medium-sized fruit	4.50	_____	_____
1045-Mortgage Lifter-Heirloom sweet rich flavored pink large 1lb crack free 80 days	4.50	_____	_____
1054-Orange Jazz- Fruits are brushed with yellow stripes 10-16 oz 85 days	4.50	_____	_____
1055-Orange Peach- Perfectly peachy with a lightly fuzzy skin and sweet flavor 75 days	4.50	_____	_____
1060-Patio–Hybrid dwarf 2' tall no staking 4oz fruit great in containers 70 days	4.50	_____	_____
1062-Pink Jazz- This beefsteak often weighs in at 1lb. and has peach overtones	4.50	_____	_____
1063-Roma- Prized for its use in tomato paste and sauces	4.50	_____	_____
1064-Pinapple-Heirloom yellow /red streaked flesh super sweet 2lb 78 days	4.50	_____	_____
1065-San Marzano-Heirloom Italy's famous best tomato for sauces & cooking 65 days	4.50	_____	_____
1067-Solar Flare- Venture into this new world of gourmet tomatoes 78 days	4.50	_____	_____
1070-Sun Sugar – Hybrid extra sweet yellow cherry good in containers 60 days	4.50	_____	_____
1072-Sugary-Hybrid super sweet grape tomato large yields good for containers 60 days	4.50	_____	_____
1073-Sweet 100-Hybrid very productive bearing long trusses of small sweet cherries 60 days	4.50	_____	_____
1074-Tigerella- This small fruit (2 inches) is fun to grow with kids, great in salads	4.50	_____	_____
1075- Tumbling Tom Red-Hybrid cherry great in containers & hanging baskets 55 days	4.50	_____	_____
1075-1 Tumbling Tom Yellow-Hybrid cherry great in containers & hanging baskets 55 days	4.50	_____	_____
1076-Tommy Toes Red vigorous plants produce hundreds of small 1-inch fruits 55 days	4.50	_____	_____
1078-True Black Brandywine- The ultimate heirloom tomato, this is the real thing!	4.50	_____	_____
1085-Yellow Pear- Gardeners like this variety because its unusual and even cute	4.50	_____	_____
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Saturday/Sunday, May 21 & 22, 2022 - 9:00AM – 4:00PM

Vegetables

2002-Celeriac-Heirloom hardy large root has sweet crisps celery flavor good keeper 80 days	4.50	_____	_____
2002-1 Chinese Pink Celery- The dazzling color make for real eye candy in your garden	4.50	_____	_____
2003-Cucumber-Hybrid bush type short vines full sized cukes can grow in containers 57 days	4.50	_____	_____
2003-1 Cucumber Lemon- This cuke has the shape, size and color of a lemon	4.50	_____	_____
2003-2 Cucumber Straight Eight- Straight eight has uniform smooth fruit	4.50	_____	_____
2004- Eggplant Black Beauty- Lustrous ebony skin and delicate creamy flesh 55 days	4.50	_____	_____
2005-Eggplant – Fairy Tale Japanese type 5” x 1” Striped delicious pale lavender 50 days	4.50	_____	_____
2008-Fennel Heirloom – Florence bulbing type delicious raw or cooked 90 days	4.50	_____	_____
2011-Garlic Chives- This lovely vegetable-herb is a staple in Asian cuisine	4.50	_____	_____
2015-Kale Lacinato – Heirloom Tuscan cold tolerant salads & cooked greens	4.50	_____	_____
2021-Kale Russian Red- Cold tolerant tender & mild eye-catching color 50 days	4.50	_____	_____
2026-Lettuce Heirloom – Merveille des Quatre Saisons 48 Days	4.50	_____	_____
2030-Leeks – Sweet & mild gourmet onion family for stew, soup, egg dishes 75 days	4.50	_____	_____
2034-Parsley Root-Heirloom tops used as parsley roots used in soups & stews	4.50	_____	_____
2043-Big Jim Chili Pepper- This Tex-Mex chili is renown as the largest chili pepper	4.50	_____	_____
2045-Pepper – Chocolate Beauty sweet bell great color & flavor 70 days	4.50	_____	_____
2055-Pepper- Lady Bell Red Sweet uniform shape very prolific 71 days	4.50	_____	_____
2060-Pepper Heirloom– Sweet Banana mild yellow turn red 6” 72 days	4.50	_____	_____
2062-Pepper–Jalapeno serve stuffed with seafood, meat, poultry, or cheese	4.50	_____	_____
2065-Pepper – Thai Hot Very Hot Asian pepper	4.50	_____	_____
2070-Pepper – Valencia Orange Sweet bright color intense full flavor 70 days	4.50	_____	_____
2072-Spinach Strawberry- Tolerates heat much better than the ordinary leafy plant	4.50	_____	_____
2076-Squash Golden Crookneck- You will get high yields and tasty fruits	4.50	_____	_____
2077-Squash Scallop- Adorable “Flying Saucers” are a delectable table treat. 50 days	4.50	_____	_____
2080-Swiss Chard – Bright Lights multicolored stems delicious steamed	4.50	_____	_____

Fruits

2480-Blueberry Top Hat – Grown as a potted patio plant Self-fertile 20” tall Gal. Shrub	24.00	_____	_____
2490-Currant Red Lake– Large clusters of bright red berries. Self-fertile Gal. Shrub	24.00	_____	_____
2500-Goji Berry – Orange/Red berries Vitamin & antioxidant rich. Gal. Shrub	24.00	_____	_____
2505-Gooseberry – Sweet/Tart delicious fruit Gal. Shrub	24.00	_____	_____
2510-Honeyberry Indigo Gem – Super fruit high antioxidant & vitamin C, Gal. Shrub	24.00	_____	_____
2515-Honeyberry Indigo Treat – Blue berries high antioxidant & vitamin C, Gal. Shrub	24.00	_____	_____
2520-Lingonberry – Red tart fruit for jam pink flowers Self -fertile Gal. Shrub	24.00	_____	_____
2521-Raspberry Anne– Golden berries luscious and sweet flavor Gal. Shrub	24.00	_____	_____
2523-Ground Cherry - The size of a cherry tomato, with a flavor of pineapple and tomato	6.00	_____	_____
2525-Strawberry Rainbow Treasure – Ever bearing with multicolored flowers	6.00	_____	_____

Total _____

Herbs	Order Form 2022	Price	Qty	Total
3000-Basil Genovese-Heirloom favorite "sweet basil" bold full flavor Annual		\$5.00	_____	_____
3001-Basil Red Rubin- Intense deep purple leaves holds its color all season Annual		5.00	_____	_____
3003-Basil Perpetuo – Intense basil aroma & flavor decorative variegated leaves Annual		5.00	_____	_____
3005-Basil Thai Siam Queen- Decorative and delicious anise flavor Annual		5.00	_____	_____
3015-Borage- Cucumber flavored leaves blue flowers used as edible garnish Annual		5.00	_____	_____
3020-Chives- Snip leaves for salads & garnish clump forming Perennial		5.00	_____	_____
3022-Chamomile-Soothing aromatic, for tea, potpourri & spa use Perennial		5.00	_____	_____
3025-Chervil- Licorice flavor great on potatoes, fish & chicken Annual		5.00	_____	_____
3027-Cilantro flavor favorite for salsa & Asian cuisine Annual		5.00	_____	_____
3031-Dill Fern Leaf delightful pickle herb great on fish & cooked beets & potatoes Annuals		5.00	_____	_____
3035-Fennel – Bronze ornamental & delicious anise flavor on fish & vegetables Annual		5.00	_____	_____
3040-Horseradish – Heirloom zesty hot root for condiment young leaves for salad Per.		5.00	_____	_____
3045-Lavender Provence – Use in sachets & potpourri, ingredient in "herbs de Provence"		5.00	_____	_____
3050-Lemon Grass – Lemon flavoring essential in Thai cooking Tender Perennial		5.00	_____	_____
3051-Lemon Verbena-Intense lemon flavor for tea & drinks, fragrance for potpourri Annual		5.00	_____	_____
3055-Lovage- Celery & anise flavored leaves entire plant edible Perennial		5.00	_____	_____
3060-Marjoram Sweet – Delicate oregano like flavor great on fresh tomatoes Annual		5.00	_____	_____
3070-Mint Mojito- Delightful warm mint flavor great for mulling in drinks Perennial		5.00	_____	_____
3074-Oregano Greek-The original flavor for Italian & Mediterranean fare Tender Perennial		5.00	_____	_____
3075-Oregano Hot & Spicy - Intense flavor for pizza & spaghetti sauce Perennial		5.00	_____	_____
3080-Parsley Italian flat leaf - Leaves for garnish & tempura frying Biennial		5.00	_____	_____
3082-Rosemary-Spicy woody herb great for chicken & Mediterranean fare Tender Perennial		5.00	_____	_____
3083-Sage-Savory herb used in stuffing soups & Mediterranean dishes Perennial		5.00	_____	_____
3084-Pineapple Sage- Fruity addition to teas, fruit garnish hummingbird magnet Annual		5.00	_____	_____
3085-Savory Winter- Ingredient in "herbs de Provence" for meat & bean dishes Perennial		5.00	_____	_____
3090-Sorrel- Red Veined tart flavor great accent in soups and salads very ornamental Per.		5.00	_____	_____
3093-Stevia – Sugar plant non caloric sweetener use fresh or dried Annual		5.00	_____	_____
3095-Sweet Annie- Fragrant and attractive used in wreaths, potpourri, and sachets. Annual		5.00	_____	_____
3101-Sweet Woodruff- Fragrant flowers for potpourri and room freshener Perennial		5.00	_____	_____
3102-Thyme English-Most familiar thyme used in soups stews & roasts Perennial		5.00	_____	_____
3105-Thyme Silver Edge- Ornamental use in "Bouquet Garni"& "herbs de Provence" Per.		5.00	_____	_____
3110-Thyme Spicy – Orange flavor great with chicken, fish, salads and tea. Perennial		5.00	_____	_____
3111-Thyme Variegated Lemon-Very decorative rich lemon flavor Perennial		5.00	_____	_____
4020-Eucalyptus- Silvery to blue green color, menthol-like fragrance when bruised		8.00	_____	_____
4025-Mexican Sunflower- A fantastic nectar source for your pollinators and butterflies		5.00	_____	_____
4050-Tansey- Used by crafters as an addition to dried flower arrangements		5.00	_____	_____

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Mail to Spring Valley Nature Club PO Box 68395 Schaumburg, IL 60168 Checks payable: Spring Valley Nature Club
 Preorder Cutoff May 9,2022 - Order Pick Up – May 21 & 22, 2022 9:00AM-400PM

PICK UP LOCATION IS SPRING VALLEY NATURE CENTER

1111 E Schaumburg Rd. Schaumburg IL 60194

Questions? Contact Spring Valley Nature Club: springvalleynatureclub@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of the Spring Valley Nature Club

Surprise Offerings for 2022

Pre-order springvalleynatureclub@gmail.com

Mail check to: SVNC Po Box 68395 Schaumburg IL 60168 or remit payment to PayPal at
springvalleynatureclub@gmail.com

Plant#	Common Name	Qty.	Price	TOTAL
900	BLACK STRAWBERRY TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
901	BLUE BEAUTY TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
902	CHESTNUT CHOCOLATE TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
903	GET STUFFED TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
904	EVIL OLIVE TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
905	GREEN DOCTOR CHERRY TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
906	INDIGO ROSE TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
907	LITCHI TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
908	MUSHROOM BASKET TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
909	NAPA CHARDONNAY CHERRY TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
910	ORANGE HAT MICRO TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
911	PINK FANG TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
912	PRAIRIE FIRE TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
913	ROSEY FINCH CHERRY TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
914	SUNGREEN CHERRY TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
915	SUNRISE BUMBLEBEE TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
916	VIOLET JASPER TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
917	WHITE TOMESOL TOMATO		\$ 4.50	
918	BLUE SPICE BASIL		\$ 4.50	
919	CINNAMON BASIL		\$ 4.50	
920	LEMON BASIL		\$ 4.50	
921	MORINGA DWARF		\$ 4.50	
922	AJI CHICHICHA PEPPER		\$ 4.50	
923	BIG TOP BITTER MELON		\$ 4.50	
924	BLOT SWEET PEPPER		\$ 4.50	
925	POBLANO HOT PEPPER		\$ 4.50	
926	ROSA BIANCA EGGPLANT		\$ 4.50	
927	FINGERLING EGGPLANT		\$ 4.50	
928	SHISHITO PEPPER		\$ 4.50	
929	SWEET CHOCOLATE PEPPER		\$ 4.50	
930	CANDY CANE SWEET CHOCO PEPPER		\$ 4.50	
931	GOLDEN GIANT AMARANTH		\$ 4.50	
932	CARDINAL CLIMBER VINE		\$ 4.50	
933	GRAMPA OT MORNING GLORY VINE		\$ 4.50	
934	GOLDEN SUNSHINE RUNNER BEAN		\$ 4.50	
935	HONEYWORT		\$ 4.50	
Grand Total				

Name:

Address:

E-Mail:

Phone:

Longing for an Heirloom Vegetable & Herb Garden? Now is the Time to Plan!

Seems almost everyone I know started a garden of some sort. Maybe you should too!

What flavors do you like best? A favorite tomato, a unique pepper, tender crisp cukes, bush beans, celeriac? Looking for something new? Don't dwell on images of wonderful things to come, act on it! Do a quick plan for your veggie garden and prepare. Now is a great opportunity to plan for your own garden adventure!

Click www.springvalleynatureclub.org to view pictures of plants that are available.

Vegetable & Herb Sale Saturday May 21st & Sunday May 22, 2022, at the Spring Valley Nature Center.

Click www.springvalleynatureclub.org to view available plants and place your order.

Please continue your loyalty to our cause, it is with support from our members and friends of Spring Valley, that we can assist the Spring Valley Nature Center in its educational and environmental efforts to provide programs and benefits for the community. Thank you.

Do you use Amazon? Donate to Spring Valley Nature Club.

When making purchases through "Amazon Smile" Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your purchases to our club. Shop at smile.amazon.com and make Spring Valley Nature Club your choice for charitable contributions.



1974 And Beyond

Spring Valley began as a dream by one of the founders of the Village of Schaumburg, Ellsworth Meineke. Early on he referred to it as “The Spring Valley Dream.” It was he who convinced the Schaumburg Park District and the Village of Schaumburg to work together to acquire and preserve land for Spring Valley. Ellsworth founded the Spring Valley Nature Club in 1974 as a not-for-profit service organization which provides volunteer and financial support for Spring Valley and promotes conservation, nature, and environmental education. The Club sponsors nature programs and teacher field trips, and members volunteer at festivals and fund raisers. We have been working hard since 1974. Won’t you join us?

These words reflect the dedication that the founders felt for the purpose of the Club and the love of the natural world around us. Since the Schaumburg Park District assumed the responsibility of recruiting volunteers, Nature Club’s purpose has evolved to share its love of Spring Valley by offering timely programs that reinforce a more wholesome lifestyle. We have initiated monthly educational programs that instill a comprehension of our ability to lessen our carbon footprint by reducing waste, recycling and reusing our valuable resources. Our monthly programs enlighten us to appreciate our environment and respect its fragile beauty.

We have lessened our impact on landfill waste by eliminating the mailing of our bimonthly News Leaf. We are encouraging members to attend educational programs which teach us the importance of the wildlife around us, the art of using our natural resources wisely and being more self-reliant by advising how to live a more wholesome lifestyle, grow and live more organically and become more self-sufficient.

With the kind donations and assistance from local merchants and organizations, we can exist more ecologically by shopping locally. Some of the wonderful supporters and contributors to the club have been, Roselle Ace Hardware discount coupon on purchases; Schaumburg Park District 1-day Fitness Pass; Platt Hill Nursery for their support and discount coupon at their garden centers; Holistic Art Studio discount coupon; Skincare by Carmela for their discount on services.

Our wonderful supporters have given us a way to lessen our footsteps by offering valued products and services at discounted prices while saving our energy dollars by reducing the number of miles we travel. Please support our supporters. With their help, we have been successful in raising additional funds to sponsor educational programming for our Club members, Spring Valley Volunteers, and school children and teachers from our community. We have supplied funds for books for Spring Valley’s Library and have sponsored various free to the public programs and events that the Nature Center has offered.

Thanks to you all, and especially our valued Members and Supporters of Spring Valley Nature Club!

Please take time to review all the wonderful benefits we are offering to our members with their Nature Club membership. Won’t you join us?

Spring Valley Nature Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and contributions may be tax deductible. Check with your tax advisor.

Spring Valley Nature Club 2022 Membership Rates

To show our appreciation for our members' loyalty, a special benefit packet is offered to club members.

“Discount Coupon Packet” This packet will include certificates and coupons for various merchants, i.e., Holistic Health Studio (massage discount), Platt Hill Nursery (discount on purchase), Chick-Fil-A (Free Sandwich - Schaumburg Stores only), Skincare by Carmela (Discount on Services), Ace Hardware (Nerge Rd. \$5 off)

Special Benefit; An invitation to the Spring Valley Volunteer/Meineke Award Picnic on the first Friday in August. A postcard will be sent to current members in good standing by mid-July asking for an RSVP.

Free Entry to the Nature Club Programs: Allows you to attend any of Spring Valley Nature Club monthly meetings and educational programs from February through November where you can enjoy some refreshments and camaraderie with fellow supporters of the Nature Club and the Spring Valley Volunteers.

Membership Card & Bi-monthly News Leaf: Identifies you as a supporter of the Nature Club's efforts.

Life Membership: In addition to the above items, this membership includes a Nature Club Commemorative Fleece Throw (\$35.00 value); this fleece throw is for **New Life Memberships Only**.

Current Life Members are eligible for the Discount Coupon Packet. Any donation is appreciated and helps the Nature Club fulfill its charter to support Spring Valley Nature Center.

Your Membership Packet needs to be picked up in person at the Spring Valley Nature Center 10:00 – 5:00 daily. Any member may have the membership package mailed to them for a handling fee of \$2.00

Yearly Memberships Begin February 1st through January 31st

Senior 55 Plus	\$10.00
Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$25.00
Supporting	\$35.00
Life	\$150.00
Sponsor	\$1000.00

Senior - Individual – Family – Supporting - Life – Sponsor

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