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March/April 2022

Letter from the President, Donna Johnson

Spring Finally!

Our see-saw weather has us wondering if it's really here! 50 degrees one day and blizzard the next! But really it is almost here! We are setting our sights in that direction and one of the harbingers of this spring will be that there will be racks of Botanical Interests Seeds on display at Spring Valley Nature Center. Now we will have the opportunity to look for those little nuggets of good things to come right there at our favorite place! Another breath of spring will be the March meeting's fascinating presentation about raptors, those birds of prey that will be scouring our gardens in search of garden pests.

Wednesday March 2nd, 2022 7:00pm Program- Getting to Know Those Raptors by Wings & Talons

This will be a great opportunity to get up close and personal with the fascinating birds that are called Raptors. Experienced handlers will have several live birds that will show off their personalities, feathers and talons. A fun way to know the history and habits of these unique animals! Bring your friends and enjoy an evening of birding adventure!

Wednesday April 6th, 2022 Heirloom Tomatoes, Vegetables & Herbs - Donna Johnson, Presenter

Get a look at the Heirloom tomatoes, vegetables and herbs that are available for the 2022 Heirloom Vegetable & Herb Sale. We will discuss the benefits and attributes of these much-loved varieties and introduce you to some veggies you may have never heard of or seen before! There may be time to field some questions, if not email your questions to springvalleynatureclub@gmail.com

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

Pick up & sale times 9:00am–4:00pm. Additional plants will be available for sale on both dates! 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 starting on March 1st. This system will allow placement of an on-line Veggie & Herb order, and payment for your order with PayPal, credit, or debit card.

Click www.springvalleynatureclub.org after February 28th, 2022, to view all plants that are available.

Spring Valley Update for March/April Newsleaf – 2022

Spring Valley's grounds and facilities remain open for winter hours through March and will transition to spring/summer hours on April 1. In accordance with state of Illinois health guidelines, the Park District requires all visitors to wear a mask when inside our facilities regardless of their vaccination status. District 54 schools are continuing their return to Spring Valley for field trip programs, with all 2nd graders and Kindergarteners visiting during the next few months. Meanwhile, we continue to offer a full schedule of family, youth, and adult programs. Several popular 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-5pm through March. Starting April 1, hours will extend to sunset to accommodate our longer days.
- The gate leading onto Heritage Farm's walking paths from St. Matthew's Church will remain closed through March but will reopen daily on April 1.
- The **Nature Center Museum** is open to visitors Wednesday-Sunday from 10am-4pm. On April 1, these hours will be extended, with the facility open daily from 10am-6pm. The restrooms, drinking fountain and vending will be opened every day for visitor use.
- **Volkening Heritage Farm's Visitor Center** and other farm buildings will remain closed through the end of March but will then reopen Wednesday-Sunday from 10am-4pm starting April 1.
- **Bison's Bluff Nature Playground** will remain open daily from 10am-4:00pm throughout the winter, except during snowy, icy or rainy weather. Admission is free during winter. This will also change on April 1. The nature playground will then be open daily from 10am-7pm, weather permitting, and the admission fees for children ages 2-12 will once again be in place.
- 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

Spring Valley is very excited to be offering some of our popular special events once again this year! Most of the events continue to provide mostly outdoor activities and unique experiences for all ages. Pre-registration is recommended for some of these events, although some are walk-in admission only. Nearly all classes have limited capacity and require pre-registration. and will be held outdoors whenever possible. More information and on-line registration are available via the Park District's virtual **Spring Program Guide**, found at www.parkfun.com.

Sugar Bush Fair's popular pancake breakfast and outdoor maple syruping demonstrations will return on Saturday & Sunday, March 19 & 20, 9am-noon! Breakfast reservations will be limited to 500 each day and can be made by visiting www.parkfun.com. Breakfast reservations are \$6/plate if purchased prior to 4:00pm on March 18. Day-of tickets, if available, will be \$8/plate.

Sunset Fire & Picnic on the Prairie will also return on Saturday, April 9, 5-7pm. Reservations are recommended for this popular evening program exploring the benefits of fire for our Midwestern natural areas. The registration cost is \$3/resident or \$4/non-resident, with children 3 and under free. Reservations are available at www.parkfun.com.

Earth Day Party is back, scheduled for Sunday, April 24, 12-4pm. A variety of green living and environmental awareness activities and demonstrations will be available in both the Nature Center's backyard and at Heritage Farm, including a display of live hawks and owls, and some with take home crafts or plantings. A wagon shuttle will transport visitors between Heritage Farm and the Nature Center. Parking will be available at either the Nature Center or St. Matthew's Church. Admission is paid at the event and is \$3/person or \$12/family.

Eggsapalooza, which takes place Saturday, April 16, combines a scavenger hunt on the trails with an egg hunt near Merkle Cabin, followed by a wagon ride. This popular family program usually sells out, so pre-register early for one of six sessions, starting at 9:00am and repeating every half-hour. Registration fee is \$5/resident or \$6/non-resident.

Walpurgis Night returns to Heritage Farm on Saturday, April 30. This traditional German holiday features witches in April, marshmallows around a campfire, and a wagon ride. Pre-register for one of four sessions starting at 6:00pm and repeating every half hour. Registration fee is \$5/resident or \$6/non-resident.

Lil' Farmers, Wednesdays during April and May, 9:00-10:15am. Parents or grandparents can spend a morning with their 3-5-year-old, exploring the farm and meeting the animals. Each week will feature a new interaction and new adventures. Pre-registration is required, with the fee \$10/resident child or \$12/non-resident child (caregiver attends with the child at no extra charge).

Full Moon Hike & Campfire – Saturday, April 16, 7:00-9:00pm Bundle up the kids and join in an early spring full-moon hike, finishing up with a snack around the campfire. Reservations required; fee is \$6/resident or \$8/non-resident child.

SPECIAL Earth Week Program Series

During Earth Week (April 18-24), a different program will be offered each day to focus on a different aspect of local natural history awareness or sustainability. Most programs are family-friendly and meet at the Nature Center, but all do require pre-registration. More info on each is available on the website or by calling the Nature Center. The series will include:

Plant an Oak Tree – Monday, April 18, 4-5pm

Diggin' in the Garden – Tuesday, April 19, 4-5pm (designed for youngsters with a parent)

Creatures of the Night Hike – Wednesday, April 20, 7:30-9pm

DIY Pollinator Watering Station – Thursday, April 21, 4-5pm (meets at Heritage Farm)

Earth Day Buckthorn Busters – Friday, April 22, 4-6pm (designed for ages 16+)

Breakfast with the Birds – Saturday, April 23, 7-9am

Meet the Turtles – Saturday, April 23, 10am-12pm (6 different sessions available)

Native Plant & Heirloom Vegetable Sale – Saturday & Sunday, May 21 & 22, 9am-4pm

Pre-order your native wildflowers, grasses, shrubs or heirloom vegetables and herbs for this year's garden projects! The Schaumburg Community Garden Club is only offering pre-orders again this year. The above dates are when orders can be picked up at Spring Valley. Visit www.schaumburggardenclub.org to learn more about native plants and place your order. **Heirloom Veggies and Herbs** can be ordered via www.springvalleynatureclub.org. Ordering deadlines vary between the two organizations but ordering prior to May is advised!

Spring Valley Summer Camps!!

Spring Valley's popular summer youth camps will be back this summer! Register early for these weeklong camp programs, available from June-August for ages 5-6, 7-9, and 10-13. Visit the Park District's online **Summer Camp Guide** to learn more!

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

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|---|-------|-------|-------|
| 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

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 after **February 28th, 2022**, to view and place your plant orders.

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 and Sweetland Bakery for their purchase discount.

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 9:00 – 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

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|----------------|-----------|
| 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

Name-----

Address-----**City**-----**St.**-----**Zip**-----

Email-----**Phone**-----

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:
Spring Valley Nature Club - 1111 East Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL 60194