

# Spring Valley Nature Club News Leaf

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## Letter from the President, Donna Johnson



### Spring Valley Nature Club Heirloom Plant Sale

We will have an heirloom plant sale but with new rules. The sale will be all **pre-orders** with a no contact curbside pick-up May 31<sup>st</sup> 10:00 AM thru 1:00 PM at Spring Valley.

Stay in your car, we will bring your order of plants and load them in the car for you.

We can also provide **free** delivery for orders over \$25 within 4 miles of Spring Valley.

Orders of \$25 or more 5-9 miles from Spring Valley add \$15. Orders of \$25 or more 10-15 miles from Spring Valley add \$25. Sorry, no deliveries greater than 15 miles from Spring Valley.

Please, take advantage of our delivery service, May 25<sup>th</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup>

### Spring Valley Update for May/June

Like every other aspect of our society, Spring Valley has and will be changed by the COVID-19 pandemic. I've provided some important updates below, but of course, the situation has continued to change over time, sometimes quickly, so for more up-to-date information, please visit the Schaumburg Park District website at [www.parkfun.com](http://www.parkfun.com). You may also call the Nature Center at (847) 985-2100; however, staff is not always there to answer the phones and it may take a day or two before we reply to messages left on voicemail.

- In accordance with State of Illinois mandates and recommendations of public health officials, Spring Valley's facilities and all other Park District facilities remain closed until further notice. This includes the Nature Center, Heritage Farm, and Bison's Bluff Nature Playground.
- Spring Valley's grounds and trails will remain open for walkers and no restrooms or portable toilets are available at the site, at least for the time being.
- All scheduled programs and events through May have been cancelled, including the **Pollinator Picnic** and the **Native Plant & Heirloom Vegetable Sale**. Additionally, since it is expected that advisories against group gatherings will remain in place until further notice, all events through July have been cancelled. This includes the **Country Fair, Buzzin' About Insects**, our first two **German Beer Gardens**, and our just scheduled **Summer Concert at the Cabin**.
- Summer camps and other programs will be redesigned, if possible, to comply with greatly reduced group maximums and social distancing guidelines.
- With restrictions on group gatherings, all scheduled meetings and rentals are also cancelled until further notice.
- Schaumburg Park District will be following re-opening guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and the State of Illinois, as we move into summer and gradually reopen facilities and begin to offer programs.

Just as we have already and will continue to see great disruption to our national, state and local economies, even as we all begin to re-engage socially, Spring Valley's operations and programs will change significantly during the coming months. My hope is that many of these changes will turn out to be temporary, and that out of this whole experience, we will all discover positive new ways of engaging with each other as well as our patrons along with many of the tried-and-true ways we already know. Indeed, remaining positive and optimistic in the face of these disruptions and challenges will be key to us getting through them.

Be safe and well, everyone, and take comfort in walks at Spring Valley whenever you can!

Dave Brooks

View images and descriptions of all plants at [www.springvalleynatureclub.org](http://www.springvalleynatureclub.org)

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

Sunday, May 31, 2020 - 10:00AM – 1:00PM -- Order Form 2020

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Tomatoes

	Price	Qty	Total
1000-Aunt Ruby's German Green – Heirloom very sweet 1-2lb pale green 85 days	\$4.00	_____	_____
1002-Brad's Atomic Grape – New introduction Very colorful grape tomato 75 days	4.00	_____	_____
1005-Big Rainbow – Heirloom very juicy 1-2lb gold bi-colored fruits 82 days	4.00	_____	_____
1010-Black Cherry – Heirloom sweet robust flavor 65 day burgundy colored 65 days	4.00	_____	_____
1012-Box Car Willie – Heirloom reddish-orange very prolific old fashioned flavor 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
1015-Brandywine - Heirloom connoisseurs favorite 1lb fruit 85 to 90 days	4.00	_____	_____
1022-Carnival – Hybrid impressive early ripening beefsteak type prolific 68 days	4.00	_____	_____
1025-Cherokee Purple - Heirloom dusky purple pink superb flavor very large fruit 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
1030-Great White - Heirloom white very large 1lb unique very sweet taste 83 days	4.00	_____	_____
1035-German Johnson–Heirloom large 1lb pinkish red very few seeds 76 days	4.00	_____	_____
1037-Indigo Apple-Hybrid deep purple highest in antioxidant of any tomato 55 days	4.00	_____	_____
1040-Kellogg's Breakfast - Heirloom very flavorful superbly sweet yellow low acid 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
1045-Mortgage Lifter-Heirloom sweet rich flavored pink large 1lb crack free 80 days	4.00	_____	_____
1060-Patio–Hybrid dwarf 2' tall no staking 4oz fruit great in containers 70 days	4.00	_____	_____
1064-Pinapple-Heirloom yellow /red streaked flesh super sweet 2lb 78 days	4.00	_____	_____
1065-San Marzano-Heirloom Italy's famous best tomato for sauces & cooking 65 days	4.00	_____	_____
1070-Sun Sugar – New Introduction extra sweet yellow cherry good in containers 60 days	4.00	_____	_____
1074-Sweet 100-Hybrid very productive bearing long trusses of small sweet cherries 60 days	4.00	_____	_____

Vegetables / Fruits

2003-Cucumber-Hybrid bush type short vines full sized cukes can grow in containers 57 days	4.00	_____	_____
2005-Eggplant – Fairy Tale Japanese type 5" x 1" Striped delicious pale lavender 50 days	4.00	_____	_____
2008-Fennel Heirloom – Florence bulbing type delicious raw or cooked 90 days	4.00	_____	_____
2015-Kale Lacinato – Heirloom Tuscan cold tolerant salads & cooked greens	4.00	_____	_____
2021-Kale Russian Red - Cold tolerant tender & mild eye-catching color 55 days	4.00	_____	_____
2026-Lettuce Heirloom – Merlot Lettuce deep burgundy red from base to tips 50 days	4.00	_____	_____
2055-Pepper- Lady Bell Red Sweet uniform shape very prolific 71 days	4.00	_____	_____
2060-Pepper Heirloom– Sweet Banana mild yellow turn red 6" 72 days	4.00	_____	_____
2062-Pepper–Jalapeno serve stuffed with seafood, meat, poultry or cheese	4.00	_____	_____
2070-Pepper – Valencia Orange Sweet bright color intense full flavor 70 days	4.00	_____	_____
2080-Swiss Chard – Bright Lights multicolored stems delicious steamed	4.00	_____	_____
2525-Strawberry Rainbow Treasure – Ever bearing w/red flowers	6.00	_____	_____

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# Spring Valley Nature Club's Heirloom & Herb Order Form 2020

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Herbs	Price	Qty	Total
3000-Basil Genovese-Heirloom favorite "sweet basil" bold full flavor Annual	\$4.50	_____	_____
3001-Basil Red Rubin- Intense deep purple leaves holds its color all season Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3003-Basil Perpetuo – Intense basil aroma & flavor decorative variegated leaves Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3005-Basil Thai Siam Queen- Decorative and delicious anise flavor Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3020-Chives- Snip leaves for salads & garnish clump forming Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3022-Chamomile-Soothing aromatic, for tea,potpoutti & spa use Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3027-Cilantro flavor favorite for salsa & Asian cuisine Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3031-Dill Fern Leaf delightful pickle herb great on fish & cooked beets & potatoes Annuals	4.50	_____	_____
3045-Lavender Provence – Use in sachets & potpourri, ingredient in "herbs de Provence"	4.50	_____	_____
3050-Lemon Grass – Lemon flavoring essential in Thai cooking Tender Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3051-Lemon Verbena-Intense lemon flavor for tea & drinks, fragrance for potpourri Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3055-Lovage- Celery & anise flavored leaves entire plant edible Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3070-Mint Mojito- Delightful warm mint flavor great for mulling in drinks Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3074-Oregano Greek-The original flavor for Italian & Mediterranean fare Tender Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3080-Parsley Italian flat leaf - Leaves for garnish & tempura frying Biennial	4.50	_____	_____
3082-Rosemary-Spicy woody herb great for chicken & Mediterranean fare Tender Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3083-Sage-Savory herb used in stuffing soups & Mediterranean dishes Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3084-Pineapple Sage- Fruity addition to teas, fruit garnish hummingbird magnet Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3085-Savory Winter- Ingredient in "herbs de Provence" for meat & bean dishes Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3090-Sorrel- Red Veined tart flavor great accent in soups and salads very ornamental Per.	4.50	_____	_____
3093-Stevia – Sugar plant non caloric sweetener use fresh or dried Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3095-Sweet Annie- Fragrant and attractive used in wreaths, potpourri, and sachets. Annual	4.50	_____	_____
3101-Sweet Woodruff- Fragrant flowers for potpourri and room freshener Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3102-Thyme English-Most familiar thyme used in soups stews & roasts Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
3105-Thyme Silver Edge- Ornamental use in "Bouquet Garni" & "herbs de Provence" Per.	4.50	_____	_____
3111-Thyme Variegated Lemon-Very decorative rich lemon flavor Perennial	4.50	_____	_____
	TOTAL PAGE 2	\$	_____
	TOTAL PAGE 1	\$	_____
PAGE 1 + PAGE 2 =	GRAND TOTAL	\$	_____

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Donna Johnson PO Box 68395 Schaumburg IL 60168

Checks payable: Spring Valley Nature Club. Electronic payment, Zelle 7087104959 – Venmo @jay-johnson-522

Preorder cutoff May 18, 2020

No contact curbside pick-up at Spring Valley Sunday May 31, 2020 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Quantities limited

Questions? Contact Spring Valley Nature Club: [springvalleynatureclub@gmail.com](mailto:springvalleynatureclub@gmail.com)

Thank you for your support of the Spring Valley Nature Club

## HOME GROWN FAVORITES

	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Tomato Berkeley Tie Dye Green	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Berkeley Tie Dye Pink	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Big Rainbow	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Black Beauty	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Black Cherry	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Black Krim	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Blueberries	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Blue Cream Berries	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Brads Atomic Grape	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Chocolate Cherry	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato German Pink	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Great White	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Green Zebra	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Heirloom Green Hybrid	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Honey Delight	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Indigo Apple	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Lucky Tiger	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Money Maker	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Mortgage Lifter	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Orange Icicle	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Orange Jazz	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Pink Jazz	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Roma	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Summer Pick	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Tiger Cherry	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Tigerella	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Tommy Toes	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato True Black Brandywine	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Vernissage Art Colors	_____	4.00	_____
Tomato Yellow Pear	_____	4.00	_____

Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Less 10% discount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City St. Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## VEGETABLES

	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Asian Melon Golden Crispy	_____	4.00	_____
Broccoli Calabrese	_____	4.00	_____
Chinese pink celery	_____	4.00	_____
Cucumber Bush Champion	_____	4.00	_____
Cucumber Garden Bush Slicer	_____	4.00	_____
Cucumber Heirloom Lemon	_____	4.00	_____
Cucumber Straight Eight	_____	4.00	_____
Eggplant Black Beauty	_____	4.00	_____
Eggplant Rosa Bianca	_____	4.00	_____
Fennel Florence	_____	4.00	_____
Kale Lancelato	_____	4.00	_____
Kale Russian Red	_____	4.00	_____
Lettuce Merlot	_____	4.00	_____
Mexican Sunflower (Tithonia).	_____	4.00	_____
Parsley Krausa	_____	4.00	_____
Pepper Big Jim Chili	_____	4.00	_____
Pepper Fresno	_____	4.00	_____
Pepper Jalapeno	_____	4.00	_____
Spinach Strawberry	_____	4.00	_____
Squash Desi	_____	4.00	_____
Squash Early Golden Crookneck	_____	4.00	_____
Squash White Scallop	_____	4.00	_____
Swiss Chard Five Color	_____	4.00	_____

## HERBS

Basil Dolce Fresca	_____	4.50	_____
Basil Genovese	_____	4.50	_____
Basil Lettuce Leaf	_____	4.50	_____
Basil Red Rubin	_____	4.50	_____
Basil Sweet	_____	4.50	_____
Chives	_____	4.50	_____
Dill	_____	4.50	_____
Flat leaf Parsley	_____	4.50	_____
Garlic Chives	_____	4.50	_____
German Chamomile	_____	4.50	_____
Sage	_____	4.50	_____
Tansey	_____	4.50	_____

SUB TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LESS 10% DISCOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Address::

Phone

## 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(c3) organization and contributions may be tax deductible. Check with your tax advisor.

## Spring Valley Nature Club 2020 Membership Rates

To show our appreciation for our members' loyalty, we have come up with special benefits for all members.

**"Discount Coupon Packet"** This packet will include certificates and coupons for various merchants, i.e. Holistic Health Studio (massage discount), Schaumburg Park District (1-day Fitness Pass), Roselle Ace Hardware (discount on purchase), Platt Hill Nursery (discount on purchase), Chick-Fil-A (Free Sandwich - Schaumburg Stores only), Skincare by Carmela (Discount on Services), Sweetland Bakery (discount on purchase).

**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 or all ten 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. Donations appreciated and help our cause.

**Family Fun Membership:** In addition to all the standard items above, this membership category includes a Spring Valley Annual Family Pass (\$120.00 value) to be used for a 15% discount on most Spring Valley Programs; 10% Discount on Summer Camps and Birthday Parties; 15% discount on Honey & Gift Shop purchases at Spring Valley and free admission to all Spring Valley events. **Including the Pancake Breakfast!** (The discounts do not apply to the Solstice Hop & Vine or the Haunting in the Valley.)

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 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>

Senior 55 Plus	\$10.00
Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$25.00
Supporting	\$35.00
Family Fun Membership	\$120.00
Life	\$150.00
Sponsor	\$1000.00

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**Senior - Individual – Family – Supporting - Family Fun - 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