

Spring Valley News

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Important Dates

- *Beggar's Night will be held on Tuesday, October 30th from 6 - 8 p.m.*
- *Don't forget to vote! Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th..*

Fire Department Update

An addition to the Spring Valley Township firehouse on U.S. Route 42, completed at the end of last year, has given firefighters the extra space it has needed to house equipment and to train staff.

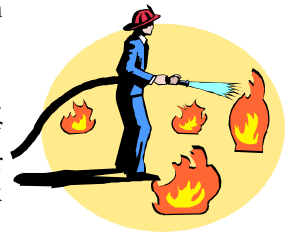
A new, dedicated classroom seats up to 28 students and has been used for a number of training sessions, including fire, initial EMT and first responder training.

Captain Mike Bogan, a part-time and volunteer employee, said the department has received EMS grants this year for training and equipment totaling nearly \$14,000.

"Most of the training is done in-house," he said, adding that the department has certified five new members in firefighting: Amy and Richie Bowling, Lee Foster, David Fox, and Amy Zehring. In emergency medical classes, members learn basic first aid and how to assess a patient. Seven members have recently been certified as Emergency Medical Technicians.

Twelve members have been certified as first responders, a new certification, in the last year or so. Next year, Bogan said, the department will offer an intermediate class to upgrade the skills of its EMTs.

Additional equipment is also on the fire department's agenda. Delivery of a tanker to replace a 1964 model is due at the end of the month. The Trustees have been able to pay for the tanker through the capital improvement fund with no additional tax increase to residents.



Firefighters are donning new gear. Bogan said the turn-out gear department members used to go into a fire was almost 15 years old and was starting to break down. The new gear is made of lighter-weight materials and offers a higher level of protection.

The department also updated its Jaws of Life, and the Trustees are looking at purchasing a thermal imaging camera by the end of the year. This camera, Bogan said, picks up heat images and allows firefighters to see a person in smoke across a room. "This will help us operate more efficiently and quickly. It gives firefighters back their sense of sight," he said. "It helps firefighters to move around hazards faster and make their way through the building." A group of firefighters attended the Greene County fire school where they had a lot of hands-on experience involving the use of imagery equipment, Bogan said.

For the first eight months of this year, the department has responded to 70 fire calls and 120 ambulance/emergency medical services calls.

Anyone interested in joining the 35 member team as a volunteer firefighter is asked to call the department at 862-5011.

Spring Valley Senior Center News

"Better Nutrition for Seniors" is the name of a new pilot program for people 60 years and older at the Spring Valley Senior Center located at 1498 Spring Valley-Paintersville Road.

Unlike other programs, this one is not based on a person's income, said Center Director Rosemary Smith.

Applicants fill out an application form that takes about 10 minutes, Smith said. Typical questions deal with their eating habits, such as whether they eat alone or with others, and what types of foods they eat, including fruits and vegetables.



Program participants offer a donation of up to \$1.50 per meal and are able to go through the line and select the items they want. SCOPE reimburses the Center for the cost of the meal.

"They can come to the office before lunch, fill out an application and eat that day, as long as they complete the application before they eat," Smith said.

The menu at the center varies from day to day and lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays (except Wednesdays). The cafeteria is also open to the public.

"We average 80 meals per day," Smith said. "Soon it will be more than that based on the way people are taking to this program."

Another popular event at the Center, Smith said, is the monthly birthday carry-in supper at 6 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month.

"We've been doing this for years and years," she said. "About 35-45 people come to the pot luck—we have a lot more coming than we used to."

An upcoming event at the Senior Center is the annual Christmas Bazaar. This year's bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 3, 4, 6, 7 and Dec. 10, 11, 13, 14. The bazaar will feature hand-made gift items, baked goods, and a raffle on a granny-square afghan with matching pillow.

Other activities and available services at the Senior Center include:

- Health-related services, such as blood pressure check and flu shots
- Golden Buckeye Card application
- Gift shop
- Home-delivered meals
- Internet access
- Information programs, such as ones presented by the Spring Valley Fire Department
- Interdenominational Bible study from 9-11 a.m. on Thursdays
- Post Office for purchase of stamps and to send packages is available monthly
- Telassurance program to call seniors in need of a check-in call
- Carry-in dinners
- Ceramics and crafts
- Cards, including Euchre and Canasta
- Day trips
- Volunteer opportunities



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Annual dues for the Senior Center are \$5.00.

Calendar of Events at the Senior Center—November 2001

Generally, the following events are held on these days: Mondays – Ceramics, Tuesdays – Crochet and Cards, Thursdays – Bible Study and Cards, and Fridays – Crafts and Cards. The Center is closed on Wednesdays.

The membership meeting will be held on Monday, November 12th at 1:30 p.m.

The board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 8th.

Please call the Senior Center at 862-4475 for menu information and to place carry-out orders.

Road Construction

Township and other local government road crews recently completed two major projects costing more than \$1,000,000. Due to state and county grant money, the township's cost to construct a new bridge on Old Stagecoach Road and to make improvements to Hedges Road cost the township a grand total of \$2,855.41.

A grant from the state's Ohio Public Works Commission provided \$508,500 for Hedges Road and \$486,000 for Old Stagecoach Road. A Community Public Improvement Funds grant from Greene County added \$17,240 for Hedges Road and \$11,421.64 for Old Stagecoach Road. The remainder of the Hedges Road project was paid for by Xenia Township (\$29,295.93) and Greene County (\$47,600.73). Greene County also added another \$40,300.43 for the Old Stagecoach Road bridge.

In addition to the two major projects, the road crew paved a number of areas in the township, including:

- East Street from Main Street to the first curve
- McPherson Road from Lower Bellbrook to Van Eaton Road
- McClellan Road from S.V.-Alpha to Van Eaton Road
- Cook Road from the cul-de-sac to the first electric tower
- Richland Road west from the bridge to Simison Road
- Old Stage Road from bridge to Sears Road
- Fire house parking lot and driveway
- Old Stage Road south of the new bridge
- Cook Road from the first corner west to 2366 Cook Road
- Darnell Drive from cul-de-sac to S.R. 42
- Old Stage Road from new blacktop to Warren County line
- Elam Road from 2574 to 2371 Elam Road
- Walton Park parking lot

Cemetery Plots Available

Updating and computerizing cemetery records for the new section of the cemetery along East Street was a project undertaken last year with student assistance from Miami University's Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs.

Maintaining cemetery records previously involved writing transactions in five different places in three large books, a complicated and potentially inefficient method if a recorder failed to enter information in any one of the designated spots.

Now, township Clerk Kitty Crockett's task of entering burials in one place

will save time and ensure more accurate records. Instead of hauling out deed, burial, and ledger books, a simple computer printout will provide all the information regarding a transaction.

Over 300 plots are available at a cost of \$300 for township residents and \$450 for non-residents.

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In addition to maintaining the township cemetery at the northern edge of Spring Valley, the township takes care of an old cemetery on St. Rt. 380. The township also plans to plot out a portion of New Burlington Cemetery, which the township owns, on Roxanna-New Burlington Road.

When the township's part of New Burlington Cemetery is plotted, a project tentatively planned for completion next year, plots there will also be available through the township office.

Annexation Update

Spring Valley Township Trustees have hired an attorney to advise them on annexation issues in anticipation of the consideration of reform legislation.

With regard to zoning, primarily mining issues, the trustees are discussing with the Planning

Commission ways to allow the trustees to decide on gravel pits, to listen to citizens' opinions and thoughts about this type of zoning, and to permit votes to seek a referendum if needed.



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Monday thru Thursday 8:30–11:30 a.m.

Meeting Times

The Township Trustees meet on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m.

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About This Newsletter

The Trustees would like to acknowledge Mary Jo Millilo for her efforts as the editor of this newsletter. They would also like to acknowledge Miami University's Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs for their help in the production of this newsletter.

This is the first edition of what will hopefully become a quarterly newsletter.

If you would like to submit news, events, or other information for future editions, please contact the Township office.

Furthermore, if you know of anyone who did not receive a copy of this newsletter, please have them contact the Township office to get a copy and to have their address added to the mailing list.

Name This Newsletter

The first edition of this newsletter has been named Spring Valley News. The Trustees are accepting submissions for possible names for the newsletter. If you would like to enter a name for consideration, please contact the Township offices. The Trustees will make a decision based on the entries and hope to have a permanent name chosen in time for the next edition of this newsletter.

In the Next Issue

Some of the topics to be covered in the next edition of this newsletter include:

- Farmland Trusts and Conservation Easements
- Zoning for Sexually Oriented Businesses and Billboards
- Meet the Employees and Board Members of the Township

Having animal problems?

The Township has contracted with the Greene County Animal Control to handle animal problems and to dispose of 'road kill.'
You can contact them at 562-7400.