

# Village of Spring Grove



Fall 2011 Newsletter

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## from the desk of Mark Eisenberg, village president

various organizations. In front of hundreds of players and their families, Rick was presented a Community Service Award on behalf of the Village Board and was honored by the Stateline Comet Organization with the naming of the new Thelen Park football field as the Richard W. Graves Field. I would like to thank Rick and all our community volunteers for everything they do.



Recently the Village Board re-implemented the Economic Development Commission. Trustee Mike Lee will chair his team of community business leaders who are Bob Kerpec, Rich Konyar, and Jeff Gundelach. Under Mike's leadership the commission will look at ways to increase the economic development of our community, working to bring in new business while also working to keep the existing business we have. Currently Mike and his team have been collaborating with the owner of the now vacated Citgo gas station and new fuel companies that may be interested in Spring Grove. As I have mentioned in the past, it is important to shop locally when possible. Shopping locally keeps sales tax dollars in our community and provides jobs for our residents.

In a continuous effort to save money, this issue of the village newsletter will be our last print version. Please sign up for future weekly eNews and stay in touch with what's happening in our village. If you don't have email, please stop by the village hall and our staff will be more than happy to print you a copy anytime.

In closing, I wish you all good health and I hope you have a safe and enjoyable fall!

F all is here, the colors are changing, and it is a great time to go out and enjoy the season. If you like to bike or go for walks, the village is blessed with not only our own parks, but two great recreational parks within minutes from here. The Chain O' Lakes State Park off Wilmot Road and Glacial Park off Route 31 in Ringwood have miles of walking and bike trails which wind through prairies and woods with magnificent views showcasing beautiful fall colors. The village is in the planning stage for the walking/bike path extension up Winn Road and expects to start construction in the spring. This path will be paid for with an ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) Grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

As you have seen in our eNews weekly updates, Hatchery Park is starting to take shape. The park's first phase is scheduled to be completed this winter and we will keep you posted as to when this historic site will be open to the public.

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Over the summer, the village, along with the Stateline Comets Organization, recognized an individual who has dedicated his life to the athletic development of our children - Rick Graves. Rick was very instrumental in the development of Thelen Park and under his leadership many of the amenities were donated and built by volunteers, including Rick and his family. He has spent countless hours volunteering his time over the past 20 years, coaching and instructing our children in baseball and football and continues to volunteer his time in

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## calendar of events

**Police Dept. & Public Works Open House**  
November 5 - watch eNews for times  
7401 Meyer Road

**Trail of History - Glacial Park**

October 15th & 16th  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Trick or Treating - Spring Grove**

Monday, October 31st  
3:00-7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**

December 3rd  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

## meeting dates

**Village Board:**

1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

**Architectural Review Commission\*:**

1st & 3rd Monday, 6:00 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning Commission\*:**

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

**Parks Committee:**

Last Tuesday, 6:00p.m.

**Finance Committee:**

Last Tuesday, 6:05 p.m.

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**Economic Development Commission:**

2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm.

The Village Board and the various Committees and Commissions welcome your attendance! All meetings are held at the Village Municipal Centre.

\*Only meet should there be business to discuss.

## 15th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

**Saturday, December 5th**

**3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

Crafts • Refreshments •

Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus • Entertainment

This family event will again be held in the heated, enclosed Horse Fair Park pavillion. Please bring handmade outdoor ornaments to hang on the tree or create one there. Visit with Santa and enjoy hot chocolate and other refreshments before Village President, Mark Eisenberg, turns on the tree lights. In this time of giving, please bring non-perishable food items to help support our local food pantry.



## refuse and recycling corner

[www.groot.com](http://www.groot.com)

### Groot Yard Waste Collection Options

Yard waste will be collected through the last week of November. One \$3 yard waste sticker for each yard waste bag or bundled brush must be purchased at the Municipal Centre or the Jewel service desk. For those with the annual yard waste collection subscription, the limit of four biodegradable yard waste bags is increased to six bags during the weeks of Oct 17 - Nov 30 and no stickers are required. Please note:

- Landscape waste bags cannot exceed 50 pounds
- Branches or brush must be securely tied with twine and may not exceed 4 feet in length or 40 pounds in weight.

## vehicle stickers - important update

The deadline for purchasing vehicle stickers for the 2011/12 season was October 1st. The sticker price doubled after that date. Vehicle stickers are mandatory per Village ordinance. Violators are also subject to new fines as noted below:

After October 15th, those failing to purchase stickers will be served with a Municipal Code Violation Notice, which requires either appearing at an administrative hearing or paying the fine of \$50 plus an additional sum of money which equals two times the required application fee. If the payment of the \$50 fine and the doubled application fee are not satisfied within ten days, the fine will be increased to \$100 for the period beginning the eleventh day and including the thirtieth day after the issuance of the violation. If the charge is not settled by the thirtieth day, a complaint will be filed in the McHenry County Circuit Court. Then the fine will not be less than \$100 plus the doubling of the application fee, as well as penalties and court cost.

## burning ordinance

The burning ordinance permits the burning of landscape waste during April, May, October and November. Burning is permitted from dawn to dusk, weekends ONLY, when the wind is less than 10 mph. The burn pile must be 100' from a habitable structure or more than 50' from a non-habitable structure.

The fire must be monitored by someone at least 18 years of age with a water source available at the site. The fire cannot be in the roadway or on a public sidewalk and smoke cannot obscure the road or railway. Things like pallets, construction materials and plastic and other materials are always prohibited. Recreational fires; not larger than 3'x3'x3' which excludes leaves, grass or shrubbery clippings are exempt.

## fish boil update & hatchery park progress

The village has been finishing the OSLAD Grant project work Hatchery Park which includes site grading, pond reconstruction, walking paths, fishing piers, fencing and interior work on the educational center. The village was approved for the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development matching grant, which is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, in 2008.

Money raised from the Friday Night Fish Boil will be used to purchase aerators to circulate water in the smaller pond where fishing piers will be installed. Piers are also being installed in the large pond.



photo showing large pond and new fencing

Work is also being started on the educational center in the old hatchery building. We are looking for donations of any hatchery artifacts that people might have and be willing to donate to the center. We hope to have Hatchery Park ready for residents to enjoy some time next year. Thank you for all your support of this project!

### municipal centre holiday hours

The Municipal Centre will be closed the following days due to the holidays:

**Friday, November 25th**  
**Monday, December 26th**  
**Monday, January 2**

## Earth friendly leaf removal options

The McHenry County Dept of Health suggests these options for leaf removal this fall:

- ◇ **Reduce/Reuse** - Use a mulching mower for leaves and a chipper for twigs and branches for use in landscaping.
- ◇ **Recycle** - Compost natural resources and incorporate native landscaping on your property.
- ◇ **Groot Yard Waste Pickup** - See refuse and recycling corner on page 2.
- ◇ **Commercial Composting Facilities** - Consider taking your landscape waste to a commercial composting facility such as Thelen Sand and Gravel on Rt. 173 ([www.thelensg.com](http://www.thelensg.com)) or Midwest Organics in Wauconda ([www.compostmatters.com](http://www.compostmatters.com)).

**If you must burn**, see the burning ordinance article on page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

## keep your witches and goblins safe this Halloween!

- ◇ Accompany young children on their rounds.
- ◇ Light-colored clothing with reflective tape works best at night.
- ◇ Make sure they can see through face masks or use make-up.
- ◇ Keep costumed children away from pets who might become frightened.
- ◇ Substitute hard plastic or wood props with foam rubber.
- ◇ Carry a flashlight and cross streets carefully.
- ◇ Warn children not to eat any candy until they arrive home and examine the candy before they eat it.
- ◇ For older kids, be sure you know where they'll be going. Restrict their area of Trick or Treating for their own safety. Insist that they respect other people's property.



## Miss your Morning Cup of Coffee?

If you're in a hurry in the morning, stop by Tobacco and Liquor located at 2450 Route 12 for a cup of Joe and a donut or sit and enjoy a hot breakfast at Midwest Breakfast Company at 2207 Route 12. Midwest Breakfast Company also has a drive-up window for your convenience.



# police report

## beware of scams

If it sounds too good to be true, it is! The best way to avoid being a victim is to be educated. Protect yourself from fraud by considering the following:

- Never send money to a stranger using a money transfer service such as Western Union.
- Beware of deals or opportunities that seem too good to be true.
- Don't use money transfer services to pay for things.
- Never send money to pay for taxes or fees on foreign lottery winnings.
- Never send bail money to a stranger claiming a family member was arrested.
- Never provide personal or financial information over the phone.

### Always:

- Know the person you're sending money to.
- Be alert to advertisements for goods or services that suggests you send funds via a wire transfer service.
- Check with the Better Business Bureau if you are suspicious of a business.

Contact the Spring Grove Police Department at 815-675-2596 with any questions or concerns.

## police department & public works open house

On November 5th the Police Department and Public Works working in conjunction with Richmond / Spring Grove Parks & Recreation will be hosting an Open House at 7401 Meyer Rd. There will be activities, fingerprinting and games for the kids, K-9 demonstrations, tours of the Village, Police Department and Public Works Department. More information will be available in the weekly Village e-news.

## driving safely on snowy and icy roads

Be prepared! Winter is approaching. Driving in the winter means snow, sleet and ice that can lead to slower traffic, hazardous road conditions, hot tempers and unforeseen dangers. To help you make it safely through winter keep the following things in mind while driving the roadways this winter season.

- Allow yourself extra time to reach your destination.
- Always clear snow and ice from the window and lights.
- Turn your lights on to increase your visibility to other motorists.
- Don't use cruise control.
- Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop.
- Avoid sudden starts, stops and turns.
- Be careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Roadway conditions may vary

depending on the sun, shade or roadway surface.

- Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.
- Don't pass snow plow trucks. The drivers have limited visibility.

## K-9 Hunter

The Spring Grove Police Department is proud to welcome K-9 Hunter to the Spring Grove Police Department. K-9 Hunter and Officer St. Clair will provide many benefits to the Police Department. The team is currently in a training program. Officer St. Clair will be responsible for transporting Hunter to and from work, providing him with a home, and caring for him.



## from the spring grove fire protection district

It is hard to believe, after the number of 90 degree days this summer, that we will soon see frost on the pumpkin. Sunny crisp days are a wonderful time for outside work and recreation. Please, however, consider the following:

- ⇒ If you burn wood in a fireplace, the chimney should be cleaned, at least annually. Creosote buildup can lead to a chimney fire. In a couple of instances, a fire spread to the attic. As roofs and ladders can be dangerous, consider a professional chimney sweep; maybe he or she will even sing a Disney song for you.
- ⇒ It is harvest season for the local farmers. Their large, slow moving combines and tractors are permitted on the roadways while going between farm fields. Most are heavy, well built machinery and no match for an automobile. Some do not have turn signals; watch for hand signals by the driver. Please give them the necessary room and understand their need to be on the road.

Finally, Fire Prevention Week is the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have a program at the school, but fire prevention is a 24/7 job. Please check the batteries in your smoke and CO detector, review your own escape plan, and look for potential fire hazards at home and work. It is the best way to avoid the devastation caused by a fire. Have a great fall season.



## Brick Paver Fundraising Program

The Village of Spring Grove is pleased to offer this special commemorative Brick Paver Fundraising Program to the community. The Vern & Bunny Thelen Family Park is a 25-acre community park located on the north-east corner of Winn Road and Main Street that features baseball and football fields, a skate park, playground and concession stand.

Engraved commemorative brick pavers will be laid under the concession stand pavilion. Profits from your donation go directly to fund improvements at Thelen Park.

Brick Pavers are an important contribution because they are a small monument of memorabilia left for future generations to come. These pavers are the perfect way to honor individuals, friends, groups, clubs or businesses. Brick pavers come in four (4) different sizes. Those interested in having their logo featured are limited to 8 x 16 and 16 x 16 bricks and camera-ready artwork must be supplied.

### ***How much does each brick cost?***

<i>4" x 8" engraved brick with 3 lines of engraving.....</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>8" x 8" engraved brick with 6 lines of engraving.....</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>8" x 16" corporate logo brick*.....</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>
<i>16" x 16" corporate logo brick*.....</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>

*\*Please submit camera-ready artwork*

*The Village of Spring Grove reserves the right to edit text and cannot honor placement requests.*

Now is your opportunity to support our community team by giving the players, fans and community a facility to be proud of!

***Deadline for the brick order is February 29, 2012***

Should you have any questions, please contact the Municipal Centre at 815-675-2121 or email: [info@springgrovevillage.com](mailto:info@springgrovevillage.com)

# The Vern & Bunny Thelen Family Park Brick Paver Fundraising Program Order Form

Each brick can have a maximum of 14 characters per line. Your inscription must fit into the boxes below. Each box represents a letter, number, space or punctuation. Please do not use special characters. All text will be automatically centered so you do not need to center it on the order form. For each additional brick, please copy this form and attach a separate engraving message to this form. **Please print clearly.**

<b>4 x 8 - \$50.00</b>														
<b>8 x 8 - \$100.00</b>														



**Corporate Logo Bricks with Camera- Ready Artwork**

- 8 x 16 brick      \$250.00
- 16 x 16 brick    \$350.00

**Deadline for the brick order is February 29, 2012**

Brick Selections:    4 x 8 = \$50                      8 x 8 = \$100                      8 x 16 = \$250                      16 x 16 = \$350

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and include with your payment (checks payable to “**Village of Spring Grove**”) and mail to:

*Village of Spring Grove 7401 Meyer Road Spring Grove, IL 60081*

## public works projects & news

As summer comes to a close, the Public Works Department will be completing many ongoing projects. Pavement patching will be completed on roads that have portions of deteriorated pavement along with crack sealing to help extend the life of the roads. While we finish our road work we ask that if you see us patching, crack sealing or doing tree work, please obey the traffic control systems, the direction of our flaggers, and drive slow through the work zones for our safety and yours.

As the department begins to prepare for winter, we would like to remind all of our residents and business owners to please check your mailbox and post condition and be aware the Village's mailbox policy has changed this year. The Village will only be responsible for mailboxes that are physically hit by the snowplow. Residents are asked to inspect their box and post before the winter months to ensure it is up to postal standards. The Public Works Department will have a limited number of temporary mailboxes available for use in the event that a mailbox

is damaged until the homeowner or property owner can make permanent repairs.

The Village Board also passed a new ordinance regarding snow removal from private property and depositing snow on Village owned roads. The ordinance states that snow may not be deposited on any roadway and must be pushed 3' off the edge of pavement if it is pushed across the street. Please check our website for additional information on our mailbox policy and the new ordinance.

Once again, thank you to all the Adopt-A-Highway groups. Your efforts keep our roads in our village looking great year-round.



Snowplow Fleet stands at the ready

### Changes have been made to snowplow policies

## building department news

Metal has been added to the list of allowable roof materials in the Architectural Review Requirements of Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code Book. The requirement also states: "Metal roofing should look similar to cedar shake, clay tile, slate or architectural shingles that conform to ARC standards by blending with the village's country estate ambiance as stated in this chapter. Metal roofing should be appropriate for the architectural style of the home."



## chamber of commerce thanks the community

The Richmond/Spring Grove Chamber of Commerce held its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Auto Show on Sunday, July 31st, raising over \$900.00 for the Richmond and Spring Grove Fire Districts and over \$1,400 for the Chamber's Scholarship Program which awards two annual scholarships to graduating students that reside in Richmond or Spring Grove!

The success of this event is the direct result of the generosity of sponsors and prize donors, the commitment of time and hard work from volunteers, the committee and chamber staff, and the generosity of the participants and attendees.

The Richmond/Spring Grove Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to providing a favorable business climate by acting as a vehicle to promote the area's economic progress. The Chamber works to support the development of the business community and to promote the quality of life for those that live and work in the area.

The charity auto show raised over \$2,300 for the fire districts and scholarship program.

## RB Drama proudly presents "You Can't Take It With You"

We begin by meeting the Sycamore/Vanderhof family and immediately think there is something different about this group of people. One collects snakes, while another makes fireworks in the basement. Another takes ballet lessons and her husband accompanies her on xylophone. And yet another switches from painting to writing plays and back to painting. The youngest daughter of the family falls in love with the boss's son, from the Wall Street savvy Kirby family and now these two worlds collide. Come meet these colorful characters and find out what it means to really be happy.

Tickets are available at the door:

\$7.00 Adults

\$5.00 Students and Seniors

Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> - 7pm

Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> - 7pm

Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> - 2pm

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7401 Meyer Road  
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815.675.2121

**Office hours:**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Police after hours phone:**

815-338-2144

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## **Halloween Trick or Treat Hours Monday, Oct. 31 3 - 7 pm**

### **Richardson Farm Haunted Corn Maze!**

**Monday, October 31st**

Mazes are lightly haunted by the Spring Grove firefighters - just for fun!

All proceeds go to local charities.

Visit [Richardsonfarm.com](http://Richardsonfarm.com) for more information.

