

Village of Spring Grove



Summer 2011 Newsletter

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from the desk of Mark Eisenberg, village president

On behalf of the Village Board, I want to thank all of our residents who helped get the word

out to State Senator Pam Althoff and Representative Jack Franks. The State was in deep budget talks when some members proposed reducing or eliminating completely the local share of state collected income tax. For us that would have meant anywhere from \$135,000 to \$455,000.

Six percent of your state income tax is collected by the state and returned to the village to support the services we provide our residents. The state was looking at stealing our funding mechanism to support their budget shortfalls even after they raised our taxes 66 %. After intense pressure from residents and local government officials throughout the state, the proposal was pulled from the budget.

So thank you again to our residents, Senator Althoff and Representative Franks for helping us keep our local share of revenue in our community.

Summer is heating up and the village has two events to put on your calendar. The Second Annual Fish Boil will be held at Horse Fair Park on Friday, June 17. This event was a big hit last year with over 550 meals served. The village has secured a 50/50 matching grant for Hatchery Park and is raising funds to go towards our portion of the grant. Please come out, meet old friends and create new ones, while you enjoy Fitzgerald's Fish Boil.

The 4th of July is one of Spring Grove's largest events. The 4th of July Committee is a non-for-profit committee that is responsible for fundraising and organizing the all-day family event. This year's committee

president is Howard Doughman. His committee is seeking donations and volunteers. As we all understand, the economy has taken a toll on fundraising. If you would like to be a part of keeping this family tradition alive and would like to make a tax deductible donation or volunteer please contact Howard at 815-276-2465 or h@SG4THofJULY.org. Donations can be dropped off at the Village Hall payable to The Fourth Of July Committee.

This year's Run for Randy event was a huge success. Thirteen hundred participants showed up to run and walk in a celebration of life honoring Randy Palya. Randy's family and friends started this event eight years ago. All proceeds go to local charities and the food pantries. The Randy Palya Memorial Scholarship provides soccer, baseball, softball and basketball scholarships for local families in need of assistance. This event continues to grow every year and with your help, Randy is honored and many people in need are given support.

The Village Board has been forced to make many budget cuts over the last three years and now has made the decision to eliminate the print version of our newsletter. Starting with the winter issue, the newsletter will be sent by email through e-news only. If you would like to pick up a copy of the newsletter you may at the Village Municipal Centre. I encourage everyone to sign up for e-news. Through your email you can receive important information relating to village issues. Over the last year we have used our email list to send out critical information on storm clean up, road closures, house burglaries and other information. Please don't be left out, stay up-to-date by signing up for our weekly e-news.

Hope to see you this summer.

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refuse and recycling corner

Because of the July 4th holiday, services will be delayed one day that week. Remember, yard waste stickers can be purchased at Jewel/Osco, as well as the Village Municipal Centre for \$3.00 each.

The R/SG Chamber of Commerce 6th Annual Charity Auto Show

The show will be held Sunday, July 24, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (rain date - Sunday, July 31) place to be determined.

The auto show benefits non-profit organizations & a scholarship program. To become a sponsor, advertise, or enter a vehicle, log on to www.rsgchamber.com.



2010-11 vehicle stickers

This year's static cling vehicle sticker will feature a view of the new Hatchery Park sign designed and donated by Girl Scout Troop 417. Renewal applications for vehicle stickers will be mailed in mid-August. New stickers cost \$20 per vehicle and must be displayed by October 1, 2011. As a reminder, stickers can be purchased through the mail or at the Police Department after you receive your form in the mail.



village newsletters

As part of the village's efforts to cut costs, this will be the last year paper newsletters will be mailed to residents, ending with the fall newsletter. The newsletter will be available for viewing on the village's website and a limited number of copies will be printed for those who wish to pick up a copy at the village Municipal Center. The village has also recently launched a new format for the weekly *e-news* using Constant Contact. E-news allows you to receive more timely information from the village and will also link you to the full color version of the newsletter on-line. To sign up for *e-news*, go to www.springgrovevillage.com and click on the e-news link on the home page.

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, 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee

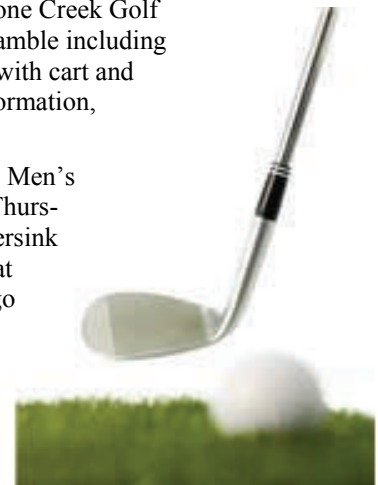
Last Tuesday, 6:05 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Village Municipal Centre. The Village Board and the various Committees and Commissions welcome your attendance. (*only meet should there be business to discuss.)

area golf outings

The 36th annual Spring Grove Ladies Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, August 11th at Boone Creek Golf Course. It's a four person scramble including door prizes, lunch, 18 holes of golf with cart and dinner. To register and for more information, call Jody at 815-675-1498.

The 57th Annual Spring Grove Men's Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, August 18th at the Nippersink Golf Club. ProCircle will have a beat the Pro contest, proceeds of which go to the RBCHS golf team. Shotgun start at 10:30am. Eighteen holes of golf w/cart, beer & brat at turn, one hour open bar, dinner, door & raffle prizes. Entries must be received by Aug. 13. For more details Pat Mazzanti at 815-675-3300.



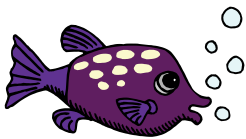
Friday Night Fish Boil

To Benefit

Hatchery Park Renovations

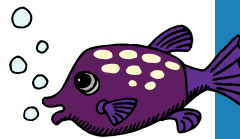
Prepared by:

Fitzgerald's of Genoa City



June 17th

5 - 10 p.m.



(serving from 5 - 8 p.m.)

North Atlantic Cod

& BBQ Chicken Dinner - *\$16

(Kid's Meal (hot dog, chips & dessert) - \$5)

Music! Raffle Prizes! Silent Auction!

Music by Rhythmbone

Horse Fair Park Pavilion

8105 Blivin Street

*Includes sweet red potatoes & onions, bread, coleslaw & dessert. Water & pop also available.

Beer, Wine, Mike's Hard Lemonade

village blood drive

Thursday, July 7th 2 pm - 6 pm
Village Municipal Center
7401 Meyer Road

Please call the Village at 815-675-2121 to schedule your appointment. Our local hospitals rely on volunteer donors, PLEASE GIVE! Photo ID is required.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred!

spring grove area calendar of events

Friday Night Fish Boil

Friday, June 17
Horse Fair Park
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
(serving from 5 - 8 pm)
Music, Food, Raffles, Silent Auctions!

Fourth of July Celebration

Monday, July 4th
Downtown Spring Grove
12 pm parade
Fireworks at dusk
Horse Fair Park

Village Blood Drive

Thursday, July 7
2 - 6 pm
Village Municipal Center
7401 Meyer Road

Community Plant Swap and Sale

Sunday, June 26th
11011 Route 12
Richmond

Chamber of Commerce

Charity Auto Show

July 24 (rain date - July 31)
Location to be determined
9am - 3pm

SG Fire District Steak Fry

August 20th, 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Horse Fair Park
Dinner, dancing, raffles & more!

Spring Grove Horse Shows

Visit springgrovehorseshow.com for dates
Horse Fair Park

Cruisin' Richmond

Fridays, July 1st - Sept. 9th
Downtown Richmond
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Spotlight on New Spring Grove Business

New Leaf Home Furnishings

A home furnishing store is coming to Spring Grove! New Leaf Home Furnishings will offer new and pre-owned furniture and décor. Whether you want to make money on your furnishings, be more environmentally "green", or just get a good deal, New Leaf Home Furnishings is the best store to accomplish that. They are an authorized dealer for various vendors of new home furnishings, including Simmons mattresses. Interior design services are offered as well.



The store's owner, Jennifer Marcomb, is originally from the area. The last 3 years she successfully managed a similar store in Lake Tahoe in the mountains of California. She then decided to open her own store here in Spring Grove, where she is now closer to family.

New Leaf Home Furnishings is opening mid-late June, at 2449 Pierce Drive (next to the Jewel). Store hours will be Tues - Fri 10-6 and Sat-Sun 11-5. She is now accepting consignment – to make arrangements please call 815-675-9700 or email NewLeafHF@gmail.com. For more information visit www.NewLeafHomeFurnishings.com

History Matters...

restoration, preservation, education

The original English Prairie schoolhouse was a small wood building built in 1869. It was replaced in 1901 with a small brick structure. In 1929, when it was decided this school needed to be replaced, Jessie and Cora Richardson were instrumental in having the larger, more modern (still one room) two-story structure built. The top floor was for general instruction and the basement had a wood floor gym area with benches around the perimeter.

All of the Richardson family children, including the 5th generation: Robert, Jane, George, Peter and Dale, attended this school. Robert attended through Jr. High and George through 4th grade. There had been a whopping 2 students, sometimes 3, in Robert's class. Because of the low enrollment, in the 1960s the school was closed and the building was turned into apartments.

Thelen Sand and Gravel now owns the property and the building and are clearing the land for development. The building is in the way but instead of tearing it down, they generously agreed to sell it to the Richardson's for \$1.00. The Richardson's will move it ¼ mile down the road to the grounds of their future Richardson Adventure Farm. Preparations are now taking place for the big move anticipated to take place June 13th. Visit their website at www.richardsonfarm.com for more information.

The village would like to thank Marlene May Keenan for a recent donation of a copy of an Abstract of Title for property in the downtown area which includes the original surveyors notes from 1855. There is much to learn from this Abstract and we will be studying it to learn more about the early history of our village.

Another fun artifact the village recently received is an old horseshoe found by Steve Edwards when he was digging on the

property he owns at 2019 Main Street (across the street from the elementary school) which he is busy rehabbing. The original building that stood on that spot was Nick Freund's blacksmith shop and this horseshoe is undoubtedly from that shop.

Lastly, we would like to thank Rich Konyar, Neil Anderson, Rich Tobiasz, Laura Frumet, Jim May and George and Wendy Richardson for their portrayals of past Spring Grove residents during the historical performance, *A Town is Born*, that was held downtown in the old township building. The performance was a fictional account of what the townspeople may have debated when deciding to incorporate the village in 1902. Over fifty audience members attended, some joining in the entertaining debate with their own view of the subject! Please call the village at 815-675-2121 if you missed the show and are interested in viewing a DVD of the performance.



From left: Jim May, Neil Anderson, Rich Tobiasz, Laura Frumet, George Richardson, Wendy Richardson and Rich Konyar

Spring Grove 4th of July Celebration 2011



Monday, July 4th
Horse Fair Park



Schedule of events

- 10:30am Parade Line-Up at Intermatic
- Noon Parade Begins
- 1:00pm Family fun - Horse Fair Park
- 1:30pm DJ begins spinning
- 6:00pm Live Band – High Life
- 9:15pm Fireworks!

Parking - \$5 per car all day. Parking is not guaranteed after 7 pm even if already paid.

Not allowed in perimeter fence around the park area:

- Carry-in alcohol
- Coolers
- Sparklers/fireworks
- Water guns
- Dogs, bike or skateboards

To register for parade, go to
www.SG4thofJuly.org

Parade assembly begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Intermatic parking lot. Drop off and pick up remains in the Actown parking lot to relieve traffic around the parade assembly area. Streets are closed at approximately 11:45, so make sure you are parked by 11:30 to avoid being stuck at the barricades.

Parade Route: Noon from Intermatic, heading north on Winn, east on Main, north on Blivin and into the park.

Theme:

Home Town Heroes!

Grand Marshals: Blue Star Moms

Master of Ceremonies:

Dr. Ron Erdmann

If you have someone dear to you in the military, walk up to Ron and give him their name as we will be recognizing our military members by announcing their names throughout the parade.



Festivities Following the Parade

Kid's Games Petting Zoo Pony Rides Moonwalks
Food Refreshments Horseshoes Volleyball Music

Please read the large banners affixed to the Pavilion and thank those who have donated to the fireworks this year!!

Volunteers are needed to assist in parade safety, parking, and set-up. Please contact one of the Committee members for more information.

from the Spring Grove fire protection district

On May 1st, some of the faces changed at the Spring Grove Fire Protection District. Jack Schmitt retired after 50 years of service to the community. He joined the Fire Department in February 1961, serving as Chief from 1972-1977. For the past 34 years he has been the District President. While in office, he brought numerous changes to the District including a new station, the ambulance service and in-station staffing. Larry Rusher, a former trustee for more than 16 years returns to his former position. At their elections May 17th, they elected: President Ed Kattner, Vice President Scott Davis, Secretary Russ Chambers and Treasurer Harvey Petska.



Jack Schmitt receives a plaque commemorating his years of service from Village President Mark Eisenberg.

There were officer and personnel changes as well. Joe Tobiasz moves to Deputy Chief, Bob Stevens to Assistant Chief. Promoted from Captain to Battalion Chief are Dan Illges and Julie Tobiasz. Promoted to Lieutenant are Rudy Rivera and Kevin Young. Jason Kelly finished paramedic training. And four new members completed Firefighter II training: Steve Burnell, Kelly Connor, Megan Johnson and Nicholas Zigante. Congratulations to all.

Summer traditionally begins with the Memorial Day ceremony at the Horse Fair Park Gazebo. Thanks to all who attended. After the Village Fish Boil June 17th, Spring Grove will celebrate the 4th of July with a grand event including a fireworks display. Please remember that fireworks are dangerous and best left to the professionals. Sparklers can reach 1800^oF. They are prohibited during the parade and in the park.

Finally, please remember to mark your calendars for August 20th for the Spring Grove Firefighter's Association Steak Fry. With food, music and raffles, this event has provided funds to help offset the cost of cardiac monitors, computers, projectors and other educational materials. Dinner is served beginning at 5:30pm at the newly renovated Horse Fair Park Pavilion.

Have a Safe Summer ~Fire Chief Rich Tobiasz

Attention Gardeners!

The Nippersink and Richmond Garden Clubs are hosting a Community Plant Swap and Sale. Bring three to five potted plants from your garden to swap with local gardeners. If you have no plants, you may donate three to five non-perishable food items to trade for plants. Perennials, annuals, vegetables, houseplants and herbs are all welcome. Please make sure that all plants are labeled, healthy, and watered! The swap will be held Sunday, June 26th from 10am to 3pm at Red's BBQ parking lot (formerly Heuer's Restaurant) during the farmers market at 11011 Route 12, Richmond. For more information, go to www.nippersinkgardenclub.org or call Stacy VanHoorn at 262-279-5992



From the Building Department

Swimming Pools

Because they can be attractive - and extremely dangerous to young children, in-ground and above ground pools should be surrounded by a fence or other barrier. Small, inflatable pools must also be protected. The International Building Code states that any pool over 24" in depth has to have a four-foot fence or other barrier around it. Any gates in the fence must be self-closing and self-latching. Other things to consider when installing a pool:

- Building permit requirements
- Zoning requirements
- Electrical clearances and utility easements
- Insurance policies

The main goal of our Building Department is to protect the health and safety of our citizens.



Police Notes

Tornado Watch vs. Tornado Warning -

What is the difference?

A tornado watch means that conditions are right for a tornado to occur. A warning means that a tornado has been detected. In Spring Grove, the emergency warning sirens are activated in the event of a tornado warning. Spring Grove residents should also keep in mind that the Village DOES NOT give an "all clear" signal.

Upon hearing a warning siren, you should:

- Go at once to the basement or interior part of the building on the lowest level.
- Stay away from windows.
- Go to the center of the room.
- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table, and hold onto it.
- Use arms to protect head and neck.
- Use pillows, mattresses or cushions to protect your head and neck.

If you are outdoors when a tornado strikes:

- If possible, get inside a building.
- If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building.
- Use arms to protect your head and neck.



If you are in your car when a tornado strikes:

- Never try to outrun a tornado in a car or truck. Tornadoes can change direction quickly and can lift up a car and toss it through the air.
- Get out of the car immediately and take shelter in a nearby building.

If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Cover your head and neck with your hands.

Alcohol Alert

Knowledge is power. Summer is a time for picnics and graduation parties. Parents must stay alert and monitor teens closely. Whether parents agree with the laws or not, they are what they are and will be enforced.



It is important for parents to familiarize themselves with the laws. The penalties for selling or providing alcohol to a minor are steep and even stricter for those allowing underage drinking to occur in their home. Together parents, police and the community can work to prevent underage drinking and the dangers that accompany this behavior.

Lock It or Lose It

We once again wish to remind residents to lock their vehicles at all times. Regardless of the season, an unlocked car is easy prey for a thief. Valuable items can be stolen within seconds. In this day and age of modern electronics and personal communication



it's not unusual for drivers to have devices in their cars worth several hundred dollars. From I-Pods and I-Phones to laptops and car stereos, when a car is parked outside and left unlocked, these items are easily obtainable to anyone who can open a car door. The majority of these reported thefts are "crimes of opportunity" that could have been prevented by locking the vehicle.

Overnight Parking

The police may give temporary permission to park overnight on the street due to driveway repair, etc. If you would like to request overnight parking permission, call 815-675-2596.

School's Out! So please drive carefully.

recycling information

Do you have old tires, paint or oil and don't know what to do with them? The McHenry County 2011 Green Guide can help! Go to www.mchenry.edu/recycling/ for more information and for a link to the 2011 Green Guide.

Also remember that you can recycle electronics by dropping them off at Applied Micro, Inc located at 2304 Spring Ridge Drive Unit D. They also accept ink and toner cartridges. Call them at 815-675-9050 with any questions.

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Fourth of July Celebration



Monday, July 4th

Parade starts at noon

More details inside!

Friday Night Fish Boil

Friday, June 17th

Horse Fair Park

5:00pm - 10:00pm

Proceeds will Benefit
The Spring Grove
Hatchery Park Development

See inside for
more details!

