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**Letter from the President, Donna Johnson**

**May/June 2024**

## **Spring Has Finally Sprung**

The chaotic weather extremes had us wondering if Spring has been cancelled, but the long-range outlook is that it is finally here! We are celebrating the season with the announcement that our 2024 Heirloom Vegetable & Herb Sale is officially up and running, awaiting your perusing and orders! **The preorder cutoff is May 8th.** Be sure to place a preorder for the best selections. Many additional items not featured on the website will be on display Day of Sale for immediate purchase! Sale dates and preorder pick up is Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19, 2024 from 10:00AM-3:00PM. Log onto [www.springvalleynatureclub.org](http://www.springvalleynatureclub.org) to view our plant offerings.

### **Spring Valley Nature Club & Spring Valley Volunteers Meeting**

**Wednesday May 1, 2024, 6:30-8:30PM at the Nature Center.**

Refreshments and snacks will be available by 6:00PM if you care to come early.

Please consider joining us for a bit of socializing and refreshments. This is also a great time to ask questions about Spring Valley's programs events and operational plans.

After the Spring Projects & Events Update our Spring Valley Staff Elizabeth and Monique will be speaking on Invasive Plants and the uses of them! They have a fun and tasty surprise in store for all of us!

### **Spring Valley Nature Club Meeting**

**Wednesday June 5, 2024 7:00 pm Spring Valley Nature Center**

We are planning an entertaining and informative presentation on Butterflies! Our guest speaker will show us the ins and outs of protecting, feeding, and caring for butterflies, Monarchs and Swallowtails too! We will learn about the efforts the volunteers go through to rear the Monarchs at the Center. We'll have an opportunity to see the rearing stations. Some of the butterfly's favorite food plants will be available to learn about and to purchase.

**SAVE THE DATE... Saturday July 13, 2024, is Nature Clubs 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. We will begin with a luncheon for all current Nature Club members starting at 12 noon. After lunch will be hayrides, with Spring Valley interpreters along the way. What great fun!**

<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-Blue Cream Berries - 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	_____	_____
*1029-Chocolate Sprinkles – A striped grape tomato that’s as wonderful as its name 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 Rose- 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	_____	_____
*1042-Midnight Snack- Nice balance of sweet & savory flavor, eat fresh off the vine	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	_____	_____
*1052-Orange Hat- Extra-dwarf bush plants reach 6-9” are wildly prolific, great patio plant	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	_____	_____
*1061—Prairie Fire – Insanely sweet fruit, very kid friendly, elongated 1-3” 75 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-Pineapple-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	_____	_____
*1066–Spoon – Micro mini fruit, said to be the world’s tiniest tomato, kids love um. 65 days	4.50	_____	_____
1070-Sun Sugar – Hybrid extra sweet yellow cherry good in containers 60 days	4.50	_____	_____
*1072-Sunrise Bumblebee – Luminous swirls of reds & oranges inside the fruit & out 60 days	4.50	_____	_____
1073-Super Sweet 100- Very productive bearing long trusses of small sweet cherries 60 days	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	_____	_____
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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Denotes \* new this year

**Spring Valley Nature Center 1111 E Schaumburg Road (847) 985-2100**  
**Pick Up Saturday/Sunday, May 18 – 19, 2024 - 10:00AM – 3:00PM**  
**Order Form 2024**

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 Rustic 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-Pepper Big Jim - This Tex-Mex chili is renown as the largest chili pepper	4.50	_____	_____
2045-Pepper- Candy Cane Chocolate Cherry 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- Sweet Banana heirloom 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- Gourmet 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	_____	_____
*2079-Squash Zucchini Rampicante - Summer squash tender mild sweet tasting. 70 days	4.50	_____	_____
2080-Swiss Chard – Bright Lights multicolored stems delicious steamed	4.50	_____	_____

Fruits

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	_____	_____
*2508-Honeyberry Berry Blue– Super fruit pollinator with Gem and/or Treat. 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 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	_____	_____

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PICK UP SPRING VALLEY NATURE CENTER 1111 E SCHAUMBURG RD.  
 Quantities limited to avoid disappointment order early to assure availability.  
 Questions? Contact Spring Valley Nature Club:  
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Herbs	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	6.50	_____	_____
*3004-Basil Spicy Sabre- Bright green saber-like leaves, bring flavor to Asian dishes	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, potpoutti & 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	6.50	_____	_____
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 Sage Pineapple - Fruity addition to teas, fruit garnish hummingbird magnet. Annual	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	8.50	_____	_____
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 8 2024

Order Pick Up - May 18 & 19, 2024

10:00AM-3:00PM

## Spring Valley Update for May/June Newsleaf – 2024

Spring Valley's grounds and facilities will remain on 'summer' hours from May through October. We continue to offer a full schedule of family, youth, and adult programs.

- Spring Valley's grounds and walking trails are open for walkers every day from 8am-8pm.
- Additional parking at St. Matthew Catholic Church will be available throughout the summer months. The gate leading onto Heritage Farm's walking paths from St. Matthew will be opened each morning at 8am.
- The **Nature Center Museum** is open to visitors daily from 10am-6pm.
- **Volkening Heritage Farm's** buildings are open Wednesday-Sunday from 10am-4pm. NOTE that due to renovation of the Visitor Center, the reception desk and Museum Shop have temporarily moved into the farmhouse. All parking for farm visitors is at St. Matthew Church during construction.
- **Bison's Bluff Nature Playground** will remain open daily from 10am-8:00pm throughout the summer, except during stormy or rainy weather. Admission for all children ages 2-12 entering the nature playground is \$2 for residents or \$3 for non-residents. One hour play sessions and maximum capacities will be maintained by staff on busy days in order to ensure a quality play experience for all.
- Spring Valley has two picnic shelters available for private rental. These are located just east of the Nature Center parking lot and near Merkle Cabin. Requests for rentals need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance. Rates are based on residency.
- Volunteers continue to assist with outdoor conservation projects, trail maintenance, and with our events and programs. If you are willing and able to assist with projects, please contact Sarah Severson at [saseverson@parkfun.com](mailto:saseverson@parkfun.com).

### NEW – Spring Valley App

Staff maintains a site-use 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](http://www.springvalley.stqry.app).

### Spring Events & Programs

NOTE: On-line pre-registration is required for most of the programs listed below; however, most events do not require pre-registration. Nearly all classes have limited capacity and will be held outdoors. More information and on-line registration are available within the Park District's virtual **Program Guides** for spring and summer, found at [www.parkfun.com](http://www.parkfun.com).

#### **Mother's Day Celebration – Sunday, May 12, 12:00-3:00pm**

Bring the kids to Heritage Farm to create a handmade flower gift for mom, and then spend some time enjoying the grounds and trails. Park at St. Matthew Church, following the signs to the farm. Admission is free!

#### **Native Plant & Heirloom Vegetable Sale – Sat. & Sun., May 18 & 19, 10:00am-4:00pm**

Stock up on heirloom vegetables and herbs for your garden at Spring Valley's annual sale! Pre-ordered plants can be picked up and additional plants purchased from the Nature Club. Held in front of the Nature Center.

Click [www.springvalleynatureclub.org](http://www.springvalleynatureclub.org) to view pictures of plants that are available.

#### **Celebrate Historic Preservation Month at Heritage Farm!**

The staff at Heritage Farm will provide unique opportunities to experience local history at Spring Valley during the month of May. All of these are free and require no reservation.

- **How Much was That? – Sat. & Sun., May 4 & 5, 12:00-2:00pm**

See if you can guess how much common items used on the farm cost during the 1880s.

- **Farm After Hours – Sat. & Sun., May 11 & 12, 7:00-8:30pm**  
Experience the farmhouse by lantern-light and learn what happens at a farm as the sun sets.
- **Tiddly Winks & Thaumatrope! – Sat. & Sun., May 18 & 19, 12:00-2:00pm**  
Bring the kids to learn about toys children played with during the 19<sup>th</sup> century, WAAY before the age of electronics and video games.
- **Log Cabin Open House – Sat. & Sun., May 25 & 26, 5:00-7:00pm**  
Learn about Schaumburg in the 1920s, when John Redeker built his log cabin at Spring Valley. The Redeker peonies should be starting to bloom at this time as well!

### **End of School Campfire – Friday, May 31, 6:30-8:30PM**

Start your summer with a family campfire at the Nature Center. Enjoy roasting marshmallows or s'mores while playing some campfire games and then hop on the tractor-drawn wagon for a short ride. Admission is \$6/person.

### **Rhubarb Fest – Sunday, June 2, 12:00-2:00pm**

Celebrate this delicious, tart plant at Spring Valley's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Rhubarb Fest! Visit the historic farmhouse to learn a little about the plant's history and see the many uses of this versatile cooking vegetable. A variety of indulgent sweets will be offered in the Museum Shop as well as a limited supply of rhubarb plants for purchase. Free admission for all ages!

### **German Beer Garden & Concert – Sat., June 29, 4:00-7:30pm**

A hallmark of many German communities in early America was the *biergarten* or beer garden, a celebration of family, community, and ethnic pride. Bring a picnic dinner, play backyard games, and enjoy a relaxing evening outdoors enjoying music by On the Air. This local duo will be playing old-time hit songs from country, folk, and pop genres. Local craft beer and soda, bratwurst, pretzels, and dill pickles will be available for purchase. Park at St. Matthew Church, following signs to the Heritage Farm entrance. The event will take place at Merkle Cabin, with a wagon shuttle transporting near to the Cabin. Event runs rain or shine. Admission is free! This is the first of three monthly summer Beer Garden events at Merke Cabin.

Additional programs are being offered through July and August – visit the virtual **Summer Program Guide** to learn more!

## **Got a Yearning for Flavorful Garden Produce? Now is the Time to Plan!**

**The long dismal winter has us all longing for fresh flavorful tomatoes, yummy veggies at their flavor peak and luxurious fresh berries.**

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! Make a quick plan for your veggie garden and prepare. Don't have a garden space in ground? No prob! You can have great results planting in containers! Don't want to buy pots and planters? No prob! You can use old tote bins, just drill holes in the bottom for drainage and you can grow a multitude of items! Even 5-gallon buckets will work and can be used as planters for tomatoes, eggplants, peppers and more! Many gardeners include veggie plants in the flower beds. Peppers, eggplant, Swiss chard, and many other plants are beautiful and fit in well to the formal garden! Now is a great opportunity to plan for your own garden adventure!

Log onto [www.springvalleynatureclub.org](http://www.springvalleynatureclub.org) to begin your gardening adventure.

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.



## **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.

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 2024 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., 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) and Schaumburg Park District one day fitness pass & one day pool pass.

**Special Benefit;** An invitation to the Spring Valley Volunteer/Meineke Award Picnic 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 10:00 – 4:00 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
Life	\$150.00
Sponsor	\$1000.00

Senior - Individual – Family – Supporting - Life – Sponsor

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