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## **VILLAGE OF EAST SPARTA 2011 FALL INTO SPRING 2012 NEWSLETTER**

Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall. Where, oh where, did the Summer with all that heat and humidity go? It was a wonderful season but now onward to football and the holiday season. Below are some of the activities already planned so you can mark your calendars. We certainly appreciate your support and need your feedback if we can do anything to improve this newsletter. Also any ideas for helping our village will be welcomed. Our village calendar is always posted in the post office and downtown businesses and on our website at [www.villageofeastsparta.com](http://www.villageofeastsparta.com)

**September 9** - Our first community supper this Fall is Friday, September 9. This supper will be held at the Eat Stand in the East Sparta Park (our homecoming grounds.) We will be serving Swiss steak, chicken, potatoes, vegetable, salad, bread and butter, beverage and dessert. Cost is still only \$6.00 and \$3.00 for kids. No tipping is needed. We heard you and will start serving a little later for you who work and are unable to come earlier. Serving time has been changed to **4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** These suppers support the Community Building's expenses. These suppers are a great opportunity to see one another.

**September 10** – The East Sparta Park will host a Save-a-Mom dog reunion this date. But the Eat Stand will be open and the public is welcome. The Save-a-Mom group will be having a silent auction with some very nice items. The public is welcome to make bids on these items. Stop by and see if you can bid on a bargain and while you are there, have a bite to eat. The Schwan man with all of his delicious ice cream treats and other frozen foods will also be there. Stop by and see the puppies and doggies-some may be for sale.

**September 16** – Calling all card players. We will have a Euchre Party at the Community Building with registration starting at 6:00 p.m. and cards being dealt at 7:00 p.m. Food will be available. This fundraiser will benefit the East Sparta Community Building which is the focal meeting place in the village.

**October 7** – Community supper at the Community Building. Swiss steak and chicken with all the trimmings, plus beverage and dessert will be served from **4:30 – 6:30 p.m.** Cost is \$6.00 and \$3.00 for kids.

**October 14** – This is the night for the monthly Euchre Party at the Community Building. Registration at 6:00 & playing begins at 7:00 p.m. Food will be available. These are fun nights. Please join us.

**October 15** – We will be selling roses and candy for Sweetest Day at Crossroads. If you would like to order anything for your sweetie, you can call Marguarite at 330.866.2004.

**October 15** – Boo in the Park at the Sandy Valley Community Park – Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Come costumed to add even more fun. Cake walks are a popular event. Look for more details to be coming soon.

**October 22** – Our Boy Scouts (Troop 38) will be serving spaghetti dinners at the East Sparta Methodist Church this afternoon. You get a lot for your money and it tastes superb. And while we are enjoying a night out we are also helping our youth. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. through 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6.00 and kids \$3.00.

**October 29** - Pike Township Historical Society will be hosting their annual sauerkraut supper at the Pike Grange again this year. This is a crowd pleaser and good food is a given. Serving hours will be 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

**Trick or Treat Party** – This year’s party will be held again at 7:00 p.m. at the East Sparta Fire Dept. The exact date will be the same as the village’s Trick or Treat Night. Date to be determined in early October.

**November 4** – Monthly community supper at the Community Building. Same great food at the same cost. Serving from **4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**November 5** – The East Sparta Methodist Church will be serving their annual turkey and trimmings dinner from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. You will find no better tasting food. Delicious.

**November 8** – Remember to vote. Otherwise you are stuck with whoever/whatever the voters chose. Be a voter. If you aren’t registered, call the Stark County Board of Elections before October 12.

**November 11** - Veterans Day. Dedication of the Veterans Memorial at the site on Walnut Street. Time to be announced later. Refreshments will be served after the dedication in the Community Building. Be sure to thank a veteran this day. We enjoy freedom every day because of their service to the country we all love.

**November 13** - The American Legion Post 244 will hold their annual Buckeye Boys and Girls State attendees covered dish dinner at 5:00 p.m. Sandy Valley High School will be the meeting place.

**November 12** – Euchre Party Time. Playing time begins at 7:00 with registration beginning at 6:00 p.m. Join us at the Community Building where food will be available and fun is a definite.

**November 19** – The annual Christmas Parade will be in Magnolia this year. Step off time will be 11:00 a.m. It will be official with this event – the holidays are here.

**November 26** – Santa arrives at Crossroads Restaurant. He will be there from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. A dollar menu for kids will be available and Santa will have a treat for each child. East Sparta Women’s Club sponsors this event which will help pay for a scholarship for a SVHS senior.

**December 2** – Monthly community supper at the Community Building. Serving from **4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**December 4** – Annual Christmas Tree Lighting – East Sparta Community Building. Singing Christmas carols, drinking hot chocolate and coffee and eating holiday cookies should get us in the mood for the busy holiday season. Santa will make an appearance and the Mr. Jack Frost and Little Miss Snowflake winners will be chosen. This event is sponsored by the East Sparta Women’s Club.

**December 9** – Santa will be touring East Sparta and Sandyville not in his sleigh but in the East Sparta Fire Dept. fire truck. Santa’s drive will begin around 6:00 p.m. to make sure boys and girls of all ages are being good. In case of rain Santa will take his tour on December 10.

**JANUARY 1, 2012 – HAPPY NEW YEAR.** May happiness and good health be yours in this New Year.

**January 6** – Monthly Community Supper at the Community Building. Swiss steak and chicken will start the new year out right. Serving time 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Still only \$6 and \$3 for kids for a delicious meal.

**January 13** – Euchre Party time. Let’s meet at the Community Building around 6:00 p.m. Food is available. Card strategy begins around 7:00 p.m. Fun, fun, fun.

**February 3** – Monthly Community Supper at the Community Building. Swiss steak and chicken and all the trimmings will make you feel warm inside regardless of the temperature outside. Serving time is 4:30 – 6:30. Cost still \$6 and \$3 for kids and you will be served with a smile.

**February 10** – Another chance to win at this month’s Euchre Party. Registration at 6:00 and games begin at 7:00 p.m. Food will be available. Hope to see all card players at the Community Building for some friendly competition.

**February 10 and February 11** - What would we do without Valentine's Day? Not that we need a special day to tell that special person that they are loved but a rose and/or some candy is always appreciated. Roses and candy will be sold by the East Sparta Civic Assoc. at Crossroads Market. Support our homecoming entertainment fund by making your Valentine feel really loved.

**March 2** – Community Building from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Swiss steak and fish will be the menu items during Lent. Same price - \$6.00 and \$3.00 for kids. Make a point to get out and eat and see your neighbors.

**March 9** – Monthly Euchre Card Party at the Community Building. Registration begins at 6:00 and cards are being shuffled at 7:00 p.m. Food is available. Don't miss this fun.

**March 10** – Boy Scout's Annual Chili Supper at the East Sparta Methodist Church. Lots of warm, stick-to-your ribs chili will be served by our own Boy Scout Troop 38. Supper begins at 4:00 p.m. Let the boys do their good deed and serve up some tasty, hot, delicious chili. Dessert and beverage will also be served. Yum!

**March 31** – Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the East Sparta Village Park beginning at noon. Bring the kids out to see what the Easter Bunny has for them. Thanks to the East Sparta Civic Assoc. for supporting this event.

**April 6** – Community Supper will be held from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Fish and Swiss steak will be served along with all the trimmings. Cost is still only \$6.00 and \$3.00 for kids. See you at our Community Building for good food.

**April 13** – Card Party Night – Euchre is the game of choice which will begin at 7:00 p.m. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. Good food available to help us get through the tough games. Community Building is the meeting place.

**Month of May Basket Raffles** – East Sparta Civic Association will again have their popular basket raffle. A basket for specific days of the month could be yours for the cost of one small ticket. This fundraiser supports the annual homecoming entertainment fund (which includes the fireworks.)

**May 4 and 5** – Spring Garage Sales are being planned throughout the entire village. Get your bargains.

**May 4** – American Legion Post 244 will serve the monthly supper from 4:30 to 6:30 at the Community Building. Swiss steak and chicken with all the goodies will be served. Cost only \$6.00 and \$3.00 for kids. Come support a Vet. We have a lot to thank them for – the least being our daily freedoms. Thank you Veterans.

**May 11** – This will be the final Euchre Card Party until the following Fall. Don't miss out on playing which starts at 7:00 p.m. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. Food still available. Fun a certainty.

Look for the 74<sup>th</sup> annual homecoming announcements in the coming months.

Thanks to all our local organizations for using EPA fine monies to make significant improvements in our village.

**American Legion Post 244** – New flags have been flying all over town and boys and girls will be sent to Buckeye Boys/Girls State with the monies received from the Countywide Landfill. Also the memorial to veterans on Walnut Street has been updated with flags, a white fence and a newly laid sidewalk. Soon brick flooring with veterans' names will complete this project.

**American Legion Auxiliary Post 244** – Improvements have been made in the Community Building which includes a new ceiling in the basement area, a new roof and air conditioning. Great improvements for our largest community meeting facility.

**Boy Scouts Troop 38** – They have purchased camping equipment/tents, tables for ES Methodist Church, and other equipment needed to train boys to become leaders. Also there have been many Eagle Scout projects which have benefited the village.

**East Sparta Civic Association** – Bandstand improvements have been made and have you noticed the village park is brighter due to newly installed outside pole lighting. Also the lines at the homecoming eat stand were a little faster thanks to two new gas fryers. One more is being purchased to give us that almost fast food speed. A new range (with an oven that really works) and two pop coolers have been purchased. Some additional electrical improvements are still planned.

**East Sparta Fire Department** – An off-the-road rescue vehicle will aid our local heroes and a brand new fire engine will be seen driving to calls by the end of September.

**East Sparta Women's Club** – Our village historic landmark has been structurally reinforced and soon will sport a new roof. This Fall landscaping will help our Town Pump look even more special.

**Pike Township Historical Society** – Have you seen the Log House recently? It is looking just like that – an actual original log house. Many hours of work by members have been involved in this project. Chimney work will hopefully soon begin. Looking good. We are still needing 3 single pane windows approximately 24" high by 26" in length. Please call Kay Weisen at 866-2761 if you can help with these needed windows.

**Sandy Valley Baseball** – Lucky kids. Four ball fields are being built which will do East Sparta proud. Lots of work by many volunteers is being done to be sure these first-class fields will be ready in the Spring for the kids.

**Tri-Division Ambulance District** – These people are angels and ready to help save our lives when needed. The new ambulance was funded by the EPA fund by 50%. We are very fortunate to have good skilled professionals and a first class ambulance to serve our village.

**Village of East Sparta** – A brand new police cruiser has been purchased as well as a new pick-up truck for our Water Department. And many improvements at the Sandy Valley Community Pool have been completed to keep this park/pool one of the highlights of this area.

Thanks to all the organizations that are helping our village look better, improve conditions to make East Sparta a viable progressive community. Thanks to all the residents who take pride in keeping their homes and properties looking good, to the many volunteers who give of their time, skills and finances, to the businesses who help the village whenever needed and to the churches who help our community be the place where we want to live and raise our families and grow older.

All of the organizations welcome new members. And your ideas for any improvements or any concerns you may have would be appreciated. See any member of any of the above organizations and/or contact us at the website [www.villageofeastsparta.com](http://www.villageofeastsparta.com)