

# Village of South Russell

## ~Newsletter~

### Concert to be held in South Russell Park

Bell Road Pavilion

**FREE**



**Tuesday, June 28, 2016**

**7-9 p.m.**

featuring

**The Swamps of Jersey**

(Bruce Springsteen tribute band)

Presented by: The Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce

### The South Russell Park Pavilion is available to rent



The South Russell Village Park pavilion is available to rent for \$25. The Park Permit and calendar of availability can be found at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com) on the Parks page. Park hours are from dawn until dusk daily.

### Stormwater Topic to be Discussed

The Village will be assessing the extent of stormwater issues within the village at the August 8, 2016 Council meeting. If you are experiencing stormwater issues, please forward information summarizing the issue, pictures, etc. to the Village Fiscal Officer at [fiscalofficer@southerussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southerussell.com). This information will be distributed to Mayor and Council prior to the meeting so they can be prepared for the discussion on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to address Council at the meeting must contact village hall at 440-338-6700 x 221 to be added to the agenda. (There is a 5-minute time limit)



### HELMET SMART PROGRAM

The South Russell Police Department will give children a "safety citation" voucher for a free donut at Dunkin Donuts when the officer observes a child wearing their helmet while biking. The child will also be entered into a drawing for a free bicycle. The drawing will be held at the Police Department open house on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Volunteers Needed!!

We are seeking volunteers for the Fall Festival on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to volunteer or if you have a child that needs high school Community Service hours, this would be a great opportunity!

Please contact [jdishong@southerussell.com](mailto:jdishong@southerussell.com) for more information.

### 2016 Road Program



The following roads are included in the 2016 road program for repairs and reconstruction; Fawn Court, Woodland Court, Kimberwick Court, Champion Lane, and the Garden Park turnout. The construction process is expected to begin around July 11<sup>th</sup> depending on the weather. Residents that will be directly affected will receive a letter with more details prior to commencement of the project.

The Village would like to thank the residents in advance for their patience and understanding during the construction process.

# BUILDING DEPARTMENT



In 1980, the Village of South Russell implemented a full-time, state certified Building Department. The Building and Zoning Department is located at the southeast corner of Bell and Chillicothe Road.

The Building Department answers questions about permits and finding contractors. While permits are usually not required for repairs, any replacement such as a furnace, air-conditioning, roof, hot water tank, siding, and windows do require permits, and do require inspections. Other work requiring permits are decks, fences, sheds, electrical work, additions, and interior remodeling. Even when homeowners do the work themselves, permits are still required. Safety is always our primary concern, especially with the mechanical systems and electrical work.

Please contact the Building Department at 440-338-6700 x 233 if we can be of help to you or if you have any questions.

## E-Commerce Safe Zone

The South Russell Police Department has implemented a new “E-Commerce Safe Zone” located in the visitor parking area of the Police Station. This safety zone provides a safe place for citizens to make purchases or exchanges after conducting online transactions. E-Commerce safety zones are becoming quite popular in their respective communities.

Visit the *Police* page at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com) for more information

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturdays until October 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 9 am to 12 noon—**  
Geauga Farmers’ Market  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1 pm to 5 pm - Fall Festival**  
**October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm - Paper**  
Shredding Event

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

## Residential Security Assessment

In our continuing efforts to engage with the community and provide a proactive approach to crime reduction, the South Russell Police Department has initiated a residential security assessment program for South Russell residents. A residential security assessment consists of an on-site security evaluation of the residence by a South Russell Police Officer using current industry best practices and an assessment templet provided by the American Crime Prevention Institute (ACPI).

During the assessment, the officer will focus on simple, target hardening actions the homeowner can take to enhance the security of their property. Once completed, the homeowner will receive a detailed report outlining the specific recommendations.

If you are interested in having an assessment completed on your home, please contact either Sergeant Carl Malone or Patrolman Mike Kramer for an appointment at 440-338-6700 ext. 290 or email ~ [police@southerussell.com](mailto:police@southerussell.com)

## Show Your Colors Flag Donations

If you would like to donate to the Show Your Colors program, you may do so in memory or in honor of someone. Please make sure to include a note of the person you are donating for and if you have a mailing address for the family, include that as well. If we have means of contacting the individuals family to inform them of the donation, we will let them know.

Please make checks out to the “**Village of South Russell**” and write *Show Your Colors* in the memo section of the check.



## Retired Flag Drop Off



Did you ever wonder where you could properly dispose of your used, worn flags? South Russell Village has a worn flag collection box on the Village campus at the corner of the Service Department building. The collection box is an old U.S. Mail box and is painted with stars and stripes. The flags collected throughout the year are gathered annually to be properly disposed of at a formal ceremony on Flag Day.



## **Meet Your Service Department**

(left to right) – Rick Pausch, Darrell Johnson, Tim Alder, Jeff Pausch

Darrell Johnson has been the Street Commissioner for the Village since he began in 1994. After many years of residing within our Village, Darrell currently resides in Chagrin Falls Village. Darrell is a former volunteer for the Chagrin Falls Suburban Fire Department.

Tim Alder has been with the Village since 1999 and resides in Bainbridge Twp. Tim also serves as a volunteer fireman for Chagrin Falls Suburban Fire Department.

Jeff Pausch has been an employee of the Village since 2007 and resides in Chester Twp. In addition to his standard Street Department responsibilities, Jeff also serves as the mechanic for village equipment.

Rich Pausch started working for the Village in 2011 as winter seasonal help, and was hired as a full-time service employee in 2013. Rick resides in the City of Aurora.

The department employees maintain of over 47 miles of roadway including minor road repairs, roadside berming, roadside mowing, snow and ice removal, traffic and street signage, ditches, and storm sewer and catch basin repairs. The Service Department employees also help maintain village buildings and properties.

Residents are encouraged to contact the Street Department with questions or concerns related to residential problems involving storm drainage or information that may affect the general public such as road conditions, sinkholes within the right-of-way, damaged or missing signs, streetlight outages, or questions regarding general policies. The Street Commissioner can be reached at (440) 338-6700 ext.236 or e-mail [streets@southrussell.com](mailto:streets@southrussell.com)

## **Village Administrative Office**



As Fiscal Officer for the Village, Danielle Romanowski serves as both the Clerk of Council and Treasurer. In addition, Danielle also serves as the Village's Tax Administrator and Cemetery Clerk.

Danielle has been an employee with the Village since 2007 and lives in Auburn Twp.

Village administrative offices are located in Village Hall, which is the old white church-like building at 5205 Chillicothe Road, near the intersection of Bell Road and Rt. 306.

Anyone having questions on taxes, legislation, cemetery, reserving Village Hall or the pavilion, happenings in the village, or any other general village related questions are more than welcome to contact Danielle at 440-338-6700 x 221.

## **South Russell Park Event:**

The Geauga Park District will be banding bobolinks in the South Russell Village Park on Saturday, July 23rd at 9:00 am

## **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Gurney Elementary School**  
1155 Bell Road, South Russell

Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> ~ 1—6 pm

## **Are you going on vacation?**

The South Russell Police Department encourages you to take advantage of our **"Vacation Watch Program"**

in which Police Officers conduct security checks of your property while you're away. Simply contact the Police Department at 440-338-6700 ext. 290 or use the online form to request your residence be placed on the watch list. Officers will visually and physically check your doors and windows to ensure security, and inspect for damage, tampering, or signs of unusual activity. When you return, a log of the officer's checks and any activity noted can be emailed to you or picked up at the Police Department.



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**5205 Chillicothe Road**  
**South Russell, OH 44022**

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### **Village Council Meetings**

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m.

**August 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m.

**September 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to be added to the meeting agenda please contact [fiscalofficer@southerussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southerussell.com) or call 440-338-6700 ext. 221 no later than the Wednesday before a meeting.



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## **ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENTS**

### **MAYOR**

William Koons  
440-338-6700 ext. 224  
[mayor@southerussell.com](mailto:mayor@southerussell.com)

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Gerald Canton  
Michael Carroll  
John Dishong  
Bryan Kostura  
Cynthia Nairn  
Mark Porter  
440-338-6700 ext. 221  
[council@southerussell.com](mailto:council@southerussell.com)

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

440-338-6700 ext. 233  
[building@southerussell.com](mailto:building@southerussell.com)

### **VILLAGE HALL**

440-338-6700 ext. 221  
[fiscalofficer@southerussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southerussell.com)

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

440-338-6700 ext. 290  
(Non-Emergency)  
[police@southerussell.com](mailto:police@southerussell.com)

### **STREETS DEPARTMENT**

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