



Village of South Russell

~Newsletter~

Fall 2019 Edition



SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE FALL FESTIVAL

The fourteenth annual Fall Festival will take place Sunday, September 15th from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at South Russell Village Park. There will be free food, drink, and family-friendly entertainment. Parking will be available at Gurney School with free rides in the trolley to the Village Park.

The celebration will include the grand opening of the new playground at the park. With a generous donation from Ike and Ann Tripp and a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, this playground has already been a big hit. Surrounding the playground will be seven benches donated by residents. The Village is seeking donors for nine trees at the cost of \$600 each to complete the landscaping of the playground.



Election Day Tuesday, November 5th

The Village of South Russell will have a Safety levy renewal on the November 5th ballot. A levy renewal maintains but does not increase taxes. A renewal of the 2005 levy will continue to provide \$411,274 a year to the Safety Fund.

Shredding Day

South Russell Village will provide document/paper shredding on Saturday, October 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – Noon in the Village Hall parking lot. This service is offered to South Russell residents at no charge! Protect your identity and dispose of your records securely!



A committee has been formed to consider the creation of a Memorial Park display of flags honoring the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine Corps. Possible locations are the Village Hall, the corner of Bell Rd. and Chillicothe Rd., the Cemetery, and South Russell Village Park. The next meeting will be on Monday, September 9th at 9:00 a.m. at Village Hall and is open to the public.

First Responders Week



September 9th—15th is First Responders' week. Please consider replacing your outdoor lights with red and blue lights as a part of the salute to our first responders.

BACK TO SCHOOL

With schools back in session, please be observant of the School Zone Speed Limit. When flashing, the speed limit is 20 mph.

Likewise, note that it is **ILLEGAL** to go around a stopped school bus. Please keep our children safe by adhering to these rules!



Voter Registration Information

The deadline to register to vote in the November 5, 2019 General Election is **October 7th, 2019**.

Registration or change of address may be done at any public library branch, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, high schools or vocational schools, Office of the Board of Elections, or by mail.

Anyone who is registered to vote may do so by **Absentee Ballot**. A separate application must be completed for **EACH** election. Applications can be found on the Board of Election website <https://boelections.co.geauga.oh.us> or by contacting the Board of Elections. If returning the ballot by mail, it must be postmarked by the day before the election. If returning it to the Board of Elections, it must be submitted by 7:30 pm election night.

Volunteers Needed

The Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission are made up of community volunteers who serve residents by helping implement Village standards. These boards meet once per month when needed. For those interested, please email resumes with a letter of interest to: fiscalofficer@southerussell.com



Job Opportunities

The Village of South Russell is accepting applications for the following:

Part-time Administrative Assistant/Board Clerk

The qualified candidate will be service-oriented, have strong organizational skills with attention to detail, and enjoy working both collaboratively as well as independently. Proficient use of computers and Microsoft Word is required. Knowledge of BDS software and/or transcription experience is a plus.

Part-time Zoning Inspector

Qualified candidates will have experience in interpreting zoning code, investigating complaints and non-compliance, conducting inspections and enforcing regulations. Must be service-oriented, have good communication skills, enjoy working with others and be able to attend all Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings.

Please submit resumes to: fiscalofficer@southerussell.com

Know Your Utilities

Residents are encouraged to know their utility providers and contact them in the event of service interruption. The following are a few of the main service providers in South Russell:

WATER SERVICE:

The west end of the Village (including Fairview Road, Mapleridge Road, Fernwood Road, Laurel Road, Hazelwood Drive), Bell Road from the South Russell/Chagrin Falls Corporation line eastward to Laurel Road, and the business/commercial area on East Washington Street are **all serviced for water by the Village of Chagrin Falls**. To report issues, contact **Chagrin Falls Water Department: 440-247-5050** during regular business hours, or the after hours duty employee at the **Utilities Department: 440-247-5051**.

Several Village developments such as Whitetail and Paw Paw Lake have their own water system and should contact their **Homeowners Association or Management Company** if issues arise. The remainder of South Russell Village homes are on private wells. Homeowners should contact their service providers in the event of well or pump failure.

SANITARY SEWERS/WASTEWATER:

Most South Russell Village residents are on the Geauga County Sanitary Sewer System, which is maintained and operated by Geauga County. This system includes all homes and developments west of Bellwood Lakes to the Chagrin Falls Corporation line on Bell Road and those on Chillicothe Road. Sanitary Sewer System issues should be directed to the **Gauga County Department of Water Resources 440-279-1970**

FIRST ENERGY:

To report a power outage, call **1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877)** or **report your outage online**.

First Energy is the electrical supplier for the Village of South Russell. In the event of a power outage, contact First Energy at the number listed above. Don't presume it has been reported! Affected areas are prioritized by the **reported number of outages!**

DO NOT attempt to remove downed lines because they may still be energized. Even if it is a downed phone or cable line, **do not touch** the wire because it may be in contact with electrical lines in another area.

DOMINION EAST OHIO GAS:

Customer service is available 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday – Friday—**1-800-362-7557**

For emergency service, 24 hours a day—**1-877-542-2630**

Dominion East Ohio is the gas provider for South Russell Village. For normal service information use the customer Service number above. The gas company put an additive into the natural gas that smells like rotten eggs. This is for your safety. In the event you have an appliance failure (furnace, hot water tank, dryer, fireplace gas logs) and you smell the rotten egg odor, **DO NOT** turn on or off any switches, leave the premises immediately, and call 911.

In the event of a broken service line while doing earth excavation, contact 911 and evacuate the area.

Save the Date

Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market
May 11—October 12, 2019
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

South Russell Village Fall Festival
Sunday, September 15, 2019
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
South Russell Village Park

Shredding Day
Saturday, October 12, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat
Thursday, October 31, 2019
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

South Russell Village Cemetery

South Russell Village Cemetery is located at 5230 Chillicothe Road. The Cemetery map can be viewed in Village Hall or on the Cemetery page at www.southerussell.com



Full Size Lots

Village Resident: \$1,000

Prior Resident: \$2,000

Cremation Lots

Village Resident: \$1,000

Prior Resident: \$2,000

Scattering/Memorial Garden

\$350 ~\$450 (includes engraved paver)

For more information, contact Danielle Romanowski, fiscalofficer@southerussell.com or (440) 338-6700 x 221



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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

September 9th and 23rd at 7:30 p.m.
October 14th and 28th at 7:30 p.m.
November 11th and 25th at 7:30 p.m.
December 9th at 7:30 p.m.

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

There is a 5-minute limit to address Council.

The meeting agenda can be found on the Village calendar link at southerussell.com

Village of South Russell Contact Numbers

Village Hall

440-338-6700 ext. 222

fiscalofficer@southerussell.com

Street Department

440 338-6700 ext. 236

streets@southerussell.com

Police Department

440-338-6700 ext. 2000 (non-emergency)

police@southerussell.com

Building Department

440-338-6700 ext 233

building@southerussell.com



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