



# Village of South Russell

## ~Newsletter~



### From the Mayor:

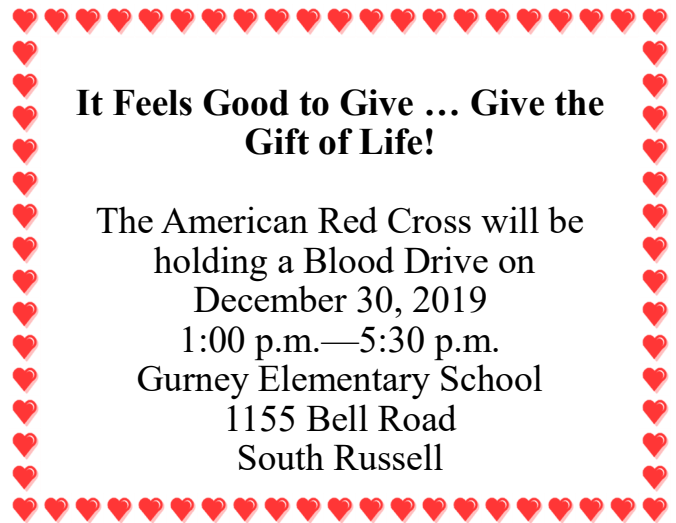
### Retirement of Street Commissioner



Darrell Johnson, the Street Commissioner for the Village of South Russell, announced his retirement October 31 after 25 years of service with the Village. Johnson was given accolades by the Mayor for his dedication to ensuring the Village's roads were the best in the area through a fiscally responsible Road Program. Likewise, the Mayor praised Johnson for the pride he and his staff took in the appearance of the Village properties to include Village Hall and the Village park. Johnson was also recognized for services provided to residents such as Trash Day and with stormwater issues. The Mayor noted that Johnson was self-sacrificing and did his job with dignity and pride, always keeping an eye on what was best for the residents.



WISHING YOU  
PEACE AND HAPPINESS  
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON  
AND ALWAYS!  
WE SEND BEST WISHES  
TO OUR NEIGHBORS,  
FRIENDS AND BUSINESSES  
FOR A HEALTHY AND  
PROSPEROUS  
2020



### It Feels Good to Give ... Give the Gift of Life!

The American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive on  
December 30, 2019  
1:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.  
Gurney Elementary School  
1155 Bell Road  
South Russell

### Don't miss out on the latest Village Closings, Emergencies, and Notices

Sign up for our Village E-Blasts on the Services page at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com)

The Village will be developing a strategic plan during 2020. Look for a survey in January followed by a town hall meeting in February. Interested in assisting in the development of the strategic plan? Send an email to [mayor@southerussell.com](mailto:mayor@southerussell.com)

## Winter Reminders

**Winter Snow Removal:** The Village has an ordinance prohibiting pushing or blowing snow across Village Streets. When hiring a snowplow contractor to plow your driveway, inform the driver not to plow the snow across the road. By doing so, ice may form causing an unsafe condition after the roads have been treated. There is also a possibility of damaging neighboring properties. All private snowplow operators should be instructed to keep the snow upon the property of the customer they are servicing. Additionally, when using a snowblower, avoid blowing the snow onto the streets after the roads have been treated. (**South Russell Village Codified Ordinance #660.05**)

**Snow Emergency Parking Ban:** Whenever snow accumulation of two inches or more exists on any street or highway within the Village or is predicted to accumulate to such level by the National Weather Service, a snow emergency is declared to exist. No person shall park or cause to be parked any vehicle upon any Village street during any time or period when a snow emergency is declared to be in effect. Your vehicle will be towed. Thank you!

### Winter Weather Driving Tips

- \* Steer into a skid.
- \* Know what your brakes will do: stomp on antilock brakes, pump on non-antilock brakes.
- \* Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning—nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- \* The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds, or longer if necessary. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.



### A Note From the Service Department

The Service Department takes pride in keeping your roads clear and safe during the winter months. You can do your part in assisting this by placing your trash and recycling containers on your driveway apron and NOT on the paved surface of the roadway. This ensures the entire roadway will be clear of ice and snow for all motorists.



### Municipal Income Taxes

Municipal income tax returns for the Village of South Russell are due April 15, 2020. All residents 18 years of age and older are required to file an annual return with the Central Collection Agency (CCA). Local income tax withheld by your employer does not fulfill your obligation to file a tax return. Local ordinance provides for both penalty and interest charges to be assessed for late filing for non-filing.

**Retired residents** are required to file the Annual Exemption Certificate each year.

### Individual Estimates are due January 15, 2020!

For the tax year 2019, 90% of the tax due must be paid by January 15, 2020 to avoid penalty and interest (subject to municipal ordinance).





## South Russell Road Levy Update



In 2017, the Village of South Russell passed a Road Levy for the purposes of maintaining the current road program while beginning to address stormwater run-off issues. The passage of this levy has allowed the Village to continue to improve Village roads while at the same time allowing the Village to allocate approximately \$225,000 annually towards stormwater run-off. The Village was able to procure two grants that will assist in stormwater run-off allowing the savings to be redirected to a more robust road program in 2020. The Village is slated to complete Kensington Circle and Sheerbrook Drive in 2020 with the possibility of a smaller road depending on final estimates. Stormwater run-off is a major and costly challenge in our Village and the work is just beginning. Without the passage of the recent road levy, the Village would have had to delay road improvements or continue to neglect stormwater run-off.

### Village Boards and Committee Members

In addition to work performed by the South Russell elected officials and employees, many residents volunteer their time serving on various boards and committees to help oversee the business of the village.

#### Residents serving on the boards and committees include:

**Architectural Board of Review:** Gary Neola, Denis Marino and Ryan Parsons

**Parks Committee:** Greg Pike, Chris Berger, Martha Bistriz, Bill Howell, and Ted Kruse

**Planning Commission:** Steve Latkovic, Elisa Budoff, James Flaiz, Dennis Galicki, and Bill Koons

**Public Records Commission:** Mary Ann Keesler

**Tax Board of Review:** Matt Brett, Vince Massa, Bob McIlroy

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** David Maistros, Andy Hitchcock, Bill Stone, Laura LaChapelle, TBA

### **Village Meetings are Open to the Public!**

#### **Take an interest in your local government and attend any or all of the following meetings:**

**Council** – Meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings in June, July, August and December will be held on the second Monday of the month only at 7:30 p.m.

**Architectural Review Board** – Meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

**Planning Commission** – Meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**— Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**All meetings are posted on the home page of the Village's website at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com)**



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### Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

- January 13h & 27th** at 7:30 p.m.
- February 10th & 24th** at 7:30 p.m.
- March 9th & 23th** at 7:30 p.m.
- April 13th & 27th** at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to be added to the meeting agenda please contact [fiscalofficer@southrussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southrussell.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 [southrussell.com](http://southrussell.com)

### **2019-2020 Village Business Holiday Schedule**

#### **Business Hours:**

#### **Village Hall**

Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

#### **Building Department**

Monday—Thursday 8:00 a.m.— 2:15 p.m.

#### **Service Department**

Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

#### **Closed:**

Christmas, December 25, 2019

Martin Luther King Day, January 20, 2020

Presidents' Day, February 17, 2020

### **South Russell Village**

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>338-6700 ext. 224</b>
<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>338-6700 ext. 221</b>
<b>Building Dept.</b>	<b>338-6700 ext. 233</b>
<b>Streets Dept.</b>	<b>338-6700 ext. 236</b>
<b>Police Dept.</b>	<b>338-6700 ext. 2000</b>