



Village of South Russell

~Newsletter~

Fall 2020 Edition

South Russell Village Park Playground **OPEN**

On August 26, 2020, Council voted unanimously to reopen the South Russell Village Park playground. The playground had been closed due to the pandemic. In an effort to reopen the playground, the Village researched sanitizing products and methods. Ultimately, it was determined that treating the playground equipment with ProKure V once a day would satisfy the sanitization criteria outlined in the Governor's plan. ProKure V is a chlorine dioxide anti-microbial treatment which leaves no chemical footprint. The product is used to purify drinking water and is used in food and beverage production industries. Additionally, it is used in sterilizing medical equipment and surfaces in hospitals. Most importantly, the product is child safe.

The playground equipment will be sanitized each day before 8:00 a.m. This plan has been approved by the Geauga County Board of Health. The playground is now open from 8:00 a.m. until dusk.

Visitors are expected to:

- Follow the guidelines of the State of Ohio
- Wear a mask and social distance
- Provide adult supervision of children
- Limit participation to a maximum of 30 people
- Hand sanitize before and after using the playground

From the Mayor

The storms on March 28th-29th, May 15th, and September 7th caused water to enter into residents' homes and/or properties. Some residents had minor flooding, some had sewage backup. Please send an email to mayor@soutrussell.com so we can determine the extent of the damage from the storms and begin to create a solution.

2020 Road Program



This year's road paving program involves Daisy Lane, Kensington Circle, Maple Hill Dr., and Sheerbrook Dr. along with repairs throughout the Village. Total cost will be under \$800,000. Through an Ohio Public Works Commission grant and permissive tax monies, the Village was able to address a larger road program this year.

Shredding Day

South Russell Village will provide document/paper shredding on Saturday, November 7, 2020 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!



Do to the Pandemic, the 2020 South Russell Village Fall Festival has been cancelled.



Preventing Crimes of Opportunity

When it comes to your home and your vehicle, never leave doors unlocked or windows open, and ALWAYS close overhead garage doors, especially at night.

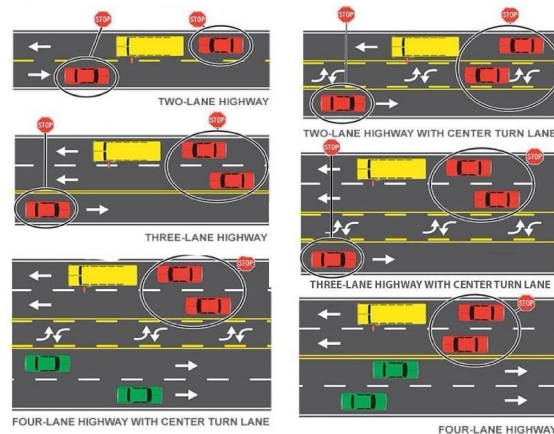
Theft from an unlocked vehicle is a common crime of opportunity. The most effective way to prevent this type of crime is to limit the criminal's ability and/or opportunity to commit the crime. Below are a few suggestions to keep you from becoming a victim:

- Keep your vehicle locked at all times – even in your own driveway or garage
- Do not leave valuables in plain view
- Keep all valuables in the trunk or take them with you
- Do not leave any cell phone chargers, cables, or electronic devices in plain sight. It may give the impression that you have electronics somewhere inside the vehicle
- Once home, unload your valuables immediately and do not store them inside your vehicle
- Close your garage door

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. Please also be aware of changing School Zone flashing light patterns due to pandemic school scheduling. Likewise, note that it is **ILLEGAL** to go around a stopped school bus. Keep our children safe by adhering to these rules!

When to stop for a school bus in Ohio



Utility Information

WATER SERVICE:

The west end of the Village receives **water services from Chagrin Falls Water Department: 440-247-5050.**

For developments with their own water system, contact the **Homeowners Association or Management Company** if issues arise. Homeowners with private wells should contact individual service providers in the event of well or pump failures.

SANITARY SEWERS/WASTEWATER:

Sanitary Sewer System issues should be directed to the **Geauga 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 the outage online](#).

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.**

Attention!

On July 13, 2020 the Council of the Village of South Russell passed the following legislation:

Resolution authorizing the Village to discard refuse, street scrapings, and other personal property, such as dirt, grindings, and mulch, that is under the control of the Village Street Department but not needed for the improvement of Village property and no longer necessary to the Village Street Department and determined by the Village to be not needed for public use and of no value to the Village.

Individuals interested in being placed on a list to obtain such materials when they become available should contact Street Commissioner Tim Alder at (440) 338-3891 or email streets@southerussell.com





ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 3, 2020

The deadline to register to vote in the November 3, 2020 General Election is **October 5th, 2020**. 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 (440) 279-2030. The application for an absentee ballot must be received by the Geauga Board of Elections by noon on October 31, 2020. If returning the ballot by mail, it must be postmarked by the day before the election, November 2, 2020. If returning it to the Board of Elections, it must be submitted by 7:30 pm election night. A drop box is available outside the Board of Election offices for ballot submission as well.

Ballots will begin to be mailed October 6, 2020, and **early voting** at the Geauga County Board of Election begins October 6th and ends November 2nd.

Rules for Sheds in South Russell

Sheds provide an excellent storage solution for many of us. Before installing one, please consider the following rules:

- Where applicable, first obtain approval by the HOA. The drawing of the shed should be signed by the HOA to indicate approval.
- Next, a zoning application, drawing (picture of shed), size of the shed (to include height), and a site plan to show location of the shed and distances to all property lines must be submitted to the Building Department.
- Once submitted, the application and documentation are reviewed. Either a permit is issued at that time or if necessary, it is forwarded to the appropriate Boards for approval (ARB and/or BZA). After approval, the permits are then issued.



Get the Scoop!



Did you know you can attend the Village Council meetings via Zoom during the pandemic? The links and passwords to the meetings as well as other Village news and events can be found on the website calendar at www.southerussell.com. You can also follow us on Facebook or visit the Services page on our website to sign up for Eblasts for important time sensitive information.

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: \$800

Prior Resident: \$1,600

Scattering/Memorial Garden

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

For more information, contact Danielle Romanowski, fiscalofficer@southerussell.com or (440) 557-5533.

SAVE THE DATE



Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market
May 11—October 10, 2020
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Shredding Day
Saturday, November 7, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.





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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

September 14th and 28th at 7:30 p.m.
October 12th and 26th at 7:30 p.m.
November 9th and 23rd at 7:30 p.m.
December 14th at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to be added to the meeting agenda please contact fiscalofficer@southerussell.com or call 440-557-5533 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
440-557-5533
fiscalofficer@southerussell.com

Police Department

440-338-6700 ext. 2000 (non-emergency)
police@southerussell.com

Street Department

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Building Department

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