

Village of South Russell

~Newsletter~

Fall 2017 Edition



FALL FESTIVAL

South Russell Village Park

1000 Bell Road

Free Parking Available at Gurney School

Ride the Trolley to the Village Park

Sunday, September 24th

1 p.m.—5 p.m.

Free Food and Drinks

Hayrides

Bouncy Houses

Dr. Awesome – Bubble Show

Rock Climbing Wall for adults & children

Face Painting

Pony Rides

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT



Village Hall parking lot

Saturday, October 14th

9 a.m.—12 noon

Residents can prevent identity theft and have their documents shredded for free at this event. Gain peace of mind by destroying your records securely.



We are seeking volunteers for the **Fall Festival on September 24th**. 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 fiscalofficer@southrussell.com for more information.

What's Happening on Bell Road?

In the area of Bell Road west, where the 2014 widening project took place, there was poor quality restoration by the contractor. Realizing that residents have had to put up with this inferior work for almost three years, the Village decided to do the restoration work in-house. We hope to finalize the project in 2018.

Landscaping continues along the gas line project completed in late 2016 on Bell Road east. The additional gas line began in the Silver Springs/Paw Paw Lake area and ended at Chillicothe Road. The Village is requiring the contractor to return and address inadequately restored yards and driveways. It is expected that this work will be completed in the coming weeks.

Storm Water Issues

The Village is working with Chagrin River Watershed Partners to develop plans to reduce the speed of water that flows from the Family Life Center into Chagrin Lakes, the speed of water from Kensington Green through the Village complex into Chagrin Lakes, the Cascades Drive culvert situation in Lake Louise, and the flooding of homes east of Chillicothe Road and north of Bell Road.

In addition, the Village has contracted with CT Consultants to prepare the Chillicothe Road North Central Drainage Study which is a storm water plan for the area north of Bell Road.

Elected officials know stormwater issues continue to be a concern for the Village and are working on developing a plan to address these problems.

SepticSmart Workshop

Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District and Geauga Public Health have announced a free **SepticSmart Workshop** on Thursday, September 28th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Geauga West Library (13455 Chillicothe Road Chesterland, OH 44026). This will be an informative presentation with Dave Sage, Registered Sanitarian with Geauga Public Health. He will discuss how a home septic system works, how to maintain your home sewage treatment system, and what to do when it appears to not be working properly. This program is free, but ***reservations are required due to limited seating***. Registration deadline is Monday, September 25th and can be made by calling Gail Prunty at 440-834-1122 or gprunty@geaugaswcd.com



TRICK-OR-TREAT

Will take place on Halloween,
Tuesday, October 31st from
6 pm—8 pm

SAVE THE DATE

September 9th - 10 am to 2 pm - Police
Department Open House

September 24th - 1-5 pm - Fall Festival

Saturdays through October 14th ~ 9 am to 12 noon
- Geauga Farmers' Market

October 14th from 9 am to 12 noon - Paper
Shredding Event

2017 Road Program Update

The 2017 Road program consisted of paving Anglers Drive, Spring Drive, Forest Drive and Westover Drive at a cost of approximately \$260,000.

In order to allow the new asphalt to properly cure, vehicles cannot be parked on the fresh pavement for approximately 30 days ~ however that is dependent on the weather conditions and temperatures. Signs have been posted in all affected areas and residents are asked not to park on the street until the "No Parking" signs have been removed.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Election Day
is
Tuesday, November 7th

Council voted to place a 1.5 mill, five-year road levy on the November ballot. Passage of the levy will increase taxes by \$52.50 per \$100,000 of property value for five years. Funds will go towards paving the five longest roads needing attention: Ashleigh Dr., Bel Meadow Lane, Kensington Circle, Lake Louise and Sheerbrook Drive. In addition, the Village anticipates the need to pave Bell Road east of Chillicothe Road sometime before 2024 at an estimated cost of \$862,000.



Fall Road Projects

Two projects are scheduled in the Lake Louise development to be completed yet this year.

The Louise Drive bridge has been inspected and was found to have some deterioration. It was suggested the bridge be replaced in five years. Shortly after the Labor Day holiday weekend, the Lake Louise Homeowners Association will be lowering the lake level to allow reinforcement work to be performed on the bridge.

Once the lake is lowered, the South Russell Service Department employees will be installing some center line bridge supports under the current bridge. Additional work will include minor road-to-bridge joint repairs and the installation of additional guardrail supports. This is in preparation for additional weight and vehicle traffic during the Cascades Drive culvert pipe replacement.

The culvert replacement is estimated to cost approximately \$97,000 and the Village has received an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant of 50%. The project includes the replacement of the current metal culvert pipe with a concrete box culvert and road repairs. Work will be scheduled to begin in October and completed before poor weather arrives. Traffic will be maintained to residents beyond the construction site to the cul-de-sac and affected residents will be notified of schedules, updates, and any precautions during the replacement construction.

Questions or concerns may be directed to the Street Commissioner's office during normal working hours (7:30 am – 3:00 pm) at 440-338-3891.

South Russell Police Department Open House **Saturday, September 9, 2017** **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

The South Russell Police Department will be holding its Annual Open House on Saturday, September 9th from 10am - 2pm. Meet the officers, take a tour of our facility, and see a variety of specialized vehicles and equipment.

Members of the Valley Enforcement Group's (VEG) specialty teams will be onsite to give visitors a firsthand look at a high-tech Communications Vehicle (ERV), an Armored SWAT Van, and an Accident Investigation Unit (AIU). There will also be drone demonstrations by the newly established Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) unit. Meet members of the Ohio Search Dog Association and the Chagrin Falls Fire Department which provides our EMS and fire service.



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First Responders Week
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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

September 11th & 25th at 7:30 pm
October 9th & 23rd at 7:30 pm
November 6th & 27th at 7:30 pm
December 11th at 7:30 pm

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.

Village of South Russell Contact Numbers

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