



# South Russell Village NEWSLETTER

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## Bell Road West Widening and Improvement Update

As we are all very aware - the Bell Road West Widening and Improvement Project which started this past January has been very active over the last few months. The first layer of asphalt was installed in the last few weeks and there will be one more layer of asphalt installed before the project is completed around the end of October. We really appreciate everyone's patience during this very large and very long construction project. The Bell Road West project is by far, the largest construction project we have ever undertaken in the village and we believe our residents will be very happy with the improved safety and additional opportunities for safer recreation that the new road provides once it is completed. This whole project was made possible by a very large grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) that covered approximately 80% of the engineering and construction costs for the project. The project includes not only the widening of the road to provide a 4 foot biking/walking/running lane on both sides of the road but it also included the installation of new Storm Sewers to aid in Storm Water Management along much of the length of the project.

In the coming weeks there will be a number of significant steps in the project that will bring the project to completion around the end of October including:

- Install Asphalt and Concrete Drive Aprons at all the impacted driveways
- Install Curb Sections at Designated Locations (Primarily by Old Cemetery)
- Install Guardrail at Designated Locations
- Perform Final Grading Along Roadside Edges & Seeding

- Install Final Asphalt Surface Course & Striping

Thank you again for your patience throughout this long construction project and we look forward to a much safer and more functional road in the very near future.

## Mayor Brett Dedicates South Russell Village Park Pavilion



The Chagrin Valley Jaycee pavilion was dedicated in July when Mayor Matt Brett and Chagrin Valley Jaycee president Jon Seewald cut a ceremonial ribbon marking the official opening of the pavilion. The Jaycees made a very generous donation to South Russell Village to offset a significant portion of the cost of building the new pavilion. The new park pavilion can be reserved on a first come, first serve basis at [www.southrussell.com](http://www.southrussell.com). There is a \$25 refundable deposit required to reserve the pavilion.

# The South Russell Village 2014 Road Improvement Project

Each year, South Russell Village budgets for an annual road improvement program. Streets and roads are reviewed annually by the Village Engineer for consideration of improvements and repairs.

Streets and roads for the 2014 Road Improvement Program were chosen through the annual review by the Village Engineer in late spring after allowing for any additional damage to appear from the harsh winter. The 2014 Road Improvement program was one of the largest road improvement programs the village has done in many years. The roads to be included in the program are chosen based on a road rating system that has been used for over 20 years by the village engineer that takes into consideration the current condition of the road surface, the age of the road since the last resurfacing, traffic volume and estimated cost for any improvements. A list of recommended improvements was presented to council for consideration in late April.

South Russell Village expects to complete its 2014 Road Improvement Project by September 30. Please note that this annual project was a separately funded program and is in addition to the large Bell Road West Improvement and Widening Project that was funded through a very large grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

The roads chosen for this year's road program included: Laurelbrook Drive, Deerfield Drive, Whitetail Drive, Deer Court and a section of Snyder Road that lies

within the South Russell Village limits.

Each road being resurfaced is addressed using different procedures depending on the current conditions and original design. Several steps used on the improvements included: complete milling of the road surface on the curb and gutter streets, in-place recycling using the current materials to re-profile the contour of the road's base course, repairs to damaged areas, berm repairs and grading for proper drainage, tar and chip the road surface to seal current pavement, paving of an intermediate or leveling course, and paving of the surface or wearing course. Both Whitetail Drive and Deer Court have the original road surface that was originally dedicated in 1988 when the neighborhood was built. Snyder Road, last resurfaced in 2003, is considered a primary connector road between South Russell and Bainbridge Township and was funded with local permissive license plate tax funds received from Geauga County. Other improvements to village roads include in-house asphalt repairs, crack sealing and road striping. The expected completion date of this 2014 Road Improvement project is September 30, 2014.



**Protect Your Privacy**

**Don't Regret It ....Shred It**

South Russell Village will provide document/ paper shredding on **Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Village Hall Parking Lot.**

This is a free service to South Russell residents. Don't put your personal records or identification to the curb. Bring them to be shredded and prevent identity theft. Service being provided by Infoshred.



Please note that this date is the last day for the Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market for the 2014 Season.



## South Russell Village Cemetery - Construction Update

The much-anticipated construction of the South Russell Village Cemetery is underway. The Cemetery will be a beautiful final resting place for members of our community.

Burial and cremation lots will be available for purchase at the South Russell Village Hall. South Russell Village Cemetery will also have a Memorial Garden that will feature pavers for engraving and memorial benches for purchase.

Mayor Matthew Brett will be conducting a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Cemetery's opening later this fall.

For further information contact Cemetery Clerk, Jennell Dahlhausen, at 440-338-6700 ext. 222.

## Preventing Crimes of Opportunity

One of the easiest crimes to prevent -- burglary -- is also one of the most common. Somewhere in the U.S. there's a burglary committed every 15 seconds. If it happens at your home, you lose more than a few possessions. A break-in, even when you're not there, has a major impact on you and your family's sense of safety and well-being.

The first thing a burglar looks for when choosing a house for a break-in is one with no one in it. If you make your house look occupied when you're gone, most burglars will simply pass it by. Never leave doors or windows unlocked, and ALWAYS close overhead garage doors, especially at night.

Theft from an unlocked vehicle is also 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

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## Can We Find You in an Emergency?

In an emergency, police, fire, and rescue workers depend on house numbers to find you as quickly as possible. Finding your home - especially at night - can be challenging if address numbers are unreadable, hidden, unlighted, or have missing numbers and may delay emergency responders from getting to you as quickly as possible. Below are some suggestions to help emergency services in locating your home:

- Post your house number on BOTH sides of the mailbox
- Be sure that the view of the numbers is not obstructed by vegetation or decorations
- Numbers should be a contrasting color to the background
- Numbers should also be placed on, above, or at the side of the main entrance, so that they can be easily detected from the street.

Another concern to consider is that depending on the emergency, we may have mutual aid assistance responding from a neighboring agency, and they may not be familiar with the streets and numbering, particularly those streets with gaps in numbering. This is all the more reason to have a house number clearly posted near your front door as well as your mailbox.

## Door to Door Solicitors

The first thing you need to know is that the door-to-door salespeople canvassing your neighborhood have a constitutional right to be there. If you prefer solicitors not visit your home, you may post a sign at your front door or main entrance bearing the words "No Solicitors." South Russell Village also restricts the hours of door-to-door Solicitors prohibiting soliciting between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday and altogether on Sundays. Should you have any concerns regarding solicitors in your neighborhood, such as suspicious activities or otherwise, do not hesitate to contact the police department at 440-247-7321.

## 9th Annual Fall Festival – Sunday September 28th

The ninth annual South Russell Village Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, September 28 from 1 pm to 5 pm at the South Russell Village park on Bell Road. Pony rides, hay rides, food, and bouncy houses will highlight this festival so please come and bring the whole family to this great South Russell family event.



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