

# Village of South Russell



## ~Newsletter~



### SNOW WORRIES

The 2015-2016 winter season is upon us. The Service Department's winter equipment is ready to handle any snowy conditions that Mother Nature delivers. The Village of South Russell and its Service Department takes pride in keeping our roadways clear and safe during the winter months.

Please keep a few things in mind this winter:

- ◆ A snow Parking Ban will be declared whenever there is two or more inches of snow on any village street or the National Weather Service forecasts a severe snowstorm warning. Parking **is not** allowed on any streets in the community during a ban to make sure the streets are open for snow-  
plowing. This Parking Ban is in effect from November 15th through April 15th. Violators are subject to vehicles being ticketed or towed. Additional information on this topic can be found on the Street Department page at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com) under the "Street Department Policies" link.
- ◆ With the holiday season upon us, residents may be having social events at their homes. The snow removal crews will work their best to maintain passable roads although cars may be parked on the roadway. Vehicles should be parked on the same side of the road and **not** in the cul-de-sacs. All night and overnight parking without previous approval from the South Russell Police Department is prohibited and may result in early morning towing of a vehicle.
- ◆ For private snow removal, please be reminded that no person shall cause any snow to be moved from any premises, drive, parking area or sidewalk, onto or to be placed upon any portion of the traveled surface of any public street within South Russell Village, including pushing or mechanically blowing snow across Village streets. All hydrants must be free of snow as well.
- ◆ Weekly trash pickup containers must be placed off the road surface and to one side of your driveway apron. Do not place containers in the roadway.
- ◆ Residents should inspect the condition of their mailbox and post. The box should be secure to the post and the post should be secure in the ground. The village is NOT responsible for repairs or replacement of damaged mailboxes due to snow coming off the plows.

## Safe Winter Driving

It's that time of year again. Winter is approaching in Northeast Ohio and can bring challenging driving conditions. At the South Russell Police Department, we want our residents to stay safe in these conditions so we have provided some winter driving tips from the American Automobile Association and the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration:

### ***Be Prepared***

- Maintain Your Car. Check the battery, tire tread, windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.
- Store a flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets. *For long trips, add* food and water, medication and a cell phone.
- Stopped or stalled? Stay in your car, don't overexert, put bright markers on the antenna or windows and shine the dome light. If you run your car, clear the exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.
- Plan your route: Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/directions, and let others know your route and arrival time. If you really don't have to go out, don't.

### ***Winter Weather Driving***

- 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.



## **ATTENTION VILLAGE RESIDENTS POSITIONS OPEN**

### **COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Village of South Russell will be accepting applications for an upcoming Council seat vacancy with the term ending December 31, 2017. To qualify for the position, you must have been a Village resident for more than one year and applicants must be a registered voter. Council will be soliciting letters of interest until December 14, 2015. Please mail your interest letter to: Fiscal Officer, Council Vacancy, 5205 Chillicothe Road, South Russell, Ohio 44022 or email to [fiscalofficer@southerussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southerussell.com)

### **TAX BOARD OF REVIEW**

Due to new state regulations, the Village of South Russell needs to form a new Tax Board of Review. This purpose of this board is to review tax abatement requests, therefore a background or understanding of finances is beneficial. Council will be soliciting letters of interest until December 14, 2015. Please mail your interest letter to: Fiscal Officer, Tax Board of Review, 5205 Chillicothe Road, South Russell, Ohio 44022 or email to [fiscalofficer@southerussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southerussell.com)

The Village of South Russell does not offer curbside leaf collection service. If you see leaves at the street in your neighborhood, they were most likely put there by a privately hired landscaping company that will be back to pick them up. Leaves brought to the roadside by residents or landscapers must remain on tree lawns and off the roadway. Residents should make sure that leaves are cleared of and not blocking storm drains, driveway culvert pipes and ditches that could cause backups and minor flooding issues during heavy rains.

## A Fond Farwell

Our heartfelt thanks to Mayor Matthew Brett and Councilmember Jack Binder. Mayor Brett was elected to Village Council in 1998 and has served as Mayor since 2003. Councilmember Binder was elected to Village Council in 2003.

Current Councilmember, Dr. William Koons will be filling the Mayor seat in January of 2016. Dr. Koons was elected to Village Council in 2006.

We also welcome Gerald Canton as a newly elected Village Councilmember.

## Fall Festival Update

This year's Fall Festival attracted about 500 people. The beautiful weather was in our favor and added to another successful year. Some of the attractions included face painting, pony rides, hay rides, bouncy houses, the Valley Enforcement Tactical and Chagrin Falls Armory vehicles, the Chagrin Valley Fire Prevention trailer, the Metro General Hospital Life Flight helicopter demo and several displays.

Thank you to all that volunteered their time!



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## An Announcement from Dominion East Ohio

Everyone should know the signs of a natural gas leak:

- ◇ **SMELL** – To help you smell a leak from a natural gas line or appliance, a familiar odor similar to sulfur or rotten eggs is added to natural gas.
- ◇ **SEE** – Near a gas leak, you might see blowing dirt, bubbling water or an unusual area of dead vegetation.
- ◇ **HEAR** – A leaking pipeline might make a hissing sound you can hear.

If you smell natural gas in your home, leave immediately and contact Dominion East Ohio's emergency number. Do not switch on or off any lights, electrical appliances or equipment. Do not try to locate the leak or use a phone (even a cell phone) within the house. If you call Dominion after hours, a recording will tell you the offices are closed. If you stay on the line, 24-hour emergency personnel will take your call. At a safe distance from your home, watch for the Dominion truck to let the service representative into the house.

If you notice any of the following, call Dominion at 1-800-535-3000 or 911 immediately.



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## Village 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.

All other Boards and Committees meet as needed

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