

# Village of South Russell

## ~ Newsletter ~

Spring 2017 Edition

### **SPRING TRASH DAY**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29<sup>th</sup> at the South Russell Village Hall parking lot  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Please enter at the Police Department driveway. Residency identification **WILL** be required.

Volunteers will be on hand to **assist residents** with unloading their trash.

**ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED INCLUDE:** General trash and debris, items containing freon (refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners), scrap metal, computer equipment, electronic equipment and white metal such as appliances.

TIRES **WILL BE ACCEPTED** AT THIS CLEANUP

**NO YARD WASTE, HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS OR CONTAINERS WITH LIQUEFIED PRODUCTS ACCEPTED.**

Please visit **startrecycling.com** or call 800-707-2673 for disposal sites for these items

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### **SENIOR TRASH COLLECTION**

South Russell Village is joining forces with the Geauga County Department on Aging for Senior Trash pickup:

**WEST END OF THE VILLAGE – WEDNESDAY, April 26, 2017 8:00 am – 3:00 pm  
(includes homes on 306)**

**EAST END OF THE VILLAGE – THURSDAY, April 27, 2017 8:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Seniors, 60 years of age or older, living in South Russell Village and wishing to have a pickup scheduled on Senior Trash Collection Day must be registered by calling the Geauga County Department on Aging between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:30 pm at 440-279-2130, or 440-564-7131 at extension 2130 or 440-834-1856 at extension 2130. This spring pickup is on a first-come, first-serve basis, and the number of senior residents that can be served is limited. **Seniors must be registered with the Department on Aging prior to pickup and must be home the day of the pickup, or have someone 18 years of age or older that is appointed by the senior, present to sign a release for the collection.** Only 10 household items will be accepted per home.

For more information on the spring trash events and any other Village events, please visit **www.southrussell.com**

## South Russell Village Cemetery

South Russell Village Cemetery is located at 5230 Chillicothe Road. A copy of the cemetery map can be viewed in the Village Hall or on the Cemetery page at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com)

### **Lot Sales ~**

#### **Full size lots**

Village Resident: \$1,000  
Former Resident: \$2,000

#### **Cremation lots**

Village Resident: \$800  
Former Resident: \$1,600

### **Scattering/Memorial Garden ~**

A Scattering/Memorial Garden is available for scattering cremains or a place to memorialize an individual whose ashes have been scattered elsewhere. Scattering ashes in the garden during week-day hours is \$350 and during weekend hours is \$450, which includes the scattering cost and an engraved paver with the individual's name, date of birth and date of death.

If you would like to purchase a paver in the garden for an individual that has been scattered in another location, pavers are available for \$350. This price includes the engraving cost.

If you are interested in purchasing a lot or in our scattering/memorial garden, please contact Fiscal Officer Danielle Romanowski at [fiscalofficer@southerussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southerussell.com) or 440-338-6700 x 221

## Village Council Meetings

Village Council meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 5205 Chillicothe Road.

Meetings in June, July, August and December will be held on the second Monday of the month only. The

March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting has been cancelled. The November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting has been rescheduled to November 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to speak at a meeting please contact

[fiscalofficer@southerussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southerussell.com) or call 440-338-7843 no later than the Wednesday before a meeting to be added to the agenda.

#### **Upcoming meetings:**

April 10<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup> & May 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 19<sup>th</sup>



## **TAXES DUE AND PREPARATION ASSISTANCE IS BEING OFFERED!**

Municipal income tax returns are due April 18, 2017 due to Emancipation Day. 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 or non-filing.

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

The Central Collection Agency (CCA) will be on-site at Village Hall, 5205 Chillicothe Road on **Friday, April 7th from 4-7 p.m.** to assist taxpayers in completing their local returns. This assistance is offered free on a walk-in basis; no appointments will be taken. If you are unable to make this event but want help in preparing your local return, check out the **2017 CCA Taxpayer Assistance Schedule** at [www.ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us](http://www.ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us) to find other scheduled events you can attend for local tax preparation assistance.

## Renting the South Russell Pavilion

Are you looking for a place to have your homeowners association picnic, graduation party or birthday party? Did you know you can rent the South Russell Village Park pavilion?

The park pavilion is available to rent for \$25. Go to the Parks page at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com) to check the calendar of availability and download the Park Permit form.



## **Mark Your Calendars...**

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at **Gurney Elementary School**  
1155 Bell Road  
South Russell  
**June 26, 2017**  
1—6 pm



South Russell Village Hall is a collection site for Harvest for Hunger throughout the month of March. Drop off your non-perishable food donations to South Russell Village Hall 5205 Chillicothe Road Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# HELP WANTED

## South Russell Road Department

The Village of South Russell Road Department is looking to hire part-time summer help to assist with projects and property maintenance.

Candidates must be reliable, responsible, have a good work ethic, and able to work well with others. Requirements include being able to perform light manual labor, follow directions, have knowledge and experience with mowers and weed eaters, and be motivated to work with limited supervision. The work environment may involve some extreme summer weather conditions.

Interested individuals may pick up an application from the Street Commissioner Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at the South Russell service garage located at 5205 Chillicothe Road.

## South Russell Building Department

The Village of South Russell Building Department is looking for a flexible part-time Administrative Assistant to work approximately 20 hours a week. Duties include registering contractors, assisting with processing drawings, scheduling inspections, and assisting with various office functions.

Ideal candidates should be proficient with computers and have a thorough knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite including Word and Excel as well as Google Docs. Must have good organizational skills, be detail oriented, ability to work effectively with residents and contractors in a courteous and professional manner while handling multiple tasks simultaneously.

Qualified candidates should send a resume along with a cover letter to [fiscalofficer@southernrussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southernrussell.com)

The Village of South Russell is an Equal Opportunity Employer

### Many Home Projects Require Permits

With springtime approaching, the Building Department is asked all kinds of questions about permits and finding contractors. While permits are usually not required for repairs, any replacement such as a furnace, air-conditioning, roof, hot water tank, siding, and windows do require permits, and do require inspections. Other work requiring permits are decks, fences, sheds, electrical work, additions, and interior remodeling. Even when homeowners do the work themselves, permits are still required. Safety is always our primary concern, especially with the mechanical systems and electrical work. In addition, a secondary concern comes when you try to sell your home, and buyers ask us whether a permit was issued for the work that was done. We can also be a valuable resource for finding reputable contractors, surveyors and architects. We are able to provide you with a few names so you can compare prices. Please contact the Building Department at 440-338-1312 if we can be of help to you or if you have any questions.



### IT WILL BE A CLEAN SWEEP FOR SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE

As spring approaches, scheduling of the annual street sweeping has been set to begin around **Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Sweeping will only continue if weather permits and large amounts of rainwater are not present.

All Village streets, cul-de-sacs and turnarounds will be swept to remove winter debris. If your street has a current gravel berm, this material can be used as fill in low areas and around mailboxes. On these streets, the material should not be placed on the hard asphalt road surface. If the grass line of your yard meets the edge of the road, material may be raked onto the first foot of road surface. This will allow the sweeper to clean up while maintaining a neat grass edge line. No additional material is acceptable such as limbs or yard waste.

While property and yard cleanup is taking place, it is a good time to inspect your ditch lines and driveway culvert pipes. These are the responsibility of each homeowner to maintain and should be kept clear of leaves, limbs and tall grasses. Leaf piles and debris such as old newspapers in plastic bags should not be in the Village right-of-way ditches as they may cause blockages. No standing water should be present.



**Village of South Russell**  
**5205 Chillicothe Road**  
**South Russell, OH 44022**

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## Who to Contact in a Power Outage

Along with warmer weather come storms which sometimes cause power outages. In the event of a power outage, it is important for residents to report their outage directly to First Energy. The utility company gauges outages based on the number of outage reports it receives. If only one person on a street reports an outage, the utility company may think only one person is affected. However, if everyone on the street being affected reports the outage, they will know more people are being affected and schedule repairs appropriately. The best way to submit a power outage is through the First Energy website or the app which can both be found at: [www.firstenergycorp.com/outages\\_help.html](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/outages_help.html) Outages can also be reported by calling: 1-888-544-4877.

The First Energy app is also a great way to see what areas are currently experiencing outages, how many people are being affected, as well as to check on the status of an outage.

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### Village of South Russell Contact Numbers

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

440-338-6700 ext. 233

440-338-1312 (direct line)

[building@southerussell.com](mailto:building@southerussell.com)

#### VILLAGE HALL

440-338-6700 ext. 221

440-338-7843 (direct line)

[fiscalofficer@southerussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southerussell.com)

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

440-338-6700 ext. 2000 (Non-Emergency)

440-338-7611 (direct line)

[police@southerussell.com](mailto:police@southerussell.com)

#### STREETS DEPARTMENT

440-338-6700 ext. 236

440-338-3891 (direct line)

[streets@southerussell.com](mailto:streets@southerussell.com)