

Village of South Russell - Newsletter -

Spring 2016 Edition

SPRING TRASH DAY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30th in the South Russell Village campus parking lot
8:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Entrance will be at the Police Department driveway.

Residency identification **WILL** be required.

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

**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.

SENIOR TRASH COLLECTION

The South Russell Village Officials are joining forces with the Geauga County Department on Aging for senior trash collection on the following dates:

WEST end of the Village – **WEDNESDAY, April 27th** 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
(includes homes on Route 306)

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EAST end of the Village – **THURSDAY, April 28th** 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 ext. 2130 or 440-834-1856 ext. 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 these and other village events, please visit www.southerussell.com or follow our Facebook page.

Meet your South Russell Elected Officials

Mayor



Dr. William G. Koons

Mayor Koons was elected to Council in 2005 and was elected to serve as Mayor from 2016 to 2019. While on Council, Mayor Koons chaired the Building, Finance, Human Resource, Properties, and Park committees, as well as serving as President Pro Tempore of Council from 2009 to 2015.

Council Members



Gerald Canton

Council Member Canton was elected to serve on Council from 2016 to 2019. He serves on the Properties, Public Utilities and Street Committees.



Bryan Kostura

Council Member Kostura was appointed to Council in January 2013 and elected to serve on Council from 2016 to 2019. He serves as Chair on the Street and Finance Committees and serves as the Council's representative to the Planning Commission.



Michael Carroll

Council Member Carroll was elected to serve on Council from 2014 to 2017. He serves as Chair on the Safety and Emergency Planning Committees and serves on the Human Resources Committee.



Cynthia Nairn

Council Member Nairn was appointed to Council in 2016, with the term ending in 2017. She serves on the Building, Finance and Safety Committees.



John Dishong

Council Member Dishong has served on Council since 2000 with his current term ending in 2017. He is the President Pro Tempore, serves as Chair on the Human Resource and Properties Committees, and serves as the Council representative to the Parks Committee.



Mark Porter

Council Member Porter has served on Council since 2006, with his current term ending in 2017. He serves as Chair on the Building and Public Utilities Committees.

Upcoming Council Meetings

March 14	May 9
March 28	May 23
April 4	June 13
April 25	July 11

If you would like to speak at a meeting, you must be added to the agenda.

Please contact fiscalofficer@southerussell.com or call 440-338-6700 ext. 221 no later than the Wednesday before a meeting to be added to the agenda.

VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

440-338-6700 ext. 233
building@southerussell.com

VILLAGE HALL

440-338-6700 ext. 222
adminassist@southerussell.com

POLICE DEPARTMENT

440-338-6700 ext. 290 (non-emergency)
police@southerussell.com

STREETS DEPARTMENT

440-338-6700 ext. 236
streets@southerussell.com

MAYOR

440-338-6700 ext. 224
mayor@southerussell.com

South Russell Residents can Reserve the Park Pavilion

The South Russell Village Park pavilion is available to rent for \$25. The Park Permit and calendar availability can be found at www.southerussell.com on the PARKS page.

Building Permit Reminder

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-conditioner, roof, hot water tank, siding, and windows do require permits as well as 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 the primary concern, especially with the mechanical systems and electrical work. A secondary concern comes when homeowners try to sell their home, as buyers often ask to see the permit taken for the work that was done.

The Building Department can also be a valuable resource for finding reputable contractors, surveyors and architects, allowing residents to get several quotes and compare prices.

Building Department—440-338-6700 x 233

South Russell Village Cemetery

South Russell Village Cemetery is located at 5230 Chillicothe Road. A copy of the map can be viewed in the Village Hall or on the Cemetery page at www.soutrussell.com

Lot Sales ~

Full size lots

Village Resident: \$1,000

Former Resident: \$2,000

Cremation lots

Village Resident: \$800

Former Resident: \$1,600

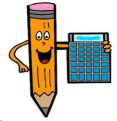
Scattering/Memorial Garden ~

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 weekday 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 the scattering/memorial garden, please contact the Cemetery Clerk at 440-338-6700 ext. 222 or email cemetery@soutrussell.com

ATTENTION RESIDENTS



Municipal income tax returns are due April 18, 2016 due to Emancipation Day being observed on April 15th. All residents over 18 years of age 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.

For taxpayer assistance, call CCA at 216-664-2070.

For tax forms or to file electronically, please go to:

www.ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us

Beware of Tax Scams

**From the South Russell Police Department
Detective Bureau**

During the tax season, tax scams are on the rise. Here are a few tips to help you avoid being a victim of a tax scam. Telephone tax scams are the most popular form of scam and the IRS has a formal process in place to assist people with their taxes. The IRS respects taxpayers' rights and does not engage in angry, shake down, harassing, or threatening style telephone calls and does not use unsolicited email, text message, or any social media to discuss your personal tax issues.

IRS will never ~

- The IRS **will never** call you and demand immediate payment. The IRS will also **never** call about taxes owed without first mailing you a bill. If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to work for the IRS it's probably a scam.
- The IRS **will never** demand you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- The IRS **will never** require you to use a specific payment form for your taxes such as a prepaid debit card.
- The IRS **will never** ask for credit card or debit card numbers over the phone.
- The IRS **will never** threaten to bring in local law enforcement officials to have you arrested for not paying your taxes. The IRS **will not** threaten you with an arrest warrant or tell you an arrest warrant has been issued.

Remember, if someone calls you and states they are from the Internal Revenue Service, **NEVER** give them personal information such as your date of birth or social security number. Contact the IRS at 800-829-1040 or visit IRS.gov for additional questions or concerns.



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NO PARKING ZONES

On January 11, 2016, Village Council passed an ordinance establishing “No Parking Zones” within the Village of South Russell. In addition to our existing “No Parking Zones,” portions of Manorbrook Drive and Alderwood Trail have been added due to safety concerns of limited sight distance and sharp curves in particular sections of roadway.

The specific areas are as follows:

No Parking on Alderwood Trail from Bell Road to Manorbrook Drive on both sides of the street.

Landscape trailers and vehicles parked on the curves have caused motorists to drive left of center creating a danger of a head-on collision. We are asking that residents instruct their landscapers, contractors, or visitors to park on the cul-de-sac streets off Alderwood Trail.

No Parking on Manorbrook Drive east bound in front of 525 and west bound in front of 532.

We are asking that residents instruct their landscapers, contractors, or visitors to park on the opposite side of the roadway from the no parking zones on Manorbrook Drive.

New signs will be erected in the spring to indicate the specific areas addresses above.

