



Village of South Russell Newsletter

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Please Notice This



SOUTH RUSSELL 2018 SPRING TRASH DAY DROP-OFF

*****Please note this is the ONLY trash day in 2018*****

South Russell Village Service Department will provide Village residents a Spring Cleanup / Trash Day **SATURDAY, April 28, 2018 at the South Russell Village Hall campus parking lot from 8:00 AM—2:00 PM.**

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 and BATTERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS CLEANUP.**

Residency I.D. **WILL** be required. Volunteers will be on hand to **assist residents** with unloading their trash.

*****NO YARD WASTE, NO HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS, NO CONTAINERS WITH LIQUEFIED PRODUCTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. These items will be collected at special Geauga County Collection Events.*****

The South Russell Village Officials are joining forces with the Geauga County Department on Aging for the

2018 SENIOR CITIZEN SPRING RESIDENTIAL TRASH PICKUP DAYS

Note: These are the **ONLY SENIOR** Pickup days in 2018.

WEST END OF THE VILLAGE – Wednesday, April 25, 2018 - 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. (Includes homes on Chillicothe Road).

EAST END OF THE VILLAGE – Thursday, April 26, 2018 - 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 **Gauga 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.

Information needed when placing your request for a pickup is: Your name, address, phone number, date of birth and items needing to be picked up. These special pickups will be sometime during the scheduled day - West End on Wednesday, East End on Thursday, depending on the route and demand.

• **Seniors must be registered with the Department on Aging prior to pickup.**

• **Must be home the day of the pickup or have someone 18 years of age or older who is appointed by the senior, present to sign a release for the collection.**

Please note the following guidelines:

NO liquids, paints, or other hazardous household materials, construction debris, rocks, yard waste, or household garbage will be accepted. Please, only 10 household items per home. We will accept up to 4 tires off the rims, appliances, electronics and miscellaneous items. The items **must** be from the senior's household only. All materials should be consolidated in strong boxes and not items that can be picked up during normal weekly trash collection such as newspapers and household waste. Items should be kept dry (tarp) if possible. Items to be picked up should be placed either outside your house or garage and in the driveway. **South Russell Village employees are not permitted to enter the residence to remove items.** Please **do not** place items at curbside.

***** WINTER REMINDERS *****

Living in Northeast Ohio means we will still see snow for the next 2 months. Please remember that a snow parking ban is still in effect until April 15th whenever there are two or more inches of snow on any village street or the National Weather Service forecasts a severe snow warning. Parking is **NOT** allowed on **ANY** street in the Village during a ban to ensure that the streets are open for plowing. For more details, please visit www.southrussell.com

With tax time fast approaching, **TAX SCAMS** are on the rise. Telephone tax scams are the most popular form of scam during the tax season. The IRS respects taxpayers' rights and does **NOT** engage in angry, shake down, harassing, or threatening style telephone calls. The IRS has a formal process in place to assist people with their taxes. If you have any questions or concerns about the IRS or common scams, log on to IRS.gov or call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

*Here are 5 things the scammers will do but the IRS will **never** do:*

- 1. 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.**
- 2. The IRS will never demand you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.**
- 3. The IRS will never require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes such as a prepaid debit card.**
- 4. The IRS will never ask for credit card or debit card numbers over the phone.**
- 5. 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 for you.**

Remember, if someone calls you and states they are from the Internal Revenue Service, NEVER give them any personal information such as your date of birth or social security number. Also remember the IRS does not use unsolicited email, text message, or any social media to discuss your personal tax issues.

If you have any questions or concerns about suspicious telephone calls from the IRS - please do not hesitate to contact the police department at 338-6700, extension 3.

Municipal Income Tax returns for South Russell Village are due Tuesday, **April 17, 2018**. 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.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE at Geauga County libraries

Volunteers from AARP will help you file your 2017 federal and state taxes. This service is for anyone—you do **not** have to be a senior citizen.

Appointments are required; call your library to schedule.

Please bring to your appointment:

- Copy of your 2016 tax returns
- All 2017 tax forms
- Proof of identity
- Social security card

Bainbridge: 440-543-5611

Mondays: until - April 9

Saturdays: until April 14, except April 7

Chardon: 440-285-7601

Wednesdays: until - April 11

Geauga West: 440-729-4250

Thursdays: until - April 12

Middlefield: 440-632-1961

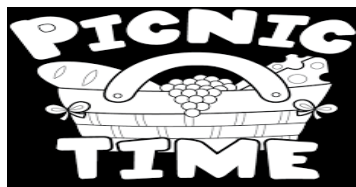
GOT TAXES? NEED HELP?

<http://www.co.geauga.oh.us/Departments/Aging/VITA> -

Gauga County Department of Aging. During the traditional income tax season of January 1 through April 15, the Department on Aging provides tax services for **seniors** through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

Staff and volunteers are certified through the IRS, and will not only assist with the preparation of tax returns but will also submit state and federal returns. For more information or to schedule an appointment during tax season please contact the Department on Aging at [440-279-2130](tel:440-279-2130).

<http://ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us/> - This is CCA, the entity to which we pay our local taxes. Each year during the months of February—April, CCA provides on-site assistance to taxpayers in many municipalities. Visit the website for locations, dates and times.



Renting the South Russell Pavilion

Are you looking for a place to have your homeowners' association picnic, graduation or birthday party? Did you know you can rent the South Russell Village Park Pavilion? The park pavilion is available to rent for \$25.00. Go to the **'Parks'** page at www.southerussell.com to check the calendar of availability and download the **Park Permit** form.



Thank you for your vote for the five-year, 1.5 mill road levy to repave five, over ½ mile roads. These additional funds will allow the village to continue to maintain our roads and avoid costly repairs if paving were delayed further.

The South Russell Village park property on East Washington is being studied as a possible location for privately-funded soccer and lacrosse fields. The village is working with local and state government agencies to secure permission and funding for the fields. A meeting to discuss these possible changes will be on Monday, April 23, 6:00 p.m. at SR Village Hall.

The South Russell Village park property on Bell Road is being considered for a \$50,000 donation for a playground. The proposed site is east of the pavilion and would allow for additional activities as donations are received.

Storm water continues to be an issue in many neighborhoods. The South Russell Village crew, in cooperation with the Bainbridge-located Family Life Center, installed a specially constructed drain pipe to reduce the speed of the water flowing from the FLC north to the Lantern, under route 306 and into Chagrin Lakes. The same volume of water is simply flowing at a much slower and much less erosion-causing speed.

- **Mayor William Koons, Ph.D.**



Did You Know? **Your Home Projects May Require Permits**

Spring is fast approaching and so begins the construction season. It is the homeowners' responsibility to make sure that permits are obtained for work being done at their homes, and to have the work inspected. The permits are required **even if the homeowner does the work**. This is specifically to ***protect*** the homeowner by making sure the work, at the least, meets the minimum building, zoning, and mechanical or other code requirements. It is also required to help uphold the quality and character of the Village as a whole, by maintaining setbacks for sheds and fences and other zoning regulations. All contractors working in the Village are required to register with the Building Department, which is an additional safeguard for homeowners. Contractors are required to maintain and provide copies of proof of liability insurance, workman's compensation, and a bond. Permits are **required** for roofing, electrical work, fences, sheds, hot water tank replacement, furnaces, air-conditioning, siding, decks and replacement windows. If you have any questions about whether a permit is needed, if your contractor is registered, and/or has taken the permit on your behalf, please contact the Building Department at (440) 338-1312 or by email at: building@southrussell.com.

It's a CLEAN SWEEP for South Russell Village



As spring approaches, scheduling of the annual street sweeping has been set to begin around Monday, April 16, 2018. 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 debris. If your street has a current gravel berm, this material can be used to 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 on your yard meets the edge of the road, material may be raked onto the first foot of the road surface. This will allow the sweeper to clean up while maintaining a neat grass edge line. No additional material is acceptable such as tree branches 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. Questions? Call Darrell Johnson at (440) 338-6700x 236 or email: streets@southrussell.com



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Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Chris Mariola for designing and making this beautiful, custom kiosk/sign for his 2017 Eagle Scout Project!

FirstEnergy

First Energy now offers a smart phone app. Once the app is installed and the customer registers his/her FirstEnergy account, he/she can report power outages, get outage updates, view his/her bill, etc., directly from a smartphone. The app is available for Apple® and Android™ smartphones. Use the keyword "FirstEnergy" or search for your utility by name.

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 10 - Cops & Kids Fishing at Lake Louise, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. More details to follow on the South Russell Village Police Facebook page and at www.southrussell.com

JUNE 12 - Concert in the South Russell Park - Bell Road Pavilion, 7:00 pm. www.southrussell.com

MAY 12 to OCTOBER 13 - Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market at South Russell Village Campus. Every Saturday 9:00 am to Noon.

SEPTEMBER or OCTOBER - Annual Fall Festival. Date to be announced.

OCTOBER 13 - Paper shredding at South Russell Village Campus.