



Village of South Russell

~Newsletter~



Winter Reminders

The 2016-2017 winter season is here and the Service Department's equipment is ready to handle any snowy conditions that Mother Nature delivers! The Village takes pride in keeping our roadways clear and safe during the winter months and asks for your assistance by keeping the following things in mind:

- ❄ A snow Parking Ban will be declared between November 15th through April 15th whenever there are 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** street in the community during a ban to make sure the streets are open for plowing.
- ❄ When having social events over the holiday season, all vehicles should be parked on the same side of the road and **NOT** in the cul-de-sacs. All overnight parking without previous approval from the Police Department is prohibited and may result in early morning towing.
- ❄ 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.**
- ❄ When plowing or shoveling snow from driveways or sidewalks, **do not push or blow snow across Village streets.** All hydrants must be free of snow as well.

For more details, please visit www.southerussell.com

Winter Weather Driving Tips

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.



Bell Road East Gas Line



Did you drive through the east end of Bell Road lately and wonder what was going on?

Dominion East Ohio Gas is installing new, larger pipeline along Bell Road from Paw Paw Lake Drive to Chillicothe Road. The new line will supplement the present line providing improved service to residents. The Village thanks everyone for their patience with the construction zone as it moves its way along Bell Road.

Renewal of Levy

Thanks to the support of our residents, the 1976 Operating levy passed by 75%! This renewal does not raise taxes but will continue to bring in \$173,000 per year to the Operating Fund. The Village will continue to be good stewards of your tax dollars.

Bell Road Gas Station Update

The sale of the Bell Road gas station should be finalized soon. Once the sale is complete, the station and the underground storage tanks will be removed and replaced by a new facility and tanks. The expected opening of the new facility is May 2017.

NOPEC Update

Beginning January 1, 2017 the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council's (NOPEC) new service provider will be NextEra Energy Services of Ohio.

By this point in time, all residents should have received an opt-out mailing from NOPEC for electric service providers. This opt-out reminder is a requirement of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to remind residents every three years of who their service provider is and let them know they have the right to choose their own utility service providers. Residents wishing to remain with NOPEC don't have to do anything and their service will continue with NOPEC with NextEra being the new electric service provider.

Residents wanting to research their options or possibly change providers can find more information at www.nopecinfo.org or www.energychoice.ohio.gov or check out www.southerussell.com for links to NOPEC FAQs and information.

Building Code Board of Appeals Vacancy

South Russell Village is looking for a resident to serve on the five-member Building Code Board of Appeals. This group will handle any challenges to the SRV Building Code. This group does not deal with issues involving zoning, just the building code.

Interested residents should email a letter of interest and resume to Laura Heilman at building@southerussell.com by January 31, 2017.

Wishing you Peace and Happiness this holiday season....and ALWAYS!

We send best wishes to our neighbors, friends and businesses for a healthy and prosperous 2017

Make sure to make your estimated tax payments on time!

Individual Estimates are due January 31, 2017
Net Profit Estimates are due December 15, 2016

Don't miss out on the latest Village news!

Sign up for our Village E-Blasts on the Services page at www.southerussell.com

Fall Festival Update

Despite the threat of rain, the Fall Festival was once again a huge success! 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, apple cider press demonstrations and Dr. Awesome, the bubble man.

Approximately 800 hotdogs were served along with cider, chips and cookies! It was a great afternoon to enjoy the fall festivities and visit with neighbors and friends.

The Village thanks the Park Committee members for all their time and dedication in planning this wonderful event and all the volunteers and employees who worked together to help make it a great success!

Village Boards and Committee Members

In addition to work performed by the South Russell elected officials and employees, many residents volunteer their time serving on various boards and committees to help oversee the business of the village.

Residents serving on the 2016 boards and committees include:

Architectural Board of Review: Paul Deutsch, Denis Marino and Gary Neola

Building Code Board of Appeals: Terry Brennan, John Coriell, Ann Dunning, Craig Leichty and Rob Myers

Parks Committee: Martha Bistriz, Gary Brockett, Ted Kruse and Greg Pike

Planning Commission: James Flaiz, Andy Hitchcock, Steve Latkovic

Public Records Commission: Mary Ann Keesler

Tax Board of Review: Tom King, Bob McIlroy and Greg Pike

Zoning Board of Appeals: George Clemens, Gregory Gamm, Christine Houston, Laura LaChapelle and David Maistros



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It feels good to give.....Give the Gift of Life

The American Red Cross will be holding
a blood drive on
December 28, 2016
1:00 – 6:00 pm

Gurney Elementary School
1155 Bell Road
South Russell





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

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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

January 9th & 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

February 13th & 27th at 7:30 p.m.

March 13th & 27th at 7:30 p.m.

April 10th & 24th at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to be added to the meeting agenda please contact fiscalofficer@southrussell.com or call 440-338-6700 ext. 221 no later than the Wednesday before a meeting.

There is a 5-minute limit to address Council.

The meeting agenda can be found on the Village calendar link at southrussell.com

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.southrussell.com