

Village of South Russell Newsletter

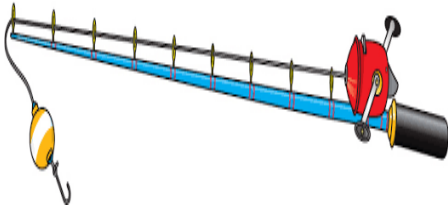
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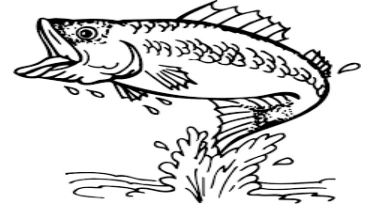


SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE ~ Cops & Kids Fishing

The South Russell Police Department will be hosting our 6th annual Cops & Kids Fishing event at LAKE LOUISE, located at 33 Ridgecrest Drive in South Russell, on Sunday, June 10, 2018, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. This catch and release event is geared towards youth and their parent(s) or guardian(s) for a day of fishing alongside local law enforcement officers. Bring your fishing pole and we will provide the bait. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Although we do not require pre-registration, we'd like to hear from you if you plan on attending. Email the police department at police@southrussell.com and let us know how many are in your party.



DATE: Sunday, June 10, 2018
TIME: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
PLACE: Lake Louise Pavilion



FREE Concerts in South Russell Village Park
1000 Bell Road, South Russell.
Presented by The Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce.

☺ ☺ Bring your favorite lawn chair and picnic basket, enjoy the evening, and watch the fireflies with your friends and neighbors in our beautiful park. ☺ ☺
Pizza will be available for purchase.
Dogs must be leashed at all times.

Tuesday, June 12, 2018
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.
Yachtly Crue ~ soft rock genre

Tuesday, July 10, 2018
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.
University Heights Symphonic Band ~ premier wind ensemble

Important Severe Weather Information

As severe weather develops this season, keep in mind, a **tornado warning** means that a tornado is imminent, a tornado is occurring, or is expected to develop.

Tornado warnings are issued by the local National Weather Service office when any of the following occurs:

- Doppler radar indicates strong rotation within a thunderstorm.
- Dual-polarization Doppler radar detects a tornado debris signature, indicative of lofted debris from a tornado.
- Trained storm spotters have reported a funnel cloud (a circulation aloft not yet in contact with the ground).
- Trained storm spotters have reported a fully-formed tornado - the circulation has made contact with the ground.

If a tornado warning is issued in Cuyahoga County OR an adjacent county, the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center will activate our tornado siren. The siren will sound for a 3-minute cycle and repeat every 15 minutes while the tornado warning is in effect.

Although local weather conditions may not indicate severe weather, the siren may activate as a storm event approaches our area.

Please do not call the dispatch center to inquire why the siren was activated. Our dispatchers may be handling emergency telephone and radio traffic as a storm passes through other communities in its path.

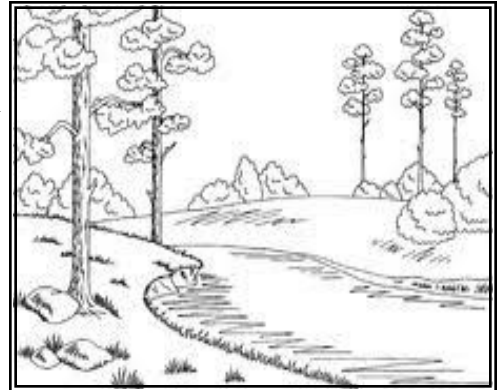
If you have any questions, please contact Police Chief Rizzo at 440-557-5535.

Did you know?

The Chagrin River Watershed plays an important role in maintaining the health and purity of the Great Lakes ecosystem; in northern Ohio, we are all connected to Lake Erie. South Russell Village is in the Chagrin River Watershed, which is known statewide as having a very unique habitat quality and many cold-water designated streams, a relatively rare designation in the state of Ohio. ***The Ohio EPA gave this classification to the Chagrin River Watershed; it is a very rare, a very high-quality designation and is extremely hard to obtain. In fact, there are no other watersheds where an entire "sub" watershed has been designated a cold-water habitat like ours.*** This means we have cold water fish and aquatic insect species (macroinvertebrates) in our

streams. These fish and aquatic insect species have to live in cooler temperatures and exceedingly high-quality waters. The North Branch of McFarland Creek has been designated a cold-water habitat stream by the Ohio EPA. This stream flows through South Russell Village (just east of South Russell Village Park) before flowing to McFarland Creek and eventually to the Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River. People that live here, as well as people that live outside of the Chagrin River Watershed, love to travel here for fishing, hiking and recreation. Our designation as one of the highest-quality aquatic life areas plays a major role in attracting people to the Chagrin Valley.

There are things you can do in your own backyard to help keep South Russell Village's streams healthy, regardless of whether or not you have a stream on your property. If you have a stream on your property, consider allowing native, deep-rooted vegetation to grow along the stream in a "no-mow" zone and avoid dumping lawn waste into the stream as this can contribute to streambank erosion and water quality issues. If you don't have a stream on your property, consider disconnecting your downspouts and directing storm water runoff from your roof into a rain barrel, where it may be captured for reuse, or into a rain garden that will filter and slowly release storm water before it reaches local streams. Rain barrels work day in and day out to keep rainwater out of storm drains and sewers. Why is this important? Every time it rains, unabsorbed water rushes to storm drains and directly into our local waterways. Often-times this runoff carries with it pollutants it has picked up along the way. Rain Barrels are available from the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District. Their phone number is 440-834-1122 and their website is www.geugaswcd.com. Remember to consult with the Village prior to any downspout disconnection. - *Courtesy of Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc., and Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District.*



Lawn Maintenance Reminder - Summer is finally here! Beautiful weather has arrived in South Russell and everything is in bloom. The Village of South Russell Ordinance No. 2001-31, Section 1a, requires that residents must keep property free and clear from all noxious weeds and rank vegetation and, where a grass lawn exists, to keep the average height of the grasses of said lawn to no greater than eight inches at all times. Thank you for helping to keep South Russell Village beautiful. ☺

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Gurney Elementary School
1155 Bell Road, South Russell
Monday, June 25, 2018
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

E-Commerce Safe Zone

The South Russell Police Department has an "E-Commerce Safe Zone" located in the visitor parking area of the Police Station. This safety zone provides a safe place for citizens to make purchases or exchanges after conducting online transactions. Visit the ***Police*** page at **www.southerussell.com** for more information.



Reserving the South Russell Pavilion

The Pavilion was built with the help of a generous donation from the Chagrin Valley Jaycees in 2014. The pavilion is available to rent on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$25.00. It is a perfect location for your next homeowners' association picnic, graduation or birthday party, or class reunion.

Go to the 'Parks' page at www.southerussell.com to check the calendar for availability, and download the Park Permit form.



♦ South Russell Village is in the planning stages to build a playground just south and west of the Pavilion area. Using no public money - all private donations - the \$120,000 playground is scheduled to be built in the spring of 2019. If you would like to donate and/or purchase a piece of playground equipment, contact Mayor Bill Koons at 338-6700, extension 224. or you can also email the mayor at mayor@southrussell.com.

♦ A South Russell Village resident would like to raise funds to build a lacrosse and soccer field on the East Washington Street side of the park. Using no public money, the privately-funded athletic fields would be built on the 10 acres closest to East Washington Street. Look for construction to possibly begin in 2020.

♦ South Russell Village is being pro-active in combating storm water that floods yards, houses and roads. We worked with the Family Life Center to reduce the speed of water that flows from the Family Life Center north into the Lantern, under Chillicothe Road, and into Chagrin Lakes.

The water flowing west from Kensington Green toward Village Hall and then under Chillicothe Road, into the Chagrin Lakes swim lake, is creating a problem that will hopefully be addressed by a grant from the EPA. We hope to build a bio-swale to capture the storm water and slowly release it.

North of Bell Road, east of Chillicothe Road, west of West Bel Meadow Lane, is the most difficult storm water area in the Village. Estimates from our engineering firm estimate the cost to slowly and safely move storm water from this area to be at least \$100,000 for a new drain pipe under Chillicothe Road. A bio-swale retention pond would be almost \$750,000. We will seek alternate plans or financial assistance before we begin to address this storm water problem.

♦ The Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market began its 16th year on Mother's Day and will continue each Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., until October 13, 2018.

♦ *Thank You* for passing the five-year, 1.5 mill road levy to bring in an additional \$225,000 for the next five years to repave our roads. Our efforts in 2018 will hopefully concentrate on the Lake Louise roads of Cascades Drive, Morning-side Drive, Garden Park Drive and Louise Drive, along with Annandale Drive and Wolfpen Drive in Kensington Green. Final plans based on our budget and the bids from paving companies will be determined by the end of June 2018.



Retired Flag Drop Off

Did you ever wonder where you could properly dispose of your used, worn flags? South Russell Village has a worn flag collection box on the Village campus at the corner of our Service Department building. The collection box was an Eagle Scout Project, and is an old U.S. Mail box that is painted with stars and stripes. The flags collected throughout the year are gathered annually to be properly disposed of at a formal ceremony on Flag Day.

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Park History

The South Russell Village Park, located at 1000 Bell Road, is 87 acres extending from Bell Road south to East Washington Street. It was purchased with help from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy in 2006, and the park is one of the few remaining sanctuaries for the Bobolink - a migratory bird that nests each spring in the hayfield at the park. By August 1, the Bobolinks depart for the south, and shortly thereafter, the hay is able to be baled from the park field.

Vacation

The South Russell Police Department encourages you to take advantage of our "Vacation Watch Program" in which Police Officers conduct security checks of your property while you are away. Simply contact the Police Department at 440-338-7611 or use the online form to request that your residence be placed on the watch list. Officers will visually and physically check your doors and windows to ensure security, and inspect for damage, tampering, or signs of unusual activity. When you return, a log of the officers' checks and any activity noted can be emailed to you or picked up at the Police Department.



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**Important
Information**

**Emergency Contact
Magnet**

New Emergency Contact Magnets are available for pick up by residents at either South Russell Village Hall or the Police Department. How do these magnets work?

- 1. Residents pick up a magnet and fill it out with information such as their name, emergency contact information and phone numbers of those to be contacted in the event of an emergency. Write in any medical conditions, allergies, medications taken—any information that the first responders should know. This information can be absolutely vital in a case where first responders are dealing with someone who is unconscious or unable to talk.**
- 2. Residents are encouraged to place their magnet on the refrigerator or another area where it can be easily seen. This information will then be used by first responders in the event of an emergency. Emergency personnel look on refrigerators for family contact information.**

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 12 to OCTOBER 13 - Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market at South Russell Village Campus. Every Saturday 9:00 am to noon, rain or shine.

JUNE 10 - Cops & Kids Fishing at Lake Louise, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Details 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. Yachtly Crue.

JULY 10 - Concert in the South Russell Park - Bell Road Pavilion, 7:00 pm. University Heights Symphonic Band.

SEPTEMBER 8 - Police Department open house. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Details to follow.

SEPTEMBER 23 - Annual Fall Festival. 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Details to follow.

OCTOBER 13 - Paper Shredding at South Russell Village Campus. Details to follow.