



Village of South Russell

~Newsletter~



From the Mayor...

Controlling storm water continues to be a top priority of the Village. Council will soon decide to accept or reject the \$188,000 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant offered to the Village to capture storm water. Water from Kensington Green flows south of Village Hall to Chagrin Lakes. The grant will allow the Village to build a retention pond south of Village Hall to slowly release the water to Chagrin Lakes, reducing damage done to the infrastructure of Chagrin Lakes.

The July 4, 2018 storm resulted in 64 residents reporting property damage, including water in basements or other flooding. This information was collected by the Village for use in applying for grants and assistance in controlling storm water that flows through the village.

In other news, the Village received a grant of \$123,000 to rebuild the Lake Louise Bridge which is expected to cost \$246,000. Construction should occur late in 2019.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources recently awarded the Village over \$23,000 to build a playground southeast of the pavilion. With a generous donation of \$50,000 already in hand, we are on our way to the \$120,000 needed to construct the playground.

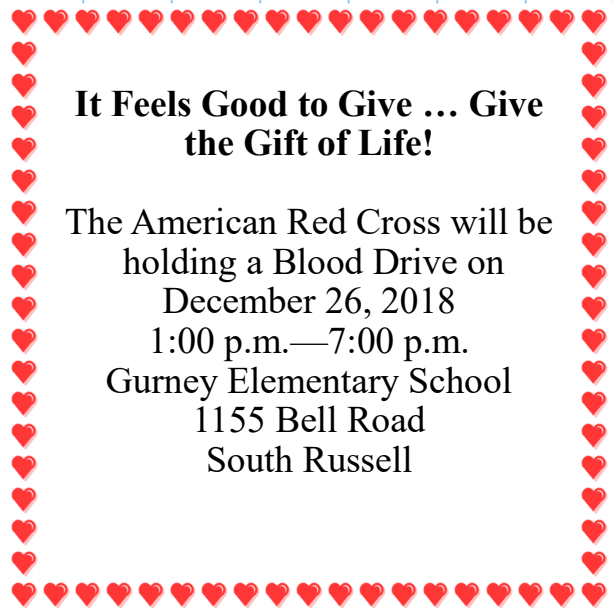
The Village was fortunate enough to sell our 1992 snow plow for over \$12,000.

The Village has adopted “no engine brake” legislation which disallows large trucks from using engine brakes to slow down. Enforcement began in mid-November.

Sincerely,
Bill Koons, Mayor



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
2019



**It Feels Good to Give ... Give
the Gift of Life!**

The American Red Cross will be
holding a Blood Drive on
December 26, 2018
1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Gurney Elementary School
1155 Bell Road
South Russell

Winter Reminders

The 2018-2019 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 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 ensure 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.southrussell.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.

Can We Find You in an Emergency?

In an emergency, police, fire and rescue workers depend on **house numbers** to find you as quickly as possible. Finding your home—especially at night—can be challenging if address numbers are unreadable, hidden, unlighted, or have missing numbers and may delay emergency services in locating your home:

- Post your house number on BOTH sides of your mailbox
- Be sure that the view of the numbers is not obstructed by vegetation or decorations
- Numbers should be a contrasting color to the background
- Numbers should also be placed on, above, or at the side of the main entrance, so that they can be easily detected from the street

Another consideration is that depending on the emergency, we may have mutual aid assistance responding from a neighboring agency, and they may not be familiar with the streets and numbering, particularly those streets with gaps in numbering. This is all the more reason to have a house number clearly posted near your front door as well as your mailbox.

Be sure to make your estimated tax payments on time!

Individual Estimates are due January 15, 2019.

For more information:

ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us/?p=faq

Fall Festival Update



The picture perfect weather this year made for a wonderful community gathering for the annual South Russell Village Fall Festival. Fun was had by all with activities that included face painting, pony rides, rock wall climbing, bouncy houses, hay rides, the Chagrin Valley Fire Prevention trailer, the Metro General Hospital Life Flight helicopter, apple cider press demonstrations, and bubbles filling the air!

For many, the highlight of the day was the complimentary lunch of hotdogs, chips, and cookies served to the residents by Village staff and community volunteers.

The Village thanks the Park Committee members for all their time and dedication in planning this wonderful event, as well as all the volunteers and employees who worked together to create a memorable fall tradition!

Banish the Winter Blues!

Check out the South Russell Village Park Playground proposal at www.southerussell.com.



Email questions and comments for Mayor and Council through fiscalofficer@southerussell.com.

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 currently serving on the boards and committees include:

Architectural Board of Review: Gary Neola, Denis Marino and Ryan Parsons

Parks Committee: Greg Pike, Gerald Canton, Martha Bistriz, Bill Howell, and Ted Kruse

Planning Commission: Steve Latkovic, John Dishong, James Flaiz, Dennis Galicki, and Bill Koons

Public Records Commission: Mary Ann Keesler

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

Zoning Board of Appeals: David Maistros, Andy Hitchcock, George Clemens, Laura LaChapelle, and Terry Brennan

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.

Zoning Board of Appeals— Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are posted on the home page of the Village's website at www.southerussell.com



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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

January 14th & 28th at 7:30 p.m.

February 11th & 25th at 7:30 p.m.

March 11th & 25th at 7:30 p.m.

April 8th & 22th at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to be added to the meeting agenda please contact fiscalofficer@southerussell.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 southerussell.com

2018—2019 Village Business Holiday Schedule

Business Hours:

Village Hall and Building Department

Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Service Department

Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Closed:

Christmas, December 25, 2018

Martin Luther King Day, January 21, 2019

Presidents' Day, February 18, 2019

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Village Hall	338-6700 ext. 221
Building Dept.	338-6700 ext. 233
Streets Dept.	338-6700 ext. 236
Police Dept.	338-6700 ext. 2000