



# Village of South Russell

## ~Newsletter~

Summer 2019 Edition

### Military Veterans Memorial

Residents are invited to attend an information meeting about a possible memorial to honor veterans who served in the five branches of the military. A committee has been formed to consider the placement of military flags within the Village. Four locations are being considered; South Russell Village Park on Bell Road, the southwest corner of Bell Rd. and Chillicothe Rd., Village Hall, and the South Russell Village Cemetery.

Your comments, suggestions and support are welcome. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at South Russell Village Hall.



### Road Program

The proposed roads scheduled for repair and/or reconstruction are Ashleigh Dr., West Bel Meadow Ln., the apron of the East Washington St. entrance of South Russell Village Park, widening of the Police Department driveway to accommodate two way traffic, and overlay of the deteriorating concrete slabs in the parking area of Village Hall. The completion date is 30 days from the start of work, but no later than September 6, 2019.

### Building Department Update

After careful consideration and research, the South Russell Village Council voted on May 13, 2019 to transition the Building Department to operate in a part-time capacity. The new hours will begin June 3, 2019 and the Department will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (closed for lunch 12:00 – 12:45).

The Building Department will continue to answer questions about permits and finding contractors. While permits are usually not required for repairs, replacement of a furnace, air-conditioning, roof, hot water tank, siding, and windows do require permits and 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 our primary concern, especially with mechanical systems and electrical work.



### A Friendly Reminder from South Russell Police Department...

As the warm weather moves in, the police department would like to inform pet owners of some recent changes to the law regarding **Animals Running at Large**. No person shall allow animals to run at large upon any public way, unenclosed land, or upon any private property where notice is posted that animals must be on a leash, other than private property owned by the person having control of such animal. Dogs must be kept under control as defined in **Section 618.19(b)(1), (2), and (3) of the South Russell Codified Ordinances**. No person shall **fail to remove and properly dispose of fecal matter** that may be deposited on the ground in any Village Park or on private property not owned by the person having control of such animal.

If you have any questions, please contact **Police Chief Rizzo at 440-338-7611**.

### Yard Maintenance

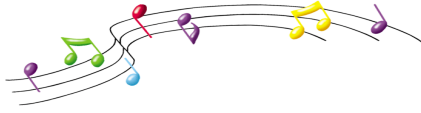
Summer and the growing season are here! The Village of South Russell Ordinance 2001-31, Section 1a, requires that residents must keep property free and clear from all noxious weeds and rank vegetation and, where a grass lawn exists, to keep the average height of the grasses of said lawn to no greater than eight inches at all times. Thank you for helping to keep South Russell Village beautiful!



### Retired Flag Drop Off

Properly dispose of your used, worn flags! South Russell Village has a worn flag collection mailbox (painted with stars and stripes) located on the Village campus at the corner of the Service Department building. The flags collected throughout the year are gathered annually to be properly disposed of at a formal ceremony on Flag Day.

**REMINDER: Flag Day is Friday, June 14th!**



**Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce Presents:**

**Summer Concerts  
In South Russell Village Park  
1000 Bell Road, South Russell**

**Yachtly Crue: June 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**

**University Heights Symphonic Band  
July 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**



**Reserve the Pavilion**

You can rent the South Russell Park pavilion for your next Homeowner’s Association picnic, graduation party, birthday party or class reunion! The Park Pavilion is available to rent for \$25.00. See the Parks page at [www.southernrussell.com](http://www.southernrussell.com)

**Save the date**

**Geauga Fresh Farmers’ Market  
May 11—October 12, 2019  
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

**South Russell Village Campus  
Free Concerts in the Park  
June 18 and July 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m.  
South Russell Village Park**

**South Russell Police Department  
Charity Car Show  
Sunday, August 4, 2019  
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
South Russell Village Campus**

**South Russell Village Fall Festival  
Sunday, September 15, 2019  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
South Russell Village Park**

**Shredding Day  
Saturday, October 12, 2019  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**



**South Russell Police Department  
Charity Car Show**

The South Russell Police Department will be hosting the 1st Annual Charity Car Show on **Sunday, August 4th from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m.**

Participants wishing to enter a vehicle are encouraged to register via email to [srpdcarshow@gmail.com](mailto:srpdcarshow@gmail.com) or leave a message with Sgt. Todd Pocek at 440-338-6700 extension #228. (Fee \$20)

The event will include a 50/50 raffle, multiple auctions, and prizes for participants.

**Sponsored by Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora,  
Hattenbach Company, and KEI Carbody.**



**Open to the public and FREE ADMISSION!**

**Vacation Watch Program**

The South Russell Police Department encourages you to take advantage of the **Vacation Watch Program!** Contact the Police Department at (440) 338-7611 or use the online form to request 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. On your return, a log of the officers’ checks and any activity noted can be emailed to you or picked up at the Police Department.

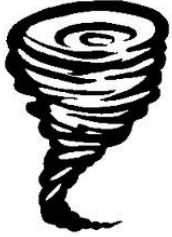


**Register Your Pet**

Log on to [www.southernrussell.com](http://www.southernrussell.com) and scroll to “Register your Pet.” Provide us with the details of your pet. Once added to our database, your pet information will be available to the police department in case it is lost or stolen.

## Important Severe Weather Information

Tornado warnings are issued by the local National Weather Service Office. As severe weather develops this season, keep in mind that a tornado warning means that a tornado is imminent, occurring, or expected to develop.



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. The dispatchers may be handling emergency telephone and radio traffic as a storm passes through other communities in its path.

Questions may be directed to Police Chief Mike Rizzo at 440-557-5535.

## Power in Numbers!

In the event of a power outage, it is important for EVERYONE to report the outage to First Energy! The Utility Company gauges outages based on the number of reports received, and prioritizes accordingly! Outages can be reported by calling 1-888-544-4877, through the website, [www.firstenergycorp.com/outages\\_help.html](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/outages_help.html), or by using the First Energy App.



**American Red Cross  
Blood Drive  
Gurney Elementary School  
Gymnasium  
1155 Bell Road  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022  
Monday June 24, 2019  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



## Fireworks and the Law

As the Fourth of July holiday is approaching, we would like to remind our residents about the use of fireworks within the Village limits.

The current Ohio State Fire Code does not allow for any type of fireworks to be shot off within the State of Ohio with the exception of sparklers and snakes. All other types of fireworks require a permit from the State Fire Marshal's Office as well as a licensed technician to set them off. Additionally, there must be a fire official present and fire protection readily available.

In the interest of personal safety, the Village asks everyone to refrain from using any illegal fireworks and cautions that complaints will be investigated and could result in confiscation and a citation.



## South Russell Village Cemetery

South Russell Village Cemetery is located at 5230 Chillicothe Road. The Cemetery map can be viewed in Village Hall or on the Cemetery page at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com)

### Full Size Lots

Village Resident: \$1,000

Prior Resident: \$2,000

### Cremation Lots

Village Resident: \$1,000

Prior Resident: \$2,000

### Scattering/Memorial Garden

**\$350 ~\$450**

(includes engraved paver)

For more information, contact Danielle Romanowski,  
[fiscalofficer@southerussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southerussell.com)  
(440) 338-6700 x 221



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**Village Council Meetings**

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

**June 10th** at 7:30 p.m.

**July 8th** at 7:30 p.m.

**August 12th** at 7:30 p.m.

**September 9th and 23rd** at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to be added to the meeting agenda please contact [fiscalofficer@southerussell.com](mailto: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](http://southerussell.com)

**Village of South Russell Contact Numbers**

**Village Hall**

440-338-6700 ext. 222

[fiscalofficer@southerussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southerussell.com)

**Street Department**

440 338-6700 ext. 236

[streets@southerussell.com](mailto:streets@southerussell.com)

**Police Department**

440-338-6700 ext. 2000 (non-emergency)

[police@southerussell.com](mailto:police@southerussell.com)

**Building Department**

440-338-6700 ext 233

[building@southerussell.com](mailto:building@southerussell.com)



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