



# Village of South Russell

## ~Newsletter~

Spring 2020 Edition

Dear Residents:

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and in good spirits as we work through the COVID-19 crisis. We encourage you to continue to check on your neighbors and the elderly. Village services have continued with slight adjustments. The Police Department will continue the 24/7 patrols of our roads but the station is closed. One thing that would help the Village keep in better communication with residents is if each street, neighborhood or HOA would provide us with the contact information of a resident who might serve as an official or unofficial leader of the neighborhood. This information would help inform you about emergency situations, power outages, road closings, etc. Consider signing up for an SRV Eblast. An Eblast is sent to inform residents of power outages, street closings and other emergencies. Information is on the South Russell website.

It is a pleasure serving as your mayor. Please feel free to contact me if I can help you in any way. My email is [mayor@southerussell.com](mailto:mayor@southerussell.com), office phone is 338-6700 ext. 224.

Sincerely,

Bill Koons  
Mayor

### Storm Water Update

A storm water grant and Village funds were used to build a retention pond south of Village Hall and wetlands in the corner of the Village Park. This retention pond will slow the flow of water entering Chagrin Lakes.

A second storm water grant will help control the storm water that often floods the homes east of Chillicothe Rd. Construction in 2021 of a 1,400 square foot stream enhancement north of Manor Brook Drive will slow the water flowing from Bel Meadow west through Fox Run, Sugar Bush, and Southwyck. Finally, in 2022, a larger culvert will be built under Chillicothe Rd. just north of Manor Brook Drive. The new culvert and the stream enhancement will clean, store, and slowly release water, reducing damage to residents' property.



On behalf of the Village of South Russell  
We congratulate all graduating Seniors of the Class of 2020  
in our community!



**Village of South Russell**  
**SPRING TRASH DAY**  
**June 6, 2020 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**  
**Proof of Residency REQUIRED**



**Accepted items:** General trash and debris, items containing freon (refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners), scrap metal, white metal (appliances), computer and electronic equipment, batteries and **TIRES!**

**NO** Yard waste, hazardous household chemicals, or containers with liquified products accepted. For special Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste collection dates and locations, see [www.gottagogreen.org](http://www.gottagogreen.org)

**GUIDELINES:**

- **NO liquids, paints, hazardous household chemicals, construction debris, rocks, yard waste, or household garbage.**
- **Mattresses and upholstered furniture must be wrapped in plastic and taped securely to prevent possible bed bug transfer.**

**Fun Fact:** Latex paint is not considered a hazardous material and DRY paint may be disposed of with the rest of your garbage. For tips on drying paint, go to <https://www.startrecycling.com/index.php/proper-disposal/latex-paint>

**DUE TO THE COVID-19, there will be NO SENIOR TRASH PICK-UP this year.**

**Dirt Spoils List Proposal**

South Russell Village Council is considering the adoption of a resolution to address situations where a Village project results in surplus fill dirt, road grindings, and other materials that have no value to the Village but may be desired by Village residents. The resolution, if adopted, would authorize the Mayor and/or another Village official, such as the Streets Commissioner, to create and maintain a running list of residents desiring such materials. The distribution of the materials would be to the residents appearing on the list in the order their names appear on the running list. The resolution will be considered and potentially adopted in the course of the June 8, 2020 Council meeting.

**South Russell Village Park News**



Use of the Village Pavilion and Playground are currently pending direction by the Governor. Updated information will be placed on the Village website.

However, the park is open for a summer full of walks and play! Feel free to bring your family pet, but please remember that dogs must be on leash at all times when visiting our park (Ord. 618.19) Also, please be courteous and clean up after your pet!

**Did You Know?**

South Russell Village Park is home to the largest BOBOLINK population in Geauga County! These birds migrate from South America to our Village annually and have already been spotted this year in our park on May 11th. Bobolinks are ground nesters, and build their nests in the tall grasses that remain unmowed in our park until August. While walking on the park's trails, the Bobolinks can be seen rising up out of the tall grasses. The Bobolink is a mostly black bird with white markings and a pale yellow or cream colored "cap" on its head.



## Septic Standards and Storm Water Meetings

Two Special Council meetings are planned for this summer. The meeting on Monday, June 8, at 6:00 p.m. will review septic standards in the Village. On Monday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m., the Mayor will provide an update of the Village's storm water situation. The storm on the weekend of March 28 & 29 resulted in over forty residents reporting water entering their homes.

The meetings are open to the public. Refer to the calendar on the Village website for details, [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com)

## TAXES DUE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Municipal Income Tax returns are due **JULY 15, 2020**. 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.

### *Need assistance with your South Russell Municipal Tax Return?*

CCA – Division of Taxation has designated specific Auditors to assist you with any South Russell municipal income tax matter. For personalized service, please contact:  
Deneen Wray 216-664-2070 ext. 1786 or call the main office at 216-664-2070 to reach any CCA auditor.

For tax forms or to file electronically, please go to [www.ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us](http://www.ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us)



### Home Improvements May Require a Permit

With warm weather approaching, many residents will be diving into home improvement and construction projects. It is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure that permits are obtained, and ultimately that the work is inspected, regardless of whether it is a DIY project or a contractor is used. Permits are required for roofing, electrical work, fences, sheds, hot water tank replacement, furnaces, air conditioning, siding, decks, and replacement windows. All contractors working in the Village are required to register with the Building Department.

The purpose of the process is meant to protect the homeowner and verify that the work meets the minimum code requirements. For questions regarding permits or to determine if contractors are registered, contact the Building Department at (440) 338-1312 or email [building@southerussell.com](mailto:building@southerussell.com).

### Tornado Siren

Testing of the Tornado Siren will be occurring every Saturday at 2:00 during Tornado season!



### 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: \$800

Prior Resident: \$1,600

#### Scattering/Memorial Garden

\$350 ~\$450—includes engraved paver

For more information, contact  
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[fiscalofficer@southerussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southerussell.com)  
(440) 557-5533



**DON'T MISS THE BUZZ!**

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### Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

- June 1st** at 7:00 a.m.
- June 8th** at 7:00 a.m.
- June 8th** at 6:00 p.m.
- June 8th** at 7:30 p.m.
- July 13th** at 7:30 p.m.
- July 20th** at 7:00 p.m.
- August 10th** 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)

#### **Police Department**

440-338-6700 ext. 2000  
(non-emergency)  
[police@southerussell.com](mailto:police@southerussell.com)

#### **Street Department**

440 338-6700 ext. 236  
[streets@southerussell.com](mailto:streets@southerussell.com)

#### **Building Department**

440-338-6700 ext 233  
[building@southerussell.com](mailto:building@southerussell.com)

Village Offices will be Closed on Monday, May 25, 2020 for Memorial Day and Friday, July 3, 2020 for Fourth of July.

