



Village of South Russell

~Newsletter~

Spring 2021 Edition



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SPRING TRASH DAY
May 1st, 2021 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

Attention South Russell Seniors!

WEST END OF VILLAGE
(INCLUDES HOMES ON CHILLICOTHE RD.)
APRIL 28, 2021

EAST END OF VILLAGE
APRIL 29, 2021

PLEASE NOTE:

- Seniors, 60 years of age or older and living in South Russell Village **AND**
- Seniors must be **registered** with the **Gauga County Department on Aging** prior to pick-up. To register call (440) 279-2130.

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.**
- **ONLY 10** household items per home.
- **Limit of 4 tires (off rims)** permitted as well as appliances, electronics, etc.
- **Items should be consolidated (in boxes), and placed outside in the driveway (NOT Curbside).**

FROM MAYOR KOONS

CALLING ALL VETERANS

Thanks to the over twenty veterans and their families who responded to our request to provide data on those who served in the military. There is still time if you or a family member served or are presently serving. Please send your contact information to mayor@southrussell.com along with a phone number, address, email, dates of service, branch, etc. If you have a picture of your veteran please include it if possible. Our plan is to create a database of veterans so we can honor our veterans at a future event.

Grass and Property Maintenance

Before you know it, it will be time to mow your lawn. Village regulations require grass to be maintained at a height lower than 8". Residents in violation receive two letters of warning. If the yard is not mowed, a landscaper is hired to mow the lawn. The landscaper cost is placed on the property's real estate taxes. Thank you for keeping your property maintained.



EMERGENCIES

This past year saw four major storms ravage our Village with power outages, storm water flooding, and property damage. In the future, we will work with the school district to open Gurney as a warming area. At the rear of the Service Garage in a lighted area marked with signs, we will provide access to a water hose to provide non-potable water for the residents. Simply bring your buckets and help yourself, day or night.

Home Improvements May Require a Permit

Do you often wonder when and why you are required to get a permit from the Building Department? You are not alone. Permits are required for a number of construction projects, driveway maintenance, hot water tank installation, all plumbing and electrical work, removing walls, etc. Questions? Call Ruth Griswold at 338-1312 for the answer. It is the homeowner's responsibility, not the contractor, to secure the proper permit.

Septic Cleaning

During 2020, Council eased septic tank cleaning requirements from every two years to every three-years. If your septic was required to be cleaned in 2020, it still must be cleaned. If your septic was cleaned in 2019 and was scheduled for cleaning in 2021, you must have it cleaned in 2022.

Time for a Clean Sweep!



The South Russell Service Department will be conducting street sweeping this spring. All Village streets, cul-de-sacs, and turnarounds will be swept to remove winter debris. To prepare, residents may rake remaining plowed materials like stone or gravel to the road's edge. Streets with a current gravel berm should not place this material on the asphalt road surface.

Spring is also a good time to inspect ditch lines and driveway culvert pipes. Maintenance of both are the responsibility of each homeowner and should be kept clear of leaves, limbs, and tall grasses. Leaf piles and debris can cause blockages and should not be in the Village right-of-way. No standing water should be present and may be resolved with ditch or culvert cleaning.

South Russell Village Park, Pavilion, and Playground



Spring is upon us and it is anticipated that residents are anxious to use the Village Park. With an increase in more temperate weather, periodic sanitization of the park and playground equipment has resumed.

The Park Committee will be meeting in early April to discuss re-opening of the park pavilion to reservations/rentals. Use of the pavilion currently remains on a first come, first served basis.

Inquiries have been received about whether the Village will have a Fall Festival this year. We are monitoring State mandated COVID restrictions and as the guidance on public gatherings evolves, information will be posted on the Village website.



REMINDERS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Please lock your cars and homes at all times!



ATTENTION BICYCLISTS!

- State law requires bicyclists to ride no more than two abreast
- Ride with the flow of traffic
- Always wear a helmet



MUNICIPAL TAX DEADLINE UPDATE



The tax deadline for *individual* Municipal income tax returns has been extended to **May 17, 2021**. Net Profit returns are still due April 15th. The extension also **does not** impact the deadline for first quarter estimated tax payments for tax year 2021. This deadline remains at April 15th.

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.

Retired residents are required to file the **Annual Exemption Certificate** each year.

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: Daniel DiVincenzo 216-664-2070 ext. 6714 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**

This fall, the Lake Louise Bridge will be replaced. Thanks in advance to the Lake Louise residents who will be inconvenienced during the project with one-lane traffic over the bridge.

The Village will host a meeting via Zoom on April 27th at 7:00 p.m. to educate residents on the regulations required to maintain a dam on private property and to discuss the pros and cons, costs, spoils, etc. of dredging a lake or pond. Please see the Village website calendar for meeting access details.



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

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 Danielle Romanowski,

fiscalofficer@southerussell.com

(440) 338-6700 x 221



DON'T MISS THE BUZZ!



To keep up with Village news, meetings, and events, follow us on Facebook and check out our website at www.southerussell.com. To receive Eblasts with important time sensitive information, visit the Services page at www.southerussell.com and sign up!



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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

April 12th & 26th at 7:30 p.m.

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

June 14th at 7:30 p.m.

July 12th at 7:30 p.m.

August 9th 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, location details, and links can be found on the Village calendar link at southrussell.com

Village of South Russell Contact Numbers

Village Hall

440-338-6700 ext. 222

fiscalofficer@southrussell.com

Street Department

440 338-6700 ext. 236

streets@southrussell.com

Police Department

440-338-6700 ext. 2000

(non-emergency)

police@southrussell.com

Building Department

440-338-6700 ext. 233

building@southrussell.com

Village Offices will be Closed on Monday, May 31, 2021 for Memorial Day.

