



Village of South Russell

~Newsletter~

Summer 2021 Edition

From the Mayor

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

The Village will potentially receive ARPA funds that can be used for limited infrastructure projects. The final amount is not known at the time of publication but the Village will be exploring qualified projects in the coming months.

Resident Input Requested!

The Mayor has compiled a list of potential Village projects and is requesting feedback regarding the order of importance to residents:

- Stormwater issues
- Build a restroom at the park
- Expand the parking lot at the park
- Fund a study of the 23 privately owned lakes and ponds in the Village to determine needed repairs
- Make a donation to the Chagrin Falls Suburban Fire Department for building expansion
- Update Building Department software
- Update the Village website

Email responses to
mayor@southrussell.com



Veterans Event

Over 30 veterans living in the Village have been identified. Now that COVID concerns are easing, look for an in-person event in the fall to recognize these individuals.

Road Paving

East and West Bel Meadow Ln., Fernwood Dr., and Chelsea Ct. have been proposed for resurfacing as part of the 2021 South Russell Village Road Program. If you live on one of these streets and need culvert/ditch repairs, please contact the Street Commissioner at (440) 338-3891 or streets@southrussell.com.



Public Hearing

On Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., there will be a Public Hearing to discuss the following:

- Proposed change to the Village ordinance which requires fences to be installed three feet off the property line
- Proposed change to the Village ordinance which does not allow food trucks to operate in the Village.
- Rezoning of the Augies/Sals shopping plaza which currently does not allow restaurants



The Parks Committee is busy planning the 2021 Fall Festival! Please watch for details on the Village website at southrussell.com and through eblast.

Reserve the Pavilion

You can rent the South Russell Park pavilion for your next Homeowners' Association picnic, graduation party, birthday party, or class reunion! The park pavilion is available to rent for \$25. See the Parks page at southrussell.com for information and instructions.





Register Your Pet

Log on to southrussell.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.



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 on the home page of southrussell.com 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.

A Friendly Reminder from South Russell Police Department...



As the warm weather moves in, the police department would like to inform pet owners of 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**.

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.



South Russell Village Park Butterfly Garden Coming This Fall

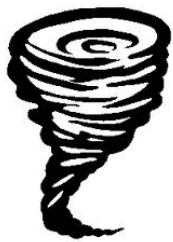
Great weather is here to enjoy the South Russell Village Park! The park offers the pavilion, playground, trails, and more for the enjoyment of residents. Additionally, the park is home to Bob-o-links, which are ground nesting birds that live in the tall grasses of the park. The playground and park are open from 8:00 a.m. until dusk daily.

In fall of 2021, a new butterfly garden will be installed in the park. The garden has been donated in memory of former Councilman and Mayor Tom Harvey by Judy Harvey and the Harvey Family. The butterfly garden has been designed to be expandable, educational, and interesting. It will contain both perennials and annuals as well as benches for visitors. The garden will preliminarily be maintained by a garden group created by Mrs. Harvey.



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, or by using the First Energy App.

Permits

The average home in the Village is valued at \$307,000. To keep houses up to the Village standards, permits are required. No building or other structure shall be added to, altered, demolished, erected, or moved, nor shall any building, structure, or land be established or changed in use without a permit. This includes, but is not limited to additions, decks, fences, garages, patios, pools, porches, and sheds.



Yard Maintenance



Summer and the growing season are here! The Village of South Russell **Ordinance 2001-31**, Section 1a, requires that residents keep property free and clear from all noxious weeds and rank vegetation and, where a grass lawn exists, 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!

Save the date

Shredding Day
Saturday, October 16, 2021
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Did You Know?

An "E-Commerce Safe Exchange Zone" is available to residents in the Visitor parking area of the South Russell Village Police Station. It provides a safe place with high visibility and a security monitoring system for residents to make purchases or exchanges after conducting online transactions. No police notification is necessary for this service. More information can be found on the Police Department page of the Village website.





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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

July 12th at 7:30 p.m.

August 9th at 7:30 p.m.

September 13th and 27th at 7:30 p.m.

October 11th and 25th 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 can be found on the Village calendar link at southrussell.com

Village of South Russell Contact Numbers

Village Hall

440-338-6700 ext. 221

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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



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