



# Village of South Russell ~Newsletter~

Fall 2021 Edition

## PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

**Saturday, October 16th  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Village Hall Parking Lot**



This service is offered to South Russell residents at no charge! Protect your identity and dispose of your records securely!

## SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE FALL FESTIVAL

The annual Fall Festival will take place Sunday, October 17th from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at South Russell Village Park. There will be free food, drink, and family friendly entertainment.



## Election Day Tuesday, November 2nd

The Village of South Russell will have two renewal levies on the November 2nd ballot. A levy renewal maintains but does not increase taxes. The Operating Levy is a renewal of a 4.2 mill levy for 5 years. It brings in approximately \$184,149 per year to the Village and costs the taxpayers approximately \$.42 per \$100 of property valuation when first voted on in 1976. The Road Levy is a 1.5 mill levy for 5 years. It brings in approximately \$242,458 for general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repairs of streets, roads, and bridges. It would cost taxpayers approximately \$.15 for each \$100 of property valuation when first voted on in 2017.

## FROM THE MAYOR

The recognition luncheon for Village military veterans will be held Monday, November 8, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sleepy Rooster. We have thirty-five confirmed registrations. Reply to [mayor@southerussell.com](mailto:mayor@southerussell.com) to register if you have not done so.

The annual inspection of our park by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy was held in August. All is well in the park.

The first-year evaluation of the stream enhancement south of Village Hall and the wetlands created in the park saw a need for three trees under warranty to be replaced, removal of invasive species, and other minor maintenance items.

The long-awaited Lake Louise Bridge replacement is one step closer to construction with the relocation of the gas line that was attached to the bridge. Paving of Louise Dr., Ridgecrest Dr., and Garden Park Dr. is proposed for 2022.

The Village Council meeting on Monday, October 25th at 7:30 p.m. will feature a presentation from NOPEC to explain their Green Community Choice program. The program gives residents the opportunity to enroll into a 100% renewable energy program.

## Stormwater Project Update

The Village of South Russell commissioned our Village Engineer this past Spring to complete a Stormwater Study update. The primary number one project identified by our Village Engineer was installation of a stormwater retention pond south of Village Hall. When the area south of Village Hall floods, water runs over Chillicothe Road shutting down the road and creating a safety hazard. In addition, the flooding continues into Chagrin Lakes downstream threatening other properties. For this reason the Engineer indicated that addressing this area should be the first priority of the almost \$1.5 million identified projects. Village Council has already started the engineering phase of this project. Furthermore, Council passed a resolution committing to the Geauga County Budget Commission that the project will be completed in 2022. While this is only the first project of several needed, completion of this stormwater retention pond will have a definite positive impact on flooding and associated downstream damage affecting many residents in that area of our community.

### 2021 Road Program

Paving of East and West Bel Meadow Lane, Chelsea Court and Fernwood Road will occur in early fall. If you need to replace your culvert pipe, please do this now before the repaving begins.

### Keep Your Ditches Clear!



In a cooperative effort to alleviate stormwater issues, please keep driveway culverts as well as front and backyard ditches and swales on your property free of fall debris like sticks, leaves, twigs, grass clippings, trash, etc.

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

You may have noticed an increase in the Village of new home construction as well as a variety of remodeling projects. Please remember that permits are required before construction of driveways, roofs, sheds, room additions, etc. Permits can be obtained through the Building Department, which also handles the scheduling of inspections to protect your property.

Please note, if your Homeowner's Association (HOA) requires approval before construction may occur, please let the Village Building Department know of this requirement. The Architectural Review Board requires the homeowner to bring a signed HOA approval before any decision is made about a proposed building project.

### PART-TIME ZONING INSPECTOR WANTED

The Village of South Russell is seeking a qualified candidate to serve as the part-time Zoning Inspector. A full description of the position and application process can be found on the homepage of [www.southernrussell.com](http://www.southernrussell.com)

### Reserve the Pavilion for Fall and Winter Get-togethers!

Enjoy a picnic by a cozy fire with friends or family this fall and winter at the South Russell Village Park pavilion! The pavilion is available to rent for \$25. See the Parks page at [southrussell.com](http://southrussell.com) for availability, information, and instructions.



### BACK TO SCHOOL



With schools back in session, please be observant of the School Zone Speed Limit. When flashing, the speed limit is 20 mph. Likewise, note that it is **ILLEGAL** to go around a stopped school bus. Please keep our children safe by adhering to these rules!

### Save the Date

Halloween Trick-or-Treat  
Sunday, October 31, 2021  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.





## South Russell Village Police Department

### Residents of Daisy Lane and Maple Springs Drive:

The Rolling Ridge and Chagrin Lakes communities are experiencing an increase in traffic complaints such as cut-through traffic not yielding to pedestrian traffic and operating in an unsafe manner. To address residents' concerns, the Police Department is considering the placement of an additional stop sign on Daisy Lane at Deerfield and one on Maple Springs Dr. at Parkland. Feedback is requested from the residents regarding this proposed plan. Please email your feedback to: [policechief@southerussell.com](mailto:policechief@southerussell.com)

## SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE PARK NEWS

### BAT HOUSES OF SOUTH RUSSELL PARK

#### WHY BUILD BAT HOUSES??

Bat houses provide an alternate roosting habit for bats and assist in controlling the bat population. Six identical bat houses have been installed throughout the Park to help prevent existing bats from using attics or chimneys as a home for nursing their young. Although bats can carry disease, bat houses provide a remote home so that bats can co-exist with the South Russell community.



South Russell Park on Bell Rd

#### FACTS ABOUT BATS!

- ❖ Critical factor in the preservation of the park's ecosystem – without bats, there could be significant changes in the park.
- ❖ One bat can eat 600 - 1,000 mosquitoes or flying pests in just 1 hour!
- ❖ Bats distribute plant seeds & pollinate various plants throughout the park
- ❖ Bats are the only mammal naturally capable of true and sustained flight.
- ❖ Bat droppings (guano) are excellent fertilizer for local plants

#### BAT SPECIES IN NE OHIO

- 1.) Big Brown Bat,
- 2.) Big-Eared Bat,
- 3.) Eastern Small-Footed Bat,
- 4.) Northern Myotis Long-Eared Bat,
- 5.) Red Bat,
- 6.) Eastern Pipistrelle Bat,
- 7.) Evening Bat,
- 8.) Indiana Bat,
- 9.) Silver-Haired Bat, and
- 10.) Little-Brown Bat.

#### Big Brown Bat



Eagle Scout Project  
Avery K. Shinkawa – Troop 177  
August 2021

### Tom Harvey Memorial Butterfly Garden

The Tom Harvey Memorial Butterfly Garden has been installed between the South Russell Village Park pavilion and the Girl Scout Butterfly Garden. Thanks to Judy Harvey and her committee for this wonderful addition to the park!



### 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) or (440) 338-6700 x 221



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### Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

- October 11th and 25th** at 7:30 p.m.
- November 8th and 22nd** at 7:30 p.m.
- December 13th** at 7:30 p.m.
- January 10th and 24th** 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.

Council meetings take place in Village Hall but can also be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC16bphl4tgSSR7CO8AVTIRQ>.

Participants who wish to address Council must appear in person. The meeting agenda can be found on the Village calendar link at [southerussell.com](http://southerussell.com)

### Village of South Russell Contact Numbers

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#### **Street Department**

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#### **Police Department**

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

#### **Building Department**

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