

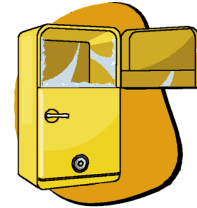


Village of South Russell ~Newsletter~

Spring 2022 Edition



**Village of South Russell
SPRING TRASH DAY**
April 30, 2022 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 27, 2022

EAST END OF VILLAGE
APRIL 28, 2022

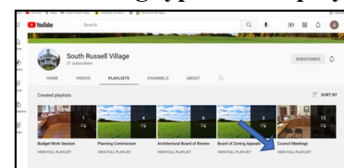
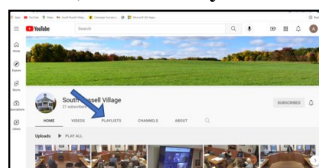
PLEASE NOTE:

- 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** by **April 20, 2022**. 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).**

Did you know Village Council meetings may be viewed on **YouTube**? To access a live meeting, click on the **red arrow** over the picture of Council Chambers on the homepage of southrussell.com. To view past meetings, go to the homepage and do as follows: **Select link to the YouTube Channel** → **Next, select "Playlists"** → **Choose meeting type for full playlist**



FROM THE MAYOR

Thanks for your cooperation in keeping vehicles off the streets during the winter months and to the Village personnel for maintaining the streets over a tough winter.

Thanks to the residents who responded to the request for comments on long-term rentals and Airbnb as well as the park master plan. These matters will continue to be considered by the Village.

With the completion of the Lake Louise Drive Bridge, repaving will occur on Lake Louise Drive, Ridgecrest, and Garden Park. Additionally, paving of the Village's portion of East Washington will take place in the coming months.

"Honor our First Responders Day" will be Tuesday, May 24, 2022. South Russell and Chagrin Falls Police and Chagrin Falls Fire personnel and their families will be treated to a volunteer sponsored picnic at the South Russell Village Park pavilion on Sunday, May 22nd.

During March, construction will begin on two storm water retention areas. The Central Retention Basin will be located east of Chillicothe Road and south of Village Hall across from the Cemetery. American Rescue Plan Act funds will be used towards the estimated \$500,000 project. The second will be north of the intersection of Manor Brook Drive and Chillicothe Road. Funding for this project comes from a \$460,000 grant from the Ohio EPA. Both projects are designed to slowly release storm water that builds up along Chillicothe Road.

The Village is presently looking for a person to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals. The BZA decides issues where residents and/or businesses seek an exemption from our building code. The BZA meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact mayor@southrussell.com.

Time for a Clean Sweep!



The South Russell Service Department will be conducting street sweeping during the second week of April. Residents are also reminded that Spring is a good time to inspect ditch lines and driveway culvert pipes. Both are the responsibility of each homeowner to maintain 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.

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 Pavilion



The South Russell Park pavilion can be rented 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.

Park Rules

While enjoying the park, residents are reminded of the law regarding Animals Running at Large.

Dogs must be kept on a leash and under control as defined in Section 618.19(b)

(1), (2), and (3) of the South Russell Codified

Ordinances. Additionally, pet owners are required to remove and properly dispose of their pets' waste.

Questions may be directed to Police Chief Rizzo at 440-338-7611.



UPDATE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENSORY BAGS

Each South Russell Police Department cruiser now carries “sensory bags” containing items to help calm persons with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and those who have experienced trauma. The sensory bags include noise-cancelling headphones and sunglasses for sound or light sensitivity as well as fidget items to help manage stress and anxiety. The program, which serves a variety of at-risk residents, is part of the Police Department’s efforts to intentionally build relationships in the community. The program facilitates information sharing to provide individualized services to autistic and other at-risk residents. In everyday interactions and moments of crisis, having prior knowledge of communication methods, personal interests, and calming techniques can make all the difference in ensuring a positive police-citizen interaction. A link to register can be found on the homepage of southrussell.com. Please email the At-Risk Resident Platform coordinator, Patrolman Kevin Spackman, at srpdspackman@gmail.com for further information on this community policing program.



BIKE RODEO



The South Russell Police Department will be having a Bike Rodeo on Sunday, June 26th, 2022 from noon until 3:00 p.m. at the South Russell Village Campus. We will have multiple bike courses, contests, free bike helmets, drone demonstrations, and an Ice Cream Social! Please register for this free event by completing the form on our website at www.southrussell.com/bike-rodeo. Registration forms will also be available in the Police Department lobby. Registration deadline is **Wednesday, June 15th, 2022**.

COPS AND KIDS FISHING DERBY

The South Russell Police Department will be having our 10th annual Cops and Kids Fishing event on Sunday, June 12th, 2022 at Bellwood Lake. The event will be from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. As always, this event is a great opportunity for kids to have positive interactions with the police. We will provide the bait and extra fishing poles. Lunch, trophies, and prizes will also be provided. Register at southrussell.com/fishing



MUNICIPAL TAX DEADLINE UPDATE



The tax deadline for individual Municipal income tax returns is April 18, 2022. 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. This form is available online through ccatx.ci.cleveland.oh.us as well as at South Russell Village Hall and on the Village website, southrussell.com, from the “Additional Resources and Links” button at the bottom of the homepage.

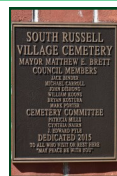
Need assistance with your South Russell Municipal Tax Return?

CCA – Division of Taxation has designated specific Auditors to assist you with any South Russell municipal income tax matters. 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.ccatx.ci.cleveland.oh.us



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.southrussell.com. Sign up to receive **Eblasts** with important time sensitive information! The link to do so is on the homepage of www.southrussell.com.



South Russell Village Cemetery

South Russell Village Cemetery is located at 5230 Chillicothe Road. Cemetery lot availability and pricing can be found on the Cemetery page of www.southrussell.com. For more information, contact Leslie Galicki, (440) 338-6700 Ext. 222 or Email adminassist@southrussell.com

Attention HOAs!

Please help the Village update its records by providing your current HOA Board and contact information to Leslie Galicki, (440) 338-6700 ext. 222 or email adminassist@southrussell.com Thank you!



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Village Council Meeting Time Change

Regular Council Meetings will now be held at
7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

April 11th & 25th at 7:00 p.m.

May 9th & 23th at 7:00 p.m.

June 13th at 7:00 p.m.

July 11th at 7:00 p.m.

August 8th at 7:00 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 to the Village YouTube Channel can be found on the homepage of southrussell.com

Village of South Russell Contact Numbers

Village Hall

440-338-6700 ext. 221

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Police Department

440-338-6700 ext. 2000

(non-emergency)

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Building Department

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Street Department

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streets@southrussell.com

Village Offices will be CLOSED on
Monday, May 30, 2022 for
Memorial Day.