

# Village of South Russell

## ~Newsletter~



### From the Mayor:

Thanks to departing Council members Mike Carroll and Cindy Nairn for their years of service to the Village. Welcome to new council members Chris Bell and Ruth Cavanagh.

Thanks to the residents who went to the polls on November 2nd and passed the two levy renewals by over 75%. These levy renewals maintain services for the residents while not raising taxes.

Thanks also go to representatives from state and local government and Veterans Service organizations who participated in the Veterans' Luncheon event.

**Your input is needed: Do you see a need for the Village to create legislation to control/regulate short-term home rentals, Airbnb situations, etc. Please email the [mayor@southrussell.com](mailto:mayor@southrussell.com) to give your comments on this and/or any issue.**

Residents are invited to attend the February 28, 2022 Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. to provide input for a South Russell Village Park Master Plan. Items that will possibly be included in the plan are a restroom, rain garden, and a controlled burn of the park hay field to promote ecological well-being.

The long-awaited Lake Louise bridge replacement has made steady progress. Thanks to the residents for their patience during construction.

Paving of Bel Meadow Ln., Chelsea Ct., and Fernwood Dr. was completed just as the snow began to fall. Paving was delayed due to the requirements of grants received for the project. During 2022, the Geauga County Engineer plans to pave East Washington St. from Chillicothe Road west to South Russell. It is estimated the Village will pay \$115,000 to pave its section of East Washington St.

The Village's annual shredding event resulted in the recycling of 6,000 pounds of paper.

Due to inclement weather, the Fall Festival was cancelled. Food from the event was donated to the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center.

The Village is in the process of designing a detention pond to be built on Village property south of Village Hall. This detention pond should prevent stormwater from overtopping Chillicothe Road during heavy rain events.

Since 2000, the Village has employed the United States Geological Survey to monitor the **quantity** of groundwater levels in the Village. To determine water quality, the Village will employ BioSolutions to test twenty different water samples from various areas around the Village. Storm **Sewer** Outfall is also monitored through a yearly inspection of fifty-two properties in the Village. With most residents utilizing well water, it is important to monitor this valuable asset.



Village Hall can be reserved for South Russell Village HOA meetings. Please first check the website calendar for availability and then call 440-338-6700 ext. 222 to make the reservation. **It is the responsibility of the HOA to leave the premises in the same condition it was when they arrived (including stacking chairs).**



## Winter Reminders

- ◆ Check that address numbers are clearly marked on the mailbox to aid safety forces in locating your residence in case of an emergency. If your mailbox is located across the street from your home, please be sure to have numbers visible on your house.
- ◆ Snow Removal: Privately contracted snowplow drivers should keep the snow on the customer's property and should not push snow onto properties across the street or into roadways.
- ◆ Snow Emergency Parking Ban is in effect from November 15th through April 15th for all streets in the Village when there is a prediction or accumulation of two or more inches of snow.
- ◆ Do your part to help the Service Department staff keep roads clear and safe by placing your trash and recycling containers on your driveway apron and **NOT** on the paved surface of the road.



## Municipal Income Taxes




Municipal income tax returns for the Village of South Russell are due **April 15, 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.

**Individual Estimates are due April 15th, June 15th, September 15th and January 15th.** For the tax year 2021, 90% of the tax due must be paid by **January 15, 2022** to avoid penalty and interest (subject to municipal ordinance).

### New South Russell Village Website

The Village has launched its new website! It will now be accessible through mobile devices and has improved features which include links to important documents and forms. It provides an improved experience in retrieving Village information!



**E-blast Sign-up**

\* Indicates required  
Email Address \*

  
First Name  
Last Name

Through the new website, please sign up for the Village E-blasts for timely notification of important events.

[www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com)



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PEACE AND HAPPINESS  
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON  
AND ALWAYS!  
WE SEND BEST WISHES  
TO OUR NEIGHBORS,  
FRIENDS AND BUSINESSES  
FOR A HEALTHY AND  
PROSPEROUS  
2022

## South Russell Police Department At-Risk Resident Platform



At-Risk  
Residents

SUBMIT NOW

South Russell Police Department  
5205 Chillicothe Road  
South Russell, OH 44022

The At-Risk Resident Platform is a *voluntary* registry to provide detailed information about family members experiencing physical, mental, and emotional diseases, conditions, or impairments. Our officers can access these personal profiles in real-time, becoming aware of unique specifics to deliver better service during regular contacts and crisis events.

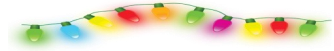
Common examples of At-Risk members are people who are hearing-impaired/deaf, visually impaired/blind, as well as persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

It's important to stress that diseases, conditions, and impairments are not what classify persons as At-Risk. Rather, it's the information gap between these residents and first responders that creates opportunity for ineffective communication.

This cooperative effort between South Russell Police Department and our residents helps ensure every person receives service considerate of his or her needs.

### How to Sign Up!

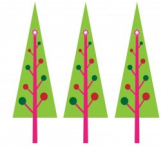
- \* Go to the Village of South Russell's website, at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com).
- \* Scroll down on the homepage and select the At Risk Resident icon.
- \* You will be redirected to the Front-line PSS webpage for South Russell Police. Click the "Submit Now" button.
- \* Fill out the profile entry. Helpful tips /FAQ's can be found on the Police page of the Village website.
- \* That's it! A South Russell Police Officer will contact you to welcome you to the program.



### Reminders from the Building Department

When considering contractors for home repairs, feel free to contact the Building Department to obtain a list of contractors registered with the Village. While the Village cannot make recommendations, utilizing a contractor who complies with Village rules is a plus!

On another note, please be aware that the Village Zoning Code only allows for the parking of any vehicle, camper, truck, etc. in front of a home for a maximum of 72 hours.



### Village Boards and Committee Members

In addition to work performed by the South Russell elected officials and employees, many residents volunteer their time serving on various boards and committees to help oversee the business of the Village.

Village meetings are open to the public. Take an interest in your local government and attend any or all of the following meetings:

**Council** – Meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings in June, July, August and December will be held on the second Monday of the month only at 7:30 p.m.

**Architectural Review Board** – Meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

**Planning Commission** – Meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**— Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Finance, Streets, Building, Safety, Human Resources, Parks, and Public Utilities Committee meetings can be found on the Village calendar once a schedule is established for the year.

**All meetings are posted on the home page of the Village's website at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com)**



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### Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

**January 10th & 24th** at 7:30 p.m.

**February 14th & 28th** at 7:30 p.m.

**March 14th & 28th** at 7:30 p.m.

**April 11th & 25th** 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/UC16bph14tgSSR7CO8AVTIRQ>.

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)

### 2021-2022 Village Business Hours and Holiday Schedule

#### Village Hall

Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

#### Building Department

Monday—Thursday 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.—noon

#### Service Department

Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

#### Closed:

Christmas, December 24, 2021/New Years, December 31, 2021

Martin Luther King Day, January 17, 2022

Presidents' Day, February 21, 2022

### South Russell Village Contact Information

#### 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)

#### Building Department

440-338-6700 ext 233

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

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