



Village of South Russell

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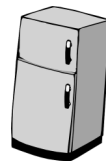
Summer 2022 Edition

From the Mayor

Construction on two storm water retention areas has begun. The first area is located south of Village Hall, east of Chillicothe Road, across from the Cemetery. The second area is at the northwest corner of the intersection of Manor Brook Drive and Chillicothe Road. Both projects are designed to slowly release storm water that builds up along Chillicothe Road. **LOOK FOR DELAYS AND CONTROLLED TRAFFIC ACCESS THIS SUMMER DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS.**

One of the consequences of creating storm water retention areas is the removal of trees. We try to have minimal tree removal while also trying to protect the homes of residents living near the future storm water retention areas.

The following were the collection results of the annual Village Trash Day: 96 senior pickups, one truckload of cardboard and two truckloads of electronics recycled, two 40-yard dumpsters of mixed metals sold, three dump truck loads of appliances such as air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and refrigerators sent to the Geauga Trumbull Recycling Center for freon removal, six dumpsters of trash, and 168 tires. County grants helped cover the cost of the tire collection and the appliance recycling.



2022 Road Paving

Ridgecrest Dr., Garden Park Dr., Louise Dr. and Fairview Rd., have been approved for resurfacing as part of the 2022 Village of South Russell Road Program. Additionally, the Village Campus parking lot will be repaved.

If you live on one of these streets and need culvert/ditch repairs, please contact the Street Commissioner at (440) 338-3891 or streets@southerussell.com.

100 Year Anniversary

Next year, the Village will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. If you have historical documents, items, or photographs of the Village, please consider submitting them for inclusion in a commemorative presentation. Any original materials will be copied and promptly returned. Information can be delivered to Village Hall or emailed to adminassist@southerussell.com. For questions, please call (440) 338-6700 ext. 222.

Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing of the Village of South Russell Council on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. to consider the following amendments to the Village of South Russell Zoning Code to include requiring fees instead of deposits for zoning permits from all applicable sections: (a) to amend Section 3.04(b)(2) of the Zoning Code to refer to fee instead of a deposit for development approval; (b) Section 3.04(g) of the Zoning Code to eliminate reference to deducting costs incurred from deposits for development approval; (c) to amend Sections 3.05(a)(2), 3.06(a)(2), and 3.07(a) (2) of the Zoning Code to refer to fee instead of deposit for conditional use permits, amendments, and appeals; (d) to amend Section 3.10 of the Zoning Code to eliminate the reference to the treatment and balance of deposit; and (e) to amend Schedule 1 of the Zoning Code to refer to fee instead of deposits throughout fee schedule.

All of the proposed amendments are available for inspection at Village Hall and online at southerussell.com.



The Parks Committee is busy planning the 2022 Fall Festival, which will take place on **Sunday, September 25th** with a rain date of October 2nd. Please watch for details on the Village website at southrussell.com and through eblast.

South Russell Police Department
Presents
THE BIKE RODEO

The South Russell Police Department will be having a Bike Rodeo on **Sunday, June 26, 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**.



Reserve the Pavilion

Consider renting 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.

Retired Flag Drop Off

The 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.



Village History Quiz
The Warren Family

Tabor Warren was born about 1810 in New York. He came to Russell in 1835, purchasing 87 acres on Chillicothe Rd. in southern Russell. He voted in Russell in 1837 and was elected Overseer of the Poor in 1838. The Tax Assessor's Book of New Structures lists him with a house and a barn. He enlarged his farm to over 290 acres. His son, Joel Warren, built a house on the property in 1861. Joel's son, R. Albert Warren, became the first Mayor of South Russell, serving until 1940. His son, Albert Marion Warren, served as Mayor from 1940 to 1946. R. Albert Warren eventually sold his Bell Rd. farm to Chagrin Falls Airport around 1931-32. The Warren property ultimately became the property of Kensington Green.

Calling All South Russell History Buffs!

Tell us what you know about these two South Russell homes! (hint: they may or may not be related to the Warren family)

Email your responses to adminassist@southrussell.com



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 the Police Department at (440) 338-7611.

South Russell Village Cemetery

South Russell Village Cemetery is located at 5230 Chillicothe Road. The Cemetery map can be viewed on the Cemetery page at southrussell.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

adminassist@southrussell.com or (440) 338-6700 ext. 222



Tree Trimming

Penn Line Tree Service will be working in the Village for approximately four months clearing tree growth from primary power lines to aid in the delivery of reliable power to our residents. The trees will be pruned using the Natural Directional Pruning method which is recommended by the National Arborists Association. Any vegetation removed from the trees will be chipped as the crews proceed. Questions may be directed to the Service Department, (440) 338-3891.

Permits

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. Questions may be directed to the Building Department at (440) 338-1312 or building@southrussell.com.



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 the Village beautiful! Questions may be directed to the Building Department, (440) 338-1312.



South Russell Police Department Reminder

Please do not leave your keys in your unlocked vehicles! Lock your cars and remove valuables.



Interested in fostering an adult with developmental disabilities? For more information about the Ohio Shared Living program, call the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities at (440) 729-9406 ext. 1501 or go to <https://dodd.ohio.gov/your-family/community-living/ohio-shared-living>

Save the Date

Bike Rodeo: June 26, 2022, noon to 3:00 p.m.

Fall Festival: Sept. 25, 2022, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shredding Day: October 29, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to noon





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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

July 11th at 7:00 p.m.

August 8th at 7:00 p.m.

September 12th and 26th at 7:00 p.m.

October 10th and 24th 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. 222 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. 222

fiscalofficer@southrussell.com

Police Department

440-338-7611 (non-emergency)

police@southrussell.com

Building Department

440-338-6700 ext 233

building@southrussell.com

Street Department

440 338-6700 ext. 236

streets@southrussell.com



**Village offices will be
CLOSED Monday,
July 4, 2022 for
Independence Day.**

Stay in Touch

To keep up with the Village news, meetings, and events, follow us on **Facebook**, and check out our website at southrussell.com. Sign up to receive **Eblasts** with important time sensitive information! The link to do so is on southrussell.com.

Attention HOAs!

Please help the Village update its records by providing current HOA Board info to adminassist@southrussell.com or call (440) 338-6700 ext. 222.
Thank you!