



Village of South Russell

~Newsletter~



From the Mayor:

The two large Village stormwater projects are complete except for landscaping. An Ohio EPA 319 grant partially funded the creation of a floodplain at the corner of Manor Brook Drive and Chillicothe Road to catch, hold, clean, and slowly release water that flows from Bel Meadow to Manor Brook to Fox Run to Sugar Bush to Chelsea Court. The Central Retention Basin project across from the Cemetery was funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and designed to hold storm water flowing behind Village Hall before it travels under or over Chillicothe Rd. to Chagrin Lakes.

We will be seeking your ideas for our next stormwater project at a Special Council meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is designed to hear from residents so bring your ideas as to your needs concerning water issues.

Plans are underway to have a permanent restroom installed at the park, which was a recommendation made in the 2022 Park Master Plan.

Start making plans for the Village-wide yard sale on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. followed by Trash Day on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The Village is seeking residents who would like to serve on the Village's Park Committee. Email the mayor@southrussell.com if interested.



Ambrose Latten Soule Home

Directly across from Rarick Cemetery is the beautiful home at 1075 Bell Rd. It was built by Ambrose Latten (A.L.) Soule, who came from Onondaga, NY in 1839 with his family and brothers; Miron and Benjamin. All were Founders of the Disciples Church (see Village Hall Trivia below). A.L. married Ruth Paddock and they had 5 children. Ruth and two of the children are buried in Rarick Cemetery. A.L. and the other 3 children moved to Michigan in 1855 after which a succession of Burnetts took ownership of the home. In 1915, Charles Silsby purchased the house and 125 acres. Five decades later, Ray Silsby lived in the home. By 1965, it was in sad shape and was ultimately sold by Silsby to Maxine and Lyndall Hughes. It was taken down to the studs, refurbished historically, and the Hughes' lived out their lives there for the next 45 years.



Sources: Pioneer & General History of Geauga County, 1880 and 1953.

Village Hall Trivia

South Russell Village Hall was originally the Russell Disciple Church of Christ, built in 1848. Church services were held in the building until 1921. The empty building became the Village Hall when South Russell was incorporated in 1923. In 1976, the building was moved further back from Chillicothe Road and ultimately restored. Village Hall currently houses the Village's Administrative offices and serves as the meeting location for Council, committees, and the Village boards. It is also available to Village Homeowners' Associations (HOAs) for meetings. The Village Hall reservation form can be found on southrussell.com on the **VILLAGE HALL** page from the **DEPARTMENTS** tab.



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.

Snowplow Etiquette

We are truly fortunate in South Russell to have great roads and a crew that keeps them clear for the residents at the worst of times. Snow plowing is challenging but there are some ways to help keep everyone safe and allow the crew to do their jobs. First, be aware of blind spots. The plow driver's field of vision is limited. If you cannot see the plow's side mirrors, the driver cannot see you. Stay two to three car lengths behind the plow. Snowplows drive below the posted speed limit. Please be patient and do not try to pass. Additionally, watch for sudden stops or turns and be mindful that the plows need room to work, which may include crossing the center line or the shoulder. Lastly, please keep garbage cans off the roadway and observe the **Village Snow Emergency Parking Ban** which runs from November 15th through April 15th when there is a prediction or accumulation of two or more inches of snow.



Municipal Income Taxes

Municipal income tax returns for the Village of South Russell are due **April 18, 2023**. 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 18th, June 15th, September 15th and January 15th. For the tax year 2022, 90% of the tax due must be paid by **January 15, 2023** to avoid penalty and interest (subject to municipal ordinance).



Fall Festival Update

With the Fall Festival cancellations of 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic and unexpected inclement weather, the 2022 Fall Festival presented a wonderful opportunity to return to 'normal.' There were hot dogs, hayrides, face painting, fire engines, farm animals, Life Flight, and live music. Windy conditions sidelined the bounce houses and climbing wall, but a delightful time was had by all, nevertheless.



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PEACE AND
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THIS HOLIDAY
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AND ALWAYS!
WE SEND BEST
WISHES TO
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RESIDENTS
AND
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1,000 Daffodils Expected in Spring

On October 26, 2022, the Cats Den Garden Club of Chagrin Falls, planted 1,000 daffodil bulbs in the South Russell Village Park just west of the pavilion along Bell Road. Each year the organization selects a different community for the planting. This bountiful blooming will undoubtedly be a welcome sight in spring!



Keep current with Village news, meetings, and events. Follow us on **Facebook**, and check out our website at southrussell.com. From the homepage, sign up to receive **Eblasts** with important time sensitive information!



Winter is coming!

With colder temperatures and weather elements approaching, please be mindful of the following:

1. Remember to refrain from parking on Village streets when 2 inches of snow or more is expected. This allows our Service Department to salt and plow our roadway, and keeps the them as safe as possible.
2. If heating up your car in the morning, be sure to follow smart safety tips. Keep your car locked! Don't leave valuables in plain sight. If available, use a remote start feature instead of having keys in the ignition.
3. Be prepared to keep warm in the event of car troubles. Have hats and sets of gloves handy for members of your family and a few extra blankets as well. Remember to have reflective gear or equipment on board for a roadside breakdown, especially in low visibility conditions of snowfall.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Reminders from the Building Department

Recreational Vehicles

As winter arrives, we want to remind you that per Village regulations, cars, boats, campers, recreational vehicles, etc. are only permitted to be kept in front of a home for a maximum of seventy-two continuous hours. In some instances, such vehicles are permitted to be parked on a hard surface at the side of the home.



Don't Forget the Final Inspections!



When having work performed by contractors, residents are encouraged to ensure that a final inspection has been performed by the Village Building Official upon completion of the project.

This is necessary in order to confirm that the work has been done in a satisfactory manner and is compliant with current codes. Some projects have construction deposits held by the Village until all permits have been closed. If there are any questions, please call the Building Department (440-338-1312) to verify that all permits have been inspected and closed.

Village Council, Boards, and Committees

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 7:00 p.m. Meetings in June, July, August and December will be held on the second Monday of the month only at 7:00 p.m.

Council: Mayor William Koons and Council members Mark Porter, Gerald Canton, Dennis Galicki, Chris Berger, Ruth Cavanagh, and Chris Bell.

Architectural Review Board – Meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.
Board members: Gary Neola, Ryan Parsons, and Denis Marino

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

Commission members: Steve Latkovic, Elisa Budoff, Jim Flaiz, Mark Porter, Mayor Koons

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

Board members: Andy Hitchcock, John Buda, Cindy Matejcik, Mike Mulloy, Martin O'Toole, and alternate Lindsey Self.

Park Committee members: No set schedule. Please refer to the Village calendar for meeting dates. Ted Kruse, Bill Howell, Martha Bistriz, Greg Studen, Libby Sharkey, and Council Representative Canton.

Finance, Streets, Building, Safety, Human Resources, Properties, 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



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Upcoming 2023 Village Council Meetings

January 9th and 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
February 13th and 27th at 7:00 p.m.
March 13th and 27th at 7:00 p.m.
April 10th and 24th at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to be added to the meeting agenda, please contact 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.

The meeting agenda, location, and links to the Village YouTube channel can be found on the homepage of southerussell.com

Save the Date!

January 17, 2023—Stormwater Meeting
April 22, 2023—Village Wide Yard Sale
April 29, 2023—Village Trash Day

2022-2023 Village Business Hours and Holiday Schedule

Village Hall

Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

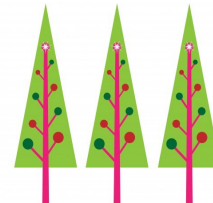
Building Department

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 26, 2022/New Years, January 2, 2023

Martin Luther King Day, January 16, 2023

Presidents' Day, February 20, 2023

South Russell Village Contact Information

Village Hall

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Police Department

440-338-7611 (non-emergency)

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