

# Village of South Russell

## ~Newsletter~

### ***VILLAGE SPRING TRASH DAY***

**SATURDAY MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at the South Russell Village Hall parking lot  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Please note this is the only trash day in 2015. A fall trash day will not be scheduled.  
Residency identification may be required.



#### **ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED INCLUDE:**

General trash/debris, scrap & white metal such as appliances, electronic & computer equipment, items containing freon (refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners) and tires.

**\* NO YARD WASTE, HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS OR CONTAINERS WITH LIQUEFIED PRODUCTS WILL BE ACCEPTED \***

### ***SENIOR TRASH PICKUP***

The South Russell Village Officials are joining forces with the Geauga County Department on Aging for the senior trash pickup:

WEST END OF THE VILLAGE - WEDNESDAY, April 29, 2015  
EAST END OF THE VILLAGE - THURSDAY, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Seniors, 60 years of age or older, living in South Russell Village and wishing to have a pickup scheduled on Senior Trash Collection Day must be registered by calling the Geauga County Department on Aging between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:30 pm at 440-279-2130, or 440-564-7131 at extension 2130 or 440-834-1856 at extension 2130. You will be asked your name, address, phone number, date of birth and the items needing picked up. This spring pickup is on a first-come, first serve basis and the number of senior residents that can be served is limited.

### ***GEAUGA COUNTY ONE DAY COLLECTION EVENTS***

Some items such as hazardous household chemicals, liquefied products and paint products that will not be accepted during the Village Spring Trash Day will be collected this year at a one-day Geauga County collection event, hosted by the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District. For dates, drop off locations and additional information visit [www.startrecycling.com](http://www.startrecycling.com) or call 800-707-2673



## **The Village of South Russell Implements a Curfew**

South Russell Village Council passed an ordinance establishing a curfew for minors. This new ordinance is very similar to the 1997 ordinance passed in the neighboring community of Chagrin Falls. The particular times and age ranges specified in the ordinance mirror one another to avoid confusion between communities. A curfew is in place for:

1. A child under the age of sixteen between 11:00 p.m. & 6:00 a.m.
2. A child age sixteen or seventeen, between 1:00 a.m. & 6:00 a.m.

For additional details, visit our website at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com).

## **C.O.P.S. - Concerned Officers Protecting Seniors**

The South Russell Police Department invites the senior citizens of Geauga County to our C.O.P.S. presentation on **Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:00 pm** at the South Russell Village Hall, 5205 Chillicothe Road. The C.O.P.S. Program was designed to keep our seniors informed and educated about scams targeting seniors, and provides advice on safeguarding your home and property. Free coffee and snacks will be provided. For any questions please email the Police Department at [police@southerussell.com](mailto:police@southerussell.com). Information will also be posted on the Police Department link at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com) and on our Facebook Page.

## **South Russell Cops and Kids Fishing Day**

The South Russell Police Department will be hosting our third annual Cops & Kids Fishing event at Bellwood Lake on **Sunday, June 14th, 2015 from 9am - 1pm**. This catch and release event is geared towards youths and their parent (s) or guardian for a day of fishing alongside local law enforcement officers. Bring your fishing pole and we'll provide the bait. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Although we do not require pre-registration, we'd like to hear from you if you plan on attending. Email the Police Department at [police@southerussell.com](mailto:police@southerussell.com) and let us know how many will be in your party. This program is made possible with a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Information will be posted on the Police Department link at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com) and on our Facebook Page.

## **South Russell Village Cemetery**

The construction of the South Russell Village Cemetery is almost complete. This cemetery is a beautiful final resting place for current and past residents of South Russell Village. Pricing for full size cemetery lots are \$1,000 for South Russell residents and \$2,000 for former South Russell residents. Pricing for cremation cemetery lots are \$800 for South Russell residents and \$1,600 for former South Russell residents. Opening and closing cost are as follows:

Adult Full Burial	\$ 750 Weekday
	\$ 990 Saturday
Cremation	\$ 350 Weekday
	\$ 450 Saturday

Additional information can be found on the [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com) website under the "Departments" tab. For specific questions, please contact the Cemetery Clerk, Jennell Dahlhausen, at [cemetery@southerussell.com](mailto:cemetery@southerussell.com) or 440-338-6700 ext. 222.

### **NEW PARK LEASH REQUIREMENTS**

As of April 14, 2015, all animals at the park will be required to be on a leash in **all areas** of the park **EVERYDAY**. The leash must be no longer than 8 feet in length and the animal must be controlled. In addition, animal owners are responsible for cleaning up the animal waste. Violators of these requirements can receive a fine of up to \$500.

### **Park Pavilion Permit**

To reserve the pavilion at the South Russell Village Park, you will need to submit a Park Pavilion Permit with a \$25 nonrefundable fee. To obtain a copy of the permit or to find out the availability of the pavilion, go to the Park Committee page on the Village website at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com) or call 440-330-6700, ext. 222.

### **South Russell ~ Show Your Colors**

Between 300 to 350 flags are displayed three times each year in the Village of South Russell. The first display is early summer when flags are flown for Memorial Day through the Independence Day holiday. Flags are again put up the last week in August for the Labor Day holiday and September 11th. The flags are displayed for the final time in late fall for the November Election Day and Veterans Day on November 11th. Extreme weather conditions from heat, wind, cold, rain and snow can take a toll on the flags, poles and hardware, which are purchased through private donations. Interested residents may send donations to:

South Russell Village Hall  
Show Your Colors  
5205 Chillicothe Road  
South Russell, Ohio 44022

### **Retired Flag Drop Off**

South Russell Village has a worn flag collection box on the Village campus at the corner of the Service Department building. The collection box is an old US Mail box that is painted with stars and stripes. The flags collected throughout the year are gathered annually to be properly disposed of at a formal ceremony on Flag Day. Feel free to drop off your flag in the collection box at any time.



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### **Visit our new website!**

Over the past couple months, you may have encountered issues with the Village's website. We are happy to inform you the new website [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com) is now up and running!

The website contains information and happenings in the Village, meeting schedules, agendas and minutes, as well as much more information. Sign up for the Village's e-blast service as well, which will register you for emails regarding any important Village-related issues.

Be sure to check out the new [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com), sign up for e-blasts and like us on Facebook so you can be informed on current Village events.



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### ***SOUTH RUSSELL FALL FESTIVAL***



The annual Fall Festival will take place **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 pm** at the South Russell Village Park. Join us for free food, drinks, hayrides, pony rides, bouncy houses, Metro General Hospital's Life Flight helicopter, Chagrin Valley fire prevention trailer, Chagrin Falls Armory vehicles and the Valley Enforcement Group's tactical vehicle.



We are looking for volunteers to help with the Fall Festival. If you are interested please contact Village Hall at 440-338-6700 ext. 222

### ***SHREDDING EVENT***



**Prevent Identity Theft.....and Recycle!**

**Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 12 noon**

Document shredding will take place in the Village Hall parking lot 5205 Chillicothe Road (corner of Route 306 and Bell Road)



## Attention Homeowner Associations!

Please notify Village Hall of your Homeowner Association President's contact information!

### **WHY?**

1) The Village often receives calls from people considering moving to the area, but they want to know specific homeowner association (HOA) rules for a neighborhood. If we don't have current contact information, we can't help.

2) When situations such as power outages, flooding, or road programs occur, it would be beneficial to contact the HOA president and have them forward information to the residents of the neighborhood. This would spread the word faster.

To submit your HOA name, President's name, phone number and email address:

Call Village Hall at 440-338-6700 ext. 222

or

email [adminassist@southerussell.com](mailto:adminassist@southerussell.com)



### **What to do if you lose electrical power:**

*Don't assume the Illuminating Company knows about it—Report it!*

Check your neighbors to see if their power is out or if only your house is effected. If only your power is out, check your circuit breaker or fuses. If no breaker is tripped or fuses are blown, the problem may be in the connection between the wires and your home. Call the Illuminating Company's toll-free, 24 hour Outage Reporting line at 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877).

If your neighbors' lights are out too, call 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877) immediately. The Illuminating Company may not know that your power is out unless you notify them and often times, your neighbors assume someone else has called about the outage. Also, if more people call to report an outage, it helps The Illuminating Company prioritize where to send repair crews so it is very important to actually report the outage as soon as possible. Follow the recorded prompts to let them know your power is out. The Illuminating Company will then try to fix your connection as soon as possible.

### **Voter Registration**

The deadline for registering to vote in the November 3, 2015 general election is October 5, 2015. You can register to vote, or change your address if you have moved at any public library, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, at the Board of Elections, or by mail. The polls will be open on November 3, 2015 from 6:30AM to 7:30PM.

To view the complete listing of candidates and issues on the ballot or to view your voting precinct location, go to the Geauga Board of Elections website at:

<http://www.co.geauga.oh.us/Departments/BOE>

# Preventing Crimes of Opportunity

One of the easiest crimes to prevent -- burglary -- is also one of the most common. Somewhere in the U.S. there's a burglary committed every 15 seconds. If it happens at your home, you lose more than a few possessions. A break-in, even when you're not there, has a major impact on you and your family's sense of safety and well-being.

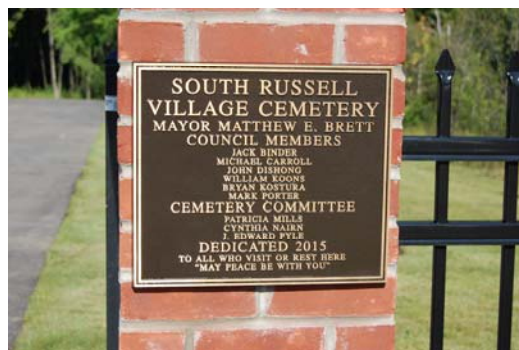
The first thing a burglar looks for when choosing a house for a break-in is one with no one in it. If you make your house look occupied when you're gone, most burglars will simply pass it by. Never leave doors or windows unlocked, and ALWAYS close overhead garage doors, especially at night.

Theft from an unlocked vehicle is also a common crime of opportunity. The most effective way to prevent this type of crime is to limit the criminal's ability and/or opportunity to commit the crime. Below are a few suggestions to keep you from becoming a victim:

- Keep your vehicle locked at all times – Even in your own driveway or garage
- Do not leave valuables in plain view
- Keep all valuables in the trunk or take them with you
- Do not leave any cell phone chargers, cables, or electronic devices in plain sight. It may give the impression that you have electronics somewhere inside the vehicle
- Once home, unload your valuables immediately and do not store them inside your vehicle
- Close your garage door

## CEMETERY OPENING CEREMONY

The Village of South Russell held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the newly constructed South Russell Village Cemetery in dedication of its grand opening. The South Russell Village Cemetery offers our current and former residents of the Village of South Russell the opportunity to be laid to rest in a bucolic setting that preserves the beauty and character of the Village. A special thank you goes out to J. Edward Pyle, Cynthia Nairn and Patricia Mills for their time and dedication in making sure all details were addressed with the cemetery planning process.



We are pleased to announce that lots and memorial pavers are available for purchase. If you are interested, please contact the Cemetery Clerk at 440-338-6700 ext. 222 to schedule an appointment.



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### **Be the First to Know!**

Sign up for the Village's e-blast and be the first to know important happenings in the Village!

Anytime the Village wants to inform residents about important events, we send an e-blast (or an email) so residents are informed sooner. Sign up today at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com) under the "Services" tab!



Follow us on our new Village of South Russell Facebook page and check out our updated website at [www.southerussell.com](http://www.southerussell.com) for Village news and upcoming events.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENTS**

### **MAYOR**

Matthew Brett  
440-338-6700 ext. 222  
[mayor@southerussell.com](mailto:mayor@southerussell.com)

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Jack Binder  
Michael Carroll  
John Dishong  
William Koons  
Bryan Kostura  
Mark Porter  
440-338-6700 ext. 222  
[council@southerussell.com](mailto:council@southerussell.com)

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

440-338-6700 ext. 233  
[building@southerussell.com](mailto:building@southerussell.com)

### **VILLAGE HALL**

440-338-6700 ext. 222  
[adminassist@southerussell.com](mailto:adminassist@southerussell.com)

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

440-338-6700 ext. 290 (Non-Emergency)  
[police@southerussell.com](mailto:police@southerussell.com)

### **STREETS DEPARTMENT**

440-338-6700 ext. 236  
[streets@southerussell.com](mailto:streets@southerussell.com)