

Village of South Russell

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SNOW WORRIES

The 2015-2016 winter season is upon us. The Service Department's winter equipment is ready to handle any snowy conditions that Mother Nature delivers. The Village of South Russell and its Service Department takes pride in keeping our roadways clear and safe during the winter months.

Please keep a few things in mind this winter:

- ◆ A snow Parking Ban will be declared whenever there is two or more inches of snow on any village street or the National Weather Service forecasts a severe snowstorm warning. Parking **is not** allowed on any streets in the community during a ban to make sure the streets are open for snowplowing. This Parking Ban is in effect from November 15th through April 15th. Violators are subject to vehicles being ticketed or towed. Additional information on this topic can be found on the Street Department page at www.southrussell.com under the "Street Department Policies" link.
- ◆ With the holiday season upon us, residents may be having social events at their homes. The snow removal crews will work their best to maintain passable roads although cars may be parked on the roadway. Vehicles should be parked on the same side of the road and **not** in the cul-de-sacs. All night and overnight parking without previous approval from the South Russell Police Department is prohibited and may result in early morning towing of a vehicle.
- ◆ For private snow removal, please be reminded that no person shall cause any snow to be moved from any premises, drive, parking area or sidewalk, onto or to be placed upon any portion of the traveled surface of any public street within South Russell Village, including pushing or mechanically blowing snow across Village streets. All hydrants must be free of snow as well.
- ◆ Weekly trash pickup containers must be placed off the road surface and to one side of your driveway apron. Do not place containers in the roadway.
- ◆ Residents should inspect the condition of their mailbox and post. The box should be secure to the post and the post should be secure in the ground. The village is NOT responsible for repairs or replacement of damaged mailboxes due to snow coming off the plows.

Safe Winter Driving

It's that time of year again. Winter is approaching in Northeast Ohio and can bring challenging driving conditions. At the South Russell Police Department, we want our residents to stay safe in these conditions so we have provided some winter driving tips from the American Automobile Association and the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration:

Be Prepared

- Maintain Your Car. Check the battery, tire tread, windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.
- Store a flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets. *For long trips, add food and water, medication and a cell phone.*
- Stopped or stalled? Stay in your car, don't overexert, put bright markers on the antenna or windows and shine the dome light. If you run your car, clear the exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.
- Plan your route: Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/directions, and let others know your route and arrival time. If you really don't have to go out, don't.

Winter Weather Driving

- Steer into a skid.
- Know what your brakes will do: *stomp on antilock brakes, pump on non-antilock brakes.*
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds, or longer if necessary. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.



ATTENTION VILLAGE RESIDENTS POSITIONS OPEN

COUNCIL VACANCY

The Village of South Russell will be accepting applications for an upcoming Council seat vacancy with the term ending December 31, 2017. To qualify for the position, you must have been a Village resident for more than one year and applicants must be a registered voter. Council will be soliciting letters of interest until December 14, 2015. Please mail your interest letter to: Fiscal Officer, Council Vacancy, 5205 Chillicothe Road, South Russell, Ohio 44022 or email to fiscalofficer@southrussell.com

TAX BOARD OF REVIEW

Due to new state regulations, the Village of South Russell needs to form a new Tax Board of Review. This purpose of this board is to review tax abatement requests, therefore a background or understanding of finances is beneficial. Council will be soliciting letters of interest until December 14, 2015. Please mail your interest letter to: Fiscal Officer, Tax Board of Review, 5205 Chillicothe Road, South Russell, Ohio 44022 or email to fiscalofficer@southrussell.com

The Village of South Russell does not offer curbside leaf collection service. If you see leaves at the street in your neighborhood, they were most likely put there by a privately hired landscaping company that will be back to pick them up. Leaves brought to the roadside by residents or landscapers must remain on tree lawns and off the roadway. Residents should make sure that leaves are cleared of and not blocking storm drains, driveway culvert pipes and ditches that could cause backups and minor flooding issues during heavy rains.

A Fond Farwell

Our heartfelt thanks to Mayor Matthew Brett and Councilmember Jack Binder. Mayor Brett was elected to Village Council in 1998 and has served as Mayor since 2003. Councilmember Binder was elected to Village Council in 2003.

Current Councilmember, Dr. William Koons will be filling the Mayor seat in January of 2016. Dr. Koons was elected to Village Council in 2006.

We also welcome Gerald Canton as a newly elected Village Councilmember.

Fall Festival Update

This year's Fall Festival attracted about 500 people. The beautiful weather was in our favor and added to another successful year. Some of the attractions included face painting, pony rides, hay rides, bouncy houses, the Valley Enforcement Tactical and Chagrin Falls Armory vehicles, the Chagrin Valley Fire Prevention trailer, the Metro General Hospital Life Flight helicopter demo and several displays.

Thank you to all that volunteered their time!



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and check out our
website at
www.southrussell.com
for Village news,
meetings and event
information

An Announcement from Dominion East Ohio

Everyone should know the signs of a natural gas leak:

- ◇ **SMELL** – To help you smell a leak from a natural gas line or appliance, a familiar odor similar to sulfur or rotten eggs is added to natural gas.
- ◇ **SEE** – Near a gas leak, you might see blowing dirt, bubbling water or an unusual area of dead vegetation.
- ◇ **HEAR** – A leaking pipeline might make a hissing sound you can hear.

If you smell natural gas in your home, leave immediately and contact Dominion East Ohio's emergency number. Do not switch on or off any lights, electrical appliances or equipment. Do not try to locate the leak or use a phone (even a cell phone) within the house. If you call Dominion after hours, a recording will tell you the offices are closed. If you stay on the line, 24-hour emergency personnel will take your call. At a safe distance from your home, watch for the Dominion truck to let the service representative into the house.

If you notice any of the following, call Dominion at 1-800-535-3000 or 911 immediately.



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Don't miss out on the latest Village news!
Sign up for our Village E-Blasts on the
Services page at www.southerussell.com

Village 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.

All other Boards and Committees meet as needed

All meetings are posted on the home page of the Village's website at www.southerussell.com

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SPRING TRASH DAY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30th in the South Russell Village campus parking lot
8:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Entrance will be at the Police Department driveway.

Residency identification **WILL** be required.

ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED INCLUDE: General trash and debris, items containing freon (refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners), scrap metal, computer equipment, electronic equipment and white metal such as appliances.

TIRES WILL BE ACCEPTED

**NO YARD WASTE, HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS OR CONTAINERS
WITH LIQUEFIED PRODUCTS ACCEPTED.**

Please visit startrecycling.com or call 800-707-2673 for disposal sites for these items.

SENIOR TRASH COLLECTION

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

WEST end of the Village – WEDNESDAY, April 27th 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
(includes homes on Route 306)

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EAST end of the Village – THURSDAY, April 28th 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

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 ext. 2130 or 440-834-1856 ext. 2130.

This spring pickup is on a first-come, first-serve basis, and the number of senior residents that can be served is limited. **Seniors must be registered with the Department on Aging prior to pickup and must be home the day of the pickup, or have someone 18 years of age or older that is appointed by the senior, present to sign a release for the collection.** Only 10 household items will be accepted per home.

For more information on these and other village events,
please visit www.southrussell.com or follow our Facebook page.

Meet your South Russell Elected Officials

Mayor



Dr. William G. Koons

Mayor Koons was elected to Council in 2005 and was elected to serve as Mayor from 2016 to 2019. While on Council, Mayor Koons chaired the Building, Finance, Human Resource, Properties, and Park committees, as well as serving as President Pro Tempore of Council from 2009 to 2015.

Council Members



Gerald Canton

Council Member Canton was elected to serve on Council from 2016 to 2019. He serves on the Properties, Public Utilities and Street Committees.



Bryan Kostura

Council Member Kostura was appointed to Council in January 2013 and elected to serve on Council from 2016 to 2019. He serves as Chair on the Street and Finance Committees and serves as the Council's representative to the Planning Commission.



Michael Carroll

Council Member Carroll was elected to serve on Council from 2014 to 2017. He serves as Chair on the Safety and Emergency Planning Committees and serves on the Human Resources Committee.



Cynthia Nairn

Council Member Nairn was appointed to Council in 2016, with the term ending in 2017. She serves on the Building, Finance and Safety Committees.



John Dishong

Council Member Dishong has served on Council since 2000 with his current term ending in 2017. He is the President Pro Tempore, serves as Chair on the Human Resource and Properties Committees, and serves as the Council representative to the Parks Committee.



Mark Porter

Council Member Porter has served on Council since 2006, with his current term ending in 2017. He serves as Chair on the Building and Public Utilities Committees.

Upcoming Council Meetings

March 14	May 9
March 28	May 23
April 4	June 13
April 25	July 11

If you would like to speak at a meeting, you must be added to the agenda.

Please contact

fiscalofficer@southrussell.com or call 440-338-6700 ext. 221 no later than the Wednesday before a meeting to be added to the agenda.

VILLAGE DEPARTMENTS

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

440-338-6700 ext. 233
building@southrussell.com

VILLAGE HALL

440-338-6700 ext. 222
adminassist@southrussell.com

POLICE DEPARTMENT

440-338-6700 ext. 290 (non-emergency)
police@southrussell.com

STREETS DEPARTMENT

440-338-6700 ext. 236
streets@southrussell.com

MAYOR

440-338-6700 ext. 224
mayor@southrussell.com

South Russell Residents can Reserve the Park Pavilion

The South Russell Village Park pavilion is available to rent for \$25. The Park Permit and calendar availability can be found at www.southrussell.com on the PARKS page.

Building Permit Reminder

With springtime approaching, the Building Department is asked all kinds of questions about permits and finding contractors. While permits are usually not required for repairs, any replacement such as a furnace, air-conditioner, roof, hot water tank, siding, and windows do require permits as well as inspections. Other work requiring permits are decks, fences, sheds, electrical work, additions, and interior remodeling. Even when homeowners do the work themselves, permits are still required. Safety is always the primary concern, especially with the mechanical systems and electrical work. A secondary concern comes when homeowners try to sell their home, as buyers often ask to see the permit taken for the work that was done.

The Building Department can also be a valuable resource for finding reputable contractors, surveyors and architects, allowing residents to get several quotes and compare prices.

Building Department—440-338-6700 x 233

South Russell Village Cemetery

South Russell Village Cemetery is located at 5230 Chillicothe Road. A copy of the map can be viewed in the Village Hall or on the Cemetery page at www.southrussell.com

Lot Sales ~

Full size lots

Village Resident: \$1,000

Former Resident: \$2,000

Cremation lots

Village Resident: \$800

Former Resident: \$1,600

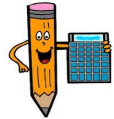
Scattering/Memorial Garden ~

A Scattering/Memorial Garden is available for scattering cremains or a place to memorialize an individual whose ashes have been scattered elsewhere. Scattering ashes in the garden during weekday hours is \$350 and during weekend hours is \$450, which includes the scattering cost and an engraved paver with the individual's name, date of birth and date of death.

If you would like to purchase a paver in the garden for an individual that has been scattered in another location, pavers are available for \$350. This price includes the engraving cost.

If you are interested in purchasing a lot or the scattering/memorial garden, please contact the Cemetery Clerk at 440-338-6700 ext. 222 or email cemetery@southrussell.com

ATTENTION RESIDENTS



Municipal income tax returns are due April 18, 2016 due to Emancipation Day being observed on April 15th. All residents over 18 years of age 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. Local ordinance provides for both penalty and interest charges to be assessed for late filing or non-filing.

Retired residents are required to file the **Annual Exemption Certificate** each year.

For taxpayer assistance, call CCA at 216-664-2070.

For tax forms or to file electronically, please go to:

www.ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us

Beware of Tax Scams

**From the South Russell Police Department
Detective Bureau**

During the tax season, tax scams are on the rise. Here are a few tips to help you avoid being a victim of a tax scam. Telephone tax scams are the most popular form of scam and the IRS has a formal process in place to assist people with their taxes. The IRS respects taxpayers' rights and does not engage in angry, shake down, harassing, or threatening style telephone calls and does not use unsolicited email, text message, or any social media to discuss your personal tax issues.

IRS will never ~

- The IRS **will never** call you and demand immediate payment. The IRS will also **never** call about taxes owed without first mailing you a bill. If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to work for the IRS it's probably a scam.
- The IRS **will never** demand you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- The IRS **will never** require you to use a specific payment form for your taxes such as a prepaid debit card.
- The IRS **will never** ask for credit card or debit card numbers over the phone.
- The IRS **will never** threaten to bring in local law enforcement officials to have you arrested for not paying your taxes. The IRS **will not** threaten you with an arrest warrant or tell you an arrest warrant has been issued.

Remember, if someone calls you and states they are from the Internal Revenue Service, **NEVER** give them personal information such as your date of birth or social security number. Contact the IRS at 800-829-1040 or visit IRS.gov for additional questions or concerns.



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NO PARKING ZONES

On January 11, 2016, Village Council passed an ordinance establishing “No Parking Zones” within the Village of South Russell. In addition to our existing “No Parking Zones,” portions of Manorbrook Drive and Alderwood Trail have been added due to safety concerns of limited sight distance and sharp curves in particular sections of roadway.

The specific areas are as follows:

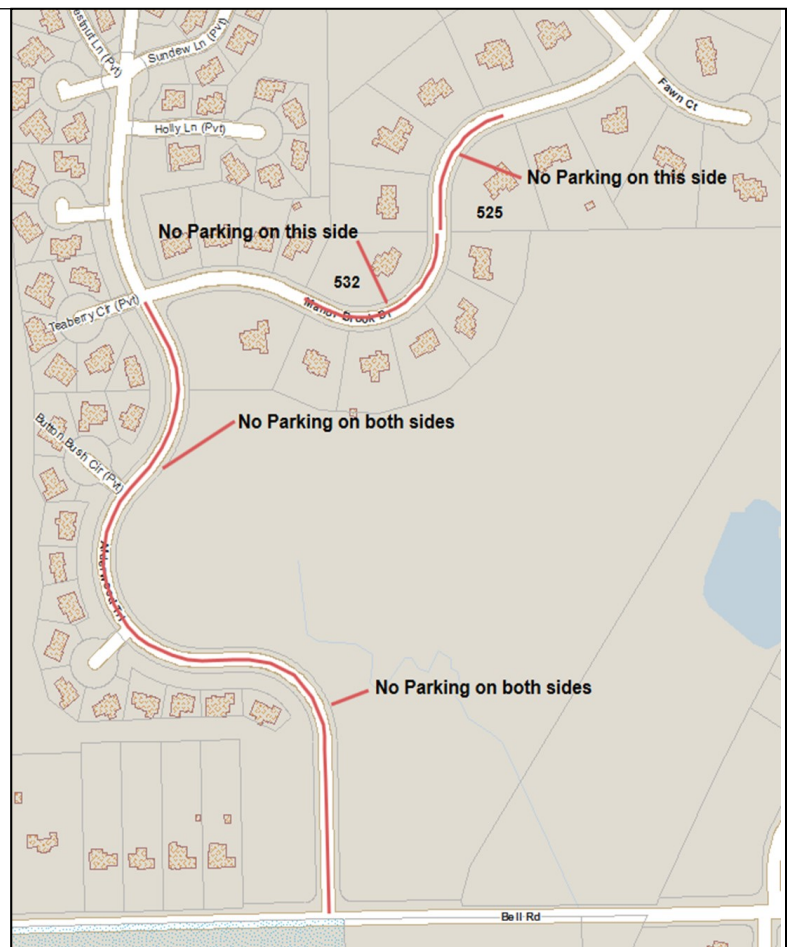
No Parking on Alderwood Trail from Bell Road to Manorbrook Drive on both sides of the street.

Landscape trailers and vehicles parked on the curves have caused motorists to drive left of center creating a danger of a head-on collision. We are asking that residents instruct their landscapers, contractors, or visitors to park on the cul-de-sac streets off Alderwood Trail.

No Parking on Manorbrook Drive east bound in front of 525 and west bound in front of 532.

We are asking that residents instruct their landscapers, contractors, or visitors to park on the opposite side of the roadway from the no parking zones on Manorbrook Drive.

New signs will be erected in the spring to indicate the specific areas addresses above.



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Concert to be held in South Russell Park

Bell Road Pavilion

FREE



Tuesday, June 28, 2016

7-9 p.m.

featuring

The Swamps of Jersey

(Bruce Springsteen tribute band)

Presented by: The Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce

The South Russell Park Pavilion is available to rent



The South Russell Village Park pavilion is available to rent for \$25. The Park Permit and calendar of availability can be found at www.southerussell.com on the Parks page. Park hours are from dawn until dusk daily.

Stormwater Topic to be Discussed

The Village will be assessing the extent of stormwater issues within the village at the August 8, 2016 Council meeting. If you are experiencing stormwater issues, please forward information summarizing the issue, pictures, etc. to the Village Fiscal Officer at fiscalofficer@southerussell.com. This information will be distributed to Mayor and Council prior to the meeting so they can be prepared for the discussion on August 8th at 7:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to address Council at the meeting must contact village hall at 440-338-6700 x 221 to be added to the agenda. (There is a 5-minute time limit)



HELMET SMART PROGRAM

The South Russell Police Department will give children a "safety citation" voucher for a free donut at Dunkin Donuts when the officer observes a child wearing their helmet while biking. The child will also be entered into a drawing for a free bicycle. The drawing will be held at the Police Department open house on Saturday, September 17th.

Volunteers Needed!!

We are seeking volunteers for the Fall Festival on October 2nd. If you would like to volunteer or if you have a child that needs high school Community Service hours, this would be a great opportunity!

Please contact jdishong@southerussell.com for more information.

2016 Road Program



The following roads are included in the 2016 road program for repairs and reconstruction; Fawn Court, Woodland Court, Kimberwick Court, Champion Lane, and the Garden Park turnout. The construction process is expected to begin around July 11th depending on the weather. Residents that will be directly affected will receive a letter with more details prior to commencement of the project.

The Village would like to thank the residents in advance for their patience and understanding during the construction process.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT



In 1980, the Village of South Russell implemented a full-time, state certified Building Department. The Building and Zoning Department is located at the southeast corner of Bell and Chillicothe Road.

The Building Department answers questions about permits and finding contractors. While permits are usually not required for repairs, any replacement such as a furnace, air-conditioning, roof, hot water tank, siding, and windows do require permits, and do require inspections. Other work requiring permits are decks, fences, sheds, electrical work, additions, and interior remodeling. Even when homeowners do the work themselves, permits are still required. Safety is always our primary concern, especially with the mechanical systems and electrical work.

Please contact the Building Department at 440-338-6700 x 233 if we can be of help to you or if you have any questions.

E-Commerce Safe Zone

The South Russell Police Department has implemented a new “E-Commerce Safe Zone” located in the visitor parking area of the Police Station. This safety zone provides a safe place for citizens to make purchases or exchanges after conducting online transactions. E-Commerce safety zones are becoming quite popular in their respective communities.

Visit the *Police* page at www.southrussell.com for more information

SAVE THE DATE

Saturdays until October 15th ~ 9 am to 12 noon—
Geauga Farmers’ Market
October 2nd from 1 pm to 5 pm - Fall Festival
October 15th from 9 am to 12 pm - Paper
Shredding Event

Visit www.southrussell.com for more information

Residential Security Assessment

In our continuing efforts to engage with the community and provide a proactive approach to crime reduction, the South Russell Police Department has initiated a residential security assessment program for South Russell residents. A residential security assessment consists of an on-site security evaluation of the residence by a South Russell Police Officer using current industry best practices and an assessment templet provided by the American Crime Prevention Institute (ACPI).

During the assessment, the officer will focus on simple, target hardening actions the homeowner can take to enhance the security of their property. Once completed, the homeowner will receive a detailed report outlining the specific recommendations.

If you are interested in having an assessment completed on your home, please contact either Sergeant Carl Malone or Patrolman Mike Kramer for an appointment at 440-338-6700 ext. 290 or email ~ police@southrussell.com

Show Your Colors Flag Donations

If you would like to donate to the Show Your Colors program, you may do so in memory or in honor of someone. Please make sure to include a note of the person you are donating for and if you have a mailing address for the family, include that as well. If we have means of contacting the individuals family to inform them of the donation, we will let them know.

Please make checks out to the “**Village of South Russell**” and write *Show Your Colors* in the memo section of the check.



Retired Flag Drop Off



Did you ever wonder where you could properly dispose of your used, worn flags? 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 U.S. Mail box and 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.



Meet Your Service Department

(left to right) – Rick Pausch, Darrell Johnson, Tim Alder, Jeff Pausch

Darrell Johnson has been the Street Commissioner for the Village since he began in 1994. After many years of residing within our Village, Darrell currently resides in Chagrin Falls Village. Darrell is a former volunteer for the Chagrin Falls Suburban Fire Department.

Tim Alder has been with the Village since 1999 and resides in Bainbridge Twp. Tim also serves as a volunteer fireman for Chagrin Falls Suburban Fire Department.

Jeff Pausch has been an employee of the Village since 2007 and resides in Chester Twp. In addition to his standard Street Department responsibilities, Jeff also serves as the mechanic for village equipment.

Rich Pausch started working for the Village in 2011 as winter seasonal help, and was hired as a full-time service employee in 2013. Rick resides in the City of Aurora.

The department employees maintain of over 47 miles of roadway including minor road repairs, roadside berming, roadside mowing, snow and ice removal, traffic and street signage, ditches, and storm sewer and catch basin repairs. The Service Department employees also help maintain village buildings and properties.

Residents are encouraged to contact the Street Department with questions or concerns related to residential problems involving storm drainage or information that may affect the general public such as road conditions, sinkholes within the right-of-way, damaged or missing signs, streetlight outages, or questions regarding general policies. The Street Commissioner can be reached at (440) 338-6700 ext.236 or e-mail streets@southrussell.com

Village Administrative Office



As Fiscal Officer for the Village, Danielle Romanowski serves as both the Clerk of Council and Treasurer. In addition, Danielle also serves as the Village's Tax Administrator and Cemetery Clerk.

Danielle has been an employee with the Village since 2007 and lives in Auburn Twp.

Village administrative offices are located in Village Hall, which is the old white church-like building at 5205 Chillicothe Road, near the intersection of Bell Road and Rt. 306.

Anyone having questions on taxes, legislation, cemetery, reserving Village Hall or the pavilion, happenings in the village, or any other general village related questions are more than welcome to contact Danielle at 440-338-6700 x 221.

South Russell Park Event:

The Geauga Park District will be banding bobolinks in the South Russell Village Park on Saturday, July 23rd at 9:00 am

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Gurney Elementary School
1155 Bell Road, South Russell

Monday June 27th ~ 1—6 pm

Are you going on vacation?

The South Russell Police Department encourages you to take advantage of our **"Vacation Watch Program"**

in which Police Officers conduct security checks of your property while you're away. Simply contact the Police Department at 440-338-6700 ext. 290 or use the online form to request your residence be placed on the watch list. Officers will visually and physically check your doors and windows to ensure security, and inspect for damage, tampering, or signs of unusual activity. When you return, a log of the officer's checks and any activity noted can be emailed to you or picked up at the Police Department.



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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

July 11th at 7:30 p.m.

August 8th at 7:30 p.m.

September 12th & 26th at 7:30 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.



Follow us on Facebook at **Village of South Russell** and/or **South Russell Police Department** for news and upcoming events

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENTS

MAYOR

William Koons
440-338-6700 ext. 224
mayor@southrussell.com

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gerald Canton
Michael Carroll
John Dishong
Bryan Kostura
Cynthia Nairn
Mark Porter
440-338-6700 ext. 221
council@southrussell.com

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

440-338-6700 ext. 233
building@southrussell.com

VILLAGE HALL

440-338-6700 ext. 221
fiscalofficer@southrussell.com

POLICE DEPARTMENT

440-338-6700 ext. 290
(Non-Emergency)
police@southrussell.com

STREETS DEPARTMENT

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streets@southrussell.com

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FALL FESTIVAL

South Russell Village Park
1000 Bell Road
PARK AT GURNEY SCHOOL

Sunday, October 2nd
1 p.m.—5 p.m.



Free Food and Drinks
Hayrides

Bouncy Houses

Dr. Awesome – Bubble Show

Rock Climbing Wall for adults & children

Face Painting



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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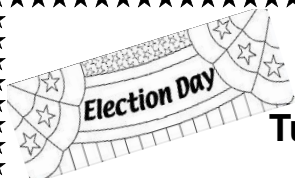
Please contact jdishong@southrussell.com for more information.

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT



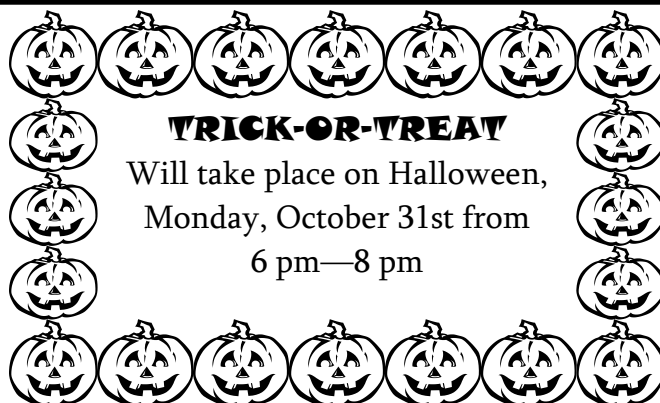
Village Hall parking lot
Saturday, October 15
9 a.m.—12 noon

Residents can prevent identity theft and get their documents shredded for free at this event. Gain peace of mind by destroying your records securely.



Election Day
is
Tuesday, November 8th

The Village of South Russell will have a levy renewal on the November 8th ballot. A levy renewal maintains, but does not increase taxes. A renewal of the 1976 levy will continue to provide \$173,000 a year to the Operating Fund.



TRICK-OR-TREAT

Will take place on Halloween,
Monday, October 31st from
6 pm—8 pm

Honor our First Responders

The “Honor Our First Responders” week will begin with a potluck dinner on Sunday, September 11th at 5:00 p.m. at the South Russell Village Park pavilion on Bell Road.

The week will involve local restaurants providing meals for the Police Department. A recognition ceremony honoring the local Police Department members will be held on Friday night September 16th at 6:30 p.m. before the football game between Chagrin Falls and Wickliffe.

The week will conclude with the South Russell Police Department open house on Saturday, September 17th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Chagrin Valley SWAT team vehicle will be available for viewing along with tours of the police station. Light refreshments will be provided.

If you cannot attend but want to show your support, there will be a banner available at village hall for you to write a note of appreciation to our First Responders.

For more details and to register, go to cvcc.org.

Storm Water Meeting Update

In the last issue of the newsletter the Village asked residents to come to the August 8th Council meeting to talk about storm water issues affecting their properties. Twelve residents shared pictures, Power Point presentations and videos to explain their situations to those in attendance.

These storm water issues took years to develop and will take years to solve. The Village will be working with the Village Engineer on completing an updated Storm Water Plan in 2017.

At the Monday, November 7th, 7:30 p.m. Council meeting, preliminary plans and ideas homeowners may use to protect their properties will be shared and discussed.

SAVE THE DATE

September 11th - 5 pm ~ Honor Our First Responders Potluck—South Russell Park Pavilion

September 17th - 10 am to 2 pm - Police Department Open House

October 2nd - 1-5 pm - Fall Festival

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October 15th from 9 am to 12 pm - Paper Shredding Event

October 31st - 6 to 8 pm ~ Trick-or-Treat

Visit www.southerussell.com for more information

2016 Road Program Update

The 2016 Road program consisted of paving Fawn Court, Woodland Court, Kimberwick Court, Champion Lane and the Garden Park turnout at a cost of approximately \$350,000.

In order to allow the new asphalt to properly cure, vehicles cannot be parked on the fresh pavement for approximately 30 days ~ however that is dependent on the weather conditions and temperatures. Signs have been posted in all affected areas and residents are asked not to park on the street until the “No Parking” signs have been removed.

Thank you for your cooperation!



South Russell Police Department

**Chief Michael Rizzo**

Mike became a Police Officer in 1997 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a Patrolman that same year. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2011 and promoted to Police Chief in 2013.

**Lieutenant Michael Fabian**

Mike became a Police Officer in 1992 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a Patrolman in 2010. He was promoted to Police Lieutenant in 2013.

**Sergeant Carl Malone**

Carl became a Police Officer in 1987 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a Patrolman in 2008. He was promoted to Police Sergeant in 2015.

**Sergeant David Viezer**

David became a Police Officer in 1995 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a Patrolman that same year. He was promoted to Police Sergeant in 2016.

**Patrolman Ed Svoboda**

Ed became a Police Officer in 1995 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a Patrolman in 1998.

**Patrolman Michael Kramer**

Mike became a Police Officer in 1991 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a Patrolman in 2007.

**Patrolman Michael Cardaman**

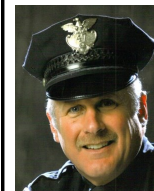
Mike became a Police Officer in 1989 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a Patrolman in 1999.

**Patrolman John Zippay**

John became a Police Officer in 2010 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a Patrolman in 2011.

**Patrolman Michael Kleinknecht**

Mike became a Police Officer in 2008 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a Patrolman in 2012.

**Patrolman Jim Clague**

Jim became a Police Officer in 1984 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a part-time Patrolman in 2010.

**Patrolman Andy Kelley**

Andy became a Police Officer in 1988 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a part-time Patrolman in 2014.

**Patrolman Nick DiVita**

Nick became a Police Officer in 2006 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a part-time Patrolman in 2013.

**Patrolman Michael Roberts**

Mike became a Police Officer in 1992 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a part-time Patrolman in 2014.

**Patrolman Jim Levine**

Jim became a Police Officer in 1973 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a part-time Patrolman in 2014.

**Patrolman Todd Pocek**

Todd became a Police Officer in 2001 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a part-time Patrolman in 2007.

**Patrolman Eric Kimball**

Eric became a Police Officer in 2000 and joined the South Russell Police Department as a part-time Patrolman in 2015.



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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

September 12 & 26th at 7:30 p.m.

October 10th & 24th at 7:30 p.m.

November 7th & 28th at 7:30 p.m.

December 12th at 7:30 p.m.

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