



Village of South Russell

~Newsletter~



Winter Reminders

The 2016-2017 winter season is here and the Service Department's equipment is ready to handle any snowy conditions that Mother Nature delivers! The Village takes pride in keeping our roadways clear and safe during the winter months and asks for your assistance by keeping the following things in mind:

- ❄ A snow Parking Ban will be declared between November 15th through April 15th whenever there are 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** street in the community during a ban to make sure the streets are open for plowing.
- ❄ When having social events over the holiday season, all vehicles should be parked on the same side of the road and **NOT** in the cul-de-sacs. All overnight parking without previous approval from the Police Department is prohibited and may result in early morning towing.
- ❄ 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.**
- ❄ When plowing or shoveling snow from driveways or sidewalks, **do not push or blow snow across Village streets.** All hydrants must be free of snow as well.

For more details, please visit www.southerussell.com

Winter Weather Driving Tips

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.



Bell Road East Gas Line



Did you drive through the east end of Bell Road lately and wonder what was going on?

Dominion East Ohio Gas is installing new, larger pipeline along Bell Road from Paw Paw Lake Drive to Chillicothe Road. The new line will supplement the present line providing improved service to residents. The Village thanks everyone for their patience with the construction zone as it moves its way along Bell Road.

Renewal of Levy

Thanks to the support of our residents, the 1976 Operating levy passed by 75%! This renewal does not raise taxes but will continue to bring in \$173,000 per year to the Operating Fund. The Village will continue to be good stewards of your tax dollars.

Bell Road Gas Station Update

The sale of the Bell Road gas station should be finalized soon. Once the sale is complete, the station and the underground storage tanks will be removed and replaced by a new facility and tanks. The expected opening of the new facility is May 2017.

NOPEC Update

Beginning January 1, 2017 the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council's (NOPEC) new service provider will be NextEra Energy Services of Ohio.

By this point in time, all residents should have received an opt-out mailing from NOPEC for electric service providers. This opt-out reminder is a requirement of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to remind residents every three years of who their service provider is and let them know they have the right to choose their own utility service providers. Residents wishing to remain with NOPEC don't have to do anything and their service will continue with NOPEC with NextEra being the new electric service provider.

Residents wanting to research their options or possibly change providers can find more information at www.nopecinfo.org or www.energychoice.ohio.gov or check out www.southerussell.com for links to NOPEC FAQs and information.

Building Code Board of Appeals Vacancy

South Russell Village is looking for a resident to serve on the five-member Building Code Board of Appeals. This group will handle any challenges to the SRV Building Code. This group does not deal with issues involving zoning, just the building code.

Interested residents should email a letter of interest and resume to Laura Heilman at building@southerussell.com by January 31, 2017.

Wishing you Peace and Happiness this holiday season....and ALWAYS!

We send best wishes to our neighbors, friends and businesses for a healthy and prosperous 2017

Make sure to make your estimated tax payments on time!

Individual Estimates are due January 31, 2017
Net Profit Estimates are due December 15, 2016

Don't miss out on the latest Village news!

Sign up for our Village E-Blasts on the Services page at www.southerussell.com

Fall Festival Update

Despite the threat of rain, the Fall Festival was once again a huge success! 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, apple cider press demonstrations and Dr. Awesome, the bubble man.

Approximately 800 hotdogs were served along with cider, chips and cookies! It was a great afternoon to enjoy the fall festivities and visit with neighbors and friends.

The Village thanks the Park Committee members for all their time and dedication in planning this wonderful event and all the volunteers and employees who worked together to help make it a great success!

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.

Residents serving on the 2016 boards and committees include:

Architectural Board of Review: Paul Deutsch, Denis Marino and Gary Neola

Building Code Board of Appeals: Terry Brennan, John Coriell, Ann Dunning, Craig Leichty and Rob Myers

Parks Committee: Martha Bistriz, Gary Brockett, Ted Kruse and Greg Pike

Planning Commission: James Flaiz, Andy Hitchcock, Steve Latkovic

Public Records Commission: Mary Ann Keesler

Tax Board of Review: Tom King, Bob McIlroy and Greg Pike

Zoning Board of Appeals: George Clemens, Gregory Gamm, Christine Houston, Laura LaChapelle and David Maistros



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



It feels good to give.....Give the Gift of Life

The American Red Cross will be holding
a blood drive on
December 28, 2016
1:00 – 6:00 pm

Gurney Elementary School
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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

January 9th & 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

February 13th & 27th at 7:30 p.m.

March 13th & 27th at 7:30 p.m.

April 10th & 24th at 7:30 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 can be found on the Village calendar link at 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 2017 Edition

SPRING TRASH DAY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29th at the South Russell Village Hall parking lot
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Please enter at the Police Department driveway. Residency identification ***WILL*** be required.

Volunteers will be on hand to **assist residents** with unloading their trash.

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 AT THIS CLEANUP

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

South Russell Village is joining forces with the Geauga County Department on Aging for Senior Trash pickup:

**WEST END OF THE VILLAGE – WEDNESDAY, April 26, 2017 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
(includes homes on 306)**

EAST END OF THE VILLAGE – THURSDAY, April 27, 2017 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 at extension 2130 or 440-834-1856 at extension 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 the spring trash events and any other Village events, please visit **www.southrussell.com**

South Russell Village Cemetery

South Russell Village Cemetery is located at 5230 Chillicothe Road. A copy of the cemetery map can be viewed in the Village Hall or on the Cemetery page at www.southerussell.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 week-day 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 in our scattering/memorial garden, please contact Fiscal Officer Danielle Romanowski at fiscalofficer@southerussell.com or 440-338-6700 x 221

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Meetings in June, July, August and December will be held on the second Monday of the month only. The

March 27th meeting has been cancelled. The November 13th meeting has been rescheduled to November 6th. If you would like to speak at a meeting please contact

fiscalofficer@southerussell.com or call 440-338-7843 no later than the Wednesday before a meeting to be added to the agenda.

Upcoming meetings:

April 10th, April 24th, May 8th & May 22nd, June 19th



TAXES DUE AND PREPARATION ASSISTANCE IS BEING OFFERED!

Municipal income tax returns are due April 18, 2017 due to Emancipation Day. 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. 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.

The Central Collection Agency (CCA) will be on-site at Village Hall, 5205 Chillicothe Road on **Friday, April 7th from 4-7 p.m.** to assist taxpayers in completing their local returns. This assistance is offered free on a walk-in basis; no appointments will be taken. If you are unable to make this event but want help in preparing your local return, check out the **2017 CCA Taxpayer Assistance Schedule** at www.ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us to find other scheduled events you can attend for local tax preparation assistance.

Renting the South Russell Pavilion

Are you looking for a place to have your homeowners association picnic, graduation party or birthday party? Did you know you can rent the South Russell Village Park pavilion?

The park pavilion is available to rent for \$25. Go to the Parks page at www.southerussell.com to check the calendar of availability and download the Park Permit form.



Mark Your Calendars...

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at **Gurney Elementary School**
1155 Bell Road
South Russell
June 26, 2017
1—6 pm



South Russell Village Hall is a collection site for Harvest for Hunger throughout the month of March. Drop off your non-perishable food donations to South Russell Village Hall 5205 Chillicothe Road Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HELP WANTED

South Russell Road Department

The Village of South Russell Road Department is looking to hire part-time summer help to assist with projects and property maintenance.

Candidates must be reliable, responsible, have a good work ethic, and able to work well with others. Requirements include being able to perform light manual labor, follow directions, have knowledge and experience with mowers and weed eaters, and be motivated to work with limited supervision. The work environment may involve some extreme summer weather conditions.

Interested individuals may pick up an application from the Street Commissioner Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at the South Russell service garage located at 5205 Chillicothe Road.

South Russell Building Department

The Village of South Russell Building Department is looking for a flexible part-time Administrative Assistant to work approximately 20 hours a week. Duties include registering contractors, assisting with processing drawings, scheduling inspections, and assisting with various office functions.

Ideal candidates should be proficient with computers and have a thorough knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite including Word and Excel as well as Google Docs. Must have good organizational skills, be detail oriented, ability to work effectively with residents and contractors in a courteous and professional manner while handling multiple tasks simultaneously.

Qualified candidates should send a resume along with a cover letter to fiscalofficer@southrussell.com

The Village of South Russell is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Many Home Projects Require Permits

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-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. In addition, a secondary concern comes when you try to sell your home, and buyers ask us whether a permit was issued for the work that was done. We can also be a valuable resource for finding reputable contractors, surveyors and architects. We are able to provide you with a few names so you can compare prices. Please contact the Building Department at 440-338-1312 if we can be of help to you or if you have any questions.



IT WILL BE A CLEAN SWEEP FOR SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE

As spring approaches, scheduling of the annual street sweeping has been set to begin around **Monday, April 17th, 2017**. Sweeping will only continue if weather permits and large amounts of rainwater are not present.

All Village streets, cul-de-sacs and turnarounds will be swept to remove winter debris. If your street has a current gravel berm, this material can be used as fill in low areas and around mailboxes. On these streets, the material should not be placed on the hard asphalt road surface. If the grass line of your yard meets the edge of the road, material may be raked onto the first foot of road surface. This will allow the sweeper to clean up while maintaining a neat grass edge line. No additional material is acceptable such as limbs or yard waste.

While property and yard cleanup is taking place, it is a good time to inspect your ditch lines and driveway culvert pipes. These are the responsibility of each homeowner to maintain and should be kept clear of leaves, limbs and tall grasses. Leaf piles and debris such as old newspapers in plastic bags should not be in the Village right-of-way ditches as they may cause blockages. No standing water should be present.



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Who to Contact in a Power Outage

Along with warmer weather come storms which sometimes cause power outages. In the event of a power outage, it is important for residents to report their outage directly to First Energy. The utility company gauges outages based on the number of outage reports it receives. If only one person on a street reports an outage, the utility company may think only one person is affected. However, if everyone on the street being affected reports the outage, they will know more people are being affected and schedule repairs appropriately. The best way to submit a power outage is through the First Energy website or the app which can both be found at: www.firstenergycorp.com/outages_help.html
Outages can also be reported by calling: 1-888-544-4877.

The First Energy app is also a great way to see what areas are currently experiencing outages, how many people are being affected, as well as to check on the status of an outage.

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Summer 2017 Edition

Stormwater Update

Over the past year the Village held several meetings with residents, did multiple tours and a lot of research regarding stormwater issues in the Village. During heavy rains some residents have water entering one door and exiting another. Given the water issues in the Village, Council approved an expenditure of \$12,000 to CT Consultants, (the Village's engineering firm), to do a stormwater study of the area north of Bell Road, east of Chillicothe Road, south of Russell Township and west of Belmeadow in an attempt to develop a solution to the storm water problems in that area. Village elected officials will continue to work towards finding a solution to these problems.

Changes at the Intersection

Changes continue at the intersection of Bell Road and Chillicothe Road. The white farmhouse is now the site of an insurance company and the dentist's office currently located at the corner lot is moving just north of the new insurance office. The corner gas station will be replaced with a new gas station in the near future and the red barn just east of the insurance building is the future site of a table refinishing business.

Clean Up is a Success!

Trash Day was held on April 29th and trash from over 280 residents was disposed of or recycled!

The annual paper shredding event will take place on Saturday, October 14th from 9-12. Help prevent identity theft and dispose your documents safely.



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**Cops & Kids Fishing
Lake Louise
Sunday, June 25th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**



The South Russell Police Department will be hosting the 5th annual Cops & Kids Fishing event at **Lake Louise** located at 33 Ridgecrest Drive in South Russell. 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 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 and let us know how many are in your party.



2017 Road Program

The following roads are included in the 2017 road program for repairs and reconstruction: Spring Drive, Forest Drive, Anglers Drive and Westover Drive.

Residents that will be directly affected will receive a letter with more details prior to commencement of the project.



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1—6 pm



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June 19th at 7:30 p.m.

July 10th at 7:30 p.m.

August 14th at 7:30 p.m.

September 11th & 25th at 7:30 p.m.

October 9th & 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

November 6th & 27th at 7:30 p.m.

December 11th at 7:30 p.m.

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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 his/her 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 9th.

Concert to be held in South Russell Park

Bell Road Pavilion

FREE



Tuesday, June 27, 2017

7-9 p.m.

featuring

Rock Radio Band

Presented by: The Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce

The Following Dates Have Been Set, Mark Your Calendars....

Geauga Farmers Market - Saturdays until October 14th
The Geauga Farmers Market takes place in the Village Hall parking lot on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon until October 14th.

Police Department Open House—September 9th

Get a tour of the police department building, sit in a cruiser and check out other various emergency response vehicles.

Fall Festival—September 24th from 1-5 p.m.

The annual Fall Festival will be held Sunday, September 24th from 1-5 p.m. at the South Russell Village Park. Some of the entertainment that will be included in this free event are bouncy houses, pony rides, face painting and a bubble show! Food and drinks will also be served.



Dogs Must be Leashed

Effective May 12, 2015, all animals visiting the South Russell Village Park are required to be on a leash. The leash must be no longer than 8 feet in length and the animal must be under control. In addition, animal owners are responsible for cleaning up the animal waste.

Those witnessing unleashed and/or uncontrolled dogs are asked to contact the Police Department at 440-338-7611.

Geauga Alerts!

In the event of an emergency or severe weather condition, an alert may be sent to the phone number provided by voice, text and/or email.

This is a free service provided by Geauga County, however, normal message fees may apply. Geauga County cannot guarantee notifications will be received by the intended recipient.

To get signed up today—go to:

http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/geauga_county_oh/wens.cfm



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 440-338-7611 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.



Fireworks and the Law

As the Fourth of July holiday is fast approaching, we would like to remind all residents about the use of fireworks within the Village limits.

While fireworks are fun to watch, they do pose a hazard to not only the shooter, but also the spectators and the surrounding area. They can cause serious injury and even death to the shooter and/or spectators. If the area is dry, the hot ashes could ignite a brush fire. These same hot ashes can also set homes on fire as well.

Our current Ohio State Fire Code does not allow for any type of fireworks to be shot off within the State of Ohio with the exception of sparklers and snakes. All other types of fireworks require a permit from the State Fire Marshal's office as well as a licensed technician to set them off. In addition to the proper permit, there must be a fire official present and fire protection readily available.

The Village asks everyone to refrain from using any illegal fireworks for everyone's personal safety. Any firework complaints will be investigated by the Police Department which will lead to confiscation of all illegal fireworks in your possession and a citation could be served for the illegal activity.



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Garage Sale Information

Thinking about having a garage sale? The Village does not require permits for garage sales; however, it does limit sales to two (2) per year and the sale cannot last any longer than four (4) consecutive days.

Happy treasure hunting!

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FALL FESTIVAL

South Russell Village Park

1000 Bell Road

Free Parking Available at Gurney School

Ride the Trolley to the Village Park

Sunday, September 24th

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

Pony Rides

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT



Village Hall parking lot

Saturday, October 14th

9 a.m.—12 noon

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



We are seeking volunteers for the **Fall Festival on September 24th**. 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 fiscalofficer@southrussell.com for more information.

What's Happening on Bell Road?

In the area of Bell Road west, where the 2014 widening project took place, there was poor quality restoration by the contractor. Realizing that residents have had to put up with this inferior work for almost three years, the Village decided to do the restoration work in-house. We hope to finalize the project in 2018.

Landscaping continues along the gas line project completed in late 2016 on Bell Road east. The additional gas line began in the Silver Springs/Paw Paw Lake area and ended at Chillicothe Road. The Village is requiring the contractor to return and address inadequately restored yards and driveways. It is expected that this work will be completed in the coming weeks.

Storm Water Issues

The Village is working with Chagrin River Watershed Partners to develop plans to reduce the speed of water that flows from the Family Life Center into Chagrin Lakes, the speed of water from Kensington Green through the Village complex into Chagrin Lakes, the Cascades Drive culvert situation in Lake Louise, and the flooding of homes east of Chillicothe Road and north of Bell Road.

In addition, the Village has contracted with CT Consultants to prepare the Chillicothe Road North Central Drainage Study which is a storm water plan for the area north of Bell Road.

Elected officials know stormwater issues continue to be a concern for the Village and are working on developing a plan to address these problems.

SepticSmart Workshop

Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District and Geauga Public Health have announced a free **SepticSmart Workshop** on Thursday, September 28th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Geauga West Library (13455 Chillicothe Road Chesterland, OH 44026). This will be an informative presentation with Dave Sage, Registered Sanitarian with Geauga Public Health. He will discuss how a home septic system works, how to maintain your home sewage treatment system, and what to do when it appears to not be working properly. This program is free, but ***reservations are required due to limited seating***. Registration deadline is Monday, September 25th and can be made by calling Gail Prunty at 440-834-1122 or gprunty@geaugaswcd.com



TRICK-OR-TREAT

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

SAVE THE DATE

September 9th - 10 am to 2 pm - Police
Department Open House

September 24th - 1-5 pm - Fall Festival

Saturdays through October 14th ~ 9 am to 12 noon
- Geauga Farmers' Market

October 14th from 9 am to 12 noon - Paper
Shredding Event

2017 Road Program Update

The 2017 Road program consisted of paving Anglers Drive, Spring Drive, Forest Drive and Westover Drive at a cost of approximately \$260,000.

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!

Election Day
is
Tuesday, November 7th

Council voted to place a 1.5 mill, five-year road levy on the November ballot. Passage of the levy will increase taxes by \$52.50 per \$100,000 of property value for five years. Funds will go towards paving the five longest roads needing attention: Ashleigh Dr., Bel Meadow Lane, Kensington Circle, Lake Louise and Sheerbrook Drive. In addition, the Village anticipates the need to pave Bell Road east of Chillicothe Road sometime before 2024 at an estimated cost of \$862,000.



Fall Road Projects

Two projects are scheduled in the Lake Louise development to be completed yet this year.

The Louise Drive bridge has been inspected and was found to have some deterioration. It was suggested the bridge be replaced in five years. Shortly after the Labor Day holiday weekend, the Lake Louise Homeowners Association will be lowering the lake level to allow reinforcement work to be performed on the bridge.

Once the lake is lowered, the South Russell Service Department employees will be installing some center line bridge supports under the current bridge. Additional work will include minor road-to-bridge joint repairs and the installation of additional guardrail supports. This is in preparation for additional weight and vehicle traffic during the Cascades Drive culvert pipe replacement.

The culvert replacement is estimated to cost approximately \$97,000 and the Village has received an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant of 50%. The project includes the replacement of the current metal culvert pipe with a concrete box culvert and road repairs. Work will be scheduled to begin in October and completed before poor weather arrives. Traffic will be maintained to residents beyond the construction site to the cul-de-sac and affected residents will be notified of schedules, updates, and any precautions during the replacement construction.

Questions or concerns may be directed to the Street Commissioner's office during normal working hours (7:30 am – 3:00 pm) at 440-338-3891.

South Russell Police Department Open House **Saturday, September 9, 2017** **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

The South Russell Police Department will be holding its Annual Open House on Saturday, September 9th from 10am - 2pm. Meet the officers, take a tour of our facility, and see a variety of specialized vehicles and equipment.

Members of the Valley Enforcement Group's (VEG) specialty teams will be onsite to give visitors a firsthand look at a high-tech Communications Vehicle (ERV), an Armored SWAT Van, and an Accident Investigation Unit (AIU). There will also be drone demonstrations by the newly established Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) unit. Meet members of the Ohio Search Dog Association and the Chagrin Falls Fire Department which provides our EMS and fire service.



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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

September 11th & 25th at 7:30 pm
October 9th & 23rd at 7:30 pm
November 6th & 27th at 7:30 pm
December 11th at 7:30 pm

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

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