

Village of South Russell

~Newsletter~



Summer 2023 Edition

As I write this newsletter we are experiencing a drought with little rain since early May. The lack of rain at the recently completed Manor Brook floodplain has resulted in little vegetation growth. We will replant this fall.

When rain returns, we will be able to better manage water through the four new culverts installed under Village roads. With the Ohio Department of Transportation repaving Chillicothe Road in August, the construction patches on the roads will be replaced. Thanks for your patience.

We want to announce the purchase of the former farm house located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Bell and Chillicothe Roads. This ½ acre of land will be connected to the Village campus.

The Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) has awarded the Village \$1.1 million to repave, probably in 2025, Bell Road from Chillicothe Road east to the Newbury Township border. We also received \$800,000 from NOACA for a proposed pedestrian path along Bell Road.

From the Mayor



2023 Road Paving

Woodside Drive off of Daisy Lane in the Rolling Ridge neighborhood and Maple Springs in Chagrin Lakes are the Village roads to be repaved this summer. If your driveway culvert is in need of replacement, now is the time to have the work performed before the roads are resurfaced. The average cost of a new culvert is \$250. Contact the Street Commissioner, 440-338-6700 ext. 236, who will meet with you, explain the process, and replace your culvert at no cost for labor. The Village provides free labor so the installed culverts are placed at the proper height and location to manage storm water and protect our ditches.



The Village's 100th birthday Centennial Celebration got off to a great start when the Chagrin Valley Jaycees selected the Village of South Russell to serve as the Grand Marshal of the Blossom Time Parade. Local businesses were able to advertise as a part of our nine-unit parade entry. We will continue our Centennial Celebration on **Tuesday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.** with a free jazz band concert at the pavilion. A food truck will be available beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 23rd from 6-8 will be our 100th Birthday Celebration with cake, ice cream, a bike ride, an astronomer, and 100 glowing lanterns.



A Bit of South Russell History by Ruth Cavanagh



The beautifully kept house on the hill at 1508 Bell Rd. was built c. 1860 by Isaac Rarick (1813-1899) and it stayed in the Rarick/Green/Matthews family until 1985. When Joan Matthews Larue sold it, the farm became Bramble Farms subdivision, including Champion Dr. Settler Adam Rarick was Joan's 3X great grandfather. Isaac Rarick owned 3 separate property parcels on Bell Rd.

Some spirited folks have inhabited this home. Born here, Clarence Green (1867-1958) was orphaned by 1878 and his Uncle Austin Rarick came to raise the lad. At age 4, Clarence's leg was amputated after being severely wounded by a swinging scythe. With no disrespect intended, he became Pegleg Green. He was still walking to Paw Paw Lake in his high 80's. When Pegleg's daughter, Dorothy Green married Roy Matthews, they built an apartment for the old gentleman. Roy kept Angus beef in the pasture that extended to Silver Creek. Roy allowed Paw Paw children to sled on the hilly pasture by carefully climbing under the hot fence and avoiding the bull.

The current owner is Ted Kruse, who has worked diligently with the South Russell Village Park Committee.



The Parks Committee is busy planning the 2023 Fall Festival, which will take place on **Sunday, September 17th** with a rain date of October 8th. Please watch for details on the Village website at southrussell.com and through eblast.



Reserve the Pavilion

Consider renting the South Russell Park pavilion for your next Homeowners' Association picnic, graduation party, birthday party, or class reunion! The park pavilion is available to rent for \$25. See the Parks page at southrussell.com for information and instructions.



Permits

To keep houses up to the Village standards, permits are required. No building or other structure shall be added to, altered, demolished, erected, or moved, nor shall any building, structure, or land be established or changed in use without a permit. This includes, but is not limited to, additions, decks, fences, garages, patios, pools, porches, and sheds. Questions may be directed to the Building Department at (440) 338-6700 ext. 233 or building@southrussell.com.

Save the Date

- Jazz Concert in the Park:** July 18th 7:00—8:30 p.m.
- 100th Birthday Party:** July 23rd 6:00—8:00 p.m.
- Kids Movie Night:** August 4th 7:00 p.m.
- Fall Festival:** September 17th 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
- Shredding Day:** October 21st 9:00 a.m.—noon

Yard Maintenance



Summer and the growing season are here! Section 678.01(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of South Russell requires that residents keep property free and clear from all noxious weeds and rank vegetation and, where a grass lawn exists, keep the average height of the grasses of said lawn to no greater than eight inches at all times.

Thank you for helping to keep the Village beautiful!

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South Russell Village Cemetery

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

Full Size Lots

Village Resident: \$1,000

Prior Resident: \$2,000

Cremation Lots

Village Resident: \$800

Prior Resident: \$1,600

Scattering/Memorial Garden

\$350 ~\$450 (includes engraved paver)



For more information, contact adminassist@southrussell.com or (440) 338-6700 ext. 222

Current Events

Do you want to know what is happening in your community, but can't make it to a committee, board, or Council meeting? Problem solved! YouTube recordings of the Council and board meetings can be found from the Homepage of southrussell.com. Minutes of Council, board, and committee meetings are also accessible on the Government tab of the website! In the spirit of celebrating the Village's 100th Birthday, efforts are underway to include historic committee and board minutes online as well. For the avid history buff, original Council minutes and Ordinances and Resolutions are kept in Village Hall and available for viewing.



News from the South Russell Police Department



Child Safety Seat Installation Program



As a friendly reminder to families toting little ones in their family cruisers, SRPD is here to make sure they are fastened in safely! The department has certified child safety seat technicians to inspect or install your child's seat. Appointments for inspections and installations are preferred. Please contact Sergeant Edward Svoboda by calling 440-338-7611 or emailing srpdsvoboda@gmail.com.

Summertime Safety

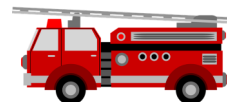
School is out! With students returning from college and our K-12s spending more time at home, expect to see increased play and vehicle activity in our neighborhood streets! Please look out for children playing in the street and be mindful of local speed limits and traffic control devices. We want all families of the Village of South Russell to have a fun and safe summer!



Nationwide, summer months traditionally lead to an increase in property crimes, such as theft. To protect ourselves from being victims, let's make sure we keep our **car doors locked** and **homes secured**. Remove any valuable items from plain view in your vehicles. Secure them in the trunk or bring them inside. Our police officers will be patrolling Village streets after dark with the well-known blue cruise lights letting our residents know we are providing watch while making any would-be criminals aware of our presence.

Mark Your Mailboxes!

For South Russell Police Department and Chagrin Valley Fire Department responding to your homes for both general calls of service and emergencies, it is important we locate the correct address location as soon as possible. Having large, legible address numbers on the mailboxes at the end of your driveway can make all the difference! Over time, painted-on numbers can fade or stickers may fall off. Please check to ensure your address is large and easy-to-read for your first responders!



Important Severe Weather Information



Tornado warnings are issued by the local National Weather Service Office. As severe weather develops this season, keep in mind that a tornado warning means that a tornado is imminent, occurring, or expected to develop.

If a tornado warning is issued in Cuyahoga County OR an adjacent county, the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center will activate our tornado siren. The siren will sound for a 3-minute cycle and repeat every 15 minutes while the tornado warning is in effect. Although local weather conditions may not indicate severe weather, the siren may activate as a storm event approaches our area.

Please **do not call the dispatch center to inquire why the siren was activated**. The dispatchers may be handling emergency telephone and radio traffic as a storm passes through other communities in its path.

Questions may be directed to the Police Department at (440) 338-7611.



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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

July 10th at 7:00 p.m.

August 14th at 7:00 p.m.

September 11th and 25th at 7:00 p.m.

October 9th and 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to be added to the meeting agenda please contact fiscalofficer@southrussell.com or call 440-338-6700 ext. 221 no later than the Thursday before a meeting. There is a 5-minute limit to address Council.

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

Village of South Russell Contact Numbers

Village Hall

440-338-6700 ext. 221

fiscalofficer@southrussell.com

Police Department

440-338-6700 ext. 2000 (non-emergency)

police@southrussell.com

Building Department

440-338-6700 ext 233

building@southrussell.com

Street Department

440 338-6700 ext. 236

streets@southrussell.com



**Village offices will be
CLOSED Tuesday,
July 4, 2023 for
Independence Day.**

Stay in Touch

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

Attention HOAs!

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