



# Village of South Russell ~Newsletter~



Spring 2024



**Village Wide Yard Sale**  
**April 20, 2024**  
**8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



Clean out the closets, basement, and garage! Saturday, April 20th has been designated as the Village Wide Yard Sale day. No registration is necessary. The Village will advertise the event, and HOAs that plan to participate are asked to place balloons at the neighborhood entrance. Likewise, participating residents should also place a balloon at the end of their driveways. **Green balloons** are available at the Village of South Russell Building Department during business hours. The sale will run from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**\*Please verify with your HOA that yard sales are permitted!**

## South Russell **SENIOR TRASH PICKUP DAYS**



**WEST END OF VILLAGE**  
(INCLUDES HOMES ON CHILLICOTHE RD.)  
**APRIL 24, 2024**



**EAST END OF VILLAGE**  
**APRIL 25, 2024**



### PLEASE NOTE:

- Seniors, 60 years of age or older and living in the Village of South Russell **AND**
- Seniors must be **REGISTERED** with the **Geauga County Department on Aging for 2024 by April 17, 2024**. To register call (440) 279-2130. If you are already registered, simply call (440) 279-2130 by April 17th **to be placed on the pick-up list.**

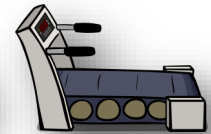
### GUIDELINES:

- NO liquids, paints, hazardous household chemicals, construction debris, rocks, yard waste, or household garbage.
- Mattresses and upholstered furniture must be wrapped in plastic and taped securely to prevent possible bed bug transfer.
- ONLY 10 household items per home.
- Limit of 4 tires (off rims) permitted as well as appliances, electronics, etc.
- Items should be consolidated (in boxes), **and placed outside in the driveway (NOT Curbside).**

## Village of South Russell **SPRING TRASH DAY**

**April 27, 2024**  
**8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Proof of Residency**  
**REQUIRED**



### Accepted items:

General trash and debris, items containing freon (refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners), scrap metal, white metal (appliances), computer and electronic equipment, batteries, and **TIRES!**

### NOT Accepted:

Yard waste, hazardous household chemicals, or containers with liquified products. For special Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste collection dates and locations, see [www.gottagreen.org](http://www.gottagreen.org)

## FROM THE MAYOR

### Projects for 2024

The Village is researching the removal and replacement of our present salt dome and a possible solar panel array.

The park received additional drainage to remove water that flowed between the parking lot and the playground. Behind the playground we will install a wetlands to capture water flowing down the hill. Eagle Scout candidate Jack Overman will be installing a kiosk about the Interurban Railway that runs through the middle of the park. On the East Washington side of the park we installed a solar-lighted flagpole, a gift from the Chagrin Falls Mason Temple, in honor of member David Toole. This summer will see a bench, plaque and brick walkway to complete the project.

Rarick Cemetery will receive much-needed landscaping and a railing along the steps from Bell Road.

Safety enhancement projects being discussed in 2024 are crosswalks across Bell Road at Gurney School and from Alderwood to the park. Paths and sidewalks continue to be discussed but there will be no construction in 2024.

The Veterans event on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at The Sleepy Rooster will be a breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

If you have not already done so, please sign up for the Village's eblasts from the homepage of [southrussell.com](http://southrussell.com). Emails sent by eblast keep residents informed on happenings in the Village.

## MUNICIPAL TAX DEADLINE UPDATE

The tax deadline for individual Municipal income tax returns is April 15, 2024. All residents 18 years of age and older are required to file an annual return with the Central Collection Agency (CCA). Local income tax withheld by your employer does NOT fulfill your obligation to file a tax return.

Retired residents are required to file the Annual Exemption Certificate each year. This form is available online through [ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us](http://ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us) as well as at South Russell Village Hall and on the homepage of the Village website, [southrussell.com](http://southrussell.com).



Need assistance with your South Russell Municipal Tax Return? Utilize CCA's "Prepare my Return" program by completing the "Taxpayer Assistance Form" online at [ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us](http://ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us) - Tax Forms. See the website for more information, forms, and electronic filing. CCA - Division of Taxation can also be reached for assistance at 216-664-2070.



### Home Improvements

Residents are reminded that permits are required for many home projects. 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) 338-1312 or [building@southrussell.com](mailto:building@southrussell.com).

### Save the Date

**SRPD Wheels & Shields Touch a Truck** - 7-14-2024, 9:00 a.m. - noon

**Shredding Day** - 11-2-2024, 9:00 a.m. - noon

**Veterans Breakfast** - 11-11-2024, 9:00 a.m.

### Harvest for Hunger

March is Harvest for Hunger month, and the Chagrin Valley Fire Department has distributed donation boxes to many municipal buildings, including South Russell Village Hall. Please consider donating some pantry staples to this collaborative effort to help address area wide food insecurity!





## UPDATE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Vacation Watch Program Spring and Summer Break



If your family is planning to take a brief trip or extended stay out of town for spring break or over the summer, South Russell Police Department encourages you to register your home with our Vacation Watch Program. The program features a combination of property walks, exterior door checks, and overnight drive-bys by South Russell police officers to make sure your home is undisturbed during your time away.

Registrants receive email notifications each time an officer checks on their home and a complete summary upon their return.

Residents can note in the “Comments” section if other people, like cleaners, contractors, or pet sitters will be visiting the home while they are out of town.

In the event something irregular is discovered, our officers will contact you or your emergency contacts directly.

Please allow us to help enhance your peace of mind about your home while you and your family are away. We’ll see you when you get home!

### Rules Regarding Door-to-Door Soliciting

No Soliciting



With an increase in door-to-door soliciting over the past few years, SRPD has seen an upsurge in resident complaints. From a legal standpoint, the US Supreme Court ruled that door-to-door soliciting is a freedom of speech issue, and therefore is legal. While this is the case, there are some limitations placed on the solicitors, to include the Ohio’s Home Solicitation Sales Act of 2021 which provides the following consumer protection:

- In door-to-door sales of \$25 or more, sellers must give consumers three days to cancel.
- The seller must provide a written agreement and written cancellation notice.
- The seller may not begin services until after the three-day cancellation period ends.
- If the consumer cancels, the seller must provide a refund within 10 days.

Other ways for residents to protect themselves include posting “No Soliciting” signs on their property. However, this cannot be posted for an entire village, subdivision, or street, and can only be done individually by each resident on his/her own property.

Although it is not required, the Village encourages solicitors to get a permit through the Police Department. Solicitors who have taken this step will have a lanyard displaying the permit.

### Cops and Kids Fishing Event Sunday, June 2, 2024 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. at Lake Louise



Our marquee Cops and Kids Fishing event this year will be Sunday, June 2nd at Lake Louise!

Meet us at the pavilion to grab some complimentary bait. We’ll also have a limited number of fishing poles available to be shared for those without one.

To beat the heat, we’ve shortened the time of this event to 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The first youth to join us are best positioned to win awards like First Fish Caught and Biggest Fish! Come on out and drop a line in the water! Attendees are welcome to park nearby on Ridgecrest Drive and Garden Park Drive.

### Bike Rodeo Event Sunday, June 30, 2024 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. South Russell Police Department

Just like our Cops and Kids Fishing event, we’re hoping to have fun before the summer sun gets too hot! Starting at 9:30 a.m. sharp, our youth will take part in a bike safety checklist and go over the rules of the road. Friendly competitions and skills courses will be set up to keep riders engaged. Please bring your own bicycle or tricycle. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED!**

The rodeo ends at 11:30 a.m. Riders and their families are welcome to stay after for pizza and frozen treats!

Attendees are asked to park in the lot near Village Hall. Get ready to ride!





**Village of South Russell**  
**5205 Chillicothe Road**  
**South Russell, OH 44022**

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### Upcoming 2024 Village Council Meetings

**March 11th & 25th** at 7:00 p.m.  
**April 8th & 22nd** at 7:00 p.m.  
**May 13th & 28th** at 7:00 p.m.  
**June 10th** at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to be added to the meeting agenda please contact [fiscalofficer@southerussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southerussell.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 [southerussell.com](http://southerussell.com).

### Village of South Russell Contact Numbers

**Village Hall**  
440-338-6700 ext. 221  
[fiscalofficer@southerussell.com](mailto:fiscalofficer@southerussell.com)

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

**Police Department**  
440-338-6700 ext. 2000  
(non-emergency)  
[police@southerussell.com](mailto:police@southerussell.com)

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



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### Retired Flag Drop Off

The Village has a worn flag collection mailbox (painted with stars and stripes) located on the Village campus at the corner of the Service Department building. The flags collected throughout the year are gathered annually to be properly disposed of at a formal ceremony on Flag Day, June 14, 2024.

Village offices will be **CLOSED** in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27, 2024.