



Village of South Russell ~Newsletter~



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Summer 2024 Edition

Newsletter Transition to Virtual **ONLY**



Due to new USPS policies, the Village will no longer be able to use the discounted bulk postage rate system to mail out the quarterly newsletters to residents. Unfortunately, the alternative of sending it out with the full postage rate would be prohibitive. **Therefore, it will be necessary going forward to publish the newsletter virtually.** It will be posted on the Village website, southrussell.com, and a link to it will be sent to all recipients of the Village's eblast and posted on the Village of South Russell Facebook page. As you know, the newsletter contains important information about upcoming events and Village news. Please consider signing up for the eblasts! This can be done from the homepage of southrussell.com, which can also be accessed with the QR code to the right. If you would rather have a hard copy of the newsletter, a limited number will be available for pickup at Village Hall.



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JOB POSTING

The Village of South Russell is seeking professional, experienced, qualified applicants for the position of **FULL-TIME STREET COMMISSIONER**

The Street Commissioner is responsible for supervising the day-to-day operations of crews and staffing, maintenance and repairs, project assignments; scheduling and coordination of projects; managing department personnel, recommending discipline, and evaluating performance. The Street Commissioner performs property maintenance; reviews and inspects work of employees assuring compliance with accepted standards and codes; schedules work with outside contractors and ensures maintenance of all equipment repairs. CDL-Class B is required. Administrative responsibilities include preparing the department's annual budget requests, making recommendations on staffing levels, purchasing materials and tracking expenses, maintaining adequate inventories and preparing purchase order requests. This position communicates and works with the Mayor, Council, and/or department heads.

For consideration, qualified candidates can submit their resume and application by **June 30, 2024**, to: fiscalofficer@southrussell.com

SAVE THE DATE (Event Details Inside This Issue)

- SRPD Bike Rodeo: Sunday, June 30, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 
- SRPD Wheels & Shields Touch a Truck: Sunday, July 14, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - noon 
- Fall Festival: Sunday, September 29, 2024, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Rain date - October 6th) 
- Shredding Day: Saturday, November 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - noon 
- Veterans Breakfast: Monday, November 11, 2024, 9:00 a.m. at the Sleepy Rooster. 



The Parks Committee is busy planning the 2024 Fall Festival, which will take place on **Sunday, September 29th** from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. with a rain date of October 6th. Please watch for details on the Village website at southrussell.com and through ebblast.

Shredding Day

Fun Fact: What are the two most frequently asked questions called into the Village's Admin office?
Answer: When are Trash and Shredding Days? Unfortunately for those who missed it, Trash Day was April 27th. However, Shredding Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until noon! Start gathering those sensitive documents and we will see you at Shredding Day at the Service Garage on the Village campus.



Attention Veterans!

The Village of South Russell will hold a Veterans Breakfast this year on Monday, November 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Sleepy Rooster. Staff Sergeant Maggie Carpenter, Ohio Army National Guard, will be the guest speaker. Please R.S.V.P. to mayor@southrussell.com

Projects Around the Village

The 2024 Road Program will consist of the repaving of Southwyck Dr. over the summer. Residents of Southwyck Dr. who are interested in replacing their driveway culverts prior to the paving of the road should contact the Streets Department at streets@southrussell.com or 440-338-6700 ext. 236.

The Village will have to replace its salt dome imminently, and plans are underway to go out to bid for the design and building of the structure.

Additionally, the Public Utilities Committee has recommended the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Police Department in an effort to reduce Village energy expenses.

Last, the installation of handrails are planned for the steps up to the historic Rarick Cemetery on Bell Rd.

South Russell Village Park Updates

Reserve the Pavilion

Consider renting the South Russell Park pavilion for your next Homeowners' Association picnic, graduation party, birthday party, or class reunion! See the Parks page at southrussell.com for information and instructions.



New Alcohol Policy South Russell Village Park Pavilion

At the May 13th meeting, Council discussed prohibiting alcohol at the South Russell Village Park pavilion **effective January 1, 2025**. The matter is pending the passage of legislation, but the catalyst for the proposed change pertains to the Village's insurance coverage. Alcohol consumption is already prohibited in the remainder of the park.



Park Burn

A burn is being considered in the South Russell Village park. It will be similar to the type conducted by the Geauga Park District in Frohring Meadows Park. The park will be divided into five or six sections with only part of the park being burned each year. The purpose of the burn is to remove invasive plants that have established themselves in the park.



Miscellaneous Park News

The park received additional drainage to remove water that flowed between the parking lot and playground. The area behind the playground will have another wetland established to catch, hold, and clean water that flows down the hill towards Bell Rd.

Discussions and exploration continue for a permanent restroom at the park.



South Russell Village Cemetery

South Russell Village Cemetery is located at 5230 Chillicothe Road. The Cemetery map and pricing for residents and former residents can be viewed on the Cemetery page at southrussell.com. For more information, call (440) 338-6700 ext. 222 or email adminassist@southrussell.com.



News from the South Russell Police Department

Cops and Kids Fishing Event Recap

The South Russell Police Department 2024 Summer Community Events are off to a great start! On Sunday, June 2nd from 9am-11am, local families surrounded the banks of Lake Louise to drop some lines in the water. An overcast day with light rain and a mid 60s temperature made for a perfect day for the annual Cops and Kids Fishing program. Siblings Poppy and Owen captured 2 of the 3 signature awards with Poppy hooking the First Fish Caught of the day, and Owen hauling in the Biggest Fish Caught - a 17" bass! Another participant, Levi, reeled in a 12" catfish, earning him the Most Unusual Catch trophy. Donuts and sandwiches were provided to the junior anglers throughout the event so everyone felt like a winner.

Special thanks to the Lake Louise Homeowners Association for supporting us in this amazing annual event!



Wheels and Shields Touch a Truck Event Sunday, July 14, 2024, 9am to 1pm

South Russell Police Department will be hosting its first Touch a Truck event, *Wheels and Shields*, on Sunday, July 14th. We will be featuring TONS of cool emergency and service vehicles from around the area, including SRPD's brand new Aviation Unit vehicle! Come get an up close and personal look at the vehicles used to provide essential services to our community and meet the people who operate them! All are welcome.



Bike Rodeo - Sunday, June 30th

Kids of all ages and skill levels are invited to the South Russell Police Department for the annual Bike Rodeo. Riders will receive safety tips, experience skills courses, and participate in some friendly games of competition! More important than anything is having some fun. Come hang out with our officers and make some new friends!

Make sure your riders are checked-in by 9am to receive our group safety briefing. Following the event, there will be pizza and ice cream treats to replenish the energy lost from a full morning of riding! The event ends at 11:00 a.m.



To register, use the QR code or log on to southrussell.com/bike-rodeo/



Summertime Safety



School is out! With college students returning and K-12s spending more time at home, expect to see increased play and vehicle activity on 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 yourself from being a victim, make sure to **keep your car doors locked and homes secured**. Remove any valuable items from plain view in your vehicles and 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** to let our residents know we are providing watch and making any would-be criminals aware of our presence.

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. When there is a violation, the Village notifies the resident via mail and if the grass is not cut, a landscaper is hired to mow and the cost goes on the resident's tax bill. Violations may be reported to the Building Department, (440) 338-6700 ext. 233.

Thank you for helping to keep the Village beautiful!

Crosswalks



Based on resident input, Council has explored the installation of crosswalks across Bell Rd. at Alderwood Dr. to the South Russell Village Park and another at Gurney Elementary School. Depending on budgetary needs of the Village, the Safety Committee has recommended starting with the creation of the crosswalk near the park this year. Although residents are eager to see the crosswalks implemented, Council has given this matter considerable thought, particularly with regard to pedestrian safety and the need for public education so as not to facilitate a false sense of security for individuals using the crosswalk.



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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

July 8th at 7:00 p.m.

August 12th at 7:00 p.m.

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

October 14th and 28th 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

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Police Department

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

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Street Department

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**Village offices will be
CLOSED Thursday,
July 4, 2024 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!