



Village of South Russell

~Newsletter~



From the Mayor:

The two large Village stormwater projects are complete except for landscaping. An Ohio EPA 319 grant partially funded the creation of a floodplain at the corner of Manor Brook Drive and Chillicothe Road to catch, hold, clean, and slowly release water that flows from Bel Meadow to Manor Brook to Fox Run to Sugar Bush to Chelsea Court. The Central Retention Basin project across from the Cemetery was funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and designed to hold storm water flowing behind Village Hall before it travels under or over Chillicothe Rd. to Chagrin Lakes.

We will be seeking your ideas for our next stormwater project at a Special Council meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is designed to hear from residents so bring your ideas as to your needs concerning water issues.

Plans are underway to have a permanent restroom installed at the park, which was a recommendation made in the 2022 Park Master Plan.

Start making plans for the Village-wide yard sale on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. followed by Trash Day on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The Village is seeking residents who would like to serve on the Village's Park Committee. Email the mayor@southrussell.com if interested.



Ambrose Latten Soule Home

Directly across from Rarick Cemetery is the beautiful home at 1075 Bell Rd. It was built by Ambrose Latten (A.L.) Soule, who came from Onondaga, NY in 1839 with his family and brothers; Miron and Benjamin. All were Founders of the Disciples Church (see



Village Hall Trivia below). A.L. married Ruth Paddock and they had 5 children. Ruth and two of the children are buried in Rarick Cemetery. A.L. and the other 3 children moved to Michigan in 1855 after which a succession of Burnetts took ownership of the home. In 1915, Charles Silsby purchased the house and 125 acres. Five decades later, Ray Silsby lived in the home. By 1965, it was in sad shape and was ultimately sold by Silsby to Maxine and Lyndall Hughes. It was taken down to the studs, refurbished historically, and the Hughes' lived out their lives there for the next 45 years.

Sources: Pioneer & General History of Geauga County, 1880 and 1953.

Village Hall Trivia

South Russell Village Hall was originally the Russell Disciple Church of Christ, built in 1848. Church services were held in the building until 1921. The empty building became the Village Hall when South Russell was incorporated in 1923. In 1976, the building was moved further back from Chillicothe Road and ultimately restored. Village Hall currently houses the Village's Administrative offices and serves as the meeting location for Council, committees, and the Village boards. It is also available to Village Homeowners' Associations (HOAs) for meetings. The Village Hall reservation form can be found on southrussell.com on the **VILLAGE HALL** page from the **DEPARTMENTS** tab.



Winter Reminders

Check that address numbers are clearly marked on the mailbox to aid safety forces in locating your residence in case of an emergency. If your mailbox is located across the street from your home, please be sure to have numbers visible on your house.

Snow Removal: Privately contracted snowplow drivers should keep the snow on the customer's property and should not push snow onto properties across the street or into roadways.

Snowplow Etiquette

We are truly fortunate in South Russell to have great roads and a crew that keeps them clear for the residents at the worst of times. Snow plowing is challenging but there are some ways to help keep everyone safe and allow the crew to do their jobs. First, be aware of blind spots. The plow driver's field of vision is limited. If you cannot see the plow's side mirrors, the driver cannot see you. Stay two to three car lengths behind the plow. Snowplows drive below the posted speed limit. Please be patient and do not try to pass. Additionally, watch for sudden stops or turns and be mindful that the plows need room to work, which may include crossing the center line or the shoulder. Lastly, please keep garbage cans off the roadway and observe the **Village Snow Emergency Parking Ban** which runs from November 15th through April 15th when there is a prediction or accumulation of two or more inches of snow.



Municipal Income Taxes

Municipal income tax returns for the Village of South Russell are due **April 18, 2023**. 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.

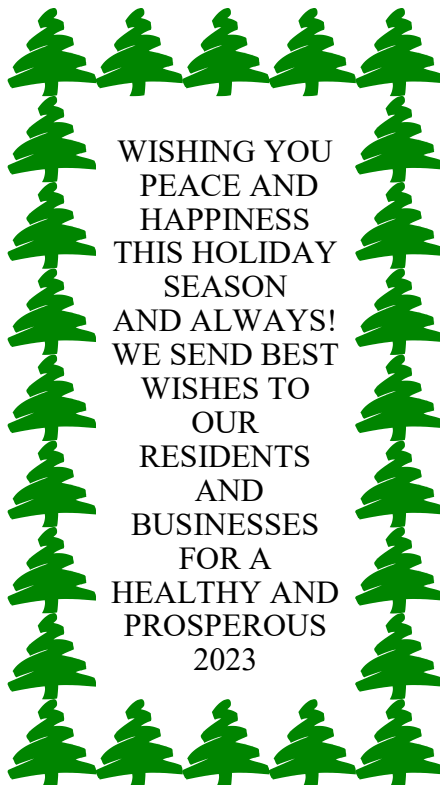
Retired residents are required to file the Annual Exemption Certificate each year.

Individual Estimates are due April 18th, June 15th, September 15th and January 15th. For the tax year 2022, 90% of the tax due must be paid by **January 15, 2023** to avoid penalty and interest (subject to municipal ordinance).



Fall Festival Update

With the Fall Festival cancellations of 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic and unexpected inclement weather, the 2022 Fall Festival presented a wonderful opportunity to return to 'normal.' There were hot dogs, hayrides, face painting, fire engines, farm animals, Life Flight, and live music. Windy conditions sidelined the bounce houses and climbing wall, but a delightful time was had by all, nevertheless.



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HAPPINESS
THIS HOLIDAY
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AND ALWAYS!
WE SEND BEST
WISHES TO
OUR
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1,000 Daffodils Expected in Spring

On October 26, 2022, the Cats Den Garden Club of Chagrin Falls, planted 1,000 daffodil bulbs in the South Russell Village Park just west of the pavilion along Bell Road. Each year the organization selects a different community for the planting. This bountiful blooming will undoubtedly be a welcome sight in spring!



Keep current with Village news, meetings, and events. Follow us on **Facebook**, and check out our website at southrussell.com. From the homepage, sign up to receive **Eblasts** with important time sensitive information!



Winter is coming!

With colder temperatures and weather elements approaching, please be mindful of the following:

1. Remember to refrain from parking on Village streets when 2 inches of snow or more is expected. This allows our Service Department to salt and plow our roadway, and keeps the them as safe as possible.
2. If heating up your car in the morning, be sure to follow smart safety tips. Keep your car locked! Don't leave valuables in plain sight. If available, use a remote start feature instead of having keys in the ignition.
3. Be prepared to keep warm in the event of car troubles. Have hats and sets of gloves handy for members of your family and a few extra blankets as well. Remember to have reflective gear or equipment on board for a roadside breakdown, especially in low visibility conditions of snowfall.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Reminders from the Building Department

Recreational Vehicles

As winter arrives, we want to remind you that per Village regulations, cars, boats, campers, recreational vehicles, etc. are only permitted to be kept in front of a home for a maximum of seventy-two continuous hours. In some instances, such vehicles are permitted to be parked on a hard surface at the side of the home.



Don't Forget the Final Inspections!

When having work performed by contractors, residents are encouraged to ensure that a final inspection has been performed by the Village Building Official upon completion of the project.

This is necessary in order to confirm that the work has been done in a satisfactory manner and is compliant with current codes. Some projects have construction deposits held by the Village until all permits have been closed. If there are any questions, please call the Building Department (440-338-1312) to verify that all permits have been inspected and closed.

Village Council, Boards, and Committees

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. Village meetings are **open to the public**. Take an interest in your local government and attend any or all of the following meetings:

Council – Meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in June, July, August and December will be held on the second Monday of the month only at 7:00 p.m.

Council: Mayor William Koons and Council members Mark Porter, Gerald Canton, Dennis Galicki, Chris Berger, Ruth Cavanagh, and Chris Bell.

Architectural Review Board – Meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.
Board members: Gary Neola, Ryan Parsons, and Denis Marino

Planning Commission – Meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Commission members: Steve Latkovic, Elisa Budoff, Jim Flaiz, Mark Porter, Mayor Koons

Zoning Board of Appeals— Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Board members: Andy Hitchcock, John Buda, Cindy Matejcik, Mike Mulloy, Martin O'Toole, and alternate Lindsey Self.

Park Committee members: No set schedule. Please refer to the Village calendar for meeting dates. Ted Kruse, Bill Howell, Martha Bistriz, Greg Studen, Libby Sharkey, and Council Representative Canton.

Finance, Streets, Building, Safety, Human Resources, Properties, Parks, and Public Utilities Committee meetings can be found on the Village calendar once a schedule is established for the year.

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



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Upcoming 2023 Village Council Meetings

January 9th and 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
February 13th and 27th at 7:00 p.m.
March 13th and 27th at 7:00 p.m.
April 10th and 24th 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 Wednesday before a meeting. There is a 5-minute limit to address Council.

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

Save the Date!

January 17, 2023—Stormwater Meeting
April 22, 2023—Village Wide Yard Sale
April 29, 2023—Village Trash Day

2022-2023 Village Business Hours and Holiday Schedule

Village Hall

Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Building Department

Monday—Thursday 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.—noon

Service Department

Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.



Closed:

Christmas, December 26, 2022/New Years, January 2, 2023

Martin Luther King Day, January 16, 2023

Presidents' Day, February 20, 2023

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Fall 2023 Edition

From the Mayor

Hiring contractors who register and secure permits with the Village Building Department can help protect you and your property from shoddy work and/or unscrupulous contractors. It is always advisable to call the Building Department to confirm the contractor is registered and has secured permits.

An Erosion Special Improvement District (ESID) is a newly created financial way for individuals or groups of homeowners to band together to improve their properties. For example, a local neighborhood needs to repair its dam and the cost is in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Instead of the homeowners having to divide the total cost upfront, they could instead form an ESID. The ESID provides funding for the project and the homeowners are assessed through their real estate taxes for the cost of the repairs over a certain number of years. The process is similar to the assessments associated with the installation of sewers, work on private roads, addressing storm water problems, etc.

The third annual Veterans' Luncheon will be held on Monday, November 13, 11:30 A.M. at The Sleepy Rooster. RSVP to mayor@southrussell.com.

South Russell Village has two cemeteries. The Rarick Cemetery, located at 1070 Bell Road, is named after Adam Rarick who was buried on what was then his family's farm. Adam was born on March 11, 1779, in Stillwater, Saratoga County, New York. He fought in the War of 1812 and died on March 11, 1851. The second cemetery is the South Russell Village Cemetery located on Chillicothe Road which was dedicated in 2015.

On the Council meeting agenda for Monday, November 13, 7:00 p.m., Council will hear from residents interested in crosswalks and sidewalks along Village streets.

Celebrating the Centennial with Ruth Cavanagh



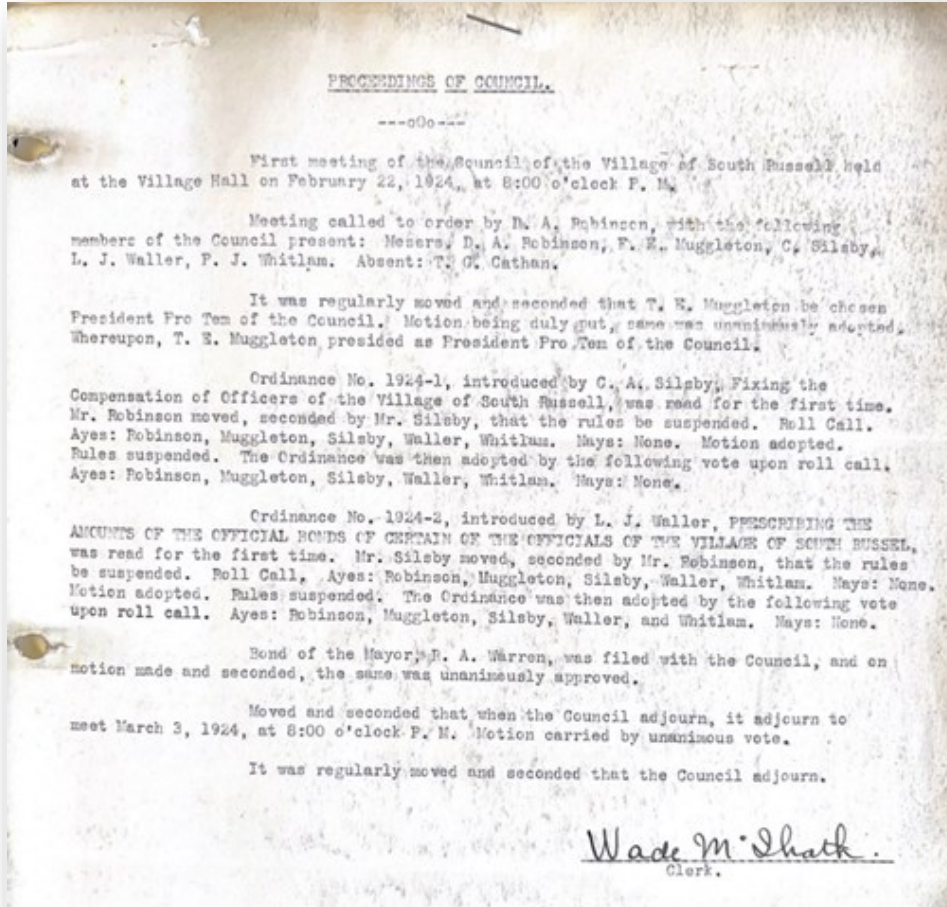
Some century homes are foolers; they've been so well tended, that one would never expect they've been around that long. Such is the case for several at Paw Paw Lake. Even though she is old, she looks great! Built by Wade & Pearl Martin McIlrath in 1921, this was the 1st subdivision house. Built on this particular lot, in order to be neighbors with elderly, next-door farmers, Dave & Jennie Mathews Robinson, they became devoted friends. The Robinson home was razed and replaced in 1998.

In 1921, Paw Paw was one solitary, quiet place to be, especially in winter. Summer brought out all the cousins & kin, never lonely then. After Wade built the lake, the road and the water system, he and Pearl stayed til retirement in the late 1940's. They gifted their only child, David, with the lot to the left of their home. David and wife, Betty Moody McIlrath lived out their lives at 50 Paw Paw Lake. Our own Gust Stern expanded and remodeled this home into the beauty it is today, in 1965. There are very few homes at Paw Paw that Gust's skilled carpenter's hands haven't improved. Unfortunately, pictures of the original home cottage shape haven't survived. Safe to say, Gust made some very necessary changes.

46 Paw Paw bears significance to this writer; The McIlraths were my grandparents. This location, these homes, are the reason I still reside at Paw Paw and have loyalty to South Russell. There is no place I'd rather be in the summer.

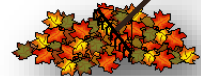
Village of South Russell 100th Anniversary

Pictured below are the minutes of the first Council Meeting on February 22, 1924. These minutes and those of all Council meetings since are located in Village Hall along with the Ordinances and Resolutions passed by Council over the years.



Fall Leaves

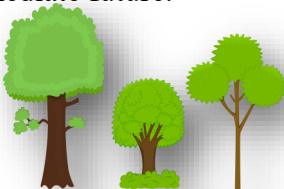
The Village of South Russell does not offer curbside leaf collection service. If you see leaves at the street in your neighborhood, they were most likely put there by a privately hired landscaping company that will be back to pick them up. Leaves brought to the roadside by residents or landscapers must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



Need to find a registered contractor? Call or email the Building Department for a current list!
440-338-1312
building@southerussell.com

Village Campus News

On May 31, 2023, the Village of South Russell became the titled owner of the property on the southeast corner of Bell Rd. and Chillicothe Rd. A decision was made to demolish the buildings. Ultimately, the remaining paved surfaces will also be removed, and grass will be planted. Discussions continue about what, if anything, will be done with the property in the immediate future.



Fall Festival Update

Fingers were crossed to keep the rain away, and happily, the 2023 Fall Festival went off without a hitch! The weather was warm and perfect, and the smell of roasting hotdogs filled the air. Face painters transformed darling children into mythical creatures who happily jumped their energy away in the bounce houses, visited the animal displays, went on pony rides, sampled cider, and toured a fire engine. Families were also treated to live music, chainsaw art demonstrations, Life Flight, and hayrides through the park. By the end of the festival, not one of the 800 hotdogs remained!



Election Day is November 7, 2023

The Village of South Russell will have a renewal levy on the November 7th ballot. A levy renewal maintains but does not increase taxes. The Safety Levy is a renewal of a 2.0 mill levy for 5 years and is used for current operating expenses of the Police Department. It brings in approximately \$140,000 per year to the Village and costs the taxpayers about \$22 per \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value.



News from the South Russell Police Department Halloween Safety Tips



Halloween will be observed in the Village on October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It is a special time of year when kids get to dress up in costumes and trick-or-treat for candy and other goodies. For South Russell Police Department, the safety and wellbeing of our residents are the most important considerations of the holiday. Here are some tips for families to stay safe while trick-or-treating this Halloween season!

For Costumes

1. **Costumes should not impair vision** - Any masks or wigs should not impair vision. And don't just take your kid's word for it. Test their vision by asking them questions about their surroundings.
2. **Incorporate reflective material into your costume design** - Reflective material will bounce light from headlights or flashlights helping motorists and parents see our Trick-Or-Treaters and keep them out of harm's way.



For Kids

1. **Always trick-or-treat with friends** - Children should never trick-or-treat alone and parent monitors are always preferred.
2. **NEVER enter a stranger's home or vehicle** - If a stranger asks you to enter his/her home or vehicle for any reason at all (for candy, to see a spooky scene, etc.) immediately run to the nearest adult for help.
3. **Street Safety** - With the streets in South Russell not having sidewalks, children are encouraged to walk along the street's edge. Before crossing the street, stop and look in all directions to ensure there are no vehicles in the roadway and it is safe to cross.
4. **Don't eat your goodies until an adult has inspected them** - Have an adult check your treats to make sure they are safe to consume.



For Adults

1. **Go over the trick-or-treat route and safety rules before leaving for the evening** - Consider walking the route with the kids in the daytime and nighttime prior to Halloween so everybody is on the same page. Verify that kids know safety rules and have a plan in place in the event they get separated from their friends or adults.
2. **Have identified adult supervision to escort kids while trick-or-treating** - Don't forget to carry a flashlight with you, too. Smartphone flashlights are likely to be insufficient at longer ranges.
3. **Don't leave your home unattended and unsecured on Halloween night** - If the entire household will be out trick-or-treating, ensure the house is fully secured and family pets are inside.
4. **Take individual portraits of your kids on your smartphones before leaving for the evening** - In the event your kids become missing or separated, you can share a current photo with local police and neighbors in the area to help locate them as soon as possible!





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Village Council Meetings

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Nov. 13th and 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 8th and 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

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Street Department

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Village offices will be
CLOSED Friday,
November 10, 2023, to
observe Veterans Day.

Stay in Touch

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Attention HOAs!

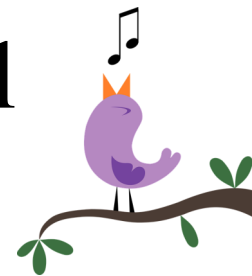
Please help the Village update its records by providing current HOA Board info to adminassist@southrussell.com or call (440) 338-6700 ext. 222.
Thank you!



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Spring 2023



From the Mayor

The Village of South Russell was created in 1923 when the southern part of Russell Township broke away from the township and created the Village of South Russell so our kids could attend the Chagrin Schools. The Village of South Russell is planning to celebrate its 100th birthday during 2023 with a Centennial Celebration. Activities during the Centennial Celebration include:

- Grand Marshal of the Blossom Time Parade, Sunday, May 28th, 2:00 p.m.
- A 1920s music concert on Tuesday, July 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- A 100th birthday party on Sunday, July 23, 6-8 p.m. at the pavilion
- A kids' movie night on Friday, August 4 p.m. to dusk at the pavilion
- The annual Fall Festival on a Sunday in September, 1-5 p.m. at the park
- Publishing a history of the Village's first 100 years
- A tour of the historic Rarick Cemetery TBA
- A presentation about the Interurban Railway TBA



Residents are invited to bring their ideas and comments to planning meetings on Monday, May 1st & 15th, 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall.

Storm Water News



This spring will be the installation of four culverts under Chillicothe Road to move storm water from the east side of the road to the west. Water will eventually flow south out of the Village into the Chagrin River and Lake Erie. Traffic will be down to one lane during construction. Expect delays and backups. Thanks in advance for your patience.

The Central Retention Basin south of Village Hall and across from the Village Cemetery is functioning as designed. Water flowing west toward Chillicothe Road will be held and slowly released under Chillicothe to Chagrin Lakes.

Phase one of the Manor Brook project at the corner of Chillicothe Road and Manor Brook Dr. is complete. Water flowing under Chillicothe will be held and slowly released to Fox Run, Sugar Bush, and Chelsea Court before exiting the Village south into Bainbridge.

Thanks to volunteers and the Chagrin River Watershed Partners for installing a rain garden in the park to catch and hold water flowing down the park between the playground and parking lot.

NOPEC Information

The Village of South Russell is a member community of NOPEC which serves as its governmental aggregator for electricity. Last year, NOPEC voluntarily transitioned electric customers enrolled in its Standard Program Price option back to the utility default service, allowing its customers to take advantage of the lower rate. By now, you have received correspondence from NOPEC notifying you that you will be again **automatically enrolled in NOPEC's program and do not need to take any action** to receive exclusive member pricing through their chosen supplier, NEXTERA Energy Services Ohio, LLC. Through the Standard Program, the initial price from the June 2023 to December 2023 utility meter read dates will be \$.0645 per kWh. Additional details were provided in the NOPEC correspondence and are also available through the link on the homepage of southrussell.com.

Septic System Notice



The Village of South Russell requires property owners to have their septic tank(s) cleaned and inspected every three (3) years.

After the service is performed, a “**Septic Pumping Report Form**” **must be provided to the Building Department.** While most septic companies will email this form to the Village, it is the property owner’s responsibility to ensure that the company will be taking care of this. If in doubt, please contact the Building Department at 440-338-1312 or email building@southrussell.com.

Yard Maintenance

The growing season is here! The Village of South Russell **Ordinance 2001-31**, Section 1a, 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!

Questions may be directed to the Building Department, (440) 338-1312 or building@southrussell.com



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



Park Rules



While enjoying the park, residents are reminded of the law regarding Animals Running at Large. Dogs must be kept on a leash and under control as defined in Section 618.19(b)(1), (2), and (3) of the South Russell Codified Ordinances.

Additionally, pet owners are required to remove and properly dispose of their pets’ waste. Dog waste bags are available at the park entrance adjacent to the parking lot as are garbage receptacles. Please think of the little feet running through the grass to the playground and pick up after your pet!



Questions may be directed to Police Chief Rizzo at 440-338-7611.

Rarick Cemetery

In 1849 land was set aside on the Rarick Farm for a cemetery. On November 10, 1849, a meeting was held for the purpose of making a burial ground in the area of the Township call South Russell. The members of the Committee were Myron Soule, Henry Isham, George Baker and Peter Kimball. It was their recommendation the site should be Elder S.R. Willard’s property. The site would be a half-acre at the south portion of the farm. Following further examination of the site, on November 15, 1849 the Committee approved the site and agreed to pay \$40 to Elder Willard. They wanted to add a tax in order to pay for fencing the plot.

The Committee voted as follows: That residents interested in the burial ground would pay in proportion to their tax of the present year on all property owned in Russell and Bainbridge Townships. This would be a one-third added value tax. It was voted that the deed be given to all jointly who pay according to the preceding action.

On November 22, 1849, the Committee recommendations were accepted. Appointed Cemetery Trustees for a one-year term were Jackson Gifford, N.J. Robinson and Myron Soule. The Cemetery Trustees were authorized to receive members into this Association. They also were authorized to construct a board fence as follows: The post being swamp oak sawed or hewed five inch thick boards 14 feet long. The Trustees were instructed to lay out the burial ground into lots and to assign his lot to each member.

On May 16, 1863, a meeting was held to increase the size of the burial ground. Mr. Rarick offered one lot and a strip two rods wide on the south side for \$10. His offer was approved.

The last burial in this cemetery occurred in 1975 when former South Russell Village Mayor Charles Reiss was interred. That year the Village Council officially closed the cemetery by ordinance. *Pictorial History of Russell Township © 2010 Russell Historical Society*

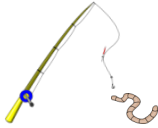




ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

South Russell Police Department is pleased to remind our residents of upcoming summer events and a fan-favorite safety initiative aimed at building community relations with our Village youth and their families! For our community events in June, please check our Facebook page along with the South Russell Village website for information on pre-registration.

Cops and Kids Fishing Event - Sunday, June 11, 2023 at Lake Louise



Our marquee Cops and Kids Fishing event will be happening the second Sunday in June at Lake Louise starting at 9 a.m.! We'll be surrounding the banks of the lake with fishing lines in the water until 1 p.m. Families and friends are all welcome to hang out, relax, and see which kids can take home awards like First Fish Caught and Biggest Fish!

Officer Kevin Spackman has caught a grand total of two fish in his life - one at each of the past two Cops and Kids Fishing Events (and has yet to unhook a fish without the help of a kid nearby). Seriously. So no prior experience or skill is required! We'll see if Officer Spackman can make it 3 for 3 this year!

Bait and lunch will be provided. We will have a limited number of poles available to be shared for those without - so if you have your own pole, please bring one! Attendees can park nearby around the lake.

Bike Rodeo Event - Sunday, June 25th at the South Russell Village Police Department



The Bike Rodeo event is coming back! Please join us at the South Russell Police Department (5205 Chillicothe Road) from 10am to 12pm on Sunday, June 25th for cycling skills courses, friendly contests, and safety tips! Please arrive by 9:30 a.m. for registration so all involved can make the most of our two-hour block. Stay with us for pizza and frozen treats afterwards!

Participants should bring their own bikes and, of course, helmets are required for all riders. Before the day's activities commence, our officers will go over a bike safety checklist and rules of the road with the kids. Last year, our group of riders ranged from 1-year-olds strolled on trikes by parents through 14-year-olds showing off some serious moves. The riding course is safe for those riders and every skill level in between. If you like to ride, you've got to be here!



Helmet Smart Program - Summer 2023



Summer in South Russell means kids riding their bikes around the neighborhoods hoping to be seen by a patrolling officer so they can be stopped and issued a ticket . . . for a free doughnut!

South Russell Police Department continues its partnership with Dunkin' Donuts to provide a coupon for one (1) free doughnut to riders who are seen wearing a helmet while riding their bicycles, tricycles, and scooters helping them get from A to B. Who knew following safe bicycle practices could ever taste so sweet!?

In addition to the coupon for a free doughnut from Dunkin', riders are given a sheet of some safe biking tips and a reminder they have been entered to win a brand new bike! Yes, at the end of summer, two lucky winners will be drawn to have a brand new bicycle delivered to their home by members of South Russell Police Department. Kids are limited to one free doughnut and one entry into the drawing for a new bike, but the props and kudos from officers for being safe by wearing a helmet are endless.

Thanks to all parents for requiring their kids to wear helmets when riding their bikes and for our kids who set positive examples to the rest of our community!





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Upcoming 2023 Village Council Meetings

May 8th & 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

June 12th at 7:00 p.m.

July 10th at 7:00 p.m.

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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.



Village of South Russell

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Late Summer 2023 Edition

From the Mayor

Thanks for your patience as road repaving continues on East Washington from Burntwood to the park, Maple Springs in Chagrin Lakes, Woodside in the Rolling Ridge development, and Chillicothe from Russell Township to Bainbridge Township.

Replacement of the traffic signal at the intersection of Bell Road and Chillicothe will improve safety and traffic control. Please be careful as timing and turning lanes will be changing.

We have seen a decline in courtesy with respect to speeding on residential streets, barking dogs kept outdoors for hours, and burning of yard waste that stinks up the neighborhood. Please keep being good neighbors and residents by thinking of others.

The storm on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 25, demonstrated some success and some needed areas of improvement. The storm saw basement flooding, a car destroyed when water entered the garage, a business lost its flooring, and other issues. The floodplain at the intersection of Chillicothe and Manor Brook functioned as designed with water flowing into the floodplain and eventually being released at a controlled rate. Flooding on the east side of Chillicothe was greatly reduced by the installation of new culverts in drive-ways and under the highway. The retention basin behind Village Hall also worked well with two feet of storm water being retained and slowly released, greatly reducing flooding of Chagrin Lakes. Some of the neighbors of the park and the park itself experienced flooding and damage because the water came so fast and so strong that the ground could not absorb the deluge. We continue to meet with surrounding communities to create solutions to the water flowing from one municipality to another. **The next storm water update meeting will be Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall.**

Our Centennial Celebration continues with a "History of the Village" presentation on Thursday, September 14, 11:30 a.m. at Augie's. RSVP to Council member Ruth Cavanagh rcavanagh@southrussell.com ASAP. We have room for a maximum of 50 people.



A Bit More Village History by Ruth Cavanagh

Sincere people have kept track of Western Reserve's old homes. This beautifully preserved gem is perched at the entrance to Maple Hill. Henry Champion accompanied Moses Cleaveland in 1796 as part of the speculative Connecticut Land Company. He purchased parcels that included the land on which this home sits. Champion originally owned land encompassing Paw Paw Lake, Silver Springs, Maple Hill and then some! Upon Henry's death in 1836, he willed the land to son, Aristarchus Champion (1784-1871). Aristarchus' name is listed on many property deeds in this neck of South Russell, including South Russell Village Park, the former Muggleton Farm. Owned for more than 60 years by members of the Fuhry family, it is documented to have been built pre-1860. The 'basement' was a crawl space: Decades ago, the late Mr. Fuhry and sons John, David, and Ken hand-dug down to be able to stand upright...hardly enviable labor.

Stay tuned neighbors, as we hope to learn more about this home.



Mark your calendar! The Village of South Russell will be hosting the annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 17th from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Fan favorites like hayrides, hot dogs, bounce houses, and face painting will be returning as well as some new attractions and historical activities commemorating the Village's 100th anniversary. The rain date is October 8th. More information will be available on southrussell.com.



Storm Precautions

With the recent strong storms that produced torrential rain, yard and basement flooding was experienced throughout the Village.

Although it may not have been possible to completely avoid the flooding that occurred with the storm, there are precautions that may help mitigate such future events.

First, if there are right-of-way ditches on the property, inspect them for debris to include leaves, limbs, tall grasses, old newspapers, planter pots, plastic bags, etc. that can clog them and prevent the flow of water. Likewise, for driveway culvert pipes, ensure that they are kept clear.

Next, do not underestimate the value of clean rain gutters! Clogs force rainwater over the edge of the gutters causing water to run down the sides of the home, down the foundation, and into the basement through even the smallest of cracks.

For homes with sump pumps, the average life of this equipment is seven to ten years. It is also important to check the battery backup! And don't forget to inspect floor drains to make sure they are operating properly.

More extensive precautions may include extending downspouts to flow away from the home, re-grading the yard, installing window well coverings, repairing foundation cracks, and foundation waterproofing.



Village of South Russell 100th Anniversary

Despite thunder, lightning, rain, and wind, the Village celebrated its official 100th birthday on July 23, 2023, at the South Russell Village Park. Those in attendance ranged from the very young to the seasoned but young at heart. All enjoyed cake and ice cream and were treated to a local history lesson by Council member Ruth Cavanagh. For those who were unable to attend, a new Village History document can be viewed from the homepage of southrussell.com.

Located at the Rarick Cemetery on Bell Rd., this kiosk was constructed by Eagle Scout candidate Charlie Robinson. It provides the history and grave identification for the cemetery.



Rarick Cemetery History

Rarick Cemetery is located in South Russell, Ohio. The property is on the south side of Bell Street about a half mile west of Chillicothe Road (SR 306). Rarick Cemetery was the first public burial-ground in both the township of Russell and South Russell Village.

On November 15, 1849, Rarick Cemetery was developed, when one-half acre of land was purchased from S. R. Willard for forty dollars. In 1863 the space was enlarged when a strip thirty-three feet wide was bought from Isaac Rarick's widow, Melinda Rarick, for ten dollars and added to the already existing burying-grounds. The addition of a public burial ground was important for the community because before this time, many of the dead were buried in family burying-grounds.

Rarick Cemetery is named for the Rarick family and Russell township citizen, Adam Rarick. Adam was born in 1779 in New York, and was buried in one of the original graves in Rarick Cemetery. The Rarick's were among the first people to settle and live in what is now South Russell Village. Adam Rarick served in the war of 1812. In 1828, Adam, his sister, her husband and his son Isaac moved west to Ohio, first Cleveland then Bainbridge, and finally Russell, now South Russell Village. In 1851, Adam died of unknown causes. His son Isaac then moved to the family farm, so he could support his mother. It is where he would spend the rest of his life.

Isaac Rarick, son of Adam Rarick, was a significant contributor to the Bainbridge and Russell community. Isaac exemplified strong moral convictions and beliefs that were uncommon where he lived, and the time in history. Isaac was an early abolitionist, so he took great personal risk in aiding runaway slaves to gain their liberty. His home was a prominent station for the Underground Railroad for an approximate period of twenty years. Although he was met with bitter opposition from his neighbors, he still held firm to his beliefs. It is from this family that Rarick Cemetery is named. Rarick Cemetery is a true gem of South Russell.

This marker commemorates the centennial anniversary founding of the Village of South Russell dedicated by Charles J. Robinson, Boy Scout Troop 241 and the Chagrin Valley Rotary Club of Chagrin Falls, Ohio on July 23, 2023.





Back to School

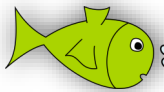
It is that time of year again. The yellow flashing school zone lights will soon be blinking, which means reducing speed to **20 miles per hour!** Likewise, school busses will be on the roads and in neighborhoods picking up and dropping off our younger Village residents. For their safety and yours, please remember it is **ILLEGAL** to pass a stopped school bus!



News from the South Russell Police Department

Thank You For Your Support! A Recap of SRPD's Community Events

The annual Cops and Kids Fishing Event and Bike Rodeo were back again on the first and third Sundays of June!



For the Cops and Kids Fishing Event, families and SRPD officers surrounded the banks of Lake Louise. It was a hot day at the lake, but the fish were biting as kids were catching them left and right! After a morning of catch-and-release, folks cooled down with a sandwich lunch at the pavilion followed by awards and participation medals. Thanks again to the homeowners association of Lake Louise for allowing cops, families, and kids to use their beautiful lake to fish and make memories!



Just a few weeks later, SRPD hosted the Bike Rodeo event at the South Russell Village campus. Each participant received a bicycle helmet just for showing up! To kick things off, Officer John Zippay gathered the riders and went over some bike safety basics. Chief Rizzo again led the challenging "reverse race" followed by some head-to-head sprints. After just over an hour of riding, we retreated to wherever shade could be found to enjoy pizza and ice cream treats. Lieutenant Pocek launched a drone to capture some aerial group photos at the end of the tiring, but fun-filled morning!

Dogs and Pets at the South Russell Village Park!



SRPD would like to thank dog owners for keeping their pets on a leash while visiting the South Russell Village Park. As a reminder, pets are required to be leashed in all areas of the park at all times (even if it seems like nobody else is around). Leashes may not exceed 8 feet in length and pets must be controlled at all times.

We appreciate your cooperation in making the South Russell Village Park a fun and welcoming place for everyone to bring their four-legged friends, while experiencing the great meadows, nature, recreation, trails, and wooded areas the park has to offer!

Reminder from the Building Department

When hiring a contractor, be sure the contractor is registered with the Building Department and permits are pulled for the job. These steps serve as safeguards for residents against potentially questionable contractors and unsatisfactory work.



Shredding Day October 21st!

Now is the time to start digging out and bagging up all of the old bills, bank statements, and tax returns. The Village will be holding its annual **Shredding Day on October 21st from 9:00 a.m. until noon on the Village campus.** Protect your financial and personal privacy by securely disposing of documents containing sensitive information.



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Village Council Meetings

Upcoming Village Council meetings:

Sept. 11th and 25th - 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 19th (Storm water) 7:00 p.m.

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

Nov. 13th and 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 11th at 7:00 p.m.

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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!



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Winter/Spring 2023



Village Wide Yard Sale—April 22, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Clean out the closets, basement, and garage! Saturday, April 22nd 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. The sale will run from 9:00 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 26, 2023

EAST END OF VILLAGE

APRIL 27, 2023

PLEASE NOTE:

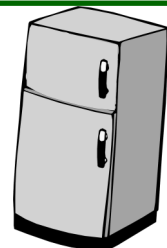
- Seniors, 60 years of age or older and living in South Russell Village **AND**
- Seniors must be **registered** with the **Geauga County Department on Aging for 2023 by April 19, 2023**. To register call (440) 279-2130. If you are already registered, simply call (440) 279-2130 by April 19th to be placed 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 29, 2023 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!**

NO Yard waste, hazardous household chemicals, or containers with liquified products accepted. For special Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste collection dates and locations, see www.gottagogreen.org

FROM THE MAYOR

The January 17th storm water meeting saw over twenty residents come to express their concerns about water quantity and quality. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 18th 7:00 P.M.** at Village Hall when an update on the following topics will be presented:

- Acquisition of property to build additional retention basins
- Hydro Flo device information
- Installation of the recommended bio-swale area in the northeast corner of the park
- Manor Brook Phase Two
- Silt removal
- Status of the two Erosion Special Improvement Districts
- The quality of our present septic systems
- Timeline of the installation of four culverts across Chillicothe Road
- Water testing at twenty-five locations across the Village

Under the leadership of Council member Ruth Cavanagh, the following events are being considered for the Village of South Russell 2023 100th Birthday celebration:

- Band concert at the pavilion
- Creation of a new logo
- Participation in the Blossom Time Parade
- A 100th birthday party with cake and ice cream, etc.
- A guided lecture tour of the Rarick Cemetery
- A tea party with local historian
- Expansion of the annual Fall Festival to include 1920s crafts and historic activities

If you would like to be involved in the planning, please contact rcavanagh@southrussell.com



South Russell Village Hall History

South Russell Village Hall has a varied history. It was originally built as the Disciples Church in 1848 by Ambrose Soule. In 1923 after the Disciples Church combined with the Chagrin Falls Congregationalists (Federated Church), the building was taken over by the new Village of South Russell. In the 1920's it housed public meetings, but only in the warmer weather as the reach of even a large pot bellied stove did not extend much past 10 feet. However, when electricity came to Bell Road in the mid to late 1920's, thermostats and furnaces installed in the plaster/lathe insulated building were a welcome addition! Further improvements crept in little by little after this.

The organization known as the Grange held meetings at all townships and villages. South Russell's was very active from 1920 to the 1950s. Men who farmed and worked from dawn to dark somehow found time to meet with State agriculture representatives to learn about crops and pests before the use of pesticides. State extension offices grew out of the Grange. Women met as well and worked on projects together and individually to include copper etchings and chair embroidery. Children participated in 4-H and learned animal care, sewing, and other skills. The Grange decreased in size as the farms were sold. It served a great purpose to the rural population in the first half of the 20th century, all across the country as well as in South Russell.

Council member Ruth Cavanagh remembered attending Grange meetings in the 1950's with her mother and women from the Paw Paw Lake community. While the women worked, Cavanagh recalled the children running freely through Village Hall and pounding on the ancient piano since there was nothing to break or wreck in the old building. Cavanagh still has two of her mother's projects, which remain as a testament to the efforts of the women who met.

If you have any personal memories of growing up and/or residing in South Russell that you would consider sharing, please submit this information to rcavanagh@southrussell.com. We would enjoy hearing about you!



UPDATE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Vacation Watch Program

As Spring Break nears, we want to remind our residents of the Vacation Watch program provided by our police department. If your home will be left unattended for a period of time, we encourage you to sign up through our web portal at <https://www.frontlinepss.com/southrussell>. Please provide us details of the property and date range for which you will be gone. Once added to our database, our officers will check on your home throughout your time away. Safe travels!



Scams Targeting Seniors

The South Russell Police Department will be hosting an information session focused on "Scams Targeting Seniors" at the **South Russell Village Hall on Monday, April 17th from 10:00am to 12:00pm**. Presentation topics will include the types of scams senior citizens may be faced with, why senior citizens are targeted by scammers, common scam warning signs, and what to do if you have become the victim of a scam.

Coffee, donuts, and other refreshments will be provided. All are welcome! Registration for this event is **not required**. Please contact Officer John Zippay at SRPDzippay@gmail.com for more information.

Missing packages from Amazon? FedEx? UPS?

Have you or your family members received notification of successfully delivered packages by Amazon, FedEx, UPS, or other shipping companies but the items are nowhere to be found? It's possible the packages were misdelivered - not lost or stolen.

Local mail carriers for the United States Postal Service (USPS) have seen an increase in private delivery companies placing packages in your mailbox. This is against federal law. Accordingly, the mail carriers remove these items from your mailbox and they are later "returned to sender." In rare cases when the original sender does not accept these returns, the packages may be at the post office.

Still, our local USPS location on East Washington Street in Chagrin Falls would request our residents not contact their office about missing packages delivered by any agency or business other than the United States Postal Service. It's recommended you contact these delivery companies directly. Generally, package carriers for private delivery companies know not to place their packages in your mailboxes - but it happens from time to time.

Some residents of South Russell Village have placed bins near their mailbox or on their front porch marked and dedicated for private company deliveries. Amazon, FedEx, UPS, and other private delivery companies allow customers to add delivery instructions with their purchases to include specific locations, such as the garage or side door. Consider using either of these methods to help reduce the likelihood of an improper delivery, while also setting safe and easy package pickups for your family.



MUNICIPAL TAX DEADLINE UPDATE



The tax deadline for individual Municipal income tax returns is April 18, 2023. 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 ccatx.ci.cleveland.oh.us as well as at South Russell Village Hall and on the homepage of the Village website, southrussell.com.

Need assistance with your South Russell Municipal Tax Return?

CCA – Division of Taxation has designated specific Auditors to assist you with any South Russell municipal income tax matters. For personalized service, please contact: Daniel DiVincenzo 216-664-2070 ext. 6714 or call the main office at 216-664-2070 to reach any CCA auditor. For tax forms or to file electronically, please go to www.ccatx.ci.cleveland.oh.us



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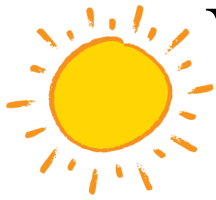
Announcements



We need your help in identifying the **longest living** and **longest residing** South Russell residents. As part of the Village's centennial celebration, it has been proposed that the oldest living resident ride in the Blossom Time Parade on Sunday, May 28th. Please submit name and date of birth to rcavanagh@southrussell.com



As a part of our storm water program, the Village is seeking 25 to 30 homeowners to allow a Village representative to take a water sample for free water testing. If interested, contact mayor@southrussell.com



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!