



# *South Russell Village* **NEWSLETTER**

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## *Scout Projects Have Benefited Park*

Recent improvements to our South Russell Village Park include a rustic information kiosk at the Bell Road parking area and a pedestrian ramp for access to the park located on Bell Road diagonally across from the Country Estates subdivision. The ramp, built by our Streets Department, makes park access easier and safer for local walkers.

The information kiosk, completed in September, represents a project conceived, planned, and executed by

Life Scout, Jon Van Wagoner. Jon is a South Russell resident and is currently a junior at Chagrin Falls High School. Assisting Jon with the construction of the kiosk were fellow members of Scout Troop 150. The kiosk provides us with a convenient location for the dissemination of information which may be helpful to Park users.

Previous scout projects that have enhanced the park and benefited our residents include the design and construction of rustic wooden benches

which are now strategically located throughout the park and secondly, decorative fencing and landscaping at the Bell Road entrance. These two projects represent the organizational skills and handiwork of Eagle Scouts Nate Ealy and Matt Lechner.

We applaud the commitments of time and talent that these young men have willingly given to their community.

The SRV Parks Committee

## *2nd Annual Turkey Trot*



*Happy Holidays  
to Everyone  
from  
South Russell  
Village*



South Russell held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Booster Club Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day. Over 400 runners participated in the event. The honor of wearing the famous Turkey costume for the run was given to Brian Breitsch of South Russell (pictured left). The Turkey Trot 5K course goes from the Gurney School parking lot West on Bell down the hill past the old South Russell Cemetery through the South Russell Village Park and back to Gurney. It is a fun event and the proceeds help fund the Chagrin Falls Booster Club.

# The Village's "Winter Policies" are in Effect

The Village of South Russell would like to remind its residents of two winter policies and ordinances pertaining to when it snows and private snow removal.

Snow Parking Ban: A snow Parking



Ban will be declared whenever there are two or more inches of snow on any village streets or the National Weather Service forecasts a severe snowstorm warning.

No Parking is allowed on any streets in the community. The purpose is to make sure the streets are

clear for snowplowing. This Parking Ban is in effect from November 15 through April 15. New signs have been posted at all entrances to the village as a reminder to residents and visitors.

Private Snow Removal: No person shall cause any snow to be moved from any premises, drive, parking area or sidewalk, onto or to be placed upon any portion of the traveled surface of any public street within South Russell Village, including pushing or mechanically blowing snow across Village streets.

This is a reminder that snow plowed from your driveway must

remain on your property or pushed to the sides at the end of your driveway apron. Snow cannot be pushed onto or across the road surface.

Homeowners are requested to notify their private driveway plowers that snow plowed should remain at the end and off to the sides of each driveway. **Plowing snow across the street is prohibited.** Snow removal around mailboxes is required, so delivery by the post office can be maintained. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to correct or notify their contractor of the problem.

## Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market Receives Commendation from Sen. Grendell

The Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market held their eighth annual harvest dinner on November 11, 2009 at the Geauga Parks District Rookery in Munson. Standing in for Senator Tim Grendell, who could not be there, Greg Studen, founding member of the market, presented the Farmers' Market members with a commendation from the Ohio Senate. The commendation

recognizes the members of the market and the individuals who founded the market for their service to the area.

Sen. Grendell, his staff, and County Commissioner Bill Young, the mayor of South Russell Village in 2002, assisted Mr. Studen and his wife Joyce of Russell Township, and other volunteers by helping the market acquire a grant from the Ohio

Department of Agriculture. The grant was used for promotion of the market in its first year and was an important factor in the successful development of the market. The farmers' market is dedicated to supporting local farmers and providing fresh, local food.

Brandon Smith, SandFarm Inc. and president of the Market Board, and Matthew Brett, Mayor of South Russell, received the commendation. Mayor Brett said that the Market has been a community gathering place and that he looks forward to its ninth season in South Russell Village.

When the Geauga Fresh Farmer's Market first opened in 2002, it was the only farmers' market in Geauga County. Since then several farmers' markets have opened in the area, providing even more opportunity for farmers to sell directly to consumers and providing consumers with fresh, local food. The markets also educate consumers about local, fresh foods and how to buy, store and prepare them.

The market is located on the corner of Rt. 306 and Bell St. in the South Russell Village Hall parking lot and is open from late May to early October every Saturday from 9:00-1:00PM. More information can be found at [www.geaugafarmersmarket.com](http://www.geaugafarmersmarket.com).



*Matt Brett, Mayor of the Village of South Russell, Brandon Smith, President of the Farmers' Market board, and Greg Studen, Founding member of the Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market.*



## A Brief History of Kensington Green

As we continue our series of articles on the developments that make-up the Village of South Russell, we turn to the Kensington Green development.

Kensington Green was developed in 1987 on the original land of the Chagrin Falls Airport. The airport operated from 1937 until it was closed in 1980. Many residents in the area have fond memories of watching planes taking off and landing in what is now Kensington Green.

Located just east of the Bell Road/Chillicothe Road intersection, the main common drive runs south off Bell Road. Within the development

are the nine side roads including Annandale Drive, Westover Drive, Wolfpen Drive, Fairfax Drive, Potomac Drive, Waterford Drive, Bishop Drive, Foxhall Drive and Dorset Drive. The Kensington Circle or Green located in the center of the development is considered a common area for the development and includes some open areas and walking paths. There is also common land to each side of the entrance and along Bell Road.

The Kensington Green plot was developed in three phases. Phase I was Kensington Drive. Phase II was Annandale, Westover, Wolfpen and Fairfax. Phase III was Foxhall, Dorset,

Potomac, Waterford and Bishop. All roads were accepted for dedication on September 14, 1987.

Kensington Green is another lake community with a single lake on the southwest entrance of the main drive off Bell Road. This area is also considered a private recreational area for the development.

There are 105 homes in this development.

Voting is in Precinct D located at the South Russell Service Building.

Geauga County sanitary sewers service Kensington Green and all homes are on wells.

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## South Russell Police Department Child Safety Seat Check-Up / Installation

The South Russell Police Department is pleased to be able to offer Child Safety Seat installation. Officers Ed Svoboda and Mike Kramer are nationally certified Child Safety Seat Technicians. Officers Svoboda and Kramer along with the South Russell Police Department would like to offer to you the opportunity to have your child restraint seat properly installed in your vehicle. This service is being offered on an ongoing basis. If you would like to take advantage of the resource, simply contact the South Russell Police Department and schedule a date and time for one of our officer / technicians to install or inspect the installation of your child seat. Statistics show that approximately 80% of all child



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encourage you to take advantage of this valuable resource.

Sincerely,  
Chief Jim Wetzel  
South Russell Police Dept.

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