



# *South Russell Village* **NEWSLETTER**

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## **2010 Village Finances Update**

The village, like most organizations these days, has continued to 'tighten its belt' for the 2010 budget year. While the budgeting process over the last couple of years has been very challenging, we believe that our very conservative financial approach over the long term has been a significant advantage to our residents. One good example of this very conservative financial approach is that one of the village's main property tax levies has not increased since 1976. That is more than 30 years without an increase in the amount of revenue that specific

levy generates for the village.

Over the years, the village has operated with a strategy of balancing expenditures to revenue in the budget, with un-forecasted revenue items - like inheritance tax - used to fund capital improvement projects. We continued to support our core services of high quality Police, Fire and EMS, and roads but we have had to make cuts in some of the other non-essential expense areas such as replacement vehicles, wage freezes, personnel related costs, eliminating fall trash day, etc.

We believe that we have trimmed our expenditures as tightly as possible over the last couple of years. Any further cuts would have a significant impact on our ability to provide the core services our residents have come

to rely upon.

While our revenue sources are lower than previous years, it does appear that they are for the most part stable. The village does also have a strong cash balance position, but these cash balances could quickly erode if we operate in a deficit mode for any extended period of time.

We wanted to let our residents know that we continue to work on a strategic review of the village's financial situation to provide an updated three to five year financial plan. We will provide an update on that planning work to our residents later this summer as we continue to evaluate all of our revenue and expense budgets within the village.

Mayor Matt Brett

## **Tornado Siren is ready to go**

In alignment with our efforts to continually enhance the level of safety for our village – the village tornado siren has been tested and prepared for another season. The siren will be activated through the National Weather Service in the event of a weather emergency. We selected one siren centrally located within the village, which rotates 360 degrees when activated.

One of the important aspects of the Tornado Siren is the fact that it needs to be tested on a weekly basis from April through November. This test will occur for a few seconds at 2:00 pm each Saturday from April to November.

We believe that this is an important step in the objective of continually enhancing safety for our residents.

Mayor Matt Brett

## ***Changing the World, One Pair at a Time***

That's the vision of Soles4 Souls, a Nashville-based charity that collects shoes from the warehouses of footwear companies and from the closets of people like you and distributes them to those who desperately need them. South Russell resident Kalle Nelson is working with Soles4Souls this summer as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award Project.

The charity distributes these shoes free of charge to people in need, regardless of race, religion, class, or any other criteria. Since 2005, Soles4Souls has given away over 5.5 million pairs of new and gently worn shoes (currently donating one pair every 9 seconds.) The shoes have been distributed to people in over 125 countries, including Kenya, Thailand, Nepal and the United States, and most recently as part of Haiti Relief. Soles4Souls is a 501(c)(3) recognized by the IRS.

Residents will have two options to donate shoes. Kalle will distribute flyers and garbage bags to let you know when she will pick up shoes in your neighborhood. The flyers will ask each homeowner to place gently worn or new shoes in the bag and place the bag on the curb by the mailbox for pick up the following day. Kalle will also have a collection bin at the Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market at Bell St. and Chillicothe on four consecutive Saturdays – June 19 and 26, July 3 and 10, from 9:00-1:00PM.

For more information about Soles4Souls, go to their web site: <http://www.soles4souls.org/>

## 2010 Spring Trash Days are Scheduled for South Russell Residents

### SENIOR CITIZEN TRASH PICKUP

Please note collection dates and contact phone number for information and to register a pickup.

**A 2010 fall trash day will not be scheduled.**

**WEST END OF THE VILLAGE –**  
(includes homes on Chillicothe Road)  
**WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2010 8:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**EAST END OF THE VILLAGE -**  
**FRIDAY, May 14, 2010 8:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Seniors living in South Russell Village wishing to have a pickup scheduled on Senior Trash Collection Day should call the **Geauga County Department on Aging at 564-7131 extension 2130.**

Information needed when placing your request for a pick-up is:  
Your Name  
Your Address  
Your Phone Number  
Items needing to be picked up.

Resident must be at home during the pickup or have signed the Chore Work Referral Release provided by Geauga County Department on Aging or South Russell Service Department prior to the pickup being made. Small items should be in containers such as a box. These items should be items not able to be picked up during normal weekly collection such as: newspapers, garbage and household waste. A limit of ten items per household and should be from the senior's household only.

All items should be placed in the driveway or at the curbside. South Russell Village employees and volunteers are not permitted to enter the home.

The special pick up will be sometime during the scheduled day (west end on Wednesday, east end on Friday) depending on the route and demand.

## 2010 SPRING TRASH DAY DROPOFF Is Scheduled for South Russell Residents

Please note – This is the only Trash Day this year.

**A Fall Trash Day will not be scheduled.**

**SATURDAY MAY 15, 2010 • 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE HALL COMPLEX PARKING LOT**  
South Russell Village has authorized and the Service Department will provide village residents

a Spring Cleanup Trash Day noting the date and times above.

#### ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED ARE:

General trash and debris

Items containing freon (refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners), scrap metal, computer equipment, and electronic equipment. White metal such as appliances

#### TIRES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS CLEANUP

Residency I.D. is required and may be asked for.

**\* NO YARD WASTE\***

**\* NO HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS ACCEPTED \***  
**\* NO CONTAINERS WITH LIQUEFIED PRODUCTS ACCEPTED**

## 2010 DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL COLLECTION EVENTS

### SEASONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY (HHWRF)

#### PLEASE NOTE DAY AND HOURS

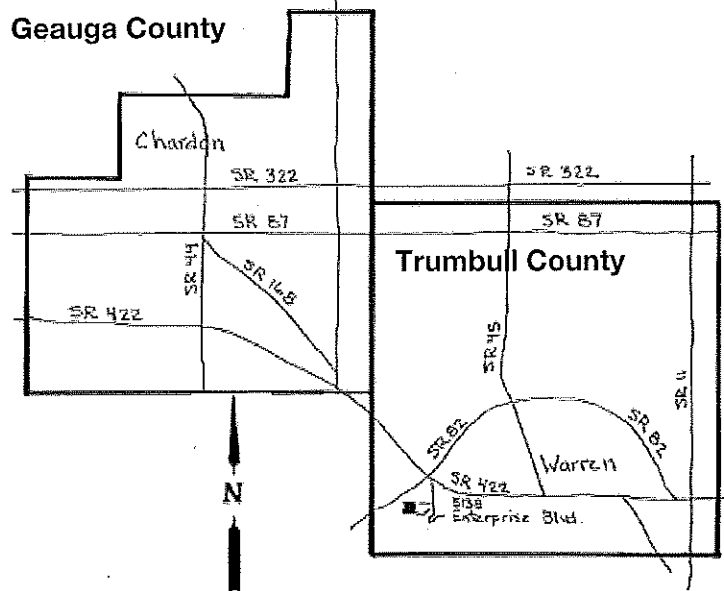
The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District is pleased to announce their seasonal Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Facility (HHWRF) for the 2010 season.

The facility is located at:  
5138 Enterprise Boulevard, Warren, Ohio (Off of State Route 422).

All District residents are encouraged to use this facility for recycling or safe disposal of household hazardous waste such as paint, oil, anti-freeze, propane tanks, etc., and computer equipment. *There is an additional fee for television set of \$10.00 to \$15.00 depending on the size.* The facility is only open to residents of Geauga and Trumbull counties.

No commercial loads will be accepted and identification is required for all participating in any type of collection event.

### Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Facility



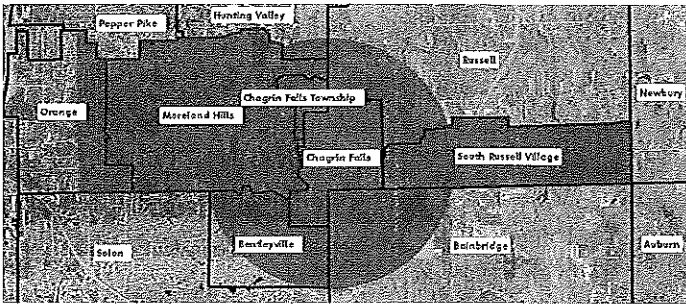
The seasonal HHWRF will be open every Wednesday starting May 5, 2010 through September 29, 2010 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Special Saturday Summer Openings are the first Saturday of each month  
May 1, June 5, and August 7  
9:00 am to 12 Noon.

**The facility will be CLOSED July 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Independence Day Holiday.**

Additional information is available at the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste District website --  
<http://www.startrecycling.com/events.asp>

# Chagrin Falls Region Alternative Transportation Study



The Villages of Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange, South Russell, along with Cleveland Metroparks, Geauga Park District, South Russell Multipurpose Trail Foundation and planning consultant Behnke Associates, are studying route options for non-motorized transportation (including bicycling and walking,) within the dark-outlined study area shown above.

Three community meetings will provide all interested citizens within the study area an opportunity to participate in the planning process.

**Meeting #1: Existing Conditions and Opportunities & Constraints**

**Location:** Chagrin Falls High School, 400 East Washington Street, Cafeteria

**Date & Time:** April 27, 2010; 7:00 p.m.

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## Precious Resources Preschool

We are starting a new section in the village newsletter where we will feature a business located in the village in each newsletter. The business being featured in this edition of the newsletter is Precious Resources Preschool located at 524 E. Washington Street.

Greg Quast, COO of Precious Resources, described the preschool in a recent article in iChagrin.com as a "green" preschool designated by LEED certified designers that uses eco-friendly products whenever and wherever they are available (building, school supplies, furniture, etc.). Children have experiences each school day which encourage, promote and support them to play and learn through guided lessons, investigation, inquiry, imagination, art, music, math, literature, science and exercise.

Education objectives include: preparing students for Kindergarten, creating a positive first school experience, and more. In addition, the children are exposed to a second language, various genres of music and art, and activities which are designed to expand vocabulary and literacy skills.

More and more parents are realizing that a solid preschool foundation can make all the difference in a child's ability to succeed in Kindergarten. Precious Resources Preschool provides a caring and mindful environment where the children can grow under a watchful eye.

**Discussion:** Existing conditions and issues that may affect the location of alternative transportation routes

**Meeting #2: Concept Plan and Options**

**Location:** Chagrin Falls High School, 400 East Washington Street, Cafeteria

**Date & Time:** May 25, 2010; 7:00 p.m.

**Discussion:** Options for possible alternative transportation route and trail locations

**Meeting #3: Route and Trail Plan**

**Location:** Chagrin Falls High School, 400 East Washington Street, Cafeteria

**Date & Time:** July 6, 2010; 7:00 p.m.

**Discussion:** Proposed route and trail alignments

Questions may be directed to the following individuals:

**Village of Bentleyville:**

Mayor Leonard Spremulli, 440-247-5055

**Village of Chagrin Falls:**

Benjamin Himes, Chief Administrative Officer,  
440-247-5050

**Village of Moreland Hills:**

Mayor Susan Renda, 440-248-1188

**Village of Orange:**

Dan Brown, Village Representative, 440-248-6005

**Village of South Russell:**

Mayor Matt Brett, 440-338-6700

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## A Note on Construction Permit Reminders from the Building Department...

Construction projects that have been in the idea stage all winter are finally beginning to take hold and get started. If you have one of those projects in mind, whether it's replacing the deck, siding, roof or windows, or putting on an addition, please be sure to contact us to obtain the required permits. If you hire any contractors, please call us or stop by our office to verify that the contractor is registered with us and has taken the permits as required. By having the contractor take the permit, the responsibilities of the project fall in his hands rather than yours. For the protection of the homeowner, when contractors register with us they must provide a bond, proof of insurance, and proof of certifications that may be required, and we will inspect the work. We're here for the benefit of our residents, so feel free to call with your questions about construction, permits, and contractors.



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Streets Dept. 338-6700 ext. 236  
Police Dept. 338-6700 ext. 290  
[www.southrussell.com](http://www.southrussell.com)

## Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market Opens on May 22

The Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market ninth season will open on Saturday, May 22 with vegetable and flowering plants, spring produce and salad greens, hanging baskets, cut flowers, honey, cheese, meat, baked goods, soaps and lotions, and other seasonal produce and crafts. Master Gardeners from the Ohio State University Extension Service will again be on hand to provide demonstrations, to answer questions about growing seedlings and vegetables, and to answer your other plant questions. The Market is located at the South Russell Village parking lot at Rt. 306 and Bell St. from 9:00-1:00PM every Saturday, rain or shine, until early October.

The market celebrates its ninth season in South Russell providing local farmers and producers with a means to sell their produce and other products directly to consumers, and to afford residents the opportunity to buy the freshest seasonal produce in a community setting.

Products available at the Market include seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh baked goods, fresh flowers, fresh eggs, maple syrup, honey, hand-made soaps and lotions, meat and cheese, jams and jellies, goat cheese, herbs and garlic,

teas, flowering plants, and a variety of locally hand-made items. Seasonal produce varies from week to week.

Special events include cooking and grilling demonstrations and musical entertainment, the annual salsa tasting contest on September 11, and the annual tomato tasting contest on August 21. Keep up to date on market events at [www.geaugafarmersmarket.com](http://www.geaugafarmersmarket.com)

The Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market is always looking for volunteers to help with traffic and special events. Those interested should call the Village Hall at 440-338-6700 or Market Manager Cheryl Hammon at 440-474-9885.

Come and enjoy all that Geauga County has to offer!

