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Looking For a Few Volunteers

The village has been in the process of considering the implementation of a CERT program. CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. The concept of CERT was initiated from FEMA and is designed to organize a group of local residents that are trained to assist local law enforcement and safety forces in disaster situations. The village has been working with Geauga County Emergency Management Agency in this effort to coordinate the creation

Cemetery Board is Re-established

I am thrilled to announce the re-establishment of the South Russell Cemetery Board. We were very fortunate to have a terrific group of residents that expressed interest in serving the village in this capacity which also made the final selection of the board a difficult one. Ultimately, we have decided to appoint Cindy Nairn, Patty Mills, and Ed Pyle to the Cemetery Board.

This re-established board will lead the effort in making recommendations to the Mayor and Council and for strategic planning for the re-establishment of a village cemetery. While this group has a tremendous amount of work ahead of them, I have the utmost confidence that they will do a great job. Please join me in welcoming the Cemetery Board members to the South Russell family of village volunteers.

Matthew Brett
Mayor

and implementation of this all important group.

I am currently looking for a handful of individuals that would like to take the lead on the recruitment and organization of residents once this CERT program has been launched. If you have an interest in volunteering for this leadership role for the CERT program, please contact me at village hall to discuss the details further. For more information regarding the CERT program, visit the following link <https://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/>

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Mayor

Park Committee Hits the Ground Running

The newly formed Park Committee has truly and literally hit the ground running. Committee members Ted Kruse, Lee Schiemann, Peter Calfee, Michael Hogan, and Mark Portner have already made a significant impact to the newly named South Russell Village Park. Along with some significant progress in the long term planning area, the group also took the lead in the design of the newly mowed walking trails. A special thank you goes out to Ted Kruse for taking his own time and equipment providing the initial cutting of the walking trails... thanks Ted!

November General Election Right Around the Corner

The deadline to register to vote in the November 4, 2008 general election is Monday, October 6, 2008. You can register to vote at any public library or any Bureau of Motor Vehicles, at the Board of Elections, or by mail. The polls will be open on November 4 from 6:30AM until 7:30PM. The Geauga Board of Elections web site at <http://co.geauga.oh.us/departments/elections/index.asp> will have a complete list of issues and candidates on the November ballot.

Any qualified Ohio voter can vote by absentee ballot either by mail or in person starting September 30. An application for an Absentee Ballot can be obtained on the County Board of Elections web site or at South Russell Village Hall. You can also vote in

person at the Board of Elections.

Whether you vote early or on Election Day, you must present an ID. Here are some examples of acceptable ID: a current and valid photo identification (i.e. Ohio driver's license, state ID, government ID). Photo identification must show name and address (does not need to be current address for driver's license); or a military identification that shows the voter's name and current address; or a copy of a current utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and current address (including from a public college or university).

Don't forget to vote!

FALL TRASH DAYS ARE SCHEDULED

SENIOR CITIZEN FALL RESIDENTIAL TRASH PICKUP DAY

**WEST END OF THE VILLAGE – including Chillicothe Road
WEDNESDAY, October 8, 2008 8:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**EAST END OF THE VILLAGE -
THURSDAY, October 9, 2008 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 **South Russell Service Department – Street Commissioner at 440-338-6700 Extension 236.**
You may be connected to voicemail.

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

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.

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 Thursday) depending on the route and demand.

SOUTH RUSSELL FALL TRASH DAY DROPOFF

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2008
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE HALL PARKING LOT

South Russell Village has authorized and the Service Department will provide village residents a Fall 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

White metal such as appliances

Computers and electronic equipment

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

NO YARD WASTE

NO HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS ACCEPTED

***NO CONTAINERS WITH LIQUEFIED PRODUCTS
ACCEPTED***

TIRES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THIS CLEANUP.



Gurney School Zone

The South Russell Police Department would like to remind motorists and pedestrians alike about the 20 mph speed limit in the Gurney School Zone. The safety of both motorists and pedestrians is a top priority for the South Russell Police Department and we would like to remind everyone who drives through the school zone to be extra attentive to their speed. Approximately a year ago South Russell Village installed flashing school zone signs in the Gurney School Zone. These signs come on automatically during those times that children or busses are entering or leaving the school grounds. During these times the speed limit in the school zone is 20 mph. It is hoped that the flashing school zone signs will make it very apparent that the speed limit is reduced during those times.

In addition to the flashing signs the South Russell Police Department will also have an increased presence in the area enforcing the school zone speed limit. We sincerely hope that you share our concern for the safety of our children and obey the speed limit.

Village Mailbox Project Has Been Completed

The South Russell Service Department recently completed the relocation of mailboxes for residents who live on the North side of Bell Road. This completes what has been a joint effort between South Russell Village officials and the Chagrin Falls Postmaster. Previously, residents who lived on the North side of Bell Road had to cross the road to retrieve their mail and newspapers which was dangerous especially in the winter months. As a result of the relocation plan that was recently completed, residents can now safely retrieve their mail and newspapers without crossing the street. Many residents also used this opportunity to purchase new mailboxes. This program was completed in about four days and cost the Village less than \$800 and was very well received by all the residents involved. This project has also been well received by safety forces who have found it much easier to locate houses on Bell Road since the relocation plan was completed.

Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market Going Strong

Fall is a great time to visit the Farmers' Market. You can purchase apples and cider, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, grapes, kale, leeks, lettuce and other greens, onions, parsnips, peaches, pumpkins and other winter squashes, tomatoes, turnips, and watermelon any time from late August through October. The Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market is open Saturdays, rain or shine, from 9:00-1:00pm in the South Russell Village parking lot at Rt. 306 and Bell St. through October 4. The Market provides local farmers with a means to sell their produce and other products directly to consumers and it affords residents the opportunity to meet friends and buy the freshest seasonal produce. In addition to fresh local produce, the market features fresh flowers, herbs, honey, eggs, maple syrup, beef, pork and lamb, baked goods, crackers, pickles, salsas and sauces, jams, herbs, cheeses, crafts, soaps, and a variety of other locally hand-made products.

On September 20 the Buck Two-Eighty String Band will be on hand with its foot-stomping music. On September 27 you can taste grilled vegetables and fruit as Matt Anderson, chef at Sapore restaurant in Chesterland, shares his expertise from 10-Noon. The Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market is a non-profit organization with a volunteer Board of Directors. Please call the Village at 440-338-6700 or Market Manager Kris DuBois at 440-220-0871 or e-mail her at kdubois1@mac.com if you are interested in being a member of the board, helping out with parking and events, in the production of the newsletter, or have any other questions.

Come and take advantage of the freshest fruits and vegetables in town!!

Village Prepares to Implement Tornado Siren

The village has recently committed to the implementation of a Tornado Siren for the village. The idea for a Tornado Siren has been on the village's To Do list for two years and this year it has become a reality. The siren deployment, spearheaded by the Safety Committee and supported by council, should be installed and operational by mid September. The Tornado Siren will be located on the village campus at State Route 306 and Bell Road, and will be linked to the Chagrin Falls dispatch tornado siren so that any time the Chagrin Falls siren is activated the South Russell siren will be activate as well. The Tornado siren will be tested each Saturday at noon. We believe that this is an important step in the objective of continually enhancing the safety of our residents.

Working Hard To Save South Russell Residents On Their Homeowner's Insurance Premiums

Last spring, the Mayor and the Building Department received letters from the Insurance Services Office, Inc. which is part of a regular review by the ISO organization.

The Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) is responsible for evaluating all jurisdictions that have a building code enforcement department. Working on behalf of insurance companies around the country, ISO uses the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) to recognize the building codes in effect in a community and how a community enforces its building codes. The evaluations place special emphasis on mitigation of losses from natural hazards. ISO gives the information to insurers, which may use the evaluations in granting premium discounts for South Russell residents' property insurance in the community.

The concept is simple: municipalities with well-enforced, up-to-date codes should demonstrate better loss experience, and South Russell residents should benefit from that in terms of better rates from their insurance companies. The prospect of reducing catastrophe-related damage and ultimately lowering insurance costs provides an incentive for communities to enforce their building codes rigorously – especially as it relates to windstorm and earthquake damage.

The anticipated benefits of a good ISO rating to our residents are: safer buildings, less damage, and lower insured losses from catastrophes.

The South Russell Building Department is working diligently with ISO to complete its five-year audit at this time.

Special Request from the South Russell Fire Prevention Officer

Our Fire prevention Officer, Chuck Huddleston, has asked that homeowners in the Village to be sure that their mailboxes have reflective numbers on both sides. This is especially important on Bell Road where houses are unevenly spaced and some are far off of the road. And now a new twist!

Recently, the mailboxes serving the Bell Road residents on the North side of the street were relocated to the North side of the street for safety reason, from the south side of Bell. Many of those boxes do not have addresses printed on both sides. This is very important for emergency responders to identify a house quickly – especially at night. Please help our First Responders by ensuring that you have the address for your house on both sides of your mailbox.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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Second Annual Fall Festival

Come to the Festival! The newly formed South Russell Village Parks Committee is pleased to announce that the second annual Fall Festival will be held at The South Russell Village Park (formerly known as the Muggleton property) on Bell Road.

The Festival will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2008 from 1:00-6:00 PM. Food (hot dogs and burgers) and drinks (pop and water) will be provided for all residents. The events planned include hay rides through the Park property, a volleyball tournament, live band music, a corn hole tournament, tug-of-war, and a silent auction for the right to name a portion of the Park for one year. All South Russell residents are invited to attend. The rain date is October 12, 2008.

Please go to the www.southernrussellvillage.com website for more details and sign-up for our e-blast service to get updates about the Fall Festival and much more.

Last year's Festival was a huge success. Please plan on attending the South Russell Fall Festival this year and bring your whole family!

