

April 2023

*Village of South Rockwood
Southern Post*



Happy Spring!

WATER INFORMATION

To pay your water bill online:

Go to the Village website at
villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com

- Click on, “Please click on this link here to pay by credit card”
- When a new page opens, Click on, “Make a Quick Payment” at the bottom of the page.
- On the first line of the next page, enter your **Account Number** as your **FULL HOUSE NUMBER & STREET NAME**
(We need this info so your payment does not get credited to someone else’s account.)
- Follow the remaining directions to enter credit card information
3% convenience fee will be added to all credit/debit card transactions by the bank.

UNPAID BALANCES:

**If you have an unpaid balance on your water bill for 2022, now is time to pay it off.
The unpaid balance will go on your taxes if not paid by May 2023.**

Drop Box:

**The Village Hall drop box is located
to the right of the office doors.**

After hours payments may be placed in the drop box located next to the Village Hall entrance.

PHONE NUMBERS:

Should issues arise within the Village and we need to contact you,
we need to have accurate phone numbers!

Please call the Village Hall at 734-379-3683 to update your phone number. It is important that we have your up-to-date information in our system.



Notice of Curfew Hours

The Police Department would like to remind Village residents of the following curfew hours for unaccompanied minors.

During the months of Daylight Saving Time:

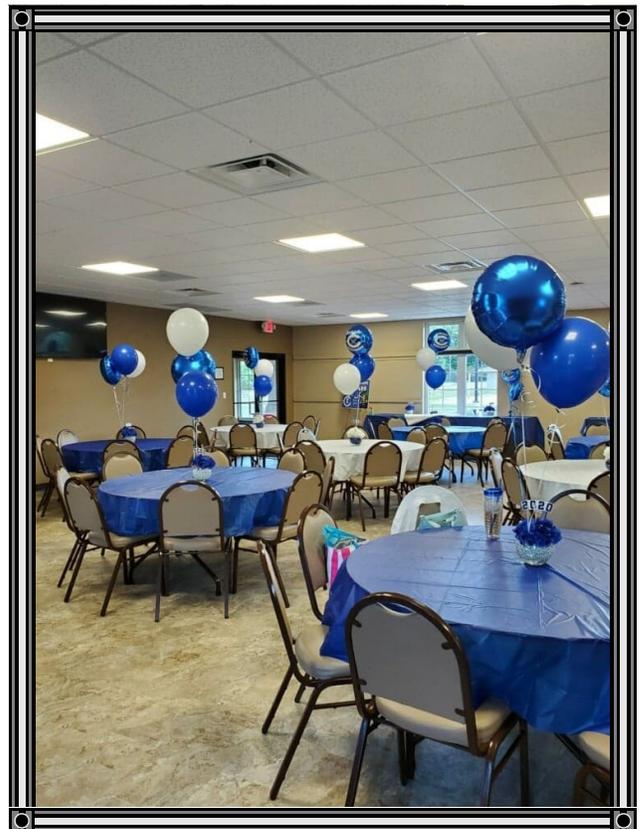
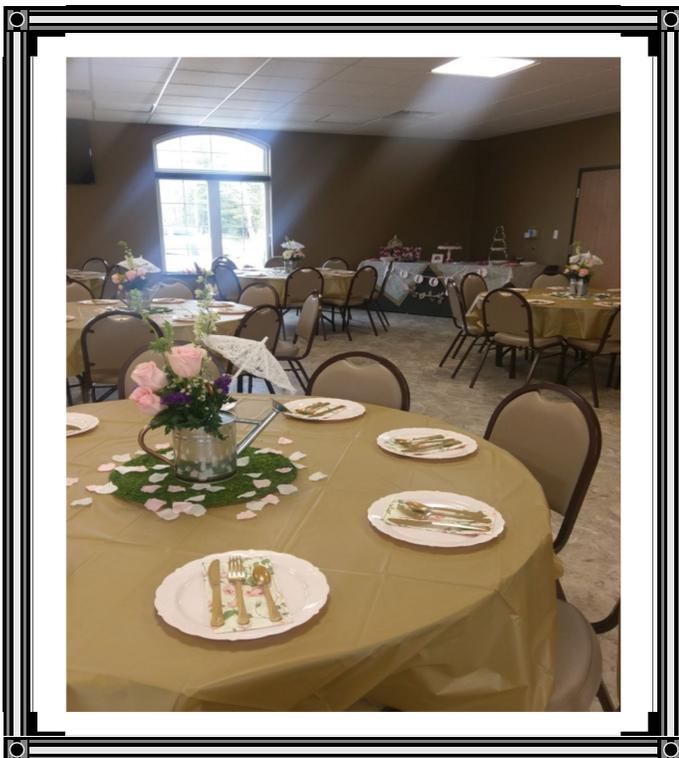
Ages 15-17 years	11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
Under 15 years	10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission dates are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Public welcome.

Community Room Rental

Our Community Room is available for Rent for Bridal or Baby Showers, Birthday parties, Weddings, Graduations, Retirement Parties, Conferences, or any occasion that you might need a large space. Our Community Room holds up to 125 guests with round or rectangle tables and a kitchen with a counter for serving.



ANNUAL VILLAGE
YARD SALE DATES:

Friday, June 9th 9am-5pm
Saturday, June 10th 9am- 5pm
Sunday, June 11th 9am-5pm

***Stop into the Village Hall
to have your name added to
the participation list.***



**GARAGE
SALE**



BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

Applications for Building Department Permits can be picked up from the Building Department at the Village Hall or printed from the Building Department Page on the Village website at: **villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com**

Permit fees can also be found online.

There is a drop box next to the Village Hall doors if you can't make it in during normal business hours.

If you are a contractor, please be sure to include a copy of:

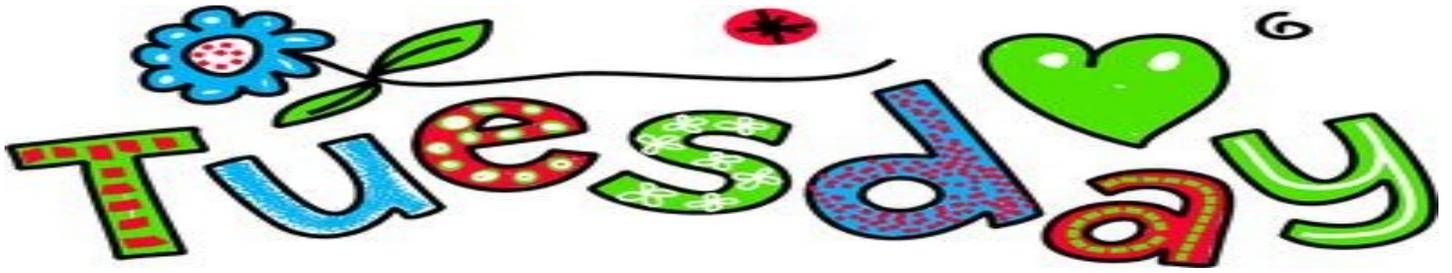
- Your contractor's license
- Your state I.D.
- Your Liability Insurance with the Village of South Rockwood listed as the Certificate Holder

Please call 734-379-3683, ext 101 if you have any questions.



****Please be sure to check with the Building Dept before making any structural changes to your home or putting up any type of accessory structure on or around your home.**





BERLIN SENIOR TUESDAY:

Come on out!

**Play some cards, enjoy delicious
food and great company!**

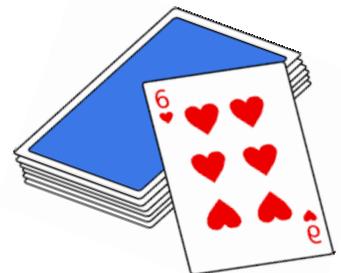
**The Seniors meet on Tuesdays from 10:00am-3:00pm
at the Village Hall in the Community Room
(5676 Carleton Rockwood Rd).**

The cost is only \$15.00 annually to join.

Lunch with your membership is \$5.00 & \$7.00
without membership. Lunch is served around noon.

If you are interested in joining the seniors group
and are 60 years of age, and a Monroe County Resident,
you can sign up on any Tuesday.

The menu can be found on our website at:
villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

GUN REGISTRATIONS:

The Village Hall **DOES NOT** handle gun registrations.

- All gun registrations in the County of Monroe are handled by and through the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.
- The Village of South Rockwood is not involved in any part of the gun registration process.
- For more information or for filing your gun registration you may contact the Monroe County Sheriff's at 734-240-7415.

GUN SAFETY:

Gun safety is very important!

We provide gun locks for FREE here at the Village Hall.
Feel free to come in and pick one up during normal business hours.

There is a limited supply. First come, first serve.



CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT:

MONROE COUNTY NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH PHONE NUMBER

734-243-7070

In case of Emergency, Dial 911

It has been noted that citizens have recently become dependent on contacting the Police Department via the general office phone.

Although it is ok to contact us using the office phone, if there is something happening that needs attention by an officer, **the best and quickest way to get in contact with someone from the Police Department is through Central Dispatch.**

In the case of an emergency always dial 911.

The Monroe County Central Dispatch center is always in constant radio contact with our on duty officer.

734-243-7070 is the number you should call if you need a police officer sent to your house for non-emergency services.

Please make note of this number so that you may better activate and utilize the services that your Police Department provides.

SCAM ALERT!!! SCAM ALERT!!!

If you are receiving threatening calls from the “IRS”,
ignore them and **DO NOT** call them back.

**A caller may also say that you have a refund coming
in order to trick you into sharing personal information,
DO NOT return these calls either.**

The IRS reminds people that they can know pretty easily when a
“supposed IRS” caller is a fake.

Here are six things that scammers often do, **but the IRS will not do**. Any one of these six things is a tell-tale sign of a scam.

The IRS will never:

1. The IRS will never call to demand immediate payment.
2. The IRS will never call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
3. The IRS will never demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
4. The IRS will never require you use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
5. The IRS will never ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
6. The IRS will never threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

WARNING

Foreign scammers are stealing money from Michigan Seniors daily

Law enforcement agencies within Monroe Co. and all over the state are reporting an increase in fraudulent scams targeting senior citizens.

Reports indicate scammers are telephoning or using pop-up notices on the internet to mislead senior citizens into believing that their bank account and private information have been hacked. The victims are instructed to withdraw large amounts of cash from their savings or checking accounts and deposit those funds into Bitcoin machines. The caller then falsely claims that the money is being deposited into a new, individual Bitcoin account belonging to the victim. When actually the victims have transferred cash into a foreign bank account belonging to the scammers and have no possibility of getting their money back.

The scammers claim to represent either the federal reserve, a government agency, bank security or Microsoft. The scammer cautions the senior citizen NOT to tell anyone, including a bank representative, the real reason for the withdraw, because the caller convinces the victim that an employee of their bank is involved with the alleged theft.

If you receive a call like this or a pop-up notification on the internet, hang-up and ignore them. Notify police. The scammer will not continue to call you if you don't take their bait. The number from which the victims are called are often spoofed or ghosted and is not the real name or location of the caller. Although Federal Law Enforcement agencies are assisting, most of these scammers are from foreign countries that do not honor United States search warrants or extraditions. Please share this information.

Monroe County Animal Control Ordinance

With warm weather approaching we would like to remind our residents that it is **unlawful** to permit any dog to trespass upon the property of another person, or stray beyond the owner's property, unless the dog is restrained by a leash, or within voice command of the owner.

Be courteous and clean up waste left by your animal.

Remember, your pet is your responsibility.

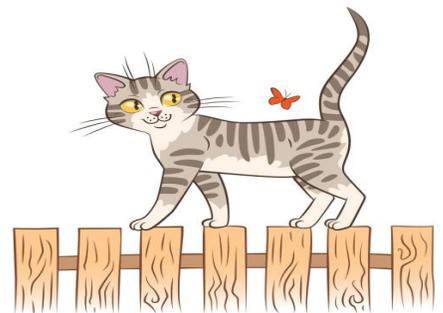


Cats

Please keep your cat at home.

**Cats are a roaming animal
that can be mischievous.**

**Those who do not own a cat
do not want them in their yard.**



Friends of the South Rockwood Library News:

Essay Contest to Win a \$500 Gift Card for Monroe County Community College's Book Store Requirements: You MUST be a resident of S. Rockwood, attending MCCC in the fall & have a GPA of between 2.5-3.5.(Providing proof of all requirements). Write a 50 word or less essay on "The Importance of Libraries in our Communities" & turn everything into the Library by July 18, 2023. Winner will be selected on August 1. Funds will be added to the student's eCampus account There is no age limit. This is open to anyone enrolled in fall classes at MCCC.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:00pm-

Titanic and the Great Lakes

Join us as the National Museum of the Great Lakes commemorates the loss of the Titanic with this overview presentation of the ship, its building, first trip, and sinking. Throughout the evening, we will look at Great Lakes connections to this story. Anniversary of its sinking is April 15, 111 years ago. There will be a raffle for a chance to win a pair of passes for the National Museum of the Great Lakes.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:00pm-

PBS "Under the Radar" Book Signing with Host Tom Daldin & Producer Jim Edelman

Meet the creative minds behind the show that is all about the Great Lakes State. Their newest book "Yet Another 50: Why Stop Now" will be available for purchase, along with their first two: "The First 50" & "The Next 50". 1 for \$25, 2 for \$45 or all 3 for \$60. They will be accepting cash, check or credit. Photo op with Tom & Jim: FREE!!

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 6:00pm-

Annual Board Meeting

Election for Board Members/Membership Drive. We'll be holding the election for Board Members & renewing the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer, if there are no candidates nominated. It is also time to renew memberships, so if you are considering joining the Friends group, this meeting is for YOU. Bring your ideas for crafts, authors & speakers for future events. There is NO fundraising required to be a member.

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 7:00pm-

Edmund Fitzgerald: What really happened?

Join us as the National Museum of the Great Lakes explores a brief history of shipping on the Great Lakes that lead up to the impressive Edmund Fitzgerald. She had an exciting life during the 18 years that she sailed, often carrying record breaking loads. Her loss on November 10, 1975 still puzzles many to this day. We will explore several of the prevailing theories on her loss. But we can still celebrate the anniversary of her launching on this day, 65 years ago from River Rouge, MI. There will be a raffle for a chance to win a pair of passes for the National Museum of the Great Lakes.

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 7:00pm-

Local Author David Gelwicks

David Gelwicks will be discussing his book "Michigan Mining Scrip: Paper of the Northern Michigan Copper and Iron Mining Districts". He will cover the period of 1824 - 1963 in Michigan's mining history from a new perspective, that will be both informative & entertaining. David is a graduate of Michigan Tech and has worked for North Star Steel & Hickman, Williams & Company, both in Monroe. His book will be available for purchase for \$50.

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 7:00pm-

"Black Holes"

Ethan Partington, a graduate of astrophysics at Wayne State University, will have us looking to the stars, to learn about distant Black Holes. He'll discuss how they form, the different sizes & what discoveries were made that led to Nobel prizes being awarded in 2017 & 2020. In doing his research, he used NICER, a state-of-the-art X-ray detector located on the International Space Station. He was also an "invited" speaker at NASA's 2022 Summer Science Workshop. There will be a Q & A after his presentation. This is geared for High School students-Adult, but anyone is welcome.

Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 9:00am-

Quarry Challenge 5k Walk/Run

Open to anyone, any age, whether you are a serious runner or novice walker.

\$20- Before April 30 \$25- Before July 31 \$30- Before September 24 \$40- Day of

Race To Register or for more information go to:

<https://www.greatlakesagg.com/quarry-challenge/>

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7:00pm-

“The Eden-Atlantis Project” with Author Robert Bates

Author Commodore Robert Bates will be discussing his book “The Eden-Atlantis Project” via Zoom. You will learn about his research into finding the actual location of the sunken island civilization called Atlantis. He will discuss his leading the first expedition, then being a consulate for his second with The History Channel. He will give his personal interpretation of the evidence collected. If you have ever been curious about the lost city of Atlantis, this is your chance to get some of your questions answered.

Registration is required for all events, except “Meetings”.

You can register at the library, by calling the library (379-3333), from our Facebook page, once an event is posted (there will be a link) or on the MCLS web-site under “Events/Calendar”.

Don't forget to “Like” us on Facebook so you will receive notifications of all our exciting happenings: facebook.com/friendsofsouthrockwood

We are always looking for ideas for events at the library. If you have a suggestion for an author, subject you'd like to learn more about or even a project/craft you think others would enjoy doing, please let us know. You can either mention it to Kelli the next time you're at the library or you can email us at:

friendsofsouthrockwood@gmail.com

Looking for input from the residents.

Would there be any interest in a Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings, either by seller's or buyer's? Which months, how often, hours??? Sellers would be responsible for their own tables, chairs & canopies. First come, first served for set up along the East side of the building. No cost. Need feedback as to the interest, before we even approach the Village Board with the idea. You can email us or talk to Kelli, at the Library



SUMMER BASEBALL 2023

Boys & Girls Ages 3-14

**Sign ups will be held at the Village Hall
(5676 Carleton-Rockwood) on the following dates:**

Mornings from 11am-2pm:

Saturday, March 11th

Saturday, March 18th

Saturday, March 25th

Saturday, April 1st

Saturday, April 15th

Sunday, April 23rd

Evenings from 6pm-8pm

Wednesday, March 22nd

Thursday, April 20th

Contact via Email or Facebook for more information:

Email: s.rockwoodsummerbaseball@gmail.com

Facebook: Village of South Rockwood Summer Baseball



STORMWATER– KEEP IT FRESH:

Storm water is any water that falls into the ground, including rain, hail and snow.

This water flows off ground surfaces and into underground pipe systems, where it makes its way into local waterways. Water is our most precious natural resource.

Keep it fresh. Allow only rain down the storm drain.

Tips to keep our water fresh:

- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the trash.
- Never fertilize your lawn before a storm. Reduce the amount of chemicals you apply to your lawn.
- If you can, implement a rain garden at your house. Green infrastructure, such as rain gardens, help water absorb into the ground, preventing water and pollutant runoff.



As warm weather is approaching,
let's get out and get some fresh air!

**Southeast Michigan Park Finder.
Semcog.org/ParkFinder**



Steven's Disposal Recycle Dates:

April 12th & 26th

May 10th & 24th

June 7th & 21st

Burning Brush at the Village Hall:

Please note that the gate to burn brush in the back of the Village Hall closes at 2:45pm, Monday-Thursday.

No treated lumber

No plastic garbage bags

ONLY grass, weeds and brush allowed!

Cemetery Lots for Sale:

Riverside Cemetery has lots for sale in our new section. Please call the Village Hall for more information.

WEED / GRASS CONTROL ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS GIVEN

That all ***weeds, brush and grass*** growing on any lands except as exempt under the ordinances of the Village of South Rockwood must be ***cut and maintained at a height not to exceed six inches*** and destroyed and removed to prevent such weeds, brush and grass from going to seed, from becoming a fire hazard and/or creating a condition detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of South Rockwood.

Failure to comply with this notice and ordinance on or before May 1st shall make the property owner liable for the cost of cutting, destroying and removing the weeds, brush and grass by the Village of South Rockwood or its representative or agents and the costs may be levied and collected in the same manner as taxes are levied and collected and being a lien upon the land.

The Village may cut the weeds, brush and grass as often as necessary to achieve compliance with the ordinance and charge costs to the property.



RUBBISH PICKUP

Remember to place trash and recycle out by the road by 6:00am, as recycle collection is very early.

Make sure ALL your garbage is placed IN A BAG. This prevents loose garbage from falling onto the roadway and into our yards when the garbage company dumps the cans.

In the event that your garbage falls on the ground, please pick it up and bag it so we can keep our community clean.

Please remember that Ord-35,102 Section 2. states that:

- Rubbish containers shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00pm on the day before collection day.
- All containers must be taken in before 8:00pm on the day of collection and placed out of general view.

This includes recycle totes.

Damaged totes & trash cans will be replaced at the expense of the homeowner.

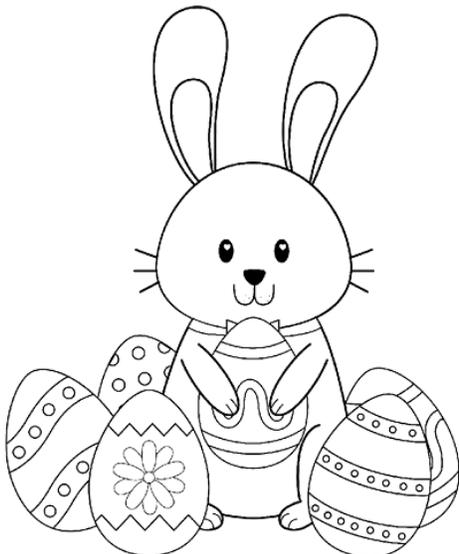
Thank you for your cooperation!



Easter word search



Words to find



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MARCH

MARSHMALLOWS
PASTEL
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THANKSGIVING & CO.

Attention Older Adults and Caregivers!

Could you or someone you know 60 years of age or above benefit from services specially designed for Monroe County older adults?

Contact the Monroe County Commission on Aging for more details:

Phone (734) 240-3290

Email: mcco@monroemi.org

Website: www.co.monroe.mi.us/commonaging

Services Include:

- *In & Out Home Respite
- *Home Chore Assistance
- *Transportation * In Home Assistance
- *Home Injury Control *Legal Assistance
- * Volunteer Opportunities
- * Multi Purpose Senior Centers
- * Counseling
- *One-on-One Senior Assistance
- * Home Delivered & Congregate Meals



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South Rockwood, MI 48179

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Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 8AM-1PM
Tuesday & Thursday 11AM-4PM
Closed Fridays

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