

January 2021

The Southern Post



*Village of South Rockwood
wishes you a
Happy New Year*

PUSHING SNOW INTO THE STREET IS A VIOLATION OF LAW Section 257.677A (4) of the Michigan Penal Code and Motor Vehicle Law states, “ A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice, or slush on any roadway or highway.” **You will be ticketed!**

Community Room Rental

**If your looking for a place to host a shower, birthday or graduation party, rent our Community Room for your next event. Please call for more information
734-379-3683.**



Park Rental

Summer is coming,
Schedule your next picnic,
family reunion, graduation
or birthday party at
Morley Riggs Park. Call us
to check availability.

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

Planning Commission Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm (if there are items on the agenda). Please call ahead.

Public is welcome.

ELECTRONIC BILL PAY

Just click on the link at
Villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com
& select "**MAKE A QUICK PAYMENT**"

This option is currently only for WATER PAYMENTS, a 3% convenience fee will be added to all credit/debit card transactions by the bank.

Water Bills

If you have an unpaid balance on your water bill for 2020, now is time to pay it off. The unpaid balance will go on your taxes if not paid by May 2021.

Phone Number update

Please contact our Village Hall at 734-379-3683 if your phone number changes. It is important that we have up to date information in our system in case we need to contact you for any reason.

Christmas Trees will be picked up on Monday mornings during the month of January.

Trees need to be at the road by
8:00am.





PLANNING COMMISSION

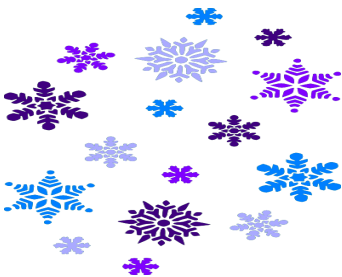
The Village of South Rockwood is seeking applicants to serve on the Planning Commission, which presently meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., subject to agenda items requiring attention. Applicant preferred to be a current resident of the Village of South Rockwood and be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of application. The Planning Commission presently is composed of the Village President, Village Council Representative, Village Administration Representative, and four (4) citizens at large. Citizen participation is voluntary only, with no compensation granted for service.

The Planning Commission is required to undertake certain statutorily required duties on behalf of the Village of South Rockwood as specified in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, public Act 110 - of 2006, as amended. In addition, the Commission is responsible for the review of other items as specified in the Village Zoning Ordinance, and any other items delegated from the Village Council that may impact the orderly development of or quality of life within the Village. These duties may include, but are not limited to; review of, amendments to, and / or approval of the Village Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance, land divisions, site plans, home occupations, capital improvements plans, and recreation plans.

Interested applicants should provide a brief letter of interest and statement of qualifications and / or resume to Angela Hightower, Village Clerk, and 5676 Carleton Rockwood Rd., South Rockwood, MI 48179 - As soon as possible. Applications may be presented to the Planning Commission for review prior to formal appointment by the Village Council.

Snow Removal

Seniors and/or disabled residents may be eligible for snow removal services. You must be 65 years old and/or disabled and have no additional persons residing with you that are able to shovel snow. Those ages fourteen to sixty five must submit a signed form from their physician describing the disability that limits their ability to shovel. You must provide a doctors slip confirming disability. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Village Hall.



Snow Emergencies

If there are four or more inches of snow, cars are not allowed to park in the road right-of-way. Vehicles parked in the right-of-way during a snow emergency will be towed. To confirm that a snow emergency is in effect, listen to WJR or WWJ.

We ask that property owners use caution when plowing or removing snow from your driveways. **PUSHING SNOW INTO THE STREET IS A VIOLATION OF LAW** Section 257.677A (4) of the Michigan Penal Code and Motor Vehicle Law states, “A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice, or slush on any roadway or highway.”

Snow Plow

Our DPW would like you to remember that the snow plows used to keep the roadways clean and safe can damage garbage cans placed near the road. Please be aware that during snow emergencies trash cans should not be placed near the roadway until snow plows have cleared the road, and must not be left out during a snow emergency.



Driveway Cleaning

Driveway cleaning is a courtesy and not a mandatory service that the Village provides. The purpose of this service is to enable senior citizens and disabled residents to get out in case of an emergency situation. DPW will only plow driveways AFTER ALL Village roadways and other responsibilities/duties are complete. Only one driveway per residence will be plowed and no driveways will be cleared after regular business hours.

The Village Council would like to continue this service. However, after every snow storm the office gets numerous calls wanting to know when the driveways will be plowed. Many residents even become hostile and rude when the residents are told that the DPW clears the main roads and performs their other necessary duties prior.

The resident is required to submit a Waiver of Liability and a Driveway Cleaning Application every year. It is the resident's responsibility to make sure this gets turned in. The staff will try to send applications and waivers out in October. If you do not receive one, please contact the village office prior to the storm. Please do not call the Village office unless you have a serious emergency situation. The driveways will be cleaned as soon as possible.



Police Department News

Here are a few updates:

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 (after the Governor's orders are lifted). There is a limited supply. First come, first serve.

Radar Speed Sign:

The South Rockwood Police Department recently purchased a radar speed sign. Speed limit radar unit signs are supplemental traffic control devices which inform motorists of their operating speed on a digital display.

They alert motorists of their operating speed which encourages them to slow down.

The sign will be moved around the village accordingly to encourage motorists to obey the speed laws.



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
Contacting Your Local Police Department

It has been noted that citizens have recently become very 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 South Rockwood Police Department uses the consolidated Monroe County Central Dispatch center which is always in constant radio contact with our on duty officer. **Our non-emergency dispatch number is 734-243-7070. THIS 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.






Cold Weather Safety Tips





When you're outside, frostbite and hyperthermia are possible so you need to protect yourself.




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1. Wear layers of loose fitting lightweight, clothing.
 2. Wear a hat. Try to stay dry and out of the wind..
 3. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.
 4. Mittens, snug at wrist, are better than gloves.
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Ice Safety






Our weather has lead to unsafe ice conditions on ponds, lakes and rivers. Brief arctic freezes will not increase ice thickness much, thus it is advised to stay off the ice.




To keep pipes from freezing on an outside wall:





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1. Let hot and cold water trickle at night from a faucet.
 2. Open cabinet doors to allow more heat to get to the pipes.
 3. Make sure your heat is left on and no lower than 55 degrees.
 4. If you plan to be away, have someone check on your house daily to make sure heat is on to prevent freezing and that no water pipes have burst.
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If pipes freeze:






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1. Make sure you or someone in your family know how to shut off the water in case pipes burst.
 2. Never try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch. Use a hair dryer instead.
 3. Always be careful of the potential for electric shock in and around standing water.
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Carbon Monoxide poisoning :





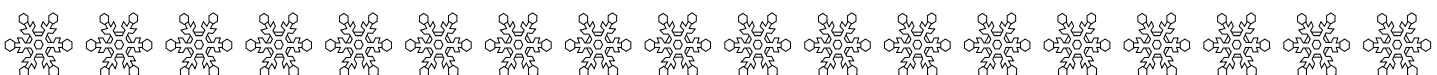
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1. Install a carbon monoxide detector.
 2. Never run generators indoors.
 3. Open windows slightly when using a kerosene heater.
 4. Never use a gas oven to heat your home.
 5. If your heat goes out, you can close off rooms you do not need to use and dress in layers and wear a cap.
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Wood-burning stoves, fireplaces and heaters:

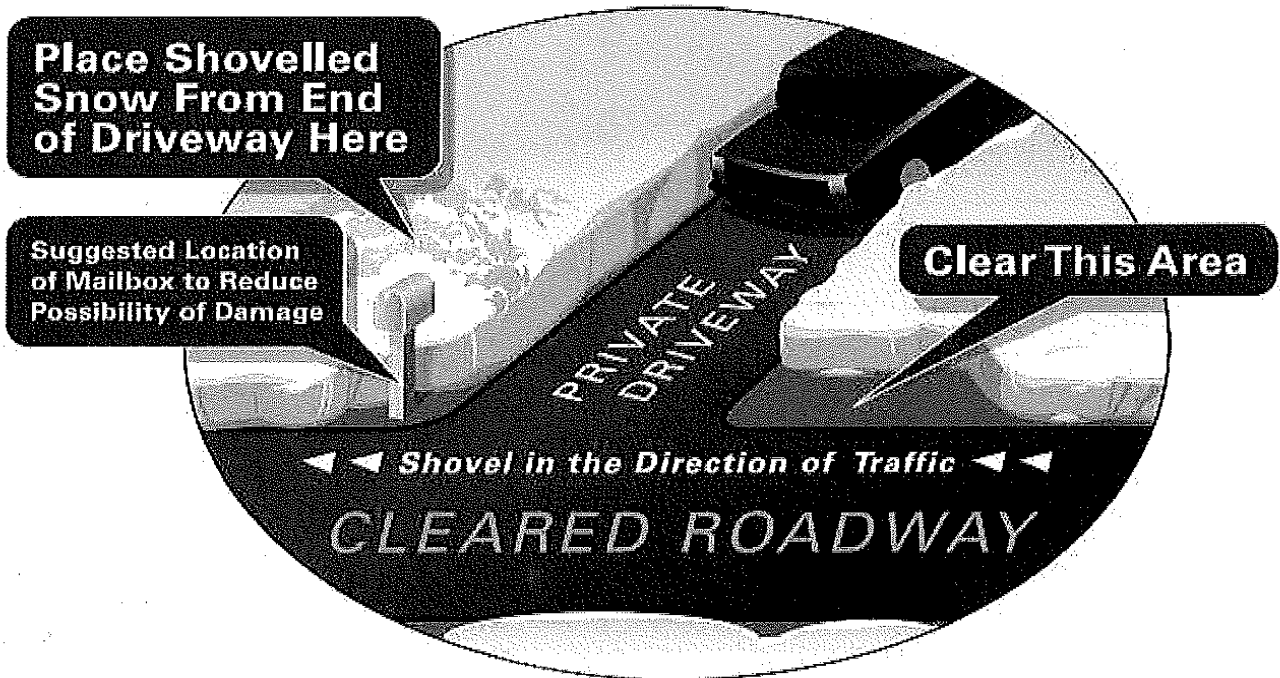


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1. Always keep a screen around an open flame.
 2. Never use gasoline to start your fireplace.
 3. Never burn charcoal indoors.
 4. Do not close the damper when ashes are hot.
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Avoid the "Second Shovel"

People can play a part in ensuring the ends of their driveways remain clear of snow even after their local snowplow comes through. Shoveling a "corner" of the right-of-way free of snow in the area several feet before the driveway will help keep that same snow from being pushed into the driveway in an icy, heavy pile. Clearing an area large enough to hold the snow coming off the plow may help reduce the "second shovel."



Salt Less

Help keep rivers healthy in the winter. Shovel snow and ice early and often to limit your use of sand, salt and de-icing chemicals. When safety requires it, try an alternative to salt. Deicers, such as magnesium chloride, have fewer adverse environmental impacts and are not as corrosive. Check labels to choose a deicer that fits your conditions and apply it early and sparingly.



Summer Baseball Registration:

The status of Summer Baseball registrations will be announced in 2021 due to COVID.

Please watch our website for details at:

Villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com



Berlin Senior Citizens Tuesday:

Senior Citizen Tuesday has temporality stopped meeting due to COVID. Please keep an eye out on our website for updated details at:

Villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com



Building Department Permit Applications:

Building Department Permit Applications can be printed off of the building page on our website at : villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com and submitted in our drop box at the Village hall. Please call if you have any questions at 734-379-3683, ext 101.

Recycle Dates

January 12th, 26th.

February 9th, 23rd.

March 9th, 23rd.

Drop Box

**Our drop box is located to the right of the
Village office door.**

After hours payments may be placed in the drop box located next to the Village Office entrance. Please place your payment in a sealed envelope. **NO CASH** please. We accept credit card payments online via our webpage.



CEMETERY LOTS FOR SALE

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



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: mccoa@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

The Village Hall will be closed for the following
Holiday's:

January 20th- Martin Luther King

February 17th- Presidents Day



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734-379-2523 (fax)

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