

January 2023

The Southern Post



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

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, Input your **ACCOUNT NUMBER** as your **FULL HOUSE NUMBER & STREET NAME**
(Otherwise, your payment could be accounted to someone else's account.)
- Follow the remaining directions to enter credit card information

A 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.

Please place your payment in a sealed envelope.



Christmas Tree Pick Up

**Christmas trees will be picked up on Monday mornings during the month of January.
Trees need to be at the road by 8:00am.**

Council Meetings

1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

2022 Council & President List:

President-

Bethany Bondy, Term through 2024

Council Members-

Arthur Wenzel (Pro Tem 2022-2024), Term through 2024

Chuck Horn, Term through 2024

John Clore, Term Through 2024

John Horvath, Term through 2026

Robert Brayman, Term through 2026

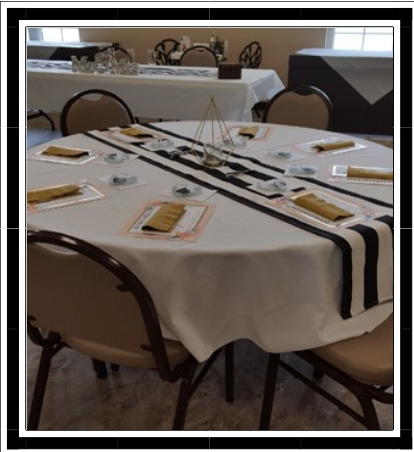
James Fera, Term through 2026

Planning Commission Meetings

2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Public welcome.

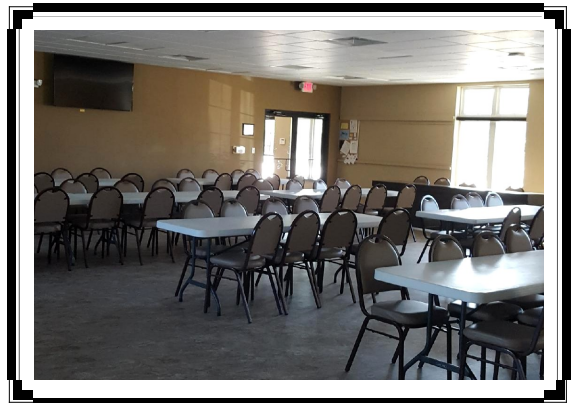
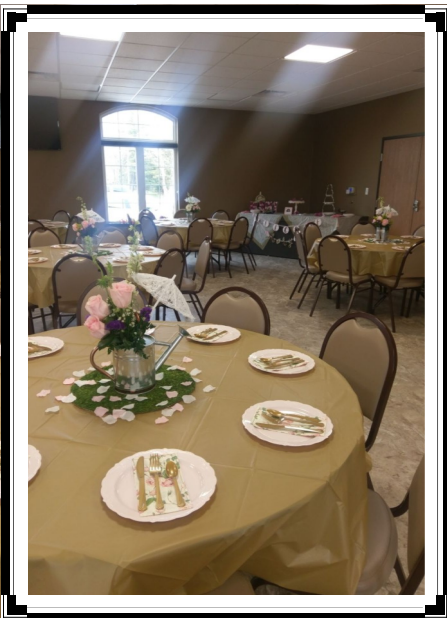
Community Room Rental

Our Community Room is available for Rent
for Bridal and 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 full kitchen with a counter for serving.



Call
379-3683 x 105
for more
information

We are
booking for
2023



SNOW EMERGENCIES

If there are four or more inches of snow, it is considered a snow emergency and 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 REMOVAL SERVICE

Seniors and/or disabled residents may be eligible for snow removal services IF you meet the following requirements:

- You must be 65 years and/or disabled,
- And have no additional persons residing with you that are able to shovel snow.
- You must provide a doctor's slip confirming your disability.

****If you have been on the snow removal list in the past, applications have gone out.**

Please make sure that you fill out **BOTH forms** in the application packet– the application and the waiver and return them to the Village Hall as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to the snow removal list, please feel free to contact the Village Hall.



PLEASE REMEMBER

Driveway cleaning services is a courtesy and not a mandatory service the Village provides.

The purpose of this service is to enable Senior Citizens and disabled residents to get out of their driveway in case of an emergency situation.

The DPW will only plow driveways AFTER ALL the Village roadways and other responsibilities are complete. Only one driveway per residence will be plowed and they do not plow driveways after our 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 they are told that the DPW clears the main roads and performs their other necessary duties prior.

This is not a guaranteed service after every snowfall due to other responsibilities that need to be taken care of in the Village.

Therefore, if this is a service that you REQUIRE IMMEDIATELY and as a NECESSITY you may want to contact a snow removal company to meet your needs.

****DO NOT Call the office unless you have an emergency situation. The driveways will be cleared as soon as possible.****

CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT:

**Monroe County Dispatch Phone Number
(Non Emergency Police)
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.

Police Department News:

Here are a few Basic Crime Prevention Tips:

Extend the Life of your Holiday Gifts:

Get yourself an engraving tool kit. With this tool you can engrave special markings or numbers to identify your property. If stolen and recovered the engraved markings will allow investigators to get the property back to you. The engraved number might even deter a thief, since the number makes it harder for criminals to dispose of valuables in the underworld channels. Do not limit yourself to engraving your holiday gifts, you can engrave all of your precious possessions and valuables.

Your Garage Door Opener:

Always treat your garage door opener the same way you treat keys to your home. Keep it out of sight and away from strangers. A thief can use a garage door opener to get into your house.


Thieves break into cars all too easily and if the garage door opener is out in the open, on the front seat or on the dash, they can use it to open the garage. It allows them to rifle through your garage, and worse yet, they may be able to get into your home. So keep your garage door opener out of sight.

Turn your Lights on:


It can cost a lot of money to replace stolen items if you are burglarized. It will cost much less to keep a light burning all night long. Thieves do not like bright places. So if one house is brightly lit, and another has no lights, criminals generally head to the darker house. So deny a burglar the opportunity to rip you off. Turn on exterior lights around your house throughout the night.







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 :







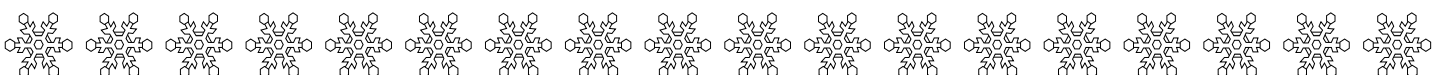
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- 1. Install a carbon monoxide detector.**
 - 2. Never run generators indoors.**
 - 3. Open windows slightly when using a kerosene heater.**
 - 4. Never use a gas oven to heat your home.**
 - 5. If your heat goes out, you can close off rooms you do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

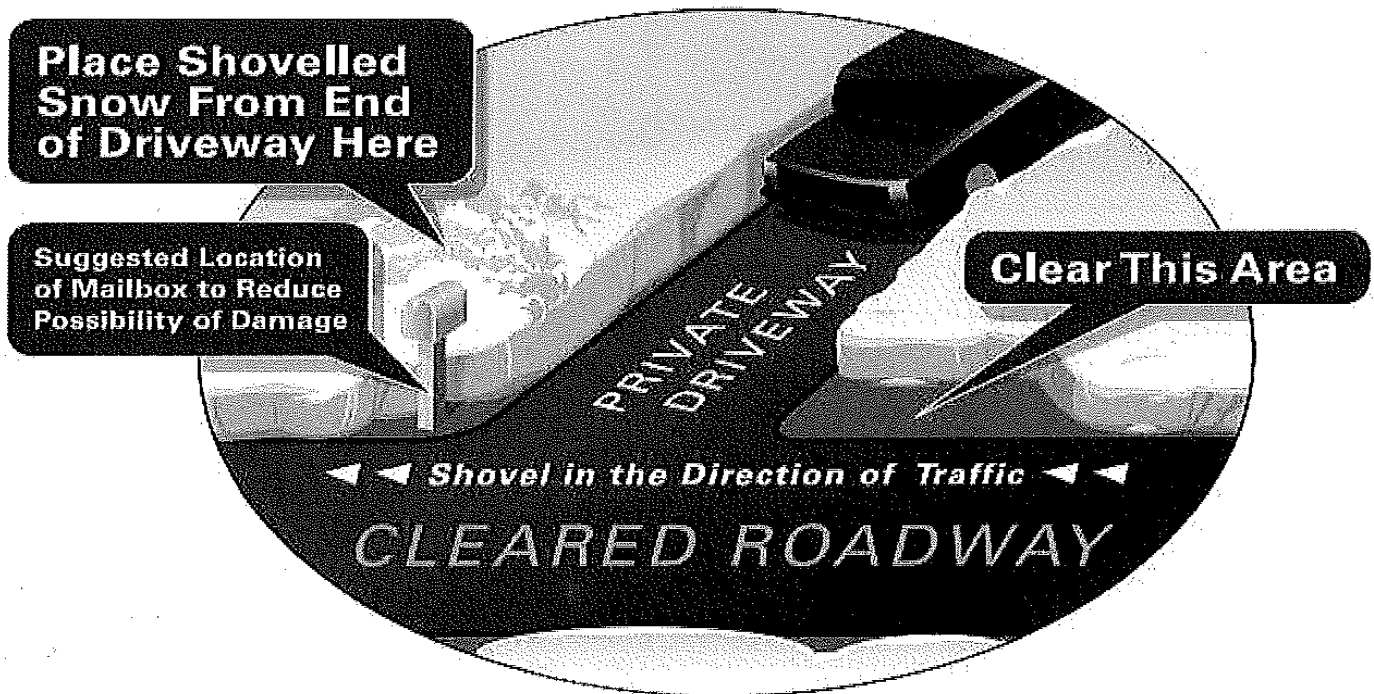


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- 1. Always keep a screen around an open flame.**
 - 2. Never use gasoline to start your fireplace.**
 - 3. Never burn charcoal indoors.**
 - 4. Do not close the damper when ashes are hot.**
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Avoid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

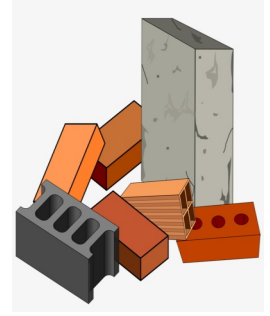
When safety requires it, try an alternative to salt.

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.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

Applications for Building Department Permits can be picked up from the Building Department or printed from the Building Department page on the Village website at **villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com** and submitted to the Village Hall.



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

- Your contractor's license
- Your state I.D.
- Liability Insurance with 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 your Building Dept before making any structural changes to your home or putting up any type of accessory structure on or around your home.

SUMMER BASEBALL REGISTRATIONS:

Summer Baseball Registration will be held on the following dates at the Village Hall (5676 Carleton Rockwood Rd):



March:

Saturday, March 11th 11am-2pm
Saturday, March 18th 11am-2pm
Wednesday, March 22nd 6pm-8pm
Saturday, March 25th 11am-2pm

April:

Saturday, April 15th 11am-2pm
Saturday, April 22nd 11am-2pm
Thursday, April 20th 6pm-8pm

Berlin Senior Citizens Tuesday:

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

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 cost is \$15.00 annually to join.

Lunch with membership is \$5.00, and \$7.00 without membership. Lunch is served around noon.

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



Come on out and enjoy delicious food, great company and play some cards with the group!



FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH ROCKWOOD LIBRARY:

The 5th running of the Quarry Challenge took place on Sunday, September 25, 2022. We had 215 registrations and the weather made the course even more of a challenge this year. The muddy conditions (could not be avoided) may have slowed everyone's pace & ruined a few shoes, but the overall consensus was they all still had a great time. We had two new winners this year in the Male/Female category, with 12 year old Claire Miller having the best overall Female time of 23:25, just behind overall Male runner, Michael Ripple by 33 seconds. They were awarded Amazon gift cards & our traditional glass, for their efforts. The event added over \$23,000 to our account, that will be used throughout the year for programming /events at the Library, needs of the Library & helping in the community. A huge Thank You, to Steve Brooks & his wonderful staff at Great Lakes Aggregates/ Sylvania Minerals, for hosting & helping make this event possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7:00pm

The Airport High School Delegation to YMCA's Youth in Government Program.

Students will share the five program areas in which they may participate: Legislative, National Issues Forum, Lobby, Press, Governor's Cabinet and the Model Judiciary

Program. Additionally, the delegation members will share their experiences, the impact of the conference opportunities on their lives in the short term and how the Youth Government has redirected career pathways for Airport Alumni. There will also be a demonstration of a portion of the "trial" they are preparing for the February Conference in Lansing.



FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH ROCKWOOD LIBRARY:

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:00pm

Friend's Meeting

We'll be discussing upcoming events and looking for ideas for future presentations/programs.



Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 7:00pm

Author, Commodore Robert Bates

Join us for a Zoom presentation with Commodore Robert Bates. Hear of his careers with both the Coast Guard & Merchant Marines. He will also be discussing his book, *The Authority to Sail: The History of U.S. Maritime Licenses and Seaman's Papers*. "Captain Bob" has been on several expeditions, research projects & even a consulate for the History Channel. We have it on good authority, the "Man is a hoot & you will not be disappointed".

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:00pm

The Archaeology of the battle of Lake Erie and the War of 1812

Join us as the National Museum of the Great Lakes looks into the history of the Battle and the work that GLHS is doing to attempt to identify the battlefield. We will also learn of other War of 1812 Naval archaeological sites around the Great Lakes. This battle was the first unqualified defeat of a British naval squadron in history. "We have met the enemy, and they are ours".



FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH ROCKWOOD LIBRARY:

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7:00pm

Watershed Informational Presentation

The Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC), founded in 1965, is Michigan's oldest regional river protection organization. Through hands-on education, advocacy, research and technical assistance, HRWC protects and restores the river for healthy and vibrant communities. HRWC promotes holistic watershed management to protect and restore the ecological integrity of the Huron River, its tributary streams, lakes, wetlands, groundwater, and surrounding landscape. HRWC's 15-person staff and volunteer corps of 700+ identify problems, direct protection and restoration activities, and work with stakeholders to solve problems for the benefit of one-half million residents. Join Andrea Paine, HRWC's Program Coordinator, for a talk about the Huron River, Downriver water quality, and how you can get involved!

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.

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.

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH ROCKWOOD LIBRARY:

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

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.

Registration is required for all events, except "Meetings".

Seating is limited. You can register at the library, from our Facebook page, once an event is posted (there will be a link) or on the MCLS web-site. Under Events/Calendar.

The Friends need YOUR help! We are looking for ideas for events, presentations &/or crafts. If there is something that you'd like to see at the library, whether it's an author, a subject you'd like to learn more about or even a project/craft you'd enjoy doing with your "neighbors", we'd like to hear about it. You can either mention it to Kelli the next time you're in the library or you can email us at: **friendsofsouthrockwood@gmail.com**.

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

Christmas Word Search



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PEPPERMINT BARK RECIPE:

Ingredients:

1 (6 ounce) package white chocolate, chopped
3 peppermint candy canes

Directions:

- Line a baking sheet with waxed paper.
- Place white chocolate in a microwave safe bowl
- Heat in the microwave until melted, 60-90 seconds. Stir until smooth.
- Place one gallon-sized, resalable bag inside a second gallon-sized bag, creating a double layered bag.
- Place candy canes inside the inner bag and seal.
- Crush the candy canes inside the bag with a rolling pin.
- Stir crushed candy canes into the melted white chocolate.
- Pour the white chocolate onto the prepared baking sheet.
- Chill in the refrigerator until hardened. 1 hour.

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 1 minute

Additional Time: 1 hour

Total Time: 1 hour, 16 minutes

Yields 15 Servings



Steven's Disposal Recycle Dates:

January 5th & 18th

February 1st & 15th

March 1st, 15th & 29th

Burning Brush at the Village Hall:

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

No treated lumber

No plastic garbage bags

Only grass, weeds and brush

CEMETERY LOTS FOR SALE

Riverside Cemetery has lots for sale in our new section.

Please call the Village Hall for more information.

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 and 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!**

The Village Hall will be closed
for the following Holidays:

January 2nd– New Year's Day
January 16th- Martin Luther King
February 20th- Presidents Day



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