

April 2022

The Southern Post

Village of South Rockwood Spring Newsletter



Water Information:

Delinquent Water Bills

Delinquent notices will be going out for any unpaid 2021 invoices for water, sewer or grass cutting.

If you have an unpaid balance, now is the time to pay it.

The unpaid balance will go on your 2022 taxes if not paid by **May 20, 2022.**

You can pay your water bill on our website, go to:

villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com

Click on the link that says "WATER" in the Electronic Bill Pay box.

Click on the link and select make a quick payment.

A 3% convenience fee will be added to all credit/debit card transactions by the bank.

Please enter your water account number or full address in the account number to properly credit the account since we have many residents with the same family name.

****Please DO NOT POST DATE your water bills*****



Community Room Rental

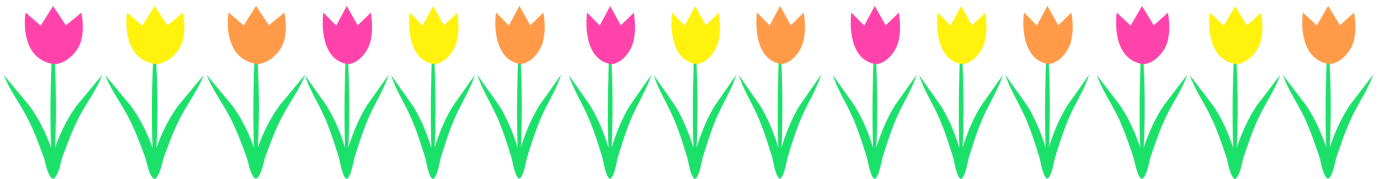
Our Community Room is available for Rent for Bridal or Baby Showers, Birthday parties, Weddings, Graduations, Retirement Parties, Conferences, or any occasion that you might need a large space. Our Community Room holds up to 125 guests with round or rectangle tables and a kitchen with a counter for serving.



Park Rental

Summer is coming!

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



Village of South Rockwood
JOB DESCRIPTION

DPW Laborer / Full-Time

Pay Grade: \$18.82 to \$21.00 / hr

Negotiable Depending on Certification/Qualifications

Job Details:

Reports to DPW Supervisor

Shift: 7:30am to 3:30pm (Always on Call for Emergencies – Snow Storms, Water Breaks, Etc.)

Comprehensive benefits package: Health, Dental and Vision Insurance, paid time off, holidays and 457b retirement plan

Starting pay: between \$18.82 to \$21.00 / hr based on qualifications-Yearly Pay Evaluations

Minimum qualifications:

Must be 18 years old

High School diploma or GED

Valid Michigan driver' s license in good standing

Must be legally able to work in U.S.

You must be able to pass a DOT physical examination and drug screening

Current and valid State of Michigan CDL (B) Driver' s License (Air Brake Endorsement) or must be able to obtain in accordance with Michigan State Regulations in a timely manner.

Current valid Michigan Water Distribution System Operator Certificate (S-3 or higher) or must be able to obtain within 3yrs

Job Responsibilities & Overview

Operation and maintenance of a wide variety of equipment. (Backhoes, Excavators, Dump Trucks, Snow Plows, Tractors, Lawn Mowers etc.) Employee will be responsible for street maintenance, infrastructure repairs, building maintenance and general construction including park and cemetery maintenance and landscaping for a variety of Village owned properties. Employee must have a good understanding and familiarity of computers and software including but not limited to Microsoft Word and Excel. Employee must be able to work on call outside of standard working schedules, including early mornings, evenings, weekends and holidays and be physically able to perform all job duties.

- Under the general supervision of the Public Works Supervisor, provide general labor support of a wide range of public works maintenance projects.
- Participate in the installation, inspection and maintenance of water and sewer services and water meters; Participate in the location and repair of leaks in water distribution systems; Ability to safely operated Excavators, Backhoes, Trucks, mowers and other equipment as desired ; Participate in the installation and repair of fire hydrants, service connections and the laying of lines.
- Locate and mark water and sewer mains and service lines upon request; Investigate and respond to citizen complaints; Read meters; Participate in regular hydrant flushing and valve exercising programs; May perform Public Works functions such as install, maintain and / or repair Village sewers, streets, sidewalks, buildings and traffic signs.
- Assist with seasonal Village operations and maintenance including landscaping, snow removal, parks and recreation, water system, pathways, picking up trash and minor construction and repairs. Assist in digging and burial, footing settings in Riverside Cemetery.
- Ability to perform basic maintenance and service to light vehicles, trucks, equipment such as trimmers, mowers, edgers, blowers, wheelbarrows, hand tools and pruning tools.
- Adheres to all applicable safety procedures while operating equipment and tools.
- Expected to deal with the public and coworkers in a courteous and respectful manner and perform duties in a safe and efficient manner.
- Duties require a full range of physical motion and activities including manual digging, pushing, pulling, lifting 100 lbs, twisting and turning the upper body, stooping, kneeling, crouching, climbing, balancing, crawling, reaching for objects, walking and standing.



Craft/Vendor Show

Saturday
April 2nd.

Village of South Rockwood
Community Room
5676 Carleton Rockwood Rd.
S. Rockwood

10:00am thru 4:00PM

Free Admission

We have a variety of crafters and vendors

Here is a portion of what we will have.

Stop in and support your local small businesses and home crafters



Lotions

Wreaths

Quilts

Metal Art

Epoxy Cups

Home décor

3D printing

T-Shirts

Upscale Farm House Décor

Porch Boards

Etc.....

Handmade Jewelry

Wooden Items

Mason Jar Tissue

Paparazzi Jewelry

Spring Crafts & Cards

Wrapped Candy

Decals

Custom Clay Jewelry

Water Color

Wood Carvings

Color Street





Annual Village Yard Sale

The annual village yard sale has been scheduled for:

Friday, June 10th 9am-5pm

Saturday, June 11th 9am- 5pm

Sunday, June 12th 9am-5pm

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

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.

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** and submitted to the Village Hall.

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

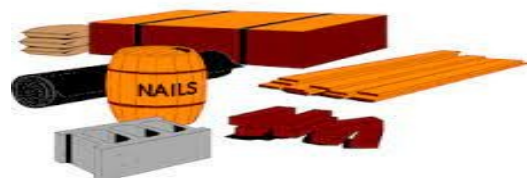
- Your contractor's license
- Your state I.D.
- Your Liability Insurance with the Village of South Rockwood listed as the Certificate Holder

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.**

****The Ordinance Officer will be going through the Village periodically checking for unlicensed vehicles.**



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

If you are planning to come and eat, Please call Mike (734-735-7004) or Wanda (734-755-4850) one week ahead so the caterer can be prepared for the number of meals needed.

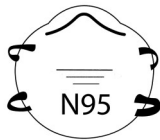
Come on out and enjoy delicious food, great company and play some cards with the group!



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

N95 Masks:

N95 masks are available for South Rockwood Residents at the South Rockwood Village Hall. One mask, per person, per household, while supplies last.



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 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.

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.

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.

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.

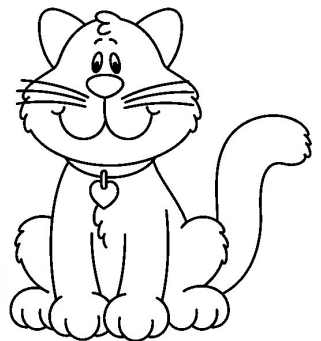


Cats

Cats are a roaming animal that can be mischievous.

Please keep your cat at home.

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



Friends of the South Rockwood Library Events:

Wednesday, April 13th @ 7:00pm

Wine Glass Painting—Over 21 Event

Join us for an evening of fun making custom, one of a kind wine glasses. This event is FREE and you must be 21 or over to attend. No one under 21 will be admitted. There will be NO instructions, so bring your ideas & imagination. You will receive 2 wine glasses & supplies. Snacks will be provided. You are welcome to bring a beverage or bottle of your favorite wine to enjoy while designing your personnel wine glasses. Registration is required and space is limited. Limited to one ticket per person. Everyone MUST register themselves & please read waiver BEFORE signing up.

<https://friendsofthesouthrockwoodlibrary.ticketleap.com/wine-glass-painting/>

Tuesday, May 3rd @ 6:30pm

Every County Has a Story” by author Barbara VanderMolen

Author of the Books "Discovering Michigan County by County" will share a small story about each county in Michigan. You'll learn facts, some history, and things to do in each. Her Two Volume Set (Upper & Lower Peninsula) will be available for purchase & signing. Cost is \$50.00

Registration is required. There will be a raffle to win a set of Barbara's books.

Wednesday, May 18th @ 6:00pm—Annual Board Meeting

Election for Board Members / Membership Drive

Wednesday, May 25th @ 7:00pm

“Willow Run: 80 Years and Still Going Strong” by Author Barry Levine

Barry Levine has published two books: Yankee Air Museum(2018) and Michigan Aviation: People and Places that Changed History(2021). His articles have appeared in Michigan History, Chronicle, Aviation on History and Vietnam magazines. He works at The Henry Ford Museum and volunteers at the Yankee Air Museum.

His presentation will focus on Willow Run's history, based on and expanded from a chapter in his current book. Now in its 81st year, Willow Run has an endless supply of aviation and automotive stories-including the Bomber Plant, Kaiser Frazer, General Motors, passenger and freight aviation, the Yankee Air Museum and the American Center for Mobility.

Both his books will be available for purchase & signing. "Michigan Aviation: People and Places that Changed History" for \$15. "Yankee Air Museum" for \$20 And both books for \$30.

Registration is required. There will be a raffle to win your choice of either of Barry's books.

Friends of the South Rockwood Library Events:

Wednesday, June 22nd @ 7:00pm

Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge- Presentation by Nicole Lefluer

Join us to learn about the only international wildlife refuge in North America, that is closer then you think. You will hear about the background of the refuge & how it's managed, & get an overview of their programs: Biology, visitor services & amenities. Learn about the Ecosystem & species that live/depend on the these wetlands and marshes.

Wednesday, July 20th @ 7:00pm

ARRGH: A History of Piracy on the Great Lakes

Join us for an evening of historical and cultural re-examination of piracy and it implications for understanding Great Lakes history. Ellen Kennedy, Education Director from the National Museum of the Great Lakes will be our guest speaker. No parrots or peg legs included, but a healthy dose of thievery, mutiny and other unsavory tales.

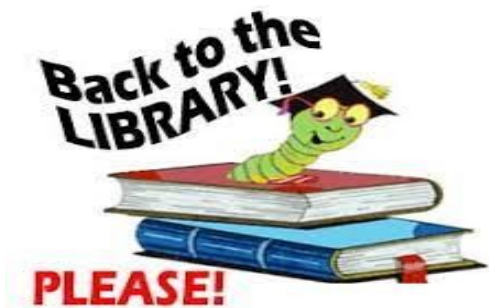
Sunday, September 26th, Quarry Challenge

Details to follow

***Registration is required for all events. Seating is limited. You can register at the library, from our Facebook page once event is posted (there will be a link) or on the MCLS web-site under Events/Calendar (except for Wine Glass Painting).**

We need your help! We are looking for ideas for events, presentation and/or crafts. If there is something that you'd like to see at the library, whether its an author, a subject you'd like to learn 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 or Shannon the next time you're in the library or you can email us at: friendsofsouthrockwood@mail.com

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



Summer Baseball 2022

Boys & Girls Ages 3-14

Email: s.rockwoodsummerbaseball@gmail.com
Facebook: Village of South Rockwood Summer Baseball
Cell: 313-304-9287

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

Mornings from 11am-2pm:

Saturday, March 12th
Saturday, March 19th
Saturday, March 26th
Saturday, April 2nd
Saturday, April 9th
Saturday, April 23rd

Evenings from 6pm-8pm

Wednesday, March 16th
Thursday, April 21st

Registration Fees:

\$25 Tball, Ages 3-5 (Games in June)
\$40 Mix Minors, Ages 6-8 (Games June to Mid July)
\$50 Downriver SEBA League, Ages 9-14 (Games late May to
Mid-July for playoffs)



Stormwater– Keep it fresh:

Stormwater 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 stormdrain.

Tips to keep our water fresh:

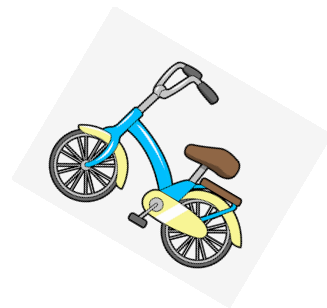
- Pick up pet waster and dispose of it in the trash.
- Never fertilize your lawn before a storm. Reduce the amount of chemicals you apply to your lawn.
- If you can, implement a rain garden at your house. Green infrastructure, such as rain gardens, help water absorb into the ground, preventing water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



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

Southeast Michigan Park Finder.

Semcog.org/ParkFinder



Recycle Dates:

April 13th & 27th

May 11th & 25th

June 8th & 22nd



Rubbish Pickup

- ◆ Place trash & recycle at the road by 6:00 a.m. as recycle collection is very early.

Please remember that Ord-35,102 Section 2. states that rubbish containers shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00 p.m. of the day preceding the collection day and all containers must be taken in prior to 8:00 p.m. on the day of collection and placed out of general view. This includes recycle totes. Totes & trash cans damaged by traffic will be replaced at the expense of the homeowner. Thank you for your cooperation!

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 the notice and ordinance on or before May 1 shall make the property owner liable for the costs of *cutting*, destroying and removing the weeds, *brush* and *grass* by the Village of South Rockwood or its representatives 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.

Yard Waste:

Grass clippings & leaves will be picked up in every Monday. They need to be in a green mesh or biodegradable bag.

Brush is picked up on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Please have it at the road by 6:00am. Sticks and brush must have cut ends facing the road.

No thorns or poison ivy/oak. Do not put dirt in bags. Any bag over 50 pounds will be left behind. Do not use plastic garbage bags.





Spring



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SEASON
SUNSHINE
WINDY



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

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