

July 2022

The Southern Post Village of South Rockwood



Water Information

To pay your water bill online:

Go to our website at villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com

Click on the link to pay by Credit Card.

Click on "Make a Quick Payment" at the bottom of the page

Please use your full address as the account number

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

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



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.

No cash please.

(The Library has a separate drop box, in front of Library.)

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.



Morley Riggs Park Rental

Summer is coming!

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



- * Park Rental \$75.00
- * Concession Rental \$75.00
- * Park &/or Concession Stand Deposit \$100.00

* All deposits will be refunded once the keys are returned and
the facilities are inspected and are satisfactorily.

* Permits are still required to insure that the park is reserved on the date
of your request. Park use after dark must be noted on your application.

* **Please note that due to liability purposes the Village will no longer issue any
permits for alcohol use. In accordance to Article 1, Sections 20-37, which states:
no person shall consume any alcoholic beverages within the Village parks without
a permit approved by Village Council.



ATTENTION VILLAGERS

The Village Council will have 3 term (seats) available for this upcoming election, as well as the President seat. These terms are 4 year terms for Council, and a 2 year term for the President.

You must be a resident of the Village of South Rockwood for at least 2 years.

The Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month (occasionally this is a Tuesday due to certain holidays falling on a Monday).

Council and the President are paid quarterly, \$15.00 per meeting for Council, & \$20.00 per meeting for the President.

If you are interested in running for either of these positions, packets are available at the **BERLIN TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE**. 8000 Swan View, Newport, MI 48179 (734-586-2187) Packets are due back to the **BERLIN TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE** **by July 26, 2022.**


2022 Village Taxes

The 2022 Village Taxes are payable from July 1, 2022 thru Sept. 14, 2022. You may pay your taxes at the Village of South Rockwood Hall or at First Merchants Bank in Flat Rock (28417 N. Telegraph Rd). **If you wish to make a partial payment, it may only be done at the Village Hall.**


If you received a Village Tax Statement that says ***Copy for your Records***, this means that your taxes are paid by your mortgage company. ***Yellow copies*** are the original tax bill to be paid by the home owner or business.




Building Department




Building Permit Applications can be picked up from the




Village Hall or printed from the Building Department Page






on the Village of South Rockwood 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
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Please call 734-379-3683, ext 101 if you have any




questions.




****Please be sure to check with the Building Department**




before making any structural changes to your home or



putting up any type of accessory structure on or around



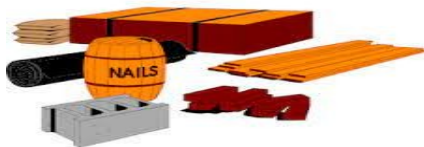
your home.



****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 or if you are out of county.

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!



Local Fireworks Events

(Subject to change)

Willow Metropark Fireworks, Friday, July 1st at Dusk

23200 S. Huron Rd. in New Boston

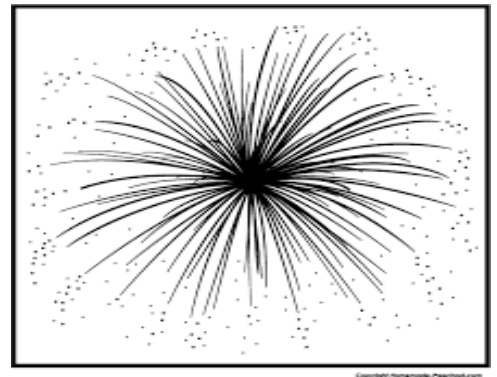
Lake Erie Metropark Fireworks, Sunday, July 3rd at 10:00pm

32481 West Jefferson Ave in Brownstown

City of Gibraltar Fireworks, Monday, July 4th at Dusk

Uncle Sam Jam Fireworks, Friday, July 8th

Corner of West Rd & Hall Rd in Woodhaven



Phone Number update

Please contact our Village Hall at
734-379-3683 x 101 if your
phone number changes.

It is important that we have your up to date
information in our system in case
we need to contact you for any reason.



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Firework Ordinance

- Consumer Fireworks are defined as: Firework devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion, that are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507, and that are listed in APA Standard 87-1,3.1.2,3.1.3, or 3.5. "Consumer Fireworks" does not include low impact fireworks.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to ignite or discharge except for the use of consumer fireworks on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after the following holidays in accordance with the listed prohibited hours of use.
- Prohibited hours of use: Independence Day, July 4th, 12:00 Midnight-8:00am. Labor Day, first Monday of September, 12:00 Midnight-8:00am.
- No person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property or another person property without that organization's or person's express permission to use consumer fireworks on those premises.
- Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged or used by a person under the influence of alcoholic liquor or controlled substance or combination of both.

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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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!

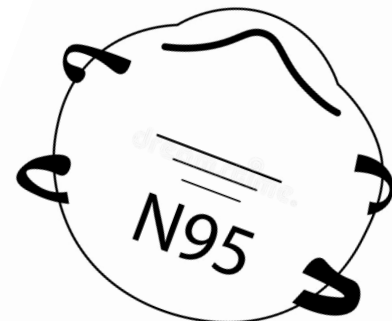
We provide gun locks for FREE here at the Village Hall. Feel free to come in and pick one up during normal business hours. There is a limited supply.

First come, first serve.



N95 Masks:

N95 masks are available for South Rockwood Residents at the South Rockwood Village Hall.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS CONTINUED

Summer Driving Tips:

According to the recent Department of Transportation data, summer, not winter, as many might expect is the most dangerous driving season. To help prepare for this summer driving season, here are a few tips to ensure that your next road trip is a safe one.

Check your tires to stay safe and save money. Well-maintained tires provide protection against avoidable breakdowns and crashes, improved vehicle handling, better fuel economy, and increased tire life.

Manage glare and heat. Keep sunglasses handy and use a sun shield beneath your windshield when parked to keep your interior heat down. Never leave a child or a pet unattended in a vehicle. The summer sun can also dehydrate you during long road trips so always travel with plenty of water.

Summer storms and even sun showers require extreme caution. Roads become very slippery in the first few minutes of rainfall because the rain mixes with the oil and dirt on the road. It takes about 30 minutes of steady rain to wash the oil and dirt off the road.

Texting and driving. If you're texting while driving, your chances of being in a serious car or truck accident increases 23 fold. The Michigan texting while driving law prohibits reading, typing, or sending text messages using wireless two-way communication device in a persons hand or lap while driving a car.

Under Michigan Law, Texting while driving is classified as a primary offense. This means that you can be pulled over and ticketed based on a TEXT MESSAGING OFFENSE ALONE.

PLEASE DO NOT TEXT AND DRIVE.



Summertime Ideas For the Kids

Here are some fun things to do with the kids this summer:

- Fly a kite
- Visit the Library
- Play mini golf
- Have a backyard dance party
- Play horseshoes or ring toss
- Go camping, even if it's just in the backyard
- Visit a splash pad or go swimming
- Go bowling
- Skip rocks
- Catch fire flies
- Go to the zoo
- Have a water balloon fight
- Build sandcastles
- Pick berries
- Blow bubbles
- Go puddle jumping
- Run through a sprinkler
- Collect rocks and paint them
- Go on a nature walk
- Plant your own garden
- Play freeze tag
- Go on a scavenger hunt
- Walk in a parade
- Visit playgrounds
- Volunteer at an animal shelter
- Build a fort
- Play with sidewalk chalk
- Film a movie
- Tie-dye t-shirts
- Jump in a bounce house
- Feed ducks



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SUMMER WORD SEARCH

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SPRINKLER

BEACH

JUNE

SUMMER

FAMILY

OCEAN

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FLIPFLOPS

PICNIC

SUNSCREEN

FUN

POOL

SUNSHINE

HOT

RELAX

SWIMMING

ICE CREAM

SEASIDE

VACATION



FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH **ROCKWOOD LIBRARY**

Summer Reading Program–

Oceans of Possibilities June 21st-August 5th

Adults-Enter the weekly drawing for a chance to win a gift card to a local restaurant.

Children/Teens-Every time you check out a book, you can enter to win one of four prizes: Ezyroller, Scooter/helmet & pads, Skateboard/helmet & pads or a Toledo Zoo & Aquarium Family Membership.

See Kelli for all the details.



Wednesday, July 20th at 7pm-

ARRGH: A History of Piracy on the Great Lakes

Join us for an evening of historical and cultural re-examination of piracy and its 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.

Registration is required. 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.

August event-TBA-Follow us on Facebook for updates/details

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH **ROCKWOOD LIBRARY**

Sunday, September 26th at 9am- **Quarry Challenge**

5K Walk/Run \$25 prior to July 31

\$30 before the day of race

\$40 day of race

Visit: quarrychallenge.com for all the details.



Wednesday, October 19th at 6pm- **General Membership Meeting**

We'll be discussing event ideas for the fall/winter. Please join us with your suggestions for presentations or project/craft ideas. There is NO fundraising involved.

We've expanded our "Used Book" shelves & updated them with new titles. Please stop by & check it out.

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



Water/Sewer Unit Charges 2022/2023

Water Usage (WA) rate \$4.13 per 1000 gallons.

This rate is used to pay the City of Detroit for the water purchased.

Water Debt Service (WD) \$10.77 flat fee per month per residential equivalency unit.

This fee pays for the Michigan Drinking Water Revolving Fund Bond Principle and interest payments.

Water Maintenance (WM) \$16.78 flat fee per month per residential equivalency unit.

This fee covers all other expenses of the water fund which include the following: Payroll for reading meters, preparing utility bills and posting payments; the water departments share of utilities, legal and engineering fees; water main break repairs; purchase and installation of meters, hydrants and valves; hydrant flushing, valve turning and all other required maintenance. It also covers the cost of training and certification for the employees as required by the Michigan Department Environmental Quality (EGLE).

Sewer Usage (SW) rate \$5.53 per 1000 gallons.

This usage pays for the processing of the sanitary sewage, downspouts, sump pump or other groundwater diverted into the sanitary sewer.

Sewer Debt (SD) \$20.26 flat fee per month per residential equivalency unit.

This fee pays for several bond principles and interest payments each year. The State of Michigan has required several improvements to the sewer processing plant. These improvements were paid for by the sale of bonds.

Sewer Maintenance (SC) \$15.90 flat fee per month per residential equivalency unit.

This fee covers all other maintenance cost of the Village's sewers which include the following; any upgrades to the sewer mains; contractual services with the Monroe County Drain Commission to operate and maintain the three pump stations and to flush and remove clogs from the sewer mains. It also covers Sewer Funds share of utilities, engineering, legal fees, payroll and payment collections.

Rubbish (RU) \$12.49 flat fee per month per residential equivalency unit.

Effective July 2022

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.



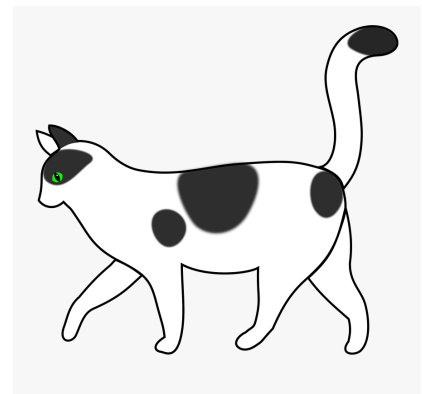
**Remember, your pet is
your responsibility.**

Cats

Cats are a roaming animal that can be mischievous.

Please keep your cat at home.

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



How to grow a green lawn while protecting our lakes, rivers and beaches

Keep fertilizer and lawn clippings on the lawn

Sweep or blow fertilizer and grass clippings back onto the lawn and not into the street to prevent them from getting into the storm drains and ditches , which can cause algae problems. Don't dump lawn clippings into drains or ditches.

Mow high and leave clippings

Set your mower deck high (Three inches) to establish strong, healthy roots and shade out weeds. Leave clippings on your lawn to return nutrients to the soil.

Hire a knowledgeable contractor

Check out Michigan Green Industry Association endorsed companies for the Healthy Lawn Care Program for Watershed Protection at www.landscape.org

Create fertilizer-free zones

Keep a 15ft buffer along waterfronts in your yard by not fertilizing or just letting the grass grow. A buffer helps keep grass clippings and fertilizer from getting into the water and causing algae problems. A buffer can also help discourage geese.

Reduce your lawn area

Making your lawn smaller by creating more planting areas with native plants will help infiltrate more water and reduce the amount getting into storm drains.

Keep Your Ditches Cut

The upkeep of your ditch is your responsibility.

Section 8.303: Property Between Lot Line and Street Edge

The area between the lot line or sidewalk and the edge of a street shall be maintained with grass or other suitable groundcover.

Property owners shall be responsible for the condition, cleanliness and maintenance of the areas within the right-of-way.

Keep Your Grass Cut

**It is the land owners responsibility
to keep their grass under 6" in length**

Section 10-102: Duty to Remove

It shall be the duty of every person who owns or occupies land within the Village to cut to a height not to exceed six inches and destroy from said lands all such weeds and/or grass growing within 200 feet of the road right-of-way.

Water Meters

**Please trim or remove any bushes, shrubbery, etc. from
around the outside water meters.**

Section 38-71 of the Village Code of Ordinances states: Owners and occupants are prohibited from obstructing meters or to do anything that interferes with the reading of water meters.

Recycle Dates

July 6th & July 20th

August 3rd, August 17th & August 31st

September 14th & September 28th

****Place your trash & recycle at the road by 6:00am as
recycle collection is very early.****

**Please contact Stevens Disposal directly if you have any
trash or recycling questions at 800-779-0344 OR
734-279-2611. www.stevensdisposal.com**

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.

Yard Waste

Grass clippings & leaves will be picked up 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.**

MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTERS & SENIOR GROUPS

Services offered at senior centers

While senior centers typically provide nutrition, recreation, social and educational services, many centers are adding new programs such as fitness activities and internet training to meet the needs and interests of the new generation of seniors. Some centers also offer case management programs, long-term care ombudsman services, and operate adult day health care centers.

There are 6 senior centers and 7 senior groups located in Monroe County

The Opportunity Center at ALCC (734-241-4313) 120 Eastchester St, Monroe

Ash Senior Group (734-654-2006) 700 Carleton-South Rockwood Rd, Carleton
Meets every Monday at 10:30 a.m. (except holidays)

Bedford Senior Comm Center (734-856-3330) 1653 Samaria Rd, Temperance

Frenchtown Center for Active Adults (734-243-6210) 2786 Vivian Rd, Monroe

Milan Seniors for Healthy Living (734-508-6229) 45 Neckel Ct, Milan

Monroe Center for Healthy Aging (734-241-0404) 15275 S Dixie Hwy, Monroe

Berlin Senior Group (734-586-7590) 5676 Carleton-Rockwood Rd,
South Rockwood
Meets every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (except holidays)

Dundee Area Senior Center (734-529-2401) 284 West Monroe St, Dundee

St. Anthony Senior Group (734-854-1143) 4605 St. Anthony Rd, Temperance
Meets every Second and Fourth Friday at 11:30 a.m. (potluck and euchre)

St. John's Senior Group (734-241-8910) 511 South Monroe St, Monroe

Sullivan Senior Citizen Group (734-439-1733) 13613 Tuttlehill Rd, Milan
Meets weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Water Tower Park Senior Group (734-848-8700) 11345 Harold Dr, Luna Pier
Meets weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**The Village Hall will be closed for the
following Holidays:**

Monday, July 4th, Independence Day

Monday, Sept. 5th, Labor Day



Hours:

Monday & Wednesday

8AM-1PM

Tuesday & Thursday

11AM-4PM

Closed Fridays

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