

January 2022

The Southern Post



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

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 2021, now is time to pay it off. The unpaid balance will go on your taxes if not paid by May 2022.

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.



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.

****Please DO NOT post date checks.****

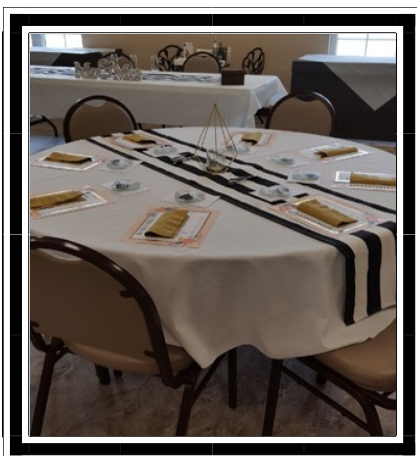
We accept credit card payments for Water Payments Only



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.

*Our Community Room is available for Rent
For Bridal or Baby Showers,
Birthday parties, Retirement Parties,
Conferences, Weddings, Graduations, Any occasion you might need a
large space our Community Room holds up to 125 guests.
We have round or rectangle tables available we have a kitchen with a
counter for serving.*



*Give us a call
379-3683 x 105 for more
information*



*We are
Booking for
2022*



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.

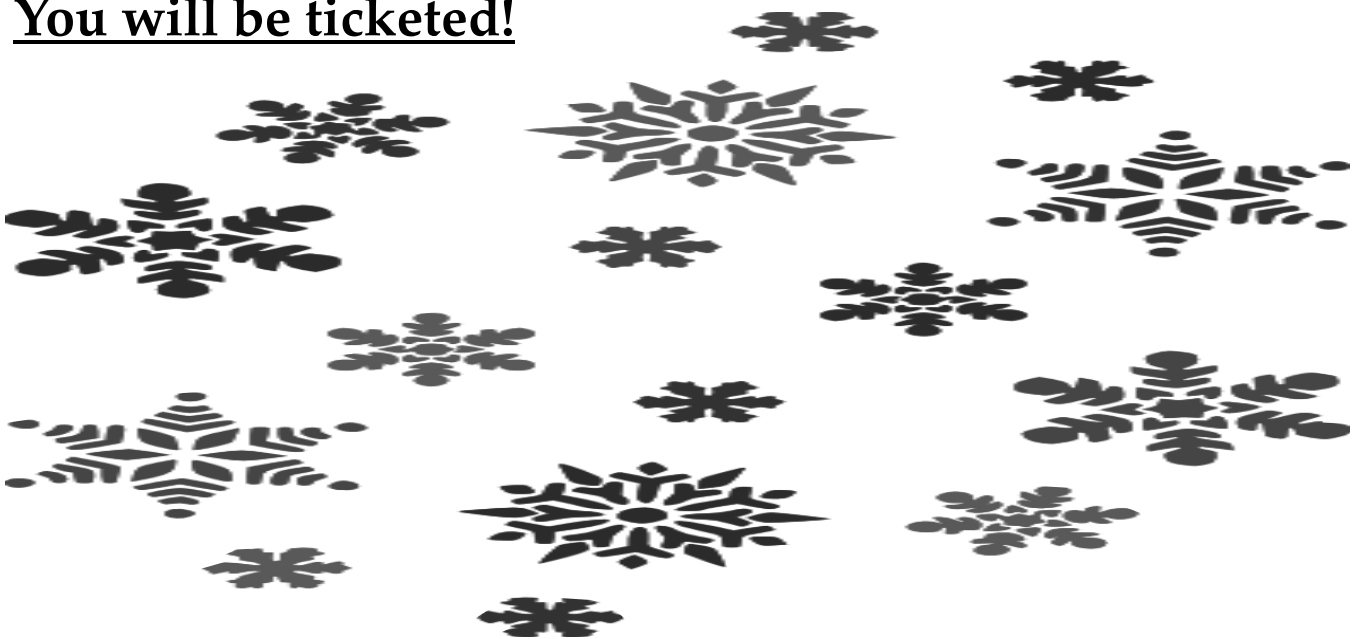


We ask that property owners use caution when plowing or removing snow from your driveways.

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."

You will be ticketed!



SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

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

- 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 the disability.
- You must turn in a Waiver of Liability and a new snow removal application **every year.**

**** If you have not turned your app in yet this year, please get it in.****

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 in case of an emergency situation. The DPW will only plow driveways **AFTER ALL Village roadways and other responsibilities are complete.** Only one driveway per residence will be plowed and no driveways will be cleared 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 the residents 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 a serious 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

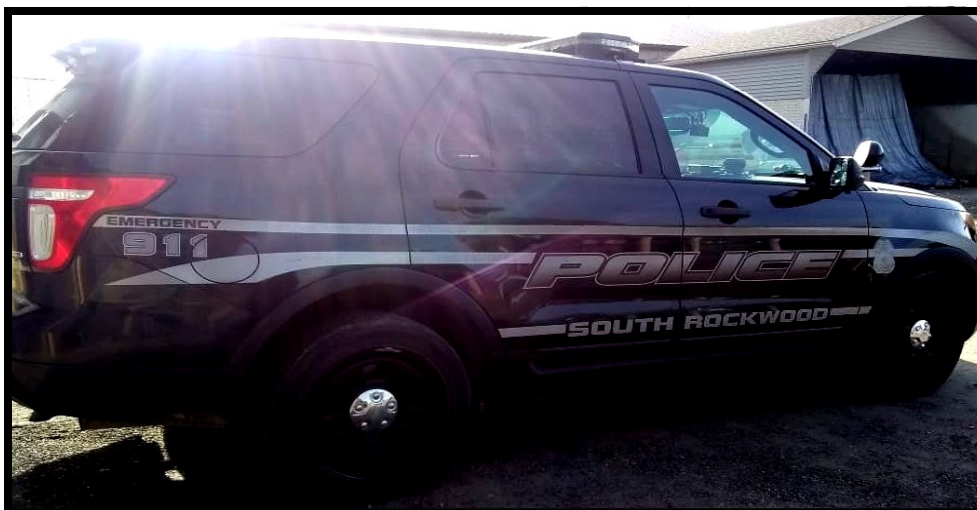
It has been noted that citizens have recently become dependent on contacting the Police Department via the general office phone. Although it is ok to contact us using the office phone, if there is something happening that needs attention by an officer, the best and quickest way to get in contact with 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 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. There is a limited supply. First come, first serve.

911 READY Bags:

The South Rockwood Police Department now has 911 bags. A big “Thank You” to MiMi’s Mission and the Carleton Rotary Club for their generous donation.

911READY Bags are designed to be used by Fire and Rescue, EMS and Law Enforcement Agencies when they encounter an autistic individual during an emergency situation.

The content of these bags were designed to included specific items that may help reduce stress and anxiety of an autistic person. For this reason, 911READY Bags may also be of great use to teachers, parents, and many others!

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 :






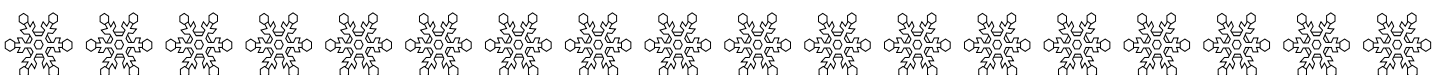
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1. Install a carbon monoxide detector.
 2. Never run generators indoors.
 3. Open windows slightly when using a kerosene heater.
 4. Never use a gas oven to heat your home.
 5. If your heat goes out, you can close off rooms you do not need to use and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

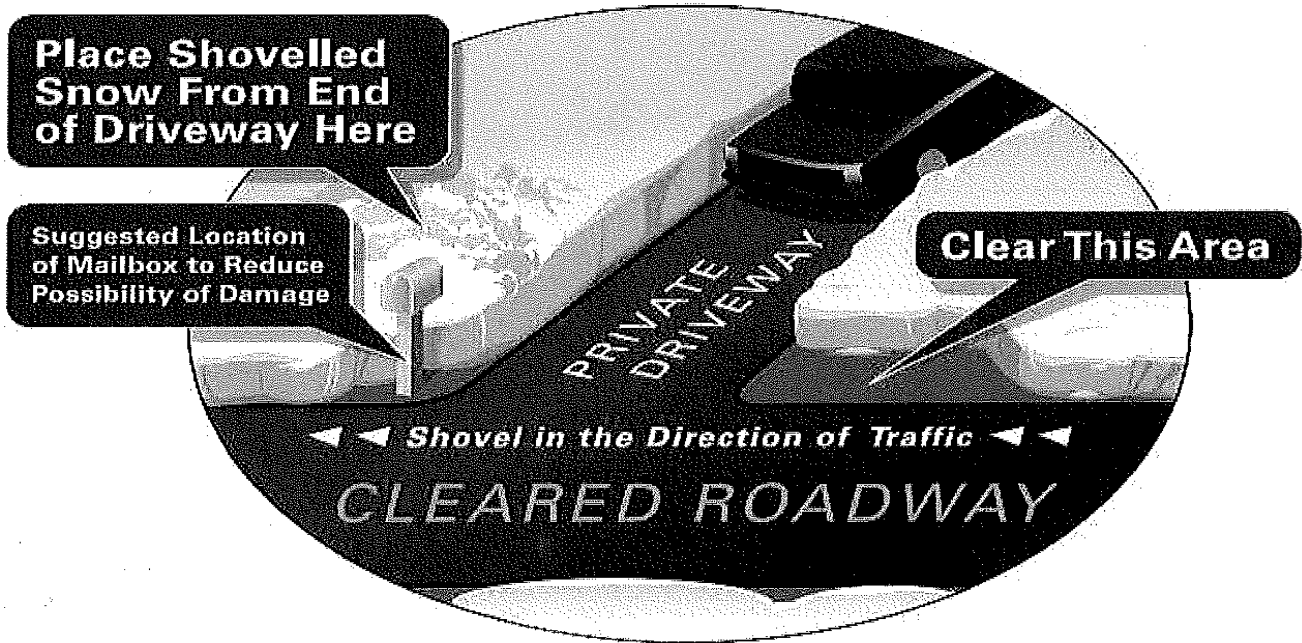


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1. Always keep a screen around an open flame.
 2. Never use gasoline to start your fireplace.
 3. Never burn charcoal indoors.
 4. Do not close the damper when ashes are hot.
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Avoid the "Second Shovel"

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.



Craft and Vendor Show

April 2nd, 2021

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

If you are a interested Vendor or Crafter
please call the Village Hall for more
information
on renting a table.

734-379-3683 Ext. 106.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

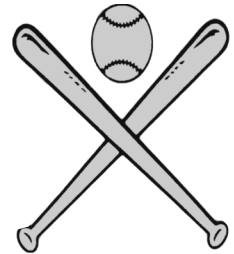


Applications for Building Department Permits can be picked up from the Building Department or printed from the Building Department page on the Village website at **villageofsouthrockwoodmi.com** and submitted to the Village Hall. If you are a contractor, please be sure to include a copy of:

- 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 12th 11am-2pm
Wednesday, March 16th 6pm-8pm
Saturday, March 19th 11am-2pm
Saturday, March 26th 11am-2pm

April:

Saturday, April 2nd 11am-2pm
Saturday, April 9th 11am-2pm
Thursday, April 21st 6pm-8pm
Saturday, April 23rd 11am-2pm

Berlin Senior Citizens Tuesday:

The Seniors are back meeting again in person on Tuesdays from 10:00am-3:00pm at 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 \$10.00 annually to join.

Lunch with membership is \$4.00 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!



FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH ROCKWOOD LIBRARY:

Hello from the new President, Holly Chinavare, of the Friends of South Rockwood Library. I am excited to lead the Friends and work with David and Kelli to make South Rockwood Library the best in the county. The Quarry Challenge returned in September. It was our largest attended event to date with 228 registrations, beautiful weather, a challenging course and all the wonderful sponsors! A huge shout out to Great Lakes Aggerate and Denise Camillo for putting the event together and making it such a success. With these additional funds, we will be able to continue to support the library needs & sponsor events & presentations. As a way to make the South Rockwood Library the best, I want to hear from you, the users of the library. Please join me at our **next meeting on Jan 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the library.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wed., Jan. 12 @7pm-"Vernor's Ginger Ale" by author Keith Wunderlich

At over 140 years old, Vernor's is America's oldest continuously produced soft drink. Keith will take his audience on a journey from pharmacy to factory & from entrepreneur to franchised corporation. He will also have on display, All Thinks Vernor's from his personal collection.(The Largest in the World) Books will be available for purchase & signing. Cost is \$20.00

Enjoy some refreshing Vernor's while listening to how a small back-room product turned into a highly successful brand.

Registration is required. There will be a raffle for a chance to win one of Keith's books.

Wed., Feb. 9 @7pm-"Better Made in Michigan: The Salty Story of Detroit's Best Chip" by author Karen Dybis

Discover how Better Made came to be, how its chips are made and how competition has shaped the industry into what it is today. This will be a Zoom presentation.. Karen will be able to answer questions at the end of her presentation.

Enjoy some Better Made chips and Faygo pop while listening to author Karen Dybis explore how Detroit "chipreneurs" rose from garage-based businesses to become snack food royalty.

Registration is required. There will be a raffle for a chance to win one of Karen's books.



FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH ROCKWOOD LIBRARY:

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

Wed., Mar. 23 @6:30-Michigan Mushroom Hunter Andrew Fleszar

Please join us as Certified mushroom expert Andrew Fleszar shares his knowledge of all things mushroom. Joining him will be a cultivator and an herbalist. Learn about the different types of mushrooms, where they grow and what they can be used for. He will also be sharing ways to eat and prepare them. Mushrooms will be available for purchase.

Refreshments will be provided.

Registration is required and seating is limited. This event will fill up fast, so please register early.

Wed., April 13 @7:00-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/>

Tues., May 3 @6:30-"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.

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH ROCKWOOD LIBRARY:

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

Wed., May 25 @7:00-"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.

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).

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 or Shannon 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 get notifications of all our exciting happenings

facebook.com/friendsofsouthrockwood

Recycle Dates:

January 5th & 19th

February 2nd & 16th

March 2nd, 16th & 30th

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.

The Village Hall will be closed
for the following Holidays:

January 17th- Martin Luther King
February 21st- Presidents Day



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734-379-3683
734-379-2523 (fax)

Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 8AM-1PM

Tuesday & Thursday 11AM-4PM

Closed Fridays

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