



A NOTE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE



I will start with the positives first. We have teamed up with South Charleston Youth Association again this year for the Easter Egg Hunt. The date is April 13th at the ball fields by Miami View with it kicking off at 10 AM. If weather is an issue it will be moved to the 20th at the same time. With the weather turning to Spring remember the children of the community. Please watch your speed on the side streets there are little ones playing and riding bikes. I will be opening the pool one evening in June or July for the kids with the cost being a non-perishable food item. I will get the information out ASAP.

We now have an officer in the schools on a regular basis. He will be in-between both campuses. His name is Mike Seagraves. If you see him introduce yourselves. He is there to assist the staff and keep an extra eye on your kids. This is a learning process for the school and the department, so if an issue arises be patient. Mike is scheduled to go to several training classes this summer to get familiar with the school setting and the extra steps in handling children. If you have any concerns please call me. This is a win-win for South Charleston and The Southeastern School District.

Now on the sour side of things. With Spring around the next turn please tidy up around your houses. I sent nuisance letters out referencing some vehicles that took a hard hit over the Winter. I am making my rounds and sending out more. If you have a complaint please call me at the office. Remember that we have a grass ordinance, when you mow your lawn. Grass clippings are dangerous to Motor and Bicyclists. They also cause havoc on the storm sewer. In the past we were using a three-step process with a warning being the first step, but that has changed. This ordinance has been in place since 2015. So, each case will be evaluated on its own merit and handled accordingly. With the passage of the street levy there are plans in place to start managing several of the streets. I will get plenty of notice out if your street is going to be worked on, so we can manage parking accordingly. I know it will be an inconvenience in some areas, but the benefits in the long run will be worth it.

Last on the agenda is trees. Last Fall the Village started trimming some trees off of the right away. That work will continue this Spring. A couple residents had questions about the responsibility of the Village. The Village is responsible to maintain the trees in the right of way. The right of way is considered any tree branch that comes over the sidewalk and into the street. If you do not have a sidewalk in front of your home then we will use the utility lines as a rule of thumb. If neither are applicable in front of your home then there is a measurement which identifies the easement/ right of way. If you have a problem with the Village trimming a tree back on your property you can contact a tree service and pay for the work independently. If you have any questions regarding this you can contact the Village Manager at 937-462-7167.

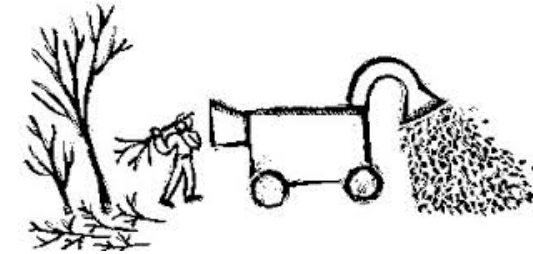


We have all been waiting anxiously for the winter to finally dissolve. There is a lot of clean up to be done. The Village crews will be working hard to clean up the streets and repair ruts and low spots in the cemetery. We ask that visitors be patient as this will be an ongoing process.

Street repairs and replacements will resume as soon as the weather permits. The Village

Commission is working to determine the best use of the Street Levy funds coming in throughout the year. Some projects will cost more than others and some streets need more work than others. We will try to keep you informed of street work and alternate traffic routes to avoid areas that are being worked on. Please follow our [Facebook](#) page, **South Charleston Ohio**, for updates.

If you have tree trimmings that place those items at curbside All items should be placed so curb and street. Please only curbside. Make sure that all



inches in diameter. We do not pick up grass clippings or other yard waste. The chipper will be going down each street and alley to pick up items laid at curbside. We will make one complete pass through the Village so make sure your twigs and limbs are ready to go. Please keep your piles neat with the cut ends toward the street. **Once we have chipped all the brush on a street, we will not stop to pick up late brush on that street.** This lets the Maintenance Department get wrapped up to move on to other jobs that need to be done.

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Please remember to keep lawns maintained, porches cleared of clutter and maintain your property. The Village does have Ordinances in place to help keep the town clean. South Charleston Police Department regularly sends Nuisance Letters regarding proper maintenance of properties and vehicles on premises.

Please **DO NOT BLOW YOUR LAWN CLIPPING TOWARD THE STREET.** These clippings run down to the closest catch basin and clog them, costing the Village (YOU) thousands in cleaning and maintenance fees. When the clippings don't get washed away they stay in front of your property and clump causing traffic flow issues. Please be courteous to your neighbors and help keep the Village clean and looking nice.

Refer to the "Note from the Chief of Police" on the last page of this newsletter for more Ordinance and Nuisance information.



VETERAN'S MEMORIAL



There is a Veteran's Memorial being erected in the Village of South Charleston. Land has been secured at the corner of Woodward Street (State Route 41) and Huntington Road near the bike path. Mark Finchum Excavation and Robinson

Electric will start construction in May. The memorial has been purchased through donations and fundraisers. Monetary donations are still being accepted. We have t-shirts and bracelets for sale as well as memorial bricks. Order forms for the bricks are available at Shoemaker's IGA.

The South Charleston Community Club will meet April 9th at 6:30pm in the Community Room at the Town Hall and pizza will be provided. We will also meet May 14th at 6:30pm at Tower Clock Co. with Phil Wright and a meal will be provided. All Village residents are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Carol West at 462-8944.

SAVE THE DATE – South Charleston – Southeastern Alumni Banquet June 15th Tour of building at 5:30 and meal at 6:30. Please RSVP
(Submitted by Carol West)

Shop & Eat - Be a Vendor- Buy Local - The Market on the Alley is Back!

We are happy to announce **Village Market on the Alley** will return this summer. The market will be located in the Historic Business District on South Chillicothe St. behind the Catholic Church. Tents with handmade & vintage items, home decor, local small businesses, fresh produce and food items will be set up for browsing. The Village Market on the Alley will be once a month on Saturday mornings from 9 am - 2 pm. The dates are **June 1, July 6, and August 3.**

Are you looking for a place to showcase your small business? Do you have vintage items for sale? Would you like to introduce your home-based business to the area? For vendor registration contact Christy Routzahn at 937-536-1065.

(Submitted by Jennifer McKee)

Ohio Rail Experience

The Ohio Rail Experience recently asked the Heritage Commission to host historical train rides from the DT&I Depot on Mound Street. We are delighted to see this popular community activity and fundraiser return. All 700 tickets sold out last fall, and we anticipate that even more passengers will descend on South Charleston this year.

Four rides will be offered from South Charleston to Jeffersonville and return on Saturday, May 25 (Memorial Day weekend). The exact time schedule has not been released.

We will circulate flyers around town with the date that ticket sales open (available only online at www.ohiorailexperience.com). We will also provide a promo code that offers a discount on the ticket price. The Heritage Commission receives a percentage of all sales that use this promo code so please remember to enter it when making your purchases.

We know that parking will be a challenge, probably more so than last fall when three rides were offered, and we understand that residents living near the Depot may experience heavy traffic and limited parking. Thank you for your support. (submitted by Sue Mattinson)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Community Club Meeting – April 9th
- Easter Egg Hunt – April 13th
- Spring Chipping – April 15th
- Community Club Meeting – May 14th
- Memorial Day Parades/ Offices Close – May 27th
- Community Garage Sale – June 8th and 9th
- Southeastern Alumni Banquet – June 15th
- July 4th – Offices Closed
- Market on the Alley – June 1st, July 6th and August 3rd

A QUICK REMINDER OF CEMETERY RULES AND GRAVE DECORATIONS-Please read all rules that are posted at the cemetery. Anything on the ground that inhibits mowing will be removed by Greenlawn Cemetery. **Shepherd hooks and plantings, including decorative rock, on the grave and around the headstone are prohibited.** When in doubt, please refer to the 4 signs posted in the cemetery regarding the rules.

If you have a community event that you would like to advertise, please contact the Village Clerk at 462-8888 and we will see that the information gets on the website and/or the village Facebook page. Join us on Facebook by searching South Charleston Ohio. Notifications of meeting and community events can be found on the Facebook page. The South Charleston Kid's Club can also be found on Facebook by searching South Charleston Kid's Club.