



Village of Russia

New Resident Information

Community Profile and Information

Welcome to the Village of Russia. In this packet we hope that you will learn a little about some of the great things going on in the Village of Russia, and hopefully answer some questions you may have.

The Village of Russia is home to members of a community that prides itself on a strong work ethic and a desire to give back to the community in which they live. Nearly all of the industry in the village was built from the ground up by village residents who take pride in their homes, school and the facilities provided by their local government. The village offers all the necessary amenities for living, working and building a business within the community including a full complement of utility and public safety services and willingness by village government to provide the best assistance possible. We encourage you to explore the possibilities of living and investing in our community.

- You can find out more information on the Village website at www.russiaoh.com or you can call the Village Office at 937-526-4436. The Village office is not staffed on a regular basis but your calls are important so if no one answers please leave a message or you can send an email to administrator@russiaoh.com

History of Russia

The Village of Russia is located in the township of Loramie, Shelby County, Ohio, United States. Pronounced as "ROO-she", the earliest settlers were French speaking Suisse who served under L. Napoleon Bonaparte during the war with Russia. According to tradition, the village's name commemorates a battle these veterans fought in Russia.

In the early part of the nineteenth century, a large number of emigrants from Alsace, Lorraine, and other regions of France settled in the southwestern part of Shelby County and the adjacent portions of northeastern Darke County. Besides Russia, these immigrants founded the communities of Frenchtown and Versailles, Ohio.

By the middle of the 1850s, the heavily Roman Catholic population had grown to the point that multiple parishes were established in the area. A log church was built and dedicated to Saint



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Remigius, the patron saint of France, and Mass was first celebrated there on June 15, 1854. The congregation soon outgrew its building and constructed a new brick church; and when it became too small, a larger brick

church was constructed and completed in 1892. The village is one of many small communities in a heavily Catholic region of western Ohio known as the "Land of the Cross-Tipped Churches".

Russia was founded by Lewis Phillips, who purchased and plotted the land where the village now sits. Phillips' house, built in 1853, was the first house in Russia; other settlers followed by the late 1850s. Phillips was also the first businessman in the village, opening a grocery store in 1853. Other settlers soon founded a dry goods store and multiple sawmills. A variety of other businesses began to take shape as the village grew in size.

Throughout much of its history, Russia has maintained a thriving economy and is currently home to a very well-regarded Russia Local School. Built on hard work, faith, and a close-knit, community-minded population, Russia continues to benefit from the dedication and perseverance of its residents.

Village Statistics

The Village of Russia is in the Midwestern part of Ohio in Shelby County, it is 17 miles from Sidney, the County Seat. The Village is home to 654 residents (2014 census), around 245 houses with 54 rental properties, 14 commercial businesses and 7 industrial businesses.

- 14 miles from I-75 in Piqua
- 17 miles from I-75 in Sidney
- 18 miles from I-75 in Troy
- 18 miles from Greenville
- 32 miles from The Dayton International Airport
- 38 miles from Dayton
- 78 miles from Cincinnati
- 126 miles from Toledo
- 82 miles from Ft. Wayne Indiana



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Your Mayor and Council

The Village government is made up of a mayor and six council members. They have regular scheduled meetings on the second Wednesday at 7 PM. The meetings are open to the public. The meetings take place at the Village Office at 232 West Main St.

Billing Information

In order to get your water and sewer into your name you will need to fill out an application form and turn it in to the Village office. These forms can be picked up at the Village Office or are available online at: [Water Sewer Service application](#) A \$100 deposit is required for all rental properties for water service. The Village offers ACH payments and the application for that is here: [ACH Application](#).

Here is a list of the other service companies in the Village.

DP&L- Electric- [Dayton Power and Light](#)

Vectren- Gas: [Vectren](#)

Spectrum Cable- Cable Television-Internet: [Spectrum](#)

Centurylink Communications- Phone- Internet: [Century Link](#)

NK Telco Cable Television, Internet, Phone [NK Telco](#)

Tax Information

The Village of Russia contracts with the City of St. Mary's for the Villages income tax collections. Most forms that are needed can be found on the City of St. Mary's website at: [Income Tax](#)

Utility Information

The Village of Russia Public Water System (PWS) was established in March of 2009. The Village receives its drinking water from 2- seventy gallon per minute (gpm) wells located on the



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Northwest side of the Village. The water is then treated at our water treatment plant at 200 North Liberty St. During this process, iron is removed, water is softened via ion exchange softeners and liquid chlorine is added to control the growth of bacteria.

The water is billed on a monthly basis; the Village utilizes automatic meter reading. The Village charges \$35.00 for the first 2,000 gallons of water used, this is the minimum. If you use over 2,000 gallons, each additional 1,000 gallons is \$6.00.

The Village also operates its own wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) it is located at 551 East Main St. The WWTP consists of 4 facultative lagoons that provide for a quality effluent which is discharged into Nine Mile Creek.

The sewer bill is based off of the water usage and it also has a minimum, the first 2,000 gallons is a base rate of \$29.00. If you use over 2,000 gallons, there is an additional charge of \$6.00 per thousand gallons.

Emergency Services

The Russia Community Fire Company provides the fire protection in the Village and will also respond on Emergency Medical calls, as first responders. Call 911. The Non-Emergency Number is 937-498-1111

The Versailles Rescue Squad provides the EMS coverage in the Village. Call 911. The Non-Emergency Number is 937-548-2020

The Village contracts the police protection from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. Call 911. The Non-Emergency number is 937-498-1111

The closest hospitals are

- Wilson Health Center in Sidney, <http://www.wilsonhealth.org/>
- Wayne Healthcare in Greenville, <https://www.waynehealthcare.org/>
- Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy, <https://www.uvmc.com/>

Trash and Recycling

Trash and recycling are both handled by Republic Services. The pickup is on Friday mornings.



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Recycling

When you move in there should a 65 gallon tote for recycling purposes. The charge for this service is \$3.52 per month, and will appear on your Utility Bill.

Acceptable items for recycling include:

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Junk mail
- Office/school paper
- Phonebooks
- Corrugated cardboard (please cut down to no larger than 2'X3')
- Paperboard (Examples: cereal, rice, cracker ,cake boxes- Please Flatten)
- Steel and Aluminum Cans
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs (#1 and #2 only)
- Glass Bottles and Jars (clear, brown, and green only)

All items may be placed together in the tote. The tote will be picked up every other week, according to this calendar: [Recycling pickup schedule](#)

For more information visit their website at: [Shelby County Recycling](#)

Trash Pickup

There are two options for trash pickup

Unlimited service is a 96 gallon trash tote that you can use any bag you would like and place at the curb for pickup on Friday morning. The Village asks that you retrieve your tote as soon as possible after pickup. This option is \$13.29 per month and needs to be set up through Republic Services.

Option two is a bag option; this option requires you to buy Republic Services bags. These bags are then placed at the curb on Friday morning for pickup. The cost of the bags is \$2.27 and can be purchased at Buschurs Market, you must purchase a minimum of 10 bags at a time. These prices are set annually by Republic Services.



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If the bag option is used and you need to get rid of a large bulk item then you will be required to purchase tags, these tags are available through Republic Services as well. The number of tags required will depend on the size and type of the object you are discarding. A list of items can be found on the Republic Services website. [Republic Services](#)

Parks and Recreation

The Village of Russia takes great pride in their 20 acre park. It offers three tennis courts, 3 baseball/softball diamonds, one baseball field, one and a half basketball courts, and a lighted walking/running path. There is also a large hill that seems to be home to sledding in the winter and slip and slides in the summer. The village also has a playground and several shelter houses and two restrooms available. The enclosed shelter house is available for rent by contacting a park board member. From the spring to the fall there are always plenty of activities to enjoy.

St. Remy Catholic Church

Saint Remy Parish was founded in 1846, and is part of the 19-county Archdiocese of Cincinnati. In addition to daily and Sunday Mass, the parish provides many opportunities for prayer and growth in faith for all ages. Religious education and youth activities are open to all – students do not have to be Catholic in order to participate. There are also many social activities, service opportunities and special events throughout the year, all are welcome. The church is open for prayer every day. For more information, see parish website at: [Saint Remy Church](#)

School System

Russia Local School is a K-12 building that is consistently ranked one of the top schools in the state of Ohio. Much of the district's success can be contributed to a wonderful staff and the support and strong work ethic of the Russia community. Russia School prides itself in providing a well-rounded education that will help our students find success in all aspects of their life after graduation. The district offers over 50 college credit hours within the high school, with the average graduating class receiving over a million dollars in scholarships. The school encourages new families to contact to the school early to register their children. The office staff enjoy giving new families a tour of the school at any time and will be happy to introduce your children to their teachers and future classmates before enrolling. Please give us a call at 937-526-3156 or visit our school's website at: www.russiaschool.org.



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- 14 miles from Edison State College and Upper Valley JVS.
- 28 miles from Wright State Lake Campus
- 39 miles from Sinclair Community College
- 42 miles from the University of Dayton

Little Lambs Preschool

Little Lambs, LLC is a Catholic preschool dedicated to educating children ages three to five years old. Our purpose is to set the stage for later religious and academic understanding and growth by laying the groundwork in the early years of a child's life. The curriculum at Little Lambs provides these opportunities through a variety of multi-sensory, hands-on learning experiences. We are a state-licensed preschool conveniently located next to the Post Office. Please visit our website: [Little Lambs](#) or call the administrator Kim Poeppelman at 419-733-3447 for more information.

The Gathering Place

The Coffee Club meets on a "drop in" basis 7 days a week from 5:30 – 8:00 a.m. Stop by for a cup of coffee and introduce yourself. You will find an instant welcoming committee.

Exercises for Seniors are provided from 8:15 – 10:15 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. These are offered on 2 levels of activity. Also, someone is around to give you a tour of the building and gardens.

From the table, you may pick up a schedule of events and services provided by the Gathering Place. Activities range from exercise to crafts to a music group featuring traditional string instruments. (and a lot in between)

Let us know how we can help you in your new community. We're all neighbors here. We're so pleased that you chose Russia.

Welcome,

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Public Library

The Village also has a public library; Amos Memorial Library is located at 200 Raider St. It offers books and movies for check out.

For further information visit the website at: [Shelby County Libraries](#)