

Dear Russia Community,

With spring approaching, we're thrilled to share the progress on the Russia Pavilion and Splash Pad! The pavilion is under roof and construction is moving swiftly. We anticipate its completion in early Summer this year. While the reservation process is still being evaluated, we'll provide more information in the coming months.

As for the splash pad, the plumbing is in place. We'll wait for nicer weather before resuming construction. The splash pad is also expected to be completed by early Summer.

From the project's onset, we sought funding from surrounding businesses and organizations. We've been successful in these efforts, along with securing a generous \$500,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Despite the incredible support, we still face a funding gap.

To address this shortfall and in response to community interest in contributing financially, we're launching a 30-day fundraising drive. For the next month, any individual, family, business, or organization that donates \$1,000 or more will be recognized with a permanent inscription on a commemorative plaque. A tax-deductible charitable donation can be made easily through the Community Foundation of Shelby County (<https://commfoun.com/donate/>). Please designate your contribution to the "Russia Pavilion and Splashpad Fund." The foundation will also accept personal checks. With this option, there would be no online processing fee. Please make the check payable to The Community Foundation of Shelby County and put Russia Pavilion and Splash Pad in the memo. Donations must be made by 4/27 to have name listed on plaque.

Your generous donations are truly appreciated. We are incredibly thankful to live in a community with residents who continue to invest in our town, making Russia a great place to live, work, and play.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Brandon Simon or Jake Borchers with any questions.

Sincerely,

Russia Village Council

### Example Recognition Plaque

