



Bremen, OH has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to urban forestry. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

"I visit a lot of towns throughout central Ohio with urban forests, but I always enjoy my visit to Bremen, their tree-lined streets are beautiful and they are really a draw for visitors like me. I commend the village officials, especially Tree Commissioner, Troy Tripp for their work towards this award" says Urban Forster, Lisa Bowers.

Bremen is not the first, or only, community in Fairfield County with Tree City status. Bremen joins three other towns in the county that have established Tree City Communities. You would be mistaken to say that Bremen is small to be known as a tree "city". Ohio's smallest Tree City is the town of Zoar, in Tuscarawas County, population 191 (people...not trees). And we also can't forget our northern namesake, New Bremen, population 3,000, located up in Auglaize County. They have held their Tree City title for over 20 years.

"Throughout this cold winter, the only thing "dormant" about our urban forestry plan - has been the trees! Our Tree Board has worked hard this winter to arrange for tree trimming, develop the 2009 tree plan, and reclaim Bremen's Tree City status. The Tree Board has had the support of village council now for 13 years, which continues to be a great help." - Troy Tripp, Tree Commissioner.

Bremen has a history of being a tree-friendly community. Village Council minutes dating from 1910 through the 1920's authorize trees to be planted along all the streets in town. That tradition was revived in 1996 and continues today. Bremen's public forest includes some 720 trees that line our streets and provide shade for our parks.

Area Bremen residents who would like to help the tree board or would like to have a tree planted in their dog walk should contact the Tree Commissioner at 596-4807.

To celebrate Bremen's Tree City status, the community is invited to participate in Bremen's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Arbor Day ceremony to be held at Howell Park, Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.



*Pictured here are fall 2008 tree planters from R to L: Chris Moyer, age 10, Aaron Tripp, age 4, Colin Tripp, age 10, (and cat) helping plant a Burr Oak tree in Bremen for Elizabeth Henwood.*