



Arbor Day Foundation Honors Bremen with Tree City USA Growth Award

"You can gauge a country's wealth by its tree cover," says an old proverb. And visitors to Bremen would agree its tree-lined, brick streets make a beautiful backdrop for visiting during any season.

Just as the village's pear and cherry trees are starting to bloom, Bremen will be blooming with pride as it becomes recognized nationally for earning the Tree City USA "Growth Award" by the Arbor Day Foundation. Bremen earned the award this year by demonstrating achievements in its community forestry program by implementing projects that included education, public relations, planning and management.

Bremen is 1 of only 530 communities throughout the United States that was recognized by this award. The prestigious "Growth Award" honors environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care in established Tree City USA communities.

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. This is the third year Bremen has been named a Tree City USA.

To celebrate the award, the Bremen Tree Board invites the public to participate in its National Arbor Day observance. This Arbor Day celebration will also recognize the National Boy Scouts of America - 100th Anniversary as well as Bremen Troop 95 - 80th Anniversary. The Village's Mayor, Tad Moyer, also plans

to participate in the community tree planting ceremony. The event will be held in Bremen at Howell Park, Thursday evening, April 29th at 7:00pm.



For more than a century, Bremen has quietly enjoyed an enviable reputation of having picturesque tree-lined, brick streets. Situated in a valley surrounded by rolling hills at the confluence of two creeks (Big and Little Rush Creeks), Bremen is enhanced by the canopy of beautiful trees that shade its historic streets.

“It’s great to work with a tree board and community leaders that continue to look at ways to enhance, protect and promote our tree-lined, brick street heritage for our children and future generations to enjoy,” says Troy Tripp, Bremen Village Tree Commissioner.

The tree board completed several projects leading up to the Tree City Growth Award which included establishing a “tree-lined, brick street” tree identification tour of the village, taking an inventory of the village’s 725 public trees, and implementing regular trimming, planting and hazard tree removal schedules. Future projects will include working with our business community along 664, as well as establishing “natural areas” within our village parks. 2010 Tree Board members include, Norm and Laverne Lyons, Mayor Emeritus Toni Harper, Robert Trocchia, Mark Morgan, June VanDyke and Nic Smith. For more information about Bremen’s tree-lined, brick street community, go to www.bremenvillage.com