## THE VILLAGE VOICE

A Newsletter From The Village Administrator: Douglas Hockman

Thoughts: First, Thank you for the warm and inviting welcome so many of you have offered. Each day I meet more and more of our fine residents. It amazes me to talk and make the connections we have from years gone by. The technology is sure evolving. One of the best mediums for keeping up with what is happening around town is our website <a href="www.bremenvillage.com">www.bremenvillage.com</a> or feel free to email me at <a href="oilcity2@frontier.com">oilcity2@frontier.com</a>.

It is my hope that most months when activities abound, I will be writing to you in my newsletter. I thank you in advance for taking the time to read it and marking important items on your calendar. I realize many still rely on more conventional methods so, hence the newsletter.

I would like to help you with your grass clippings, twigs, and small branches. My staff will be around EVERY MONDAY MORNING to gather your yard waste if you have it in a pile on the street by the curb. You may also put yard waste in a large paper bag and put out with your regular refuse pick up on Thursdays.

Our contract with Big "O" for recycling only covers residential pick up. There has been some confusion thinking it was for business pick up but that is not the case. Remember, recycling is the first and third MONDAY of each month. You no longer have to separate your recycling. PLEASE PUT RECYCLING OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE.

Thank you for your support of our swimming pool! We have sold nearly 60 family passes (\$100.00) and continue to have many who wish to pay \$2.00 for each visit. SWIMMING LESSONS will be for two weeks: July 18-22 & 25-29. 3 – 7 year olds will attend from 9:30 – 10:30 and 8 year olds and up from 10:30 – 11:30. The cost is \$35.00 per child. You may call the swimming pool to pre-register at (740) 569-0181.

Please exercise CAUTION when you see orange cones or white barriers with reflectors in the street. If you can, please turn and go down an alternate route. We have had a few people just drive over the cones where my workers were working.

We have already sprayed twice for mosquitoes. As long as the wet weather continues, we will spray twice a month on the SECOND and FOURTH Mondays of the month.

Have you used the Lancaster Public Transit System? Yes, it serves the residents of Bremen between the hours of 7am – 8pm Monday – Friday; and 9am – 5pm on Saturdays. CALL (740) 681-5086. During the month of May, 11 residents used this service. The cost if you call a day or more ahead is only \$2.00. Same day service is \$5.00. They do not transport on Sunday. If over the age of 65 and have a permanent disability – your transport is free.

STREET SWEEPING will generally be done on THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. If you are home, and can park your vehicles at the rear of your property off the alley, that is a big help when the street sweeper comes through. USE CAUTION if you come up from behind any of the Village's vehicles. They are usually moving slow and workers are performing work on that part of the street.

THE APPROPRIATE CHANNEL FOR COMMUNICATIONS is for you to call the Village Office. In the past, Village residents have called the Mayor or one of the Council Members. I am readily available to help you with any Village need. If I am not available at that moment, I will call you back in a reasonable time. You can always send an email to <a href="mailto:oilcity2@frontier.com">oilcity2@frontier.com</a>. Many have already been in touch with me concerning various situations and have experienced my response time.

FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING is now complete and will resume in late Spring of 2012.

Thanks again for the warm welcome !!! I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming months.