

The Village Voice

By Mayor Josh Groce

Thoughts: Everyone please keep Doug Hockman (Village Administrator) in your thoughts and prayers. He had a medical procedure done on July 24th, 2012. He will be on leave for a few weeks. I would like to wish him a speedy recovery, and hope the procedure helps him and his health. While Doug is off and there are any issues please call into the Village office and I will be handling things while Doug is off. The Village Office Phone number is 740-569-4788. Our great staff in the office will get the information to me.

On August 1st, 2012 Our Clerk/Treasurer Kelley Tripp is celebrating 11 Years of service with the Village of Bremen. So if you see her around give her a Big Thank for her service. She does a fantastic job at her job.

I would like to take the time to Say Thanks to our village employees on June 29th after the storm that rolled through most of Ohio. Gary, Doug, and Mike were in town along with myself clearing the streets. Thank you to the residents who took their branches and limbs to the curb for our street department to pick up.

I would like to Thank Tad Moyer for getting a generator that Company Wrench donated to the Village so we could operate the Pool after the storms.

The Storms that came through June 29th were called a Derecho (Day-Ray-Cho) which is a widespread, long lived, straight-line windstorm that is associated with a fast-moving band of severe thunderstorms. Generally, derechos are convection-induced and take on a bow echo form of a squall line, forming in an area of wind divergence in the upper levels of the troposphere, within a region of low-level warm air advection and rich low-level moisture. It is a warm weather Phenomenon, derechos occur mostly in the summer, especially during June and July in the northern hemisphere. There is some pretty good footage of the storm, and the damage it created on the internet.

Notes: School is going to start right around the corner, August 21st to be exact. Please take caution in the mornings, and afternoons. Sometimes the kids get excited to get out of school and they may tend to not look both ways before crossing the street. Or a ball may bounce into the street and they run to get it and don't think about running after the ball. I would really appreciate it.

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A Newsletter From Your Village Administrator: Douglas Hockman

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THOUGHTS: I am back! The doctors have released me to return under “light duty” until my strength is fully back. The number of get-well cards I received was amazing! Thank you each and every one. There were many evenings where I placed the whole pile on my lap and read back through them. I received hundreds of well wishes on Facebook as well. I felt a lot of love and care from your expressions.

During my time off, I had a lot of time to think. I spent considerable time thinking about Bremen and the future we are moving toward. When I spoke last Saturday for the dedication of the “Historic Marker”, I raised the issue of Community Spirit. Before 1900, Bremen was largely a small agricultural community with bare supplies and necessities. I remember an old bell that sat on the hillside near my Grandfather’s house. These bells were used to communicate with the neighbors. Anytime the bell would ring and be heard by the neighbor, the neighbor would drop what they were doing and head toward the ringing bell. A ringing bell signified that something had happened. In those days, regardless of any differences, Community Spirit meant immediate response and the offer of help or the joy of celebration. There was such a feeling of needing each other.

In the early 1900’s, with the Oil Boom, there came a new dimension to Community Spirit. With the influx of new people, a downtown that sprang up, industries that rooted themselves, and a social aspect uptown that had never been there before on the weekends, Community Spirit carried a fun time dimension as well as the feeling of needing each other.

Certainly during the Depression the Village saw Community Spirit emerge again as everyone worked to help each other through those tough times. World War II had everyone pitching in to help. There were ration cards and women working in the factories, the automobile was making its mark on how the community functioned.

As Bremen grew and new industries came to town in the mid 1900’s, Community Spirit centered around the Village churches and certainly the schools. There was a lot of pride surrounding Bremen. In the early 1960’s, our school consolidation happened which pulled our families into an interaction with the larger rural area as well as other Villages such as Rushville and Pleasantville. Community Spirit took on a more broad meaning.

Today, Community Spirit happens in a lot of different ways. While Community Spirit used to be about events and projects in Bremen, now it has become more private. I see an increasing difficulty to get a lot of people involved in the larger community simply because

Bremen Safe Routes to School Public Meeting

Monday August 6th @ 7PM

Bremen Elementary Cafetorium

Please take part in helping create a plan to make Bremen a safer, more fun, place for our kids to walk and bike to school. This meeting will share a draft report that has been worked on for many months by the Bremen BE Safe committee in partnership with DLZ engineering out of Columbus. The plan includes many ideas for how to make our village a better place to walk and bike, but your input and participation is needed. The plan can, and will, be amended to reflect the good ideas that come up in this meeting before being finalized and sent on to the State. An hour of your time really can make a difference in the kind of Village we live in. Please join us in making Bremen all that it can be. Any questions please contact

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