

July 2016



Council & Committee Meetings

Members of the public should feel welcome to attend and participate at the following meetings regarding Village business:

- Zoning Commission:
July 6th at 6:30 PM
- Village Council: July 11th at 7:00 PM
- Financial Process Committee:
July 27th at 6:00 PM
- Zoning Commission:
August 1st at 6:30 PM

These are the meetings scheduled as of the time this newsletter is going to press. Should the need for other Village meetings arise, they will be publicized by legal advertisement in the Lancaster Eagle-Gazette.

Meetings are held at the municipal building,
9090 Marietta Road, SE.



In the pool, life is cool

The hot, humid weather we've been having so far this summer has been keeping our community swimming pool busy.



Swim lessons have started and there's still time to register for the next session.

Also, reservations are being taken for pool parties.

Details are available either by calling the pool at 740-438-8170 or going to the website www.bremenvillage.com/pool

Our pool manager Rose Ann Elliott would like to remind everyone that "Seven days without swimming makes one weak."



Lifeguards practicing water rescues with members of the Bremen-Rushcreek Fire Department.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." --Ronald Reagan



Park Corner

By Debbie Wolfe, Parks & Facilities Committee

Well, it's almost the middle of summer and I am still planting. I'm late in getting the tropical milkweeds established, but hopefully they will be mature for the influx of monarchs coming in August. But the good news, I now have much appreciated volunteers that are helping with the daily work. Thanks to Barb Johnson, who deadheads the marigolds at the entrance to the park. I also have David Seymour who has helped Dan Rutherford and me on many projects since last fall. I just recently have had the pleasure of gaining another volunteer, Andrew Kessler from Rushville. He is a student at OSU and a friend of Jessica Ghere of Bremen. Finally, Ty Cook will be helping out, starting in July.

I also wanted to thank the people who have given me starts of plants and seeds. Tim Miller has also helped in another way. He is donating his old slate sidewalk to the town, which is greatly appreciated.

We rent out the shelter house and concession stand. We will be posting at the shelter house who has rented the facility with dates and times. We are doing this because in the past some people have used the shelter house without reservations. This makes for an uncomfortable situation when another group comes and asks that the people with no reservations leave. Another problem occurs when people without reservations, use the area and leave without taking the trash to the red dumpster, or if they do, we are short trash bags, since there are only enough trash bags for the number of reservations. So if you would like to use the facilities, please follow the guidelines established by the park committee. By following the guidelines, it makes it a much more pleasurable experience for everyone. Thanks in advance for your help!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for picking up trash and keeping the park looking so great. I have compliments from countless visitors who say they can't believe how well kept the park looks. It takes everyone to make it look so neat and tidy, so thank to everyone who helps out.

Until we meet again, DW



It's time to exercise the fire hydrants

The Village will be conducting its annual hydrant flushing program during July. It is currently anticipated that this work will be performed on July 21 and 22.

All 85 of the Village's hydrants are flushed once a year to help clear the water lines of particulates that may build up over time. Crews also check the hydrants and valves for any operational issues which need to be addressed in order to keep the hydrants in good working order.



Residents may notice a brownish tint to their water after the hydrants in their neighborhood have been flushed. If so, run the water through a tap for a few minutes and it should clear up. Residents may also want to run their washer through a rinse cycle once before doing laundry.

Mosquito Update



Representatives from the county health department made a brief presentation at the June village council meeting about mosquitoes, various viruses, and control methods.

Most notably in the news these days is the Zika virus. There are a couple species of mosquitoes that occur in Ohio that have the potential of carrying and spreading the Zika virus. However, no infected specimens have been found in this state so far.

The best protection from mosquito bites is to:

- ✓ Empty or remove items that hold stagnant water around your yard or surroundings.
- ✓ Treat standing water that cannot be removed with larvicide to kill mosquito larvae.
- ✓ Check and repair window screens around your home.
- ✓ Minimize your outdoor activity in areas when and where adult mosquitoes are flying.
- ✓ When outdoors, wear clothing that covers your skin.
- ✓ Use an EPA-registered insect repellent and carefully follow the label instructions.

More information about this topic can be found at www.myfdh.org and www.cdc.gov/zika.

Reminders from Waste Management

- ▶ Trash to be removed is to be placed at the curbside no sooner than the evening before the scheduled collection day (which is Thursdays in Bremen).
- ▶ Bed mattresses must be completely wrapped and sealed in plastic.



- ▶ Upholstered furniture must be completely wrapped and sealed in plastic.



- ▶ Carpeting/padding rolls are to be individually tied and be no longer than 4 feet in length.



Plastic wrapping materials and packing tape can be purchased at hardware stores and some department stores.

Recent Bird Sightings

Flowers are not the only colorful things found at Howell Park. If you keep your eyes and ears open, you may very well see these species which have been recently hanging around the park and surrounding areas...

American Goldfinch



Chipping Sparrow



Baltimore Oriole



Indigo Bunting



Yellow-billed Cuckoo



Property Maintenance Problems

Village leaders and most of the village residents feel that two major obstacles in protecting harmony among neighbors and the historical and aesthetic charm of the community are the lack of adherence to zoning and property maintenance codes.

Neighbors, although they may not be vocal, do not want overgrown vegetation, junk cars, old furniture, construction materials and similar items in the yard next to their well-kept lawn and home. Village leaders do not want an unsightly property keeping future developers or investors from locating here. To that end, we all need to take it upon ourselves to clean up our property and/or advise the village of violations.

The Bremen Zoning Code and Property Maintenance Code can be found on the village website, www.BremenVillage.com.

The most common violations being seen are:

- 1) High Grass (Property Maint. Code, .05F)
- 2) Trash & Debris (Property Maint. Code, .05B)
- 3) Junk Vehicles (Property Maint. Code, .05E)
- 4) Swimming Pools (Zoning Code, 22.02)
- 5) Fences (Zoning Code, 22.03)
- 6) Accessory Buildings (Zoning Code, 22.01)
- 7) No Permit obtained (Zoning Code, 4.01)

These are just the most frequent violations. There are many more that you need to be aware of. Please review the codes or call the Zoning Inspector with questions. "I didn't know" is not an excuse for your responsibilities.

Other things you may not know:

- A permit is needed for construction or structural alteration of any building, including accessory buildings.
- Any time you occupy or use vacant land.
- Change in use of an existing building.
- Change in use of a non-conforming (grandfathered) building or structure.
- You can appeal any decision of the Zoning Inspector to the Zoning Commission.
- A zoning permit is void if it is issued upon a false statement.
- Failure to obtain a Zoning Permit shall be deemed a Violation and punishable under Section 7.02.04 of the Code.

Village officials and the zoning inspector realize that most violations are due to misinformation and/or lack of knowledge about the zoning and maintenance code. If you do not want to take the time to read the code, call the inspector at 740-652-5106 and he will be glad to help. The Village does

not want to fine and punish residents. Common sense is the best way to avoid that. However, **violators will be fined after proper notification has been given.** Let's eliminate that need and follow the rules.

Examples of property maintenance problems observed around Bremen:



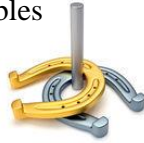
Community Connections

Here are opportunities to get out and socialize with other members of the community...

Weekly Games at Howell Park

Cornhole Toss: Every Wednesday through August 31, starting at 7:00 PM.

Horseshoe Pitching: Singles and doubles every Thursday through August 25, starting at 7:00 PM.



\$5.00 entry fee. Proceeds go to the Bremen Horseshoe Club and Howell Park.

Everyone should feel welcomed to watch or participate!

Bremen Farmers Produce Auction

Sale days are Tuesdays and Fridays starting at noon, on the following dates this month:

- July 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29

You can also find more information at their Facebook Page "*Bremen Farmer's Auction.*"

Antique Tractor Parade and Heritage Fest

This traditional event, organized and sponsored by the Bremen Area Historical Society, will be held Saturday, July 23, from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM.



The tractor parade starts and ends at the Bremen Museum, 161 Carter Street, where there will also be many family-oriented activities including food, music, heritage arts and living history demonstrations including a civil war historian in costume and bringing the past to life.

The parade route will wind through town on Bartlett, Oak, Purvis, Fort, around the downtown and back to the museum via Mulberry.

If you are interested in showing your vintage tractor or being an exhibitor or vendor, contact Terry Borah at 740-438-9211.

Blood Drive

June 26, 1:00 – 7:00 PM, by the American Red Cross, at Bremen United Methodist Church which is at the corner of Mulberry and Walnut.

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, Noon – 1:00 PM, at the Bremen Historical Museum, 161 Carter Street, in Bremen. Lunch is served at a price of \$8. RSVP by Friday, July 22nd, via email to bremencoc@gmail.com or call 740-569-9150.

Control Your Grass Clippings

As you mow your lawn this season, remember to not leave your grass clippings in the street. Otherwise we can end up with clogged storm drains and time consuming and costly cleanout projects. This is the same as littering.



Know What's Below

When planning outdoor home improvement projects, remember that everyone who is going to dig or drive a post into the ground – including homeowners and contractors – must contact the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) at least 48 hours, but not more than 10 working days (excluding weekends and legal holidays), before beginning any digging on their property. By calling OUPS at 8-1-1 or 1-800-362-2764, they will coordinate with local utilities to have underground lines marked at no charge to you. It's the law.

