

# **THE VILLAGE VOICE**

## **A Newsletter From The Village Administrator: Douglas Hockman**

**THOUGHTS:** Beginning in August, I will be at the Bremen Bulk Foods & Mercantile, 108 West Main St., on the FIRST THURSDAY of every month between 9:00 – 10:30. Come by for a free cup of coffee and chat with me about things you would like to see Bremen do as a Village. It is a time of listening and talking about things important to our residents. It will be a time of coming and going as you are able to stop by. I hope to see you during one of the upcoming months. Junee's maple clusters are absolutely the best!!!

Don't forget your limbs and trimmings out on curb. Put out on Sunday evening and we will get them on Monday morning.

Your trash and recycling must be put out in front of your house to be picked up on their respective days. Yard waste must be tied, bagged or in a container.

Did you know the BREMEN FAMILY PRACTICE is now open 5 days a week!!! They have added a Nurse Practitioner, Ms. Sonya Saffell and a Physician's Assistant, Mr. Paul Schorr. Along with Dr. Troy Hampton, they make a great team! What a blessing to have excellent health care personnel in Bremen!!!

Mosquito Spraying is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. If it rains, they will catch up within a few days of those dates. Be Alert!!! and Watch!!!

MOMS AND DADS; GRANDMAS AND GRANDPAS; BABYSITTERS: Please give direction to your children about bike safety. I have observed many children not stopping at stop signs!!! This is dangerous. Speaking of bikes; parents make sure your children have a safe place out of view to park their bike at night. We have about 6 bikes that are stolen or come up missing per month.

Village Residents: Can you help me with an idea??? I am very concerned with our children riding down Marietta Road to get to Howell Park. I would like to put a sidewalk from downtown to the parking area of Howell Park. It would run parallel to Marietta Road but safely off the edge. I know it will cost about \$8,000. With the State cutting our funding and other limited resources; how can we make this happen? Maybe we can talk about it at Junee's store.

Thank you for using our parks and swimming pool! It has been a great summer. The last weekday for the pool is Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will close at 5:00. It will open on Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> and Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> and then Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. Our PARK HOURS will be from SUNRISE UNTIL SUNSET ONLY unless special arrangements are made for a group through the Village Office. Village CURFEW is now 10:00 pm for everyone under the age of 18.

**ARE YOU (OR HAVE YOU) added a building, lean to, fence, deck, shed, put in a swimming pool? Built an addition onto your house or garage??? DID YOU GET A PERMIT? If you didn't, then I need you to come to the village office (even if after the fact) and get a permit. I will give you a grace period until August 10<sup>th</sup> to get one. I need you to be compliant with local zoning regulations. Why subject yourself to a fine and maybe even have to tear down what you have done when a simple permit, when approved, will make you compliant.**

**FEES: Water Tap Fee \$1,500. Sewer Tap Fee \$750. Home or Building or Deck over 300 sq ft \$100.00 Home or Building or Deck under 300 sq ft \$50.00. Fence \$25.00 Sign \$25.00 Swimming Pool \$50.00 (including blow up pools; need 1 permit even if you take it down for winter)**

**FAIRFIELD CO. SHERIFF – NEW - NON EMERGENCY NUMBER - 740-652-7900**

**Don't forget the ETHAN COLLINS MUD VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT to be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at Howell Park. Come, watch and help support this fund raiser for the Ethan Collins Scholarship Fund. Contact Mark Hemsworth to enter your Volleyball Team! 740-808-4086 or [mhemswor@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mhemswor@columbus.rr.com)**

**You can still RESERVE THE SHELTER HOUSE at Howell Park for fall festivities!**

**Arf Arf.... Grrrrrr... Bow wow..... Please clean up after your pets when on sidewalks, or in our parks. You must have something to put their waste in.**

**I am going to be working on some alleys. Please have any PERSONAL ITEMS pulled back at least 3 feet from the edge of the alley. Please dispose of trash and items in your weeds that need thrown away. Items that can hold water are breeding mosquitoes. Please take care of your property. Thank you!!!**

**A word about the Village's commitment to returning to bricks. Relaying bricks is an art. Each brick must be removed, scraped and cleaned; then returned with the appropriate base material compacted before the sand can be placed and the bricks relayed. This takes time and with the weather having been uncertain, it relies on our patience to believe in the final result. To relay the bricks that have sunken, we need curbs and gutters that are in excellent condition. Each foot of curb costs about \$30.00. The Village is only able to do so much each year. I know there are a lot of areas that need done... actually, past needing done. Be patient, and kind-hearted as we progress on this multi-year effort. After we finish on Fort St. where the new curb was put in, we will move to some of the worst intersections. Please find an alternate route and do not go around our barricades and signs... Thank you for your consideration.**

**It isn't too early to begin thinking about our CHRISTMAS PARADE... Let's plan now to make it our BIGGEST, BRIGHTEST, AND MOST BEAUTIFUL PARADE YET! Plan to participate and keep Bremen on the map for Santa Claus!!!**