

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

## A NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR DOUGLAS HOCKMAN

**THOUGHTS:** Thank you to all for your kind words about the work getting done in the Village. We have persons who want to work and have a wonderful work ethic. I am always available to listen to your concerns and praises. Don't forget to stop by the Bremen Bulk Foods & Mercantile on the first Thursday. Next session is October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:30. THE NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> SESSION WILL BE AT THE VILLAGE OFFICES FROM 6:00 – 7:20 IN THE EVENING FOR ALL OF YOU WHO WORK DURING THE DAY. Yes – I will have refreshments for you too!!! There will be NO morning session on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Any more, people say “it takes a Village” to raise a child. Does that mean we can tell a child to stop picking their nose? or “that” language is not appropriate? or ask a child to stop at a stop sign? or stop acting like their parent? or “whoa” on that public display of affection? (add your own thoughts for raising a child – you would like to say)... I will leave the answers up to you since “they” tell us it takes a Village. You are the Village!!!

How long has it been since you were EXCITED about something and wanted to get involved? Maybe you can help me. In 1999 -2000 Bremen did a study for revitalizing the downtown area of Bremen. Those folks who were a part of the study did a great job identifying strategic challenges to the downtown and possible remedies. One of the suggestions was a GAZEBO in Dowling Park. This has been on the back burner for a long time until recently a couple of our downtown business owners came forward with a request to make the GAZEBO a reality. They collected signatures of persons who support such a venture. Their idea was presented to the Village's Pool, Parks, and Rec. Committee that supported the idea and presented the idea to Council and had the business owners share their thoughts. AS A RESULT... The Council voted to form an AD HOC committee. The Village Administrator and June Van Dyke were asked to head up this new committee of VILLAGE RESIDENTS. Now... that's YOU!!! There have been several express an interest BUT... we need some more. This committee will be responsible for coming up with the design and all those details as well as fund raising. We want this to be a Village project. Will you help? Contact June at the Bulk Foods Store on Main Street or call me at the Village Office. VOLUNTEERISM IS AWESOME!!!!!! THE GOAL for the Gazebo is to provide a central “meeting place” for concerts and other entertaining events that would draw the Village & Township residents downtown.

LEAF PICKUP will be every other week... On MONDAYS Oct. 3, 17, 31, & Nov. 14, 28 we will pick up on PURVIS AVE AND ALL STREETS AND SIDE STREETS GOING EAST FROM PURVIS. On THURSDAYS Oct. 6, 20, & Nov. 3, 17, & Dec. 1 we will pick up on OAK STREET AND ALL STREETS AND SIDE STREETS WEST OF PURVIS. You can help me by raking your leaves INTO PILES AT THE CURB. Do not rake one big long line. Please clean and rake the leaves where your car sits if it is on the street. If you will help by raking into piles, we will be so appreciative. If there is bad weather on your pick up day, we may have to collect on the following day. Please be patient... we will get to your leaves.

**MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT....** The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an Election Forum on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Historical Society Building on Carter Street beginning at 7:00 pm. **NOTE:** If you are a candidate running for office in the Village or Township or other races the residents will be voting on... You **MUST RESERVE** your speaking time by calling the Chamber Office at 569-9150 or send an email to [bremencoc@gmail.com](mailto:bremencoc@gmail.com).

Have you been over to the Historical Society to see the Bremen's Native American Culture Display? The artifacts will be on display every Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 – 6:00 until November 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who contributed and worked hard to make this display such a wonderful experience!!!

**FLU SHOTS... FLU SHOTS... FLU SHOTS...** The Fairfield County Health Dept. will have flu shots at the Historical Society Building on **OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>** from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Cost is \$25.00 unless you have insurance, medicare, or medicaid paperwork.

**CARVE A JACK-O-LANTERN...** This jack-o-lantern carve-a-thon will be Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at the Firehouse from 6-8 pm. Pumpkins will be provided free **BUT...** you must bring your own carving tools. There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place based on creative carving artwork. All the jack-o-lanterns will be used for the **PUMPKIN WALK** at Howell Park on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8 pm. The Pumpkin Walk will provide a wiener roast and beverages for all who attend!!!

**THERE IS NO OPEN BURNING OF FALL LEAVES OR TRASH IN THE VILLAGE OF BREMEN**

Trick or Treat will be October 27 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm....

Bremen Chamber of Commerce **ANNUAL BANQUET** will be Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Hear the "State of the Village" and "State of Rushcreek Township" addresses. Cost is \$10.00 prepaid and \$12.00 at the door at the Historical Society. Reservations can be made by calling 569-9150 or online at [bremencoc@gmail.com](mailto:bremencoc@gmail.com).

Should you??? Could you??? Would you consider being a Big Brother or Big Sister? Call Anna Tobin at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fairfield County (740-687-9477) One hour a week given to a young person **WILL** change their life!!!

The Village Council has set a policy for anyone who wishes to **VOLUNTEER** with the Village of Bremen. Everyone must sign a Waiver of Liability. This is the same format as other groups have such as Habitat for Humanity. If you have time and would like to help accomplish a project that needs done (above and beyond the regular duties of our Village workers), your help would be appreciated. For instance, the playground equipment has need for paint and the concession stand needs work done on it.

Sarah Graf, Ohio State Univ. student, from Bremen, will be bringing 11 other OSU students to Bremen on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> to talk with students about educational opportunities beyond high school. After time with students, these 12 college students will help with a Service Project here in the Village. The day will end with dinner and a time of learning about Bremen. Thank you Sarah for thinking of your hometown!!!

**THANK YOU to the Fairfield Union Junior Varsity Volleyball Team for stopping by to provide several hours of Community Service by picking up trash in our Parks and watering the flowers in downtown Bremen! Kudos to Kim Dixon, Cyera Dixon, Abby Muetzel, Taylor Grubb, Brooke Gulling, Sidney Aucreman. You're the BEST!!!**

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

**As we clean up for Fall, please keep your plants and shrubs from obstructing the sidewalks and alleys. Put your clippings in bags for pick up on Mondays and NOT in your piles of leaves. If you would be willing to help a NEIGHBOR who is not able to do Fall work (clean out gutters, rake leaves, etc.) please call me to be put on a VOLUNTEER LIST here at the Village Office. If you are a resident that might need some help, please call me at the Village Office and I will put you on a list NEEDING HELP. I will try to match you up with someone. Maybe you have a neighbor that YOU KNOW needs help and can just step forward and help them. Thank you for doing so!!! VOLUNTEERS MAKE OUR VILLAGE THE GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER...**

### **OCTOBER CALENDAR**

- 10/ 1 Bremen Library Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.... Stop by Mon., Weds., or Fri.**
- 10/ 4 Pools, Parks & Rec. Comm. Mtg. at Village Office; 7:30 pm**
- 10/ 5 Coffee with the Village Admin. @ Bremen Bulk Foods from 9:00-10:30**
- 10/ 5 Special called Zoning, Property Maint. Mtg. at Village Office; 7:00 pm**
- 10/ 6 Budget and Finance Comm. Mtg. at Village Office; 7:30 pm**
- 10/ 9-15 Fairfield County Fair... See you there!!!**
- 10/10 Village Council Mtg. at Village Office; 7:30 pm**
- 10/17 Flu Shots Health Clinic at Historical Society Bldg.; 9:00-11:00 am**
- 10/17 Policy and Grants Comm. Mtg. at Village Office; 7:30pm**
- 10/18 Meet the Candidates Election Forum at Historical Society; 7:00pm**  
**Come and know who you want to vote for!!!**
- 10/19 Zoning, Property Maint. Mtg. at Village Office; 6:30 pm**
- 10/20 Safety Committee Mtg at Village Office; 7:30 pm**
- 10/20 & 21 Jack-O-Lantern making at Firehouse. Pumpkins are Free 6 pm-8 pm each night. This is for the WHOLE FAMILY!!!**
- 10/22 PUMPKIN WALK at Howell Park; 6:00 – 8:00 Wiener Roast & Drinks**
- 10/25 Records Committee Mtg. at Village Office; 7:30 pm**
- 10/27 TRICK OR TREAT from 6:00 – 7:30 (I like SNICKERS BARS)**
- 11/ 3 EVENING EDITION OF COFFEE WITH THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**  
**TO BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE; 6:00 – 7:20 pm**
- 11/ 5 Turkey Dinner at Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church from 4:00-7:00**  
**Adults \$7.00 and Children 12 and under \$3.50**
- 12/17 CHRISTMAS PARADE... Parade begins at 5:30. Get your registration form off our website [www.bremenvillage.com](http://www.bremenvillage.com) or at the Village Office.**

**At this time of harvest, please remember our FOOD PANTRY at Calvary U.M.C. This is our whole Village of Bremen project. May we shine in our generosity toward others; may we volunteer our time, and give ourselves in service. Wishing you all my best....**

