



# The Village Voice

Bremen Ohio's Monthly Newsletter

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### Council & Committee Meetings

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

- Planning & Zoning Commission:  
November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
- Administrative Process Committee:  
November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- Village Council: November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- Safety & Infrastructure Committee:  
November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM
- Financial Process Committee:  
November 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM

If you would like to speak at the Council meeting, please contact the office by noon of the previous Friday so you can be added to the agenda.

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.

### Village Office Hours

The Village offices will be closed on November 22 and 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

### Village Government Updates

During the September 10 village council meeting, a letter from Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Storey was read announcing that she will be stepping down from that post effective December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Village council will be deciding how to handle this vacancy, potentially switching from the elected clerk-treasurer position to a hired fiscal officer position.

During that same meeting, Jeffrey White announced that he will be resigning as Village Administrator at the end of the month and moving on to another employment opportunity.

### Employment Opportunities

The Village is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- ❖ Casual Laborer. This person will assist with fall leaf collection and potentially other projects.
- ❖ Village Administrator. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and accepted until the position is filled.

For detailed position descriptions and application instructions, either contact the village office at 740-569-4788, or see the website at [www.BremenVillage.com/employment](http://www.BremenVillage.com/employment).

### Remember to Vote!

Election Day is Tuesday,  
November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Polls will be open 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

Information about candidates and issues on your ballot can be found on the Fairfield County Board of Elections website at [www.fairfieldelections.com](http://www.fairfieldelections.com)



## Water Plant Project Update

Rehabilitation of the iron and manganese filter at Bremen's water treatment plant has been completed and the filter is back online.

Initial planning for the next project has started, which will include rehabilitation of the softeners and improvements to electrical systems. The schedule, cost and funding have not yet been determined.

## November Hydrant Flushing Planned



The Village plans to conduct a comprehensive system-wide flushing of hydrants during the first week of November (November 5 – 9, subject to weather conditions). If the weather is not conducive at that point, then hydrant flushing will be delayed until the next soonest opportunity.

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.

This process stirs up sediments in the water lines which can cause temporary discoloration of the water.

Customers may notice a brownish tint to their water after the hydrants in their neighborhood have been flushed.

The discolored water will be safe to drink but has the potential to stain fabrics during laundering. Check your water before doing laundry throughout the period of this project.

**If discolored water appears, run a cold-water tap ONLY, for a few minutes and it should clear up.** Residents may also want to run their clothes washer through a rinse cycle before doing laundry.

## Local WWI Heroes to be Honored, Public Attendance Encouraged



Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in a community commemoration event on Saturday, November 3, in remembrance of the following eight Bremen-area men who paid the ultimate sacrifice during World War I:

- ★ PVT George Dewey Bigham, age 19 yrs 3 days
- ★ PVT Emil Dean Blosser, age 26 yrs
- ★ SGT Willis Lewis Burnworth, age 27 yrs
- ★ PVT John Franklin Coen, age 21 yrs
- ★ PVT Edward Ray Moyer, age 26 yrs
- ★ PVT Oscar Huston McVeigh, age 33 yrs
- ★ PFC John Felix Schmelzer, age 32 yrs
- ★ PVT Carrol Thomas Turner, age 19 yrs

Furthermore, two special visitors from Belgium – Sergeant Major Peter Stassen of the Belgian Army, and his wife – will travel to Bremen to participate in the commemoration. Mr. Stassen is the caretaker of Mr. Burnworth's gravesite in Belgium, and wanted to visit Burnworth's hometown.

On November 3, the commemoration service will start at 10:00 AM at Bremen Presbyterian Church, 142 Purvis Avenue. Immediately afterward, a military ceremony will be held at Grandview Cemetery for laying of wreaths.

Relatives of these fallen soldiers are asked to contact the event organizers.



## Dowling Park Project is Taking Shape



The long-awaited Dowling Park renovation project is nearing completion. After months of site preparation work including clearing the old features, plumbing, and installing underground electrical lines – when it looked like not much was happening to the casual observer – the visible parts of the project are now becoming evident. Soon the pavilion will be finished, and the park will be ready for public use.

## Leaf Collection

The annual daunting task of leaf collection is underway. Due to the sheer volume of leaves during the peak of the season, it's not possible for the crew to cover the entire town each week. They will, however, try to alternate between two halves of the town on a weekly basis. So please be patient if they don't get to your location immediately.

Leaves to be collected should be piled **behind** the curb, **not in** the gutter or street. Leaves in streets can clog storm sewer drains and lead to high water problems as well as costly maintenance problems.



**Incorrect:** Leaves piled in the gutter and street.



**Correct:** Leaves piled behind the curb.

## Bremen Elementary School Veterans Day Program

All local veterans and current military personnel are invited to attend the school's Veterans Day program on Monday, November 12, 10:30 to 11:15 AM. The fourth-grade students will be presenting the program. The school is at 210 Strayer Avenue.

## State of the Village and State of the Township Presentations Scheduled

The public is invited to attend this social event to hear about the state of government affairs in Village of Bremen and in Rushcreek Township.

**When:** Thursday, November 15, 7:00 PM.

**Where:** Bremen Area Historical Society  
161 Carter Street, Bremen 43107

**What:** State of the Village address.  
State of Rushcreek Township address.

Light refreshments will be served.

This event is sponsored by the Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce. Learn more about the Chamber and upcoming events at their website [www.bremenareacoc.org](http://www.bremenareacoc.org)

## Reminder: Update Your Contact Info

Please make sure the village utilities office has your current phone number(s) and other contact information.

It is important for the office to know how to reach you in the event of a problem with your water or sewer service, a billing concern, or other time-sensitive matters.



## Utility Payments with Credit Card



Village of Bremen's utility billing office now has the added capability of accepting credit card payments for water, sewer and solid waste.

## Newsletter Versions

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