



# The Village Voice

Bremen Ohio's Monthly Newsletter

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## December 2016

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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:

- Administrative Process Committee:  
December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM
- Planning & Zoning Commission:  
December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
- Recreation & Facilities Committee:  
December 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon
- Tree Board: December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM
- Village Council: December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- Safety & Infrastructure Committee:  
December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- Financial Process Committee:  
December 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

If you would like to speak at the Council meeting, please contact the office ahead of time 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.



### Leaving the Leaf Season

The Village is continuing leaf pick up through the first week of December. After the first week in December you will need to bag your leaves and put out for trash pick up. So, as much as you can, please rake your leaves now and have them at the curb.

### Fire Hydrants to be flushed...



Our crews plan to flush the village's fire hydrants **on December 8<sup>th</sup>**.

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

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 faucet for a few minutes and it should clear up.

Also, residents should avoid doing laundry while hydrant flushing is underway, and may also want to run their washing machine through a rinse cycle before doing laundry.

### Holiday Trash Collection Schedule



Since Christmas and New Year's will be on weekends, Waste Management's Thursday trash collection schedule in Bremen will be as usual.

### Village Office Hours

The Village offices will be closed on December 23 and 26 in observance of Christmas, and December 30 and January 2 for the New Year's period.

## Village Government Updates

During the November 14 village council meeting, Sue Henwood was selected to fill the vacant council seat.



Council president Dave Ray administering the oath of office to Sue Henwood.

## Community Connections

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

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### “The Next to New” Christmas Sale

**When:** Friday, Dec 2, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday, Dec 10, 9:00 AM - Noon

Gently used clothing and coats for adults and children, toys, books, and household items will be for sale at very low prices. These could be nice Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Proceeds will support mission projects within the Bremen community.

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### Caroling Night in Bremen Apostolic Faith Tabernacle

**When:** Saturday, December 10, 5:00 PM.

Meet at the church, 228 Oak Street. From there, the carolers will walk around town singing Christmas songs to celebrate the season.

Afterward, hot chocolate and cookies will be served at the church.

All are welcomed to attend!

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## What should Fairfield County look like 15 years from now?

The Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission is kicking off a year-long process to update the county’s Comprehensive Plan and is seeking input from residents and business owners to help prioritize goals, objectives, and policies for the plan.



Please complete the survey at:

<https://s.zoomerang.com/r/PlanFairfield>

## 21-year project completed!

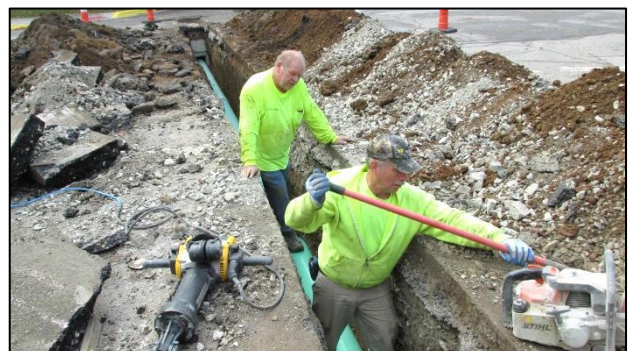
The Village of Bremen is now in compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s nationwide mandate for municipal storm sewers to be separated from sanitary sewers.

It was twenty-one years ago that village employees Byron Bowersox and Ed Hammond started the process of separating the storm and sanitary systems.

Because they undertook this work in addition to their usual daily responsibilities of operating the village’s water and wastewater plants, the pipeline separations were done incrementally with certain segments being completed each year.

Over the 21-year project, Byron and Ed have laid about 22,000 feet of storm sewer pipe along with installing several new catch basins.

Thanks to their ability to design and build most of the system without having to hire consultants and contractors, it is estimated Byron and Ed saved the Village nearly \$3 million!



Ed Hammond (rear) and Byron Bowersox (foreground) laying the last segment of storm sewer pipeline at the Marietta/Mulberry intersection, October 2016.