

T H E V I L L A G E V O I C E

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR DOUGLAS HOCKMAN

HAPPY NEW YEAR to one and all. I am excited with what the New Year holds for the Village of Bremen.

We welcome Josh Groce and his leadership as our mayor; Carl Graham and Tad Moyer as new Council Members; and our returning Council Members, Toni Harper, Valerie Rogers, Troy Tripp, and Debbie Wolfe. Our Clerk - Treasurer continues to be Kelley Tripp.

To my friends near Mulberry and Walnut, the weather just became too cold and has remained too wet to relay the bricks in the intersection. We have secured the dug areas with compaction gravel until the weather is dry and warm enough. We will then dig the areas up and replace the bricks.

To my friends on Purvis Ave., this will be your year of dealing with street construction. The Village will be laying almost 2,000 linear feet of pipe to connect into the new Storm Sewer Trunk Line. This large connector line will be going up the east half of Purvis from Marietta to Collins. I will try my best to keep you informed as to timelines and the actual work being performed. Since this will be on the side of the street that you park on, it will be imperative that all residents on Purvis use the alley behind their homes to park their cars getting to and from their homes. This will be several months from now but I want you to know now.

There is a grant request in which asks for funding to finish the curbs and gutters on Fort St. The request is for \$225,000 from which we pledged in-kind labor and cash totaling \$61,000. So, the actual grant monies will be in the ballpark of \$164,000. We will know the status of this grant request by the end of February. Should we be fortunate enough and awarded this grant, then the whole spring, summer and fall workforce will be committed to streets since both Purvis and Fort have brick surfaces. This includes everyone who works on water, waste water, and streets. Not many other projects will be on the work order for 2012.

**MEET WITH THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH
FROM 9:00 - 10:30 AT THE BREMEN BULK FOODS STORE. FREE COFFEE!**

SCAM ALERT... BEWARE...

I have been alerted to two different scams. The first is directed toward GRANDPARENTS... Usually comes as a phone call telling you that a grandchild is in trouble. The caller will use the name of one of your grandchildren. They are in jail for breaking the law. They ask you to send an amount of money (\$2,800) before the child goes into court (usually within the next 1 or 2 hours). They ask you to wire the money by Western Union. Their pleas are with a sense of urgency... got to do it right now!

The other SCAM is that YOU ARE A SWEEPSTAKE WINNER!!! However, they ask you to send them several thousand dollars and then they will release your winnings. Again, they ask you to wire the money through Western Union. A lot of these type scams are from Europe or Africa. That should be your first clue that it is too good to be true!!!

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO? Get as much information from them as you can. Get details as to WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN AND PHONE NUMBER... then call the Sheriff's Office and the Attorney General's Office. DO NOT SEND ANY ONE MONEY!!!!!!!!!!!!

At the last Village Council Meeting a Proclamation was read honoring Earl Lehman for his work on helping preserve our Oil Derrick in Howell Park!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the ONLY LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE and a special thank you to the HUNDREDS who lined the streets to share in the Holiday Festivities. A SUPER THANK YOU TO OUR SINGERS FROM BREMEN ELEMENTARY... You did a fantastic job!!! What is it they use to write in the newspapers... "A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL"

REMEMBER: A running toilet is the biggest culprit in causing your water usage to go up! The toilet can run constantly even if you aren't hearing it. An inexpensive and easy way to check your toilet is to take the lid off the tank, put in a few drops of red or blue food coloring. Don't flush... LET IT SIT FOR A WHILE... If any color seeps into the bowl of the toilet... you have a leak and you need to repair the flapper and parts in the tank!!!

I AM DECLARING JANUARY AS PUT FOOD COLORING IN YOUR TANK MONTH

May your dreams and aspirations find NEW HOPE in this NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!