



The Village Voice

Bremen Ohio's Monthly Newsletter

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Looking Back and Moving Forward

2015 is in the rearview mirror, and 2016 holds new opportunities.

A year ago at this time, we were enduring a harsh winter with extended periods of frigid temperatures and above-average snowfall. Village crews were constantly battling snow and ice on the streets.

So far this winter, a strong El Niño weather pattern is keeping things warmer and rainier.

Infrastructure projects kept our crews quite busy throughout the 2015 construction season. Most notable, was completion of the Strayer Avenue curb and gutter project. Whereas the Fort Street project of a few years ago took over a year to complete, more resources and planning were brought to bear on the Strayer Avenue project so that it could be finished within just a few months.

Our crews also made further headway on the initiative to separate the storm sewers from the sanitary sewers. This is something that the EPA is requiring of all municipalities across the USA.

The last sections of Bremen's sewer system are scheduled to be finished during 2016.

Also in 2016, we are planning to undertake street and curb repairs, sign replacements, street tree maintenance, and inspection of sewer lines. Not every problem location can be resolved at once. Given that there are so many locations needing attention, and that there's only a limited amount of money available at any given time, perhaps the biggest challenge with an aging infrastructure is prioritizing which locations should be handled first. We will be developing a long-range multi-year plan.

The condition of the Village's physical facilities was also addressed. Much needed work was completed such as painting the exterior of the wastewater treatment plant and a new roof on the water plant. Further repairs and renovations of lands and buildings are being planned for 2016.

Another initiative is that we will be looking at what pressure the Village can bring to bear on the owner of the Superior Fibers property and/or on their demolition contractor, to force them to finish the cleanup of that site. The property has been a big eyesore for over a year and we are all eager for it to be cleared and available for a new use.

We thank outgoing mayor Josh Groce for his excellent leadership and service over the past four years, and welcome incoming mayor Tad Moyer. The composition of the village council remains as Toni Harper, Michael Henwood, Sherman Prince, David Ray, Troy Tripp and Deborah Wolfe.

The first council meeting of the new year will be on January 11, 7:00 p.m., at the municipal building, 9090 Marietta Road, SE.



Recycling Update

As announced in last month's newsletter, the Village will discontinue providing for recycling at the end of December.



It now appears that the Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency will step in and provide recycling service for the Bremen area.

As of the time of this writing, Community Action has not determined where their drop-off site will be, or when it will start.

In the meantime, a number of public recycling drop off locations are situated throughout the county, including Community Action at 1761 East Main Street in Lancaster. Other locations are listed at www.fairfieldrecycles.org.

Trash Collection Schedule

According to Waste Management, Thursday trash collection will occur as usual on Christmas Eve day (Dec 24) and New Year's Eve day (Dec 31).



Lost and Found

The following items were recently found and turned in at the Village office:

- A bicycle at Howell Park. 
- A personalized ring at Howell Park. 
- 2 keys at the Marietta/Purvis intersection. 

Village Office Hours

The Village offices will be closed December 31-January 1 for the New Year period.

