



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:

- Administrative Process Committee:
February 2nd at 7:00 PM
- Planning & Zoning Commission:
February 6th at 6:30 PM
- Special Council Meeting. The 2017 budget and water rates will be discussed:
February 6th at 7:30 PM
- Recreation & Facilities Committee:
February 7th at Noon.
- Village Council: February 13th at 7:00 PM
One of the primary topics of discussion will be the 2017 budget, and how to maintain levels of service with less revenue.
- Safety & Infrastructure Committee:
February 15th at 6:00 PM
- Financial Process Committee:
February 22nd at 6:00 PM

Meetings are held at the municipal building, 9090 Marietta Road, SE.

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.

Village Government Update

During the January 26 special village council meeting, Elizabeth Lehman was selected to fill the vacant council seat.



Council president Dave Ray administering the oath of office to Liz Lehman.

Employment Opportunity

The Village is currently accepting applications for Water System Operator, which is a full-time permanent position. This requires an Ohio EPA Class I Water Certification. Applications shall be reviewed as received and accepted until the position is filled. For a detailed position description and application instructions, either contact the village office at 740-569-4788, or see the website www.BremenVillage.com/employment.

Utility Billing Office will be Moving

As announced in the last newsletter, we had planned to move the utility billing office to the municipal building during early January.

However, we are still waiting for Frontier to move the phone switching hardware. It's now looking like the move will happen during February.

What's the future of the Internet here?

There's a study underway to help researchers find out what is helping or hindering people's use of the Internet in Fairfield County, and what might be done to make it better.

Whether you are an Internet user or not, this survey is for EVERYONE who lives or works in Fairfield County.

The survey takes about 10 minutes, and your participation will be very helpful. You can use either the online or paper version. The paper version can be obtained at the village office. Otherwise, the online version is at <http://connectmycommunity.org/fairfield-county>. Choose the version of the survey that fits your situation (i.e. household, business, agriculture, institution, organization).

Discolored Water

Over the past several months, there have been periodic reports of discolored water coming out of water taps at various residences and businesses in Bremen. It appears the problem is not occurring uniformly across the water distribution system nor with predictable regularity.

There are a number of potential causes for discolored water. In order for the Village to solve the problem, we must receive more accurate and timely reporting from the affected customers.

Therefore, if you experience discolored water, please do the following:

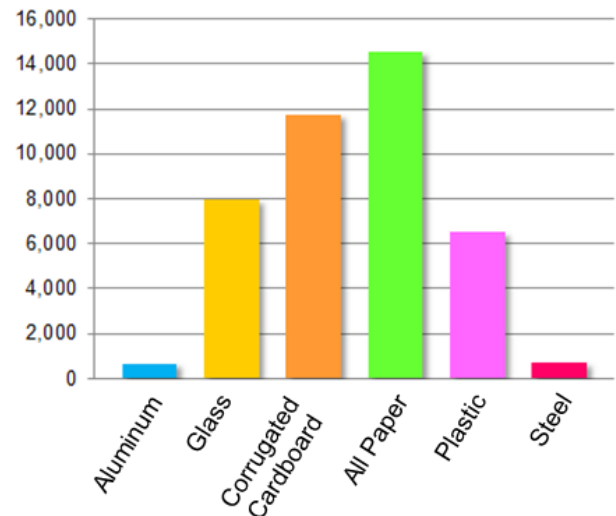
- ✓ Immediately call the village office at 740-569-4788 weekdays. If after hours or on weekends, please call the mayor at 740-569-4897 and report the address, date and time of the occurrence, a description of the water's appearance, etc.
- ✓ Collect a sample of the water in a clean jar and then seal the container. Be sure to write down the date and time of day and from which faucet the sample was collected. Our water department personnel can then come to pick up the sample for their documentation. While they are there, they may also want to look at your indoor pipelines.

With everyone's cooperation in this regard, we intend to determine the cause of the discolored water.

Recycling Stats

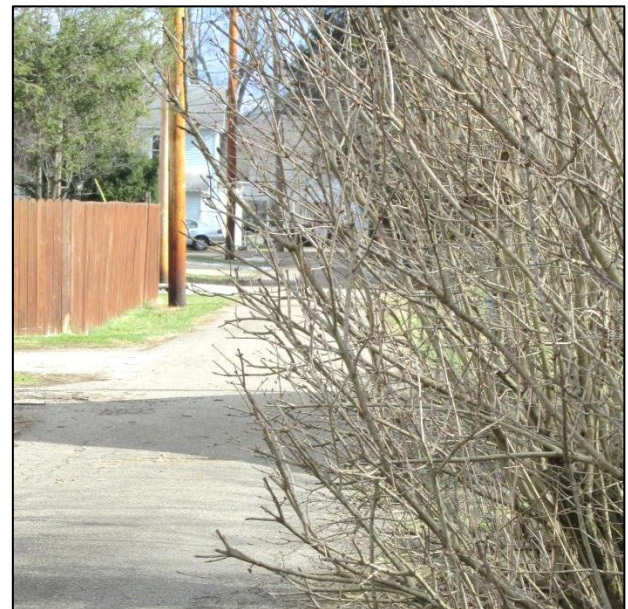
Last February, Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency initiated a recycling program for residents of Bremen and Rushcreek Township. The drop off location is currently behind the fire station.

The amount (weight) of materials is measured and the results for 2016 are shown in the following graph. The units of measurement are in pounds.



Overgrown Alleys

Please remember to check the shrubs growing along the alley behind your house, and make sure there are no overgrown branches that could scratch someone's car.



Village Office Hours

The Village offices will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents Day.