



# The Village Voice

Bremen Ohio's Monthly Newsletter

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## March 2016

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### 2016 Council & Committee Meetings



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

- ❖ Zoning Committee:  
March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
- ❖ Village Council: March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- ❖ Downtown Park Committee:  
March 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon
- ❖ Financial Process Committee:  
March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

### Remember to Vote!

Primary Election voting day in Ohio is Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.



Two sources of information about the candidates on your ballot include:

- ✓ The Fairfield County Board of Elections, at [www.fairfieldelections.com](http://www.fairfieldelections.com)
- ✓ The Lancaster Eagle-Gazette, at [www.lancastereaglegazette.com/pages/interactives/voter-guide](http://www.lancastereaglegazette.com/pages/interactives/voter-guide)

### New Recycling Drop-off Location

The new location for dropping off your recyclables, is behind the Bremen-Rushcreek Fire Station, at 201 Marietta Street.



### Employment Opportunity

The Village is currently accepting applications for Zoning Inspector. For a detailed position description 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).

Applications must be received no later than 12:00 Noon on March 7, 2016.

### Disc Golf Course Coming to Bremen



Thanks to the efforts of a local Boy Scout, we are looking forward to the end result of his Eagle Scout project.

Village Council approved the Scout's proposal to install a disc golf course in Howell Park this Spring.

Disc golf is a widely popular sport in which the players throw a flying disc at a series of targets, traversing a course from beginning to end in the fewest number of throws of the disc. It's like golfing with a Frisbee.

Perhaps the biggest challenge for the Scout is raising the money needed to purchase the materials. He appreciates all financial donations. **Please contact the village office if you would like to contribute to this Eagle Scout project.**

## Interesting Bird Sightings

So far this winter, the list of bird species observed around Howell Park has been for the most part nothing extraordinary. The usual mid-winter kinds have been around, such as: bluebirds, robins, juncos, chickadees, song sparrows, mourning doves, Cooper's hawks, vultures and so forth.

Two surprises, however, recently made brief appearances at the park. First, was a Brown Creeper checking out the maple trees around the horseshoe courts. This sighting was a surprise because brown creepers are more likely in mature woodland settings such as along the Rush Creek corridor. So this creeper ventured quite a distance across open land.

Brown creepers are easily overlooked because they blend in so well as they scale up trees feeding on insects that are overwintering in the nooks and crannies of tree bark.



Brown Creeper

The other unexpected sighting was the brief appearance of four Brewer's Blackbirds, which stopped by looking for spilled grain on the ground below the bird feeder.



Brewer's Blackbird

Brewer's blackbirds are uncommon in Ohio. This species is normally found in the western part of North America, where they are common. But they do occasionally stray into the Ohio region.

## Community Connections

Here's an opportunity to get out and socialize with other members of the community...

**What:** Baked Steak Supper  
(Carry-out available)

**When:** Saturday March 12, 2016  
4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Bremen United Methodist Church,  
205 Walnut Street

**Price:** Adults \$9.00  
Children under 12, \$3.00

## Village Office Hours

The Village offices will be closed on March 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday.

## Portable Basketball Hoops Must Go

You may have noticed, as many others have, that there has been an increasing number of portable basketball hoops appearing along the village streets. In addition to the safety concern for both motorists and children, the units are in various states of condition, including some that appear broken and possibly even abandoned.



This topic has been discussed by both the Zoning Commission and the Safety and Infrastructure Committee, and it has been decided the best way to address this is to have the portable hoops removed from the public rights-of-way.

Therefore, if you own one of these portable units, please remove it from the right-of-way by March 28<sup>th</sup>. Any such units remaining in the right-of-way after that deadline will be subject to removal and disposal by Village personnel.