



# The Village Voice

Bremen Ohio's Monthly Newsletter

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## April 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:

- ❖ Zoning Commission:  
April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
- ❖ Recreation & Facilities Committee:  
April 5<sup>th</sup> at Noon
- ❖ Administrative Process Committee:  
April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- ❖ Village Council: April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- ❖ Downtown Park Committee:  
April 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon
- ❖ Safety & Infrastructure Committee:  
April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- ❖ Tree Board: April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM
- ❖ Financial Process Committee:  
April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- ❖ Zoning Commission:  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM

### Celebrating Arbor Day in Bremen



The Village of Bremen will be celebrating Arbor Day on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM with a tree planting ceremony at Howell Park, honoring Norm Lyons.

The public is encouraged to attend the event.

### Employment Opportunities

The Village is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- ✿ Assistant Clerk-Treasurer. The application deadline is 12:00 Noon on Thursday, April 7, 2016.
- ✿ Swimming Pool Lifeguards for the 2016 swim season. The application deadline is 12:00 Noon on Monday, April 18, 2016.

For detailed position descriptions and application instructions, either contact the village office at 740-569-4788, or go to [www.BremenVillage.com/employment](http://www.BremenVillage.com/employment).

### Infrastructure Projects for 2016



Our crews will be busy this year with several special projects that are beyond their usual maintenance tasks. These projects all involve streets. Unfortunately, that means that there will be noise plus temporary disruptions to normal traffic flow and parking.

The projects include:

- Spot repairs of street pavements, curbs and gutters at several locations throughout the community.
- The goal of establishing a storm drainage system that is separate from the sanitary sewer system, is scheduled for completion this year. This is mandated by the EPA to prevent the rain water that drains from the streets from going to the sewage treatment plant.

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The storm sewer installations for 2016 are:

- Maple Street, from School Street to Bartlett Street. The pipe was laid during March, and the asphalt pavement that was disturbed will be repaired later in conjunction with paving operations on other streets.
- Marietta Street, from School Street to Bartlett Street. This is scheduled to occur during April. The asphalt pavement will be repaired later in conjunction with paving operations on other streets.
- Fort Street, northward from Marietta Street for a distance of about 220 feet. The pipeline will be laid during June with pavement repairs to follow.
- North Mulberry Street, northward from Marietta Street for a distance of about 400 feet, to a catch basin in the vicinity of the Rush Creek Conservancy District office. This is scheduled to occur in late summer or early autumn. More detailed information will be shared as it becomes available.

## Know What's Below

As the warmer weather arrives, more people start making plans for their outdoor home improvement projects.



By state law, everyone who is going to dig or drive a post into the ground – including homeowners and contractors – must contact the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) at least 48 hours, but not more than 10 working days (excluding weekends and legal holidays),



before beginning any digging on their property. By calling OUPS at 8-1-1 or 1-800-362-2764, that agency will coordinate with local utilities to have underground lines marked at no charge to you. It's the law.

## Remember to get zoning permits

As you plan projects such as building new structures, making additions to existing buildings, or installing fences, signs and swimming pools, remember to obtain the permits required by the Village's building and zoning ordinances. Contact the office at 740-569-4788 for more information.



## Community Connections

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

### Up a (RUSH) Creek...

The Bremen Area Historical Society will present its annual Dinner Theatre on April 15 and 16, starting at 6:00 PM.

Enjoy the meal while watching an entertaining production suitable for all ages. This year's play entitled "Up a (Rush) Creek" is written, directed and performed by local residents.

Tickets sell out quickly so be sure to call 740-503-7703 today to make your reservations.

You can also find more information at their Facebook Page "*Bremen Area Historical Society Dinner Theatre.*"

## Bremen Farmers Produce Auction

During the months April through October, this is an opportunity to purchase local produce from Fairfield and surrounding counties. Sale days are Tuesdays and Fridays starting at noon, on the following dates:

April.....	15, 22, 29
May.....	6, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31
June.....	3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28
July.....	1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29
August.....	2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30
September...	2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30
October.....	7, 14, 21, 28

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## Park Corner

By Debbie Wolfe, Parks & Facilities Committee

Howell Park is showing early signs of reemergence. If you haven't been to the park this spring, please come and see the beautiful daffodils. The daffodils that are along the sidewalk to the park were donated by Irene Kunkler. The white daffodils in front of the office were given to the park by my sister, Rebecca Kintz.

If anyone has bulbs or seeds that you would like to share, I'm sure we can find a spot for them. In return, if you see a flower from you would like to get a start, just contact me, and I would love to share anything with you. The more flowers that we have in Bremen, I say the better.

Anyone who goes to the park knows that I'm there almost every day. I have already started early planting and weeding of the flower beds. David and I are approaching 70 years of age, and are no longer "spring chickens". So this is where I would like to ask the community for help. If we could get a club or team to help spread mulch, that would be a blessing. If you know of any club or team that could assist with the mulching, please contact me.

Once I get the beds started, I would then love for individuals to "adopt" just one flower bed each. This would entail deadheading flowers, and occasionally weeding and watering. If I had several people to adopt a flower bed, it would be a wonderful help to me. Think on the positive side; you could also take a couple laps around the track, enjoy the park, and get some exercise, too!

Even if you can't help, please come and enjoy the park. No other park in Fairfield County has as many flowers, tended by just one person. Please come and help, so we can continue to have the nicest and best tended park in the county.

Until we meet again,  
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## A Convenient Place for Gatherings

Howell Park's picnic shelter house and concession stand can be reserved for group functions like birthday parties, family reunions and wedding receptions, to name a few examples.

Reservations are already being booked for various dates this year.

A reservation fee is required, part of which will be refunded if the facilities are left in acceptable condition.

For details and reservation form, please contact Crystal at the Village office, phone: 740-569-4788.



## Build It and They Will Come

The Village obtained a grant from Ohio Department of Natural Resources, under the NatureWorks program, to build soccer fields at Howell Park.

Very shortly after the goals were set out this March, little league teams quickly discovered this as a great place to play. The number of teams using the fields has been steadily growing.



There are three different sized fields designed for different age groups.

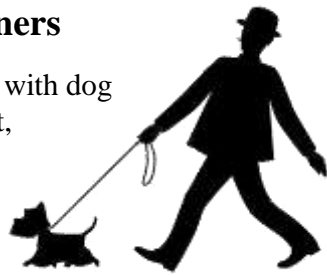
They are easily accessed via East Main Street, where you will also find convenient parking.



## Attention Dog Owners

Many laws in Ohio deal with dog ownership and treatment, including both state statutes and local ordinances. **Dogs are not allowed to run**

**loose.** They are required to be under someone's control. Furthermore, for those of you who walk your dog along the streets, on sidewalks and in other public areas, please remember to pick up after your pet has done its business.



## Handicapped Parking Spaces

Village Council recently passed an ordinance establishing a procedure for eligible residents to apply for an on-street handicapped parking space. For details about how to apply, contact the village office at 740-569-4788.



## Property Maintenance

One of the roles of municipal governments is to help protect the health, safety and welfare of residents and property owners.

As is the case in most municipalities, it can be challenging getting everyone to cooperate when it comes to maintaining the condition and appearance of their properties.

Until recently, Village of Bremen has not had a very comprehensive set of guidelines regarding property maintenance. That has been resolved, however, by Village Council's recent adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). Adoption of the IPMC moves us in the direction of being able to better address problem properties. The IPMC is posted on the village's website [www.BremenVillage.com](http://www.BremenVillage.com).

## Spring Cleaning

Recently, there have been several addresses around town where residents have put out large items such as mattresses and upholstered furniture at their curbside, for the regular Thursday trash pickup by Waste Management. The problem is, these items are being put out several days beforehand.

Not only does this pose a potential public safety hazard, but it is just plain unsightly. The guideline is that trash can be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the day before scheduled pick up, but no later than 7:00 a.m. on day of pick up. Containers must be taken away from the curb and placed back to the home by the morning following pick up day.

Furthermore, upholstered furniture and mattresses / box springs are to be placed in disposal bags or wrapped in heavy plastic and securely taped. This is standard protocol among waste haulers as a measure against the spread of bed bugs.



## Dowling Park Committee Needs Help

As you may recall, we have had a small committee focused on improving the functionality and aesthetics of the small pocket park in the downtown area.

Much progress has been made over the past year. Unfortunately, two members of the committee (which is half the group) have had life changes involving moving away from Bremen.

Therefore, we are now seeking new committee members so the momentum isn't lost on keeping the project moving forward. Please contact the village office if you are interested in serving.