



# The Village Voice

Bremen Ohio's Monthly Newsletter

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## June 2018

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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:

- Planning & Zoning Commission:  
June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
- Parks & Facilities Committee:  
June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- Tree Board: June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- Village Council: June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- Financial Process Committee:  
June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- Planning & Zoning Commission:  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM

If you would like to speak at the Council meeting, please contact the office by noon of the previous Friday 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.

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

### The Pool Opens with Big Splash



Bremen's community swimming pool opening day is June 1<sup>st</sup> which is just in time for the arrival of hot, humid weather. The water is cool and refreshing.

The pool admission and party rental prices and hours of operation are enclosed with this newsletter. This information can also be found on the village website [www.BremenVillage.com](http://www.BremenVillage.com).

Swim lessons will be provided contingent upon the availability of instructors and a sufficient number of registrants for any given class group. Scheduling of swimming lessons will be at the discretion of the pool manager.

For questions, to purchase season passes, and to make pool party reservations, please call the pool at 740-438-8170.



## Thank You, Volunteers!

Over the past month, many people – both village residents and non-residents – have helped the community in many ways. Volunteers have performed a variety of tasks including mowing, restoring the baseball dugout roofs, spreading mulch, pulling weeds, prepping the pool and so on. At the risk of unintentionally leaving someone out, the corps of volunteers included Hannah Burnside, Zac Butterbaugh, Kim Carpenter, Judd Clover, Connor Cuetan, Scott Downard, Lisa Duvall, Rose Ann Elliott, Wendy Foucart, Michael Gordon, Charles Gordon, Luke Gornall, Marie Gornall, Jamie Goulette, Sally Grimm, Toni Harper, Sue Henwood, Judy Hug, Ben Johns, Tina Johns, Earl Lehman, Zackary Marcus, Angi Marinacci-Young, Tad Moyer, Sherman Prince, Dan Rutherford, Dena Schmelzer, Greg Shaw, Scott Snider, Rebecca Snider, Gary Spangler, Eddie Suttle, Gail Theado, Don Theado, Collin Walker, Jason Wolfe, Debbie Wolfe, and Lilli Young.



Improvements will include a small pavilion, patio areas, tables and benches, and plantings. This should make the area more conducive and attractive for residents and visitors to gather and enjoy.

The project will unfold in phases, with completion anticipated by late summer.



Views of the site cleared and ready for the next project phases.

## Dowling Park's Transformation

After years of talking about it, the project to improve Bremen's downtown Dowling Park is underway. Thanks to resident Mary Hoffman's energy, leadership and vision, and a \$100 Thousand grant through The Fairfield County Foundation, the project is now moving forward. Many residents and businesses have also donated to the village's Dowling Park fund in past years.



Dowling Park before demolition in May 2018

## Reminder: Call 811 Before You Dig

When planning outdoor home improvement projects remember, that 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.



## Update: The Bremen Income Survey

The Village's door-to-door survey of households is still underway.



If you haven't been contacted yet, please be on the lookout for a surveyor to knock on your door in the near future.

The survey takes only about one minute. The questions for each household are very brief and generic, and the results will be compiled in a manner that will summarize the community-wide income status, not tied to specific persons or names.

The workers who are conducting the door-to-door survey can be identified by a Village-issued photo identification badge.

Information gathered will be handled confidentially and not be utilized for any purpose other than producing the statistics needed to characterize the community's income status.

Your participation will be very much appreciated and may enable us to eventually move forward on some much-needed infrastructure projects.

## A Pleasant 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.

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.



## Community Connections

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



### Bremen Farmers Produce Auction

This is an opportunity to purchase local produce from Fairfield and surrounding counties. Sale days are Tuesdays and Fridays starting at noon.

June: 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29

Location: 1511 Mt. Zwingli Road, Bremen 43107.

You can also find more information at their Facebook Page "*Bremen Farmer's Auction.*"



### Community Yard Sale in June

The annual Bremen community-wide yard sale will be **Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

Please expect extra traffic and people walking around town that day.



### Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce

All area business owners and interested parties are invited to attend the luncheon and meeting on Thursday, June 28, starting at Noon. Location: Bremen Presbyterian Church, 142 Purvis Avenue.

Lunch is served at a price of \$8. To make a lunch reservation contact Sue Henwood at 740-569-4897, by Friday June 22.

## Reminder: 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.



## Reminder: Update Your Contact Info

Please make sure the village utilities office has your current phone number(s) and other contact information.

It is important for the office to know how to reach you in the event of a problem with your water or sewer service, a billing concern, or other time-sensitive matters.



## Yard Waste Disposal

To get rid of grass clippings, shrub trimmings, tree branches and all other yard waste, it needs to be prepared for trash pickup on Tuesdays.

Removal of yard waste is handled by our trash hauling contractor, Shackleford's Disposal.

Here are the rules for curbside yard waste pickup:

- ✓ Material (including grass clippings, shrub trimmings and branches) can be placed in bags or trash containers.
- ✓ Shrub trimmings and tree branches can be bundled with string, but must be no more than 4 feet long.
- ✓ Bundles, bags or containers must weigh less than 50 pounds each.
- ✓ Yard waste and household trash are collected at the same time, on Tuesdays.
- ✓ Just as it is for household trash, if you will have an unusually large amount of yard waste at once, then call ahead so Shackleford's can be alerted to plan for it.

## Newsletter Versions

As a cost-saving measure, *The Village Voice* newsletter is printed in black-and-white. The color version, however, is available on the website at [BremenVillage.com](http://BremenVillage.com).

## A Lesson Learned from CG's Project

Columbia Gas's pipeline replacement project in Bremen is progressing quickly even though it is involving a lot more trenching and excavating than they had initially anticipated.

Their original plan for the project was to use a construction method called directional boring. This would allow the main gas lines to be installed with minimal disturbance of the ground surface.

Before boring, Columbia Gas's procedure calls for documenting the locations and conditions of each existing sewer pipeline. Knowing those locations enables the construction crew to avoid running into and breaking existing pipes during the boring process.

To determine the locations and conditions of each existing sewer pipeline, a small remote-controlled video camera is sent through each sewer main and then up each lateral sewer line coming from each house.

What Columbia Gas quickly learned, however, is that many of the residential sewer lines they checked in Bremen are clogged with tree roots and sediment. Such obstructions prevented the camera from being able to be sent through those pipelines.

When Columbia Gas realized that they weren't going to be able to obtain the proper photo documentation of the sewer system, they decided to switch from directional boring to the open-trench method for installing their new gas lines.



This photo is of a section of a sanitary sewer service line that was removed at a Bremen residence last year because it had become completely blocked with roots and sediment. This exemplifies the type of situation that Columbia Gas encountered at many residences in town.

So the lesson learned here, is that homeowners who have old pipelines should plan for the potential of a future plumbing project that could be expensive.



# Village of Bremen 2018 Swimming Pool Fees

## DAILY ENTRY FEES

Over the age of 3, every person entering (including non-swimmers) must pay \$3.00

## GROUP SEASONAL PASS RATES

Household (up to 6 people living in the house) – June and July	\$150.00
Household (up to 6 people living in the house) – July only	\$100.00
Other additional people in the household	Add'l \$25.00 each
Babysitter on Household pass	Add'l \$25.00 each
(Babysitter cannot use household pass for personal use)	
Daycare Pass	\$200.00 per 10 people

## INDIVIDUAL SEASONAL PASSES

Over the age of 11 years old – June and July	\$75.00
Over the age of 11 years old – July only	\$50.00

All children 10 years old or younger must be under the supervision of another person, 16 years old or older.

## POOL PARTY RENTAL

All pool parties will be no more than 2 hours	\$100.00
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## HOURS OF AVAILABILITY

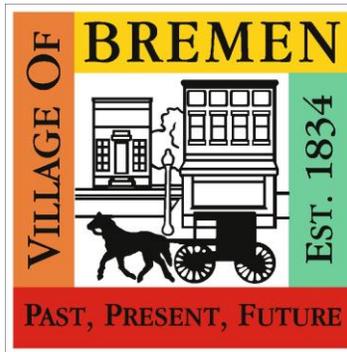
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Sunday	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

## ITEMS OF NOTE

- Pool rentals must be paid in full at the time the reservation is made.
- There will be no pool parties larger than 150 people.
- **Every person, whether or not they are swimming, is counted toward the total of registered people.**

## SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons will be provided contingent upon the availability of instructors and a sufficient number of registrants for any given class group. Scheduling of swimming lessons will be at the discretion of the Pool Manager.



# Pool Hours

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>

**Free swim for all village residents  
on Tuesdays from 5:00 - 7:00 pm**