



# The Village Voice

Bremen Ohio's Monthly Newsletter

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### Splashing into Summer



If you drive by the pool on a hot, sunny day, you will hear the timeless sounds of lots of people having fun... Splashes, laughs, guards' whistles, bouncing of the diving board and a multitude of overlapping conversations.

For information about pool fees, hours of operation, swim lessons, and pool party reservations, please call the pool office at 740-438-8170.

Pictured here, is Zach Stearns demonstrating the classic cannonball.

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### Upcoming Meetings



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

- ❖ Zoning Committee: July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM
- ❖ Safety & Infrastructure Committee: July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM. This is a special meeting that has been scheduled to refine the plan for improving traffic flow in the vicinity of Bremen Elementary School and for proposed revisions to traffic and parking ordinances.

- ❖ Financial Process Committee: July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM
- ❖ Village Council: July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- ❖ Downtown Park Committee: July 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon
- ❖ Financial Process Committee: July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

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.

These meetings are scheduled to be held at the municipal building, 9090 Marietta Road, SE.

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## Strayer Avenue Construction

Now that Strayer Ave has new curbs, gutters and storm water catch basins, our workers have started the arduous process of relaying the paver bricks so they match up with the new gutter line. Village employee Gary Wolfe is leading this effort.



We've also been making use of the county sheriff's prisoner worker program. The sheriff's office selects prisoners for this assignment who are not hardened criminals and who are considered a low flight risk.

Our goal has been to have as much of the project completed as possible before the elementary school resumes on August 13.

Rain, however, has been our nemesis. We've had a very wet June, with many rainy days that have prevented us from doing the brick work. In fact, this part of Fairfield County is several inches above normal for this time of year. The long-range forecast shows that we may be stuck in a rainy weather pattern. As such, it's difficult to estimate a final completion date.

Also, you may have noticed the grass seeding that the construction contractor performed has resulted in more broad-leaf weeds than grass. The company has been notified about this and is supposed to return to remedy the situation. Meanwhile, residents are encouraged to mow their lawns between the sidewalk and curbs.

## Employment Opportunities

The Village is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- **Casual Laborer:** This person will primarily be involved in the restoration of brick streets, especially Strayer Avenue. This is a full-time, but temporary position. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Street Department Laborer:** This person will perform a wide variety of functions for maintaining the roads, lands, buildings and facilities of the community. This is a full-time, permanent position. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Water/Wastewater Technician:** This person will assist in functions of both the water supply and wastewater systems. The successful candidate will serve as an understudy to the current operators of record for the two plants, who are both planning to retire in about two years. The Village of Bremen operates a Class I water plant and a Class II wastewater plant. Applicants should either have an Ohio EPA water and/or wastewater certification or be working toward obtaining one. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

### Village Office Hours

The Village offices will be closed on July 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Independence Day.



Furthermore, **the Utility Billing Office will be closed from July 13 through 17 (Monday-Friday)**. Customers can still make their utility payments in three ways:

- Via US Mail, to P.O. Box 127, Bremen;
- At the Bremen Bank;
- The drop-box outside the front door of the municipal building (9090 Marietta Road).

## School Area Traffic Flow

Over the past few years, school administrators have observed a growing trend of more students being driven to and from school by parents/grandparents and fewer kids walking or riding buses. The result has been increasing daily traffic congestion and backups on streets including Ford, Angle and Strayer. This restricts through-traffic and the ability of residents and businesses to access their properties.

Village officials have been collaborating with Fairfield-Union school officials in an attempt to address the problem, and a new plan has been devised.

Highlights of the plan include:

- Student pick-up and drop-off patterns on the school campus are being changed. Starting in August, school buses will use the school driveway on Ford Street to pick-up/drop-off students at the north door of the building. Meanwhile, parents will use the school's rear parking lot via the Angle Street driveways to pick-up/drop-off their students.
- Strayer Avenue will remain one-way southbound, from Marietta to Angle, for at least the duration of the brick replacement project. What happens beyond that, will be the subject of further discussion.
- Ford Street will become a two-way street.
- Parking and/or stopping will be prohibited on Angle Street between Strayer Avenue and Marietta Street.
- The east side of Strayer Avenue will have restricted parking during school hours.
- These changes necessitate that certain traffic and parking ordinances will need to be revised and/or established.
- Parking and traffic regulations will be enforced.

These issues will be further discussed during the Safety & Infrastructure Committee meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and voted upon at the July 13<sup>th</sup> Village Council meeting.

## Financial Assistance is Available

Various government agencies have programs to provide financial assistance to people in various ways.

For example...

If you are struggling to pay your bills and don't know where to turn for help, try calling the agency known as Fairfield County 211. They specialize in linking callers with organizations in the area that provide financial assistance. Just dial 2-1-1.



Another local source is the Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency. They have the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) to assist lower income clients with repairing and rehabilitating homes to assure a healthful and safe living environment, providing emergency financial aid to prevent homelessness due to foreclosure, and money to first-time homebuyers to help pay for the down payment. For details contact the CHIP program manager, at 740-653-4146.



If you want to purchase a home but cannot obtain credit from traditional sources, then you may qualify for a home ownership loan through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's direct loan program.



USDA also has a program to lend and even grant money to homeowners for making safety and health hazard repairs. Does your home need a new roof, a new furnace, or upgrades to the plumbing or electrical systems? How about siding and windows? Are handicap accessibility features needed? If so, this program might be able to provide the money you need to complete the projects

To learn more, contact USDA's Marietta area office at 740-373-7113, or send an email to [Lacy.Boney@oh.usda.gov](mailto:Lacy.Boney@oh.usda.gov).



## Have you noticed?

We owe a big Thank You to Debbie and David Wolfe for volunteering so much of their time, money and energy to beautify the municipal building grounds and surrounding park area with such an eye-catching array of colorful plants and landscaping.



## Volunteer Work Day at the Park



**Mark your calendar for the afternoon of Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Why? Because that will be an opportunity for you to join with your neighbors to help

keep Howell Park looking great!

Tasks will include spreading mulch, pulling weeds, picking up litter and the like.

Bring your work gloves, wheelbarrows, and related yard tools.

**Meet at 2:00 p.m. at the picnic shelter.**

As an added bonus, arrangements have been made for a med-evac helicopter to land at the park around 6:30 p.m. so folks can get an up-close view.

