

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

## A Newsletter From Your Village Administrator: Douglas Hockman

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**THOUGHTS:** Usually this time of year we begin talking about the “dog-days” of summer and sit with our lemonade to endure the heat. Growing up in Bremen I remember so many residents who would sit out on their front porch or behind the house on a patio. They would be swinging on the porch swing or glider to help stir the air. Often times there were glasses of iced tea or lemonade to be shared. Maybe even cookies or zucchini bread.

Those days of the past seem gone. Young families are scrambling to get their kids to every kind of sports practice. Teenagers are chaotically trying to balance their part-time job with football 2 a days, marching band, soccer, golf, chores around the house, and fun time. AND, school begins around the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of AUGUST... This fast pace of life has us all twirling in circles.

It does my heart good when I see the older adults of the Village casually riding their bicycles up and down the streets of the Village or just walking to enjoy the quiet serenity of the tree lined brick streets from years gone by. I wish this for our younger families.

I have a lot on my mind right now. I could use one of those quiet serene walks. As we look toward next year's budget, I am so aware of the diminishing power of the dollar. What we budgeted in the past went a lot farther than the same dollar amount does today. When we would budget \$25,000 for paving we could get a significant amount done. Today, that same dollar amount just doesn't begin to accomplish near the same amount of work. It is the same for all the other areas of our budget.

It would be alright if our revenues were increasing but they are not. In fact, we have now lost our Local Government Fund monies and we will feel the full impact of Superior Fibers closing in the months ahead. With unemployment we lose income tax monies. This next year will be a critical time for fiscal management. But, we are up to the daunting task!

We have a great Mayor and Council, a great Committee on Financial Process, and a great Clerk-Treasurer. Together we will work hard to keep the Village on the best fiscal path and use the resources entrusted to us in the best way. Thank you for putting your trust in these elected persons. They do serve the Village well and have the best interest of the Village at heart. Thank you for supporting them in their hard work and hard decisions. They deserve your support and respect.

**Don't forget... the Village Council meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm will be held at the Bremen Elementary School cafetorium. We will have Randy Comisford from ODOT to talk to all concerning the award of \$340,000 for the Safe Routes To School Project. He will share what the monies will go toward and answer any questions. This is a great accomplishment from the BESAFFE Committee and the Village. Our children will be protected and have a much safer walkway to and from school. This is the first phase of what could be many additional work projects through Safe Routes To School to help our children. If you are a parent of a child(ren) who walk or bike to school, you are encouraged to attend.**

**THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW is August 10<sup>th</sup>. The event was going to be in Howell Park, however... it has been moved to the Historical Society because of providing a large space with air conditioning. So, we will see you at the Historical Society building on Carter St. There will also be a tractor parade throughout the streets that morning. So be listening and walk outside your home to enjoy the parade of tractors!**

**THE RIVER VALLEY RODS AND CUSTOMS will hold their Cruise In on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> on West Main Street from 10:00 – 4:00. This Great Bremen Event will support the work of Hospice in Fairfield County. Contact Larry Mathias at 740-653-8659 for more information. Hope to see everyone down on Main in a couple of weeks!!!**

**Two Changes... The Collins Mud Volleyball has been cancelled for this year and The Historical Society Mystery Dinner has been postponed with no further information.**

**Every year, the United Way Agencies have a Community Care Day where the County agencies have projects for community volunteers. I WAS WONDERING... if Bremen could have COMMUNITY CARE DAYS on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>? I have a number of projects including painting the play equipment on the Howell Park Playground, park benches, and painting safety paint on curbs around town. Please call me at 569-4788 if you would be willing to volunteer on those days or if you have time now and would like to volunteer, call me with your availability. Another on-going project is to walk around town and keep trash picked up from people who litter. Can you help your neighborhood by doing this once a week? Thanks for taking pride in how Bremen looks.**

**Josh & Carmel Groce and Paul & Tamika McCray would like to thank everyone for making the BREMEN FIRST ANNUAL 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT a huge success!!! They had 22 teams which raised \$2,200 for the American Red Cross. Also, a SPECIAL THANK YOU to all of the area businesses that sponsored the event. Go to the Village website for a complete slide show of the weekend's hoop action!!! [www.bremenvillage.com](http://www.bremenvillage.com)**

**THE SWIMMING POOL will be open everyday until August 18<sup>th</sup>. After that, it will be open on the weekends of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day weekend the 31<sup>st</sup> and Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are having a great summer at the pool. Congratulations to all who participated in and passed their swimming lessons. A hearty Thank You to Kendal Valesko and her lifeguards for a great, safe summer. You are doing a wonderful job!!! There are still a few dates open if you wish to have a late summer POOL PARTY... Call Fran at the Village Office - 569-4788. I would also like to report our Handicap Chair has been used and works magnificently...**

**OTHER UP-COMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

**BREMEN CHAMBER Golf Outing will be September 1<sup>st</sup> at Pumpkinvine Golf Course**

**Millersport Sweet Corn Festival: August 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>... see their website for details**

**Lithopolis Honey Fest: Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 – 7:00 and Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 – 7:00**

**More information can be found at [lithopolishoneyfest.com](http://lithopolishoneyfest.com)**

**BREMEN PUMPKIN WALK: October 19<sup>th</sup> details to be announced...**

**BREMEN BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TURKEY DINNER: Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4:00 – 7:00**

**Adults \$7.50 and Children 12 & under \$4.00**

**BREMEN AREA CHAMBER Annual Dinner at Historical Society: Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00 pm**

**Make reservations call 569-9150 or email to [bremencoc@gmail.com](mailto:bremencoc@gmail.com)**

**BREMEN'S HISTORICAL FIGURES Driving Tour: Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> throughout Bremen**

**Go to the Historical Society for a map beginning Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**BREMEN FIRST UNITED METHODIST Next To New Sale: Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 – 5:00 and**

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 – 12:00 noon Corner of Mulberry & Walnut**

**BREMEN VILLAGE LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE: Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30**

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**Another Bremen Area person has been scammed... It involved a caller who said a grandchild was in trouble and need a large sum of money... PLEASE DEAR RESIDENTS – do not get caught up in the emotions of the moment and respond impulsively... get a phone number and say you will call them right back... call the Sheriff's Dept. and report the call... call another family member first before doing ANYTHING – especially a person who knows the one in difficulty and see if they have heard anything... Please do not act on your own!!!**

**Over the summer I have acquired a couple of baseball bats and a couple of baseball gloves. If you are missing something and can identify them... Please call me at 569-4788 and I will meet you at my office and help you recover your lost items!!!**

**I have received a few calls about mosquitoes. We always contract with Terminex. Usually we spray once a month but I added an additional spraying at the end of July and will do it again in August if warranted. The rain in June and July aggravated the situation. Please look around and make sure there are no containers holding water which is a mosquitoes' breeding ground. Also check your gutters that may be holding water.**

**Hopefully, soon, we will be working on potholes and trimming limbs in the alleys. Just haven't got to them yet... If the rear of your house is on an alley and has limbs hanging over the alley and you can cut them off, please do so. If you can help... thanks in advance!!!**

**If I can ever be of help... Please call me at the office. Wishing you warm and happy days with peaceful, serene moments where you enjoy life and share important times with those you love and care for... Douglas Hockman**