

THE VILLAGE VOICE

A Newsletter From Your Village Administrator: Douglas Hockman

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THOUGHTS: I have had several thoughts running through my head recently. The first, being, how fortunate we have been with the weather. With fires raging in the west, drought in some of our finest produce and fruit growing areas, and massive flooding in the mid-west, we are extremely fortunate. Our weather has been ideal, so to speak, over the rest of the nation. When there is a chance for severe weather, stay tuned in to area television reports. Another thought is how lucky we are to have other people in our lives who encourage us, teach us, and nurture us. In particular, I am thinking of Mary Hilliard Keck who recently passed away. She was my Sunday School teacher at Bremen United Methodist Church. Little did she realize (or maybe she did) that she was nurturing the spiritual life in all of us who attended her class. I am grateful to her for those young years of my life being led in a spiritual direction. She will always be in my heart. During these "dog days" of summer, relax for an evening and think about those who have been or are so important in your life. It will be an evening well spent. Just thinking...

Mosquitos are on the rise so we have decided to increase spraying to twice a month instead of once a month. Terminex will be shooting for the second and fourth Thursdays of August and September. Remember, the fogging is NOT harmful to pets or humans. If there is inclement weather then they will fog at their first available time slot.

Plan to support and attend the First Annual Harley Thomas Open – a sanctioned horseshoe pitching event on Saturday, August 2nd at Howell Park. There are horseshoe pitchers coming from all over Ohio and neighboring states. This event honors Harley Thomas who has kept horseshoe pitching alive in the Bremen area. The event will last all day and there will be food and beverages in the concession stand to purchase. Please mark your calendar and come on down for this Great Bremen Event!!!

A second Great Bremen Event is the SECOND ANNUAL PORK BARBEQUE, ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW AND PARADE!!! This will be Saturday, August 9th from 10:00 am until 2:30 pm with special guests The Hocking Valley Blue Grass Boys. The event will be held at the Bremen Area Historical Society on Carter St. At 10:00 am – the Antique Tractor Parade. The parade will begin at BAHS, travel through the streets of Bremen and back at 12:00 noon. At 12:00 noon there will be a pulled pork Barbeques meal and concert. Adults \$12.00 which includes the meal and music. Children under 12 are free.

The RESTROOMS in Howell Park are open from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, seven days a week!

Potholes on the streets have been filled and we will work on the alleys as weather permits.

Another Great Bremen Event is the River Valley Rods and Customs Car Show. This is their Annual Cruise In to raise money for Hospice. The event is Sunday, August 10th in Howell Park just east of downtown by the Village Offices. The show will run from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. There are prizes for many different categories. For more information contact Larry Mathias at 740-653-8659 or email at scooter127@columbus.rr.com Please plan on attending to support this great effort for Hospice.

FIRST ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT IN HOWELL PARK: August 23rd (SATURDAY) SIGN UP AND PRACTICE begins at 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. Competition begins at 1:00 pm. This is a doubles event so you will need a partner! The format is double elimination; 2 out of 3 games. The entry fee is \$20.00 per team. There are cash prizes. The food stand will be open for sandwiches and refreshments.

The last day for the swimming pool will be Sunday, August 17th due to school starting on August 19th. The reason is the cost of chemicals to maintain the pool and being unsure of the weather.

We have an Ordinance 8-15-94 prohibiting the storage of inoperable vehicles, boats, or other mechanical items. The Property Maintenance Codes do not allow such vehicles to exist. This is your friendly reminder to remove and dispose of such items on your property. The Zoning Commission is compiling a list of such items throughout the village. You will receive a letter and be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00 and you will be held responsible for all court costs.

I would like to thank the ladies from the Garden Club for the flowers downtown. Your help in beautifying our downtown is appreciated!!!

Next week, we are beginning the storm sewer separation from Marietta south on Mulberry past the firehouse and Bowers Meats. To get to Bowers, please come in the back way off Broad down past the Feed Mill. Please remember the Meat Market and support them during the road work.

Bid packages are out for the curb and gutter project on Strayer Ave. Keep your fingers crossed that we get several bids and that they come in under or at budget. This begins improvements in the school corridor which will continue for the next several years.

Have you been out to the FARMERS' PRODUCE AUCTION? You can buy as little or as much as you wish when bidding on the various produce items. The auction is every Tuesday and Friday beginning at noon. There are items other than produce that is for sale. The auction is southwest of the village off Old Bremen Road on Mt. Zwingli Road.

Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce ELEVENTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING will be Saturday, August 30th. Early Bird Registration is up until 8/26 at a fee of \$60.00 per player after which the fee is \$70.00. The event is limited to 20 teams. Promote your business with Hole Sponsorship. For more information, call 740-569-9150.

The Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church has received a grant of \$3,000.00 from the Fairfield County Foundation to be used for the "Breakfast to Go" program during the 2014-2015 school year. The program provides breakfasts for students at Bremen Elementary School on the weekends. Since the beginning of the program in March of 2013 more than \$7,200.00 worth of food has been given to the students participating in the program.

Join your friends at Bremen Bethel Presbyterian for a road trip to see JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT. The event will be Saturday - October 25th. This is a family musical about the trials and triumphs of Joseph, Israel's favorite son. The bus will depart the church at 9:30 am and return around 7:00 pm. The cost is \$77.00 per person. For reservations please send a non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 to Kathy Mowry, 121 Strayer Ave., Bremen 43107. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church. The balance of \$52.00 must be paid in full on or before September 15th. For more information call Kathy Mowry at 740-569-7333.

There is free lunch available at Faith Apostolic Tabernacle on Oak St. The next lunch is Saturday, August 16th and September 20th from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm.

If you find yourself in need of the resources of the Bremen Food Pantry, please call 211 and leave your information. They will return your call and work to try and help you out.

There are still some dates and times available for you to reserve the shelter house at Howell Park. Call the village office and talk to Fran... 569-4788

The village workers pick up brush generally on Monday mornings beginning at 7:00 am. Please have your limbs and debris out at the curb ON MONDAY. Sometimes the work schedule forces us to move the pick up date to Tuesday or later but you need to have your limbs out by the curb Sunday night. Once brush is picked up, we will pick up the following Monday for any new brush or limbs. If you trim a tree or cut a tree down, it is your responsibility to dispose of the limbs and wood.

PET OWNERS: Your dogs must be on a leash at all times in Howell Park. Please bring your own pet waste baggy or use one found in the boxes around the walking path. Please keep our park in a sanitary condition and by doing so show respect for others in the Park.

Visit and "LIKE" our Facebook page "Village of Bremen". We are working to make it current with all the upcoming news and events for the village.

School is beginning this month. Please be watchful of the kids riding their bikes and walking to school. Kids are kids and do not always follow the rules and laws. As an adult, take responsibility to be aware of the speed limits in the village. A number of people have been pulled over by the Sheriff Deputy for "ROLLING STOPS" at the stop signs.

Wishing you warm and happy days. Hoping you have a chance to get away for a few vacation days before school starts. Always available to you if you need or have a question regarding the village. Fondly, Douglas Hockman