



# The Village Voice

Bremen Ohio's Monthly Newsletter

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### Just one more week...

The last day of Bremen's community pool season will be Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Although there will certainly be many more hot summer days ahead, this year's shorter pool season correlates with the fact that Fairfield-Union Schools resume classes on August 13<sup>th</sup> which is earlier in the month than in prior years.

As is the case every year, once school begins then pool attendance tends to drop off significantly plus our teenage lifeguards become less available for working at the pool. All things considered, it becomes impractical for the village to continue operating the pool under these circumstances.



This is why the prices of season pool passes were set lower for this year compared to last summer.

More information about the pool can be found at [www.bremenvillage.com/pool](http://www.bremenvillage.com/pool).

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### Upcoming Meetings



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

- ❖ Recreation & Facilities Committee: August 4<sup>th</sup> at Noon
- ❖ Zoning Committee: August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
- ❖ Administrative Process Committee: August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- ❖ Village Council: August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

- ❖ Downtown Park Committee: August 18<sup>th</sup> at Noon
- ❖ Safety & Infrastructure Committee: August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- ❖ Financial Process Committee: August 26<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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## Updated Traffic & Parking Regs

In reviewing various traffic and parking ordinances on the Village's books dating over several decades, Council recognized the need for several updates.

Among those, is a new ordinance that defines parking violations and corresponding fines and penalties. This ordinance will enable the county sheriff's office to more effectively enforce our rules.

In addition, other ordinances have been updated, revised and enacted that will do the following:

- Ford Street will become a two-way street.
- Parking and/or stopping will be prohibited on Angle Street between Strayer Avenue and Marietta Street.
- Parking will be prohibited on the east side of Strayer Avenue.

These changes will take effect as soon as the proper signage is installed, sometime during the first half of August.

## Trash Collection

Trash collection and hauling is performed in the Village by Waste Management, Inc.



Their normal pick-up day is each Thursday.

If you experience any problem with their service, the company may be contacted directly using their toll-free customer service hotline at 1-866-797-9018



## Golf Event

Bremen Chamber of Commerce's 12<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing is scheduled for the evening of Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at Pumpkin Vine Golf Course. Proceeds will benefit the Community Service Fund.



For details and registration information, see [www.bremencoc.org](http://www.bremencoc.org).

## Looking at Recycling Options

Village Council is considering whether there should be any change in how recycling is handled.



For the past several years, the Village has been providing for the collection of recyclable metals, plastics and paper at dumpsters located at the municipal building.

This costs the Village between \$200 and \$300 each month for the services of a waste hauling contractor. Our drop-off is heavily utilized, demonstrating widespread interest by people wanting to send their recyclables to be reused rather than to a landfill. There are, however, a couple problems with this drop-off arrangement. First, is that the drop-off location is used extensively by people from the surrounding countryside, from outside our municipality. That means Bremen taxpayers are footing the bill for non-residents. Second, is that we sometimes end up with non-recyclable items like old tires or furniture.

An alternative method of doing recycling is through weekly curbside pick up for each household in town. This would eliminate the problem of non-residents using our services for free, but would cost each household an additional amount each month, perhaps to the tune of about \$3 to \$5 or so.

Yet another alternative is for the Village to stop providing any recycling service. Those who are interested in recycling would still be able to utilize other drop-off locations around the county.

If you have a definite opinion about this topic, Council members would appreciate your input to help guide their decisions.