



# The Village Voice

Bremen Ohio's Monthly Newsletter

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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:

- Zoning Commission: August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM
- Recreation & Facilities Committee: August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon
- Administrative Process Committee: August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- Village Council: August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- Safety & Infrastructure Committee: August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- Tree Board: August 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM
- Financial Process Committee: August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM
- Zoning Commission: September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 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.

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

### Time is running out to do cannonballs



The last day of Bremen's community pool season will be Sunday, August 7<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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Reservations are being taken for pool parties.

Details are available either by calling the pool at 740-438-8170 or going to the website [www.bremenvillage.com/pool](http://www.bremenvillage.com/pool)

### Security Alert

The sheriff's office has been dealing with multiple reports of valuables being taken from yards, porches and garages.



The best way to prevent a loss is to eliminate the opportunity. Don't leave valuables visible in your car, don't leave items laying around your yard or on your porch, close your garage door, and use your door locks.

## Park Corner

By Debbie Wolfe, Parks & Facilities Committee

Well, we are half way through the summer and the flowers are doing relatively well, considering the hot dry conditions. To help the flowers survive, it's always a good idea to mulch the flower beds. If flower beds are mulched every year, the mulch will enrich our clay soil. It also keeps the moisture in the ground and helps suppress the weeds. When mulching, be sure to keep the mulch away from the base of flower, bush, or tree trunk. It's easy to remember, make a donut around the plant, not a volcano. We have a tree by the Jim Knisley sign that wasn't mulched properly. The roots began to grow in a circular pattern around the trunk of the tree. If it had been left unattended, the tree would have been strangled by the roots and die. To make gardening easier, it's always a good idea to use Preen Garden Weed Preventer in the flower beds to keep the weeds at bay. Just be sure to read the directions on the container. Finally, be sure and deadhead all spent blooms, this will ensure the flowers continue to bloom.

For anyone who has aphids on your flowers, it can be a real challenge to naturally keep them at bay. I have a lot of milkweed for the monarchs, but every year since I've grown them, by this time of year the plants have been covered with aphids. I had read if a gardener plants Dill and Bronze Fennel it has an insect on the plants that controls the aphids. Come and look at the milkweed and you will see they have no aphids. YEAH!!

Last bit of news, for the last several years, Howell Park and several locations in Bremen have been part of GeoQuest, which is a mini scavenger hunt game that you play with your mobile telephone. I just recently heard the park's location is now part of the new Pokémon Go craze. With this game, players use the camera of their mobile phone to find and "catch" animated characters that appear in random locations.

And of course, disc golf has brought in new visitors to the park. Thanks again to Colin Tripp for his great installation of this new feature to the park. The more people that visit the park, the better it will be. We've moved three benches from Dowling Park to Howell Park. So find a bench in the shade of a tree and enjoy.

Until we meet again, DW



## Community Connections

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

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### Weekly Games at Howell Park

**Cornhole Toss:** Every Wednesday through August 31, starting at 7:00 PM.

**Horseshoe Pitching:** Singles and doubles every Thursday through August 25, starting at 7:00 PM.



\$5.00 entry fee. Proceeds go to the Bremen Horseshoe Club and Howell Park.

Everyone should feel welcomed to watch or participate!

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### Bremen Farmers Produce Auction

Sale days are Tuesdays and Fridays starting at noon, on the following dates this month:

- August 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30

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

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### Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, Noon – 1:00 PM, at the Bremen Historical Museum, 161 Carter Street, in Bremen. Lunch is served at a price of \$8. RSVP by Friday, August 19, via email to [bremencoc@gmail.com](mailto:bremencoc@gmail.com) or call 740-569-9150.