

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

## A Newsletter From The Village Administrator Douglas Hockman

**THOUGHTS:** Thank you to all who stopped and visited me at the Bremen Bulk Foods & Mercantile last month. I will be there on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 to 10:30. Remember to mark your calendar for the FIRST THURSDAY of each month.

As you receive this newsletter, the children of our community are back to school. As it will be staying darker in the mornings and getting darker earlier in the evenings, let us be very careful around intersections and take an extra look for children, bicycles, and pets. I would like you to help me by driving a little slower when going down the streets. Bremen does have a speed limit; some areas are 25 mph and some 35 mph. Remember... kids will be kids and they aren't always as careful and alert as they should be. So it is up to us, the adults of the community, to be watchful and keep them safe.

Your water bill payment must be registered at the Village Office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. You receive your bill within the first 2 or 3 days of the month. This gives you more than two weeks to make your payment for the month. If the 20<sup>th</sup> falls on a week day, we must have your payment before 3:30 pm. After that, there is a late charge. If the 20<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend, your payment must be in the drop box by that Monday morning following the 20<sup>th</sup>. **IF YOUR BILL IS NOT PAID WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE 20<sup>TH</sup>, YOU WILL BE PLACED ON THE LIST FOR YOUR WATER TO BE TURNED OFF.** We will still send a letter to inform delinquent accounts that they are being shut off.

Thank you to all who put their limbs and debris out by the curb on Sunday night. We begin our route to collect these on Monday morning at 8:00 am. Trash and Recycling should be out night before.

I am so excited with the new program coming from the Bremen Area Historical Society; **BREMEN'S NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE**. Beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>, our Historical Society Building on Carter St., will house a display of Native American relics from the Rushcreek Gorge Area dating from the Ice Age up through the times of the Mound Builders. This is open to the public Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> on the weekends from 2pm - 6pm. Hope to see you there... For more information, please call 740-569-7313.

**I am NOT planning any further Mosquito Spraying unless needed.**

**Our PARK HOURS are now from SUNRISE TO SUNSET unless special permission is requested from the Village Office.**

**Our VILLAGE CURFEW for everyone UNDER THE AGE OF 18 is 10:00 pm. This will be enforced. Parents, we need your help! You need to know where your children are. YOU WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.**

**The swimming pool will be open September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**FAIRFIELD CO. SHERIFF – NON EMERGENCY NUMBER IS 740-652-7900**

**Our POLICE PROTECTION is the County Sheriff. They are on duty 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. We are part of a sector that includes Rushville, Rushcreek Township, on down into Berne Twp. Along with our Sheriff car on duty here in town, there is also a Sheriff's Car in our sector. DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL 911 or the NON EMERGENCY NUMBER if you observe something in your neighborhood that just doesn't look right or something that is going on that shouldn't be. The Sheriff's Dept. will only know something IF WE TELL THEM. You are NOT bothering them if you see something that needs reported. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE NEW BREMEN BLOCK WATCH. We need village residents in every neighborhood block to make this a success.**

**PLAN NOW to attend the Pumpkin Walk at Howell Park on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 – 8 pm. Watch for the time we will gather to make the jack-o-lanterns!!!**

**All homeowners will receive a letter at the end of September concerning the EPA mandate to have all water from sump pumps and gutters and downspouts run into the yard or curb to drain into the STORM SEWER RATHER THAN THE SANITARY SEWER. Landlords... look at your rentals.**

**You can still RESERVE THE SHELTER HOUSE at Howell Park for Fall Festivities!**

**It isn't too early to begin thinking about our CHRISTMAS PARADE... let's plan now to make it our BIGGEST, BRIGHTEST, AND MOST BEAUTIFUL PARADE YET Plan to participate and keep Bremen on the map for Santa Claus! HO HO HO !!! Floats... Bands... Balloons... Costumes... Vehicles... Military... Civic Pride...**