



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:

- Administrative Process Committee:
September 4th at 6:00 PM
- Planning & Zoning Commission:
September 5th at 6:30 PM
- Village Council: September 10th at 7:00 PM
- Tree Board: September 11th at 7:00 PM
- Safety & Infrastructure Committee:
September 19th at 6:00 PM
- Financial Process Committee:
September 29th at 6:00 PM

If you would like to speak at the Council meeting, please contact the office by noon of the previous Friday so you can be added to the agenda.

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.

Village Office Hours

Village offices will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

Upcoming Topics of Village Council

The village council will be considering a couple topics about which citizens may have definite opinions.

One topic is whether to switch the elected clerk-treasurer position to a hired fiscal officer position. Ohio Revised Code section 733.262 allows for such a change to occur either at the end of a regular elected term or when a vacancy exists. The current term of Bremen's clerk-treasurer will be up for election in November 2019. As such, now is the appropriate time for Village Council to start deliberating about this issue.

Another topic is to adjust the speed limit zones on North Broad Street. Currently the beginning and ending points of the 25, 35 and 50 mph speed zones are inconsistent between the northbound and southbound sides of the road. Also, there are residences currently within the higher speed zones.

As always, public input is welcomed by the village council.

Employment Opportunity

The Village is currently accepting applications for the **Casual Laborer** classification.

The purpose of this is to develop a pool of candidates should the need arise from time to time for the Village to hire a temporary worker.

The position description and job application form can be obtained either at the municipal building or on the website at BremenVillage.com/employment.

Newsletter Versions

As a cost-saving measure, *The Village Voice* newsletter is printed in black-and-white. The color version, however, is available on the website at BremenVillage.com.

FEMA Proposes Flood Map Revisions

Property owners in Bremen and surrounding areas should be aware that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to revise the floodway boundaries for Rush Creek, Little Rush Creek and Raccoon Run. The current Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for this area will be revised.

Properties with houses and buildings that fall within the 100-year flood hazard areas on the FIRM are required to have flood insurance. The revised map shows that some areas currently in the 100-year zone will no longer be so, while other locations not currently in the 100-year zone will become so.

Before finalizing the map revisions and formally adopting them, FEMA is conducting its public comment period. According to FEMA's current project timeline, they will be publishing a legal ad in the newspaper to announce the public input process.

The maps may be viewed on FEMA's website <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch>. On that web page, under the search option "Jurisdiction," use the drop-down lists to select Ohio, Fairfield, and Bremen. Then select "Preliminary Products" then "Preliminary FIRM Panels". Also, the project's technical information can be found by clicking on "Preliminary FIS Reports". The maps and reports may also be viewed at the village municipal building.

Questions or comments about the proposed map revisions may be directed to James Mako of the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission, 210 East Main Street, Room 302, Lancaster 43130. Phone: 740-652-7110.



Portion of the proposed revised Flood Insurance Rate Map showing part of the Village of Bremen. Blue-shaded areas denote the 100-year flood hazard zone where property owners would be required to purchase flood insurance. (Note: color shading is absent on the black-and-white newsletter version)

Steps to Improving Bremen's Water

A major project is underway at the Bremen water treatment plant to rehabilitate the iron and manganese filter. The project is expected to be completed by mid-October if not sooner.

Until the project is completed, water being treated at the plant will bypass the iron filter. During this period, you *might* experience discolored water (typically a brown and/or yellow tint) due to the iron filter being bypassed. It remains to be seen whether this will even be a problem during the project.

The discolored water will be safe to drink but has the potential to stain fabrics during laundering. Check your water before doing laundry throughout the period of this project.

If discolored water appears, run a cold-water tap ONLY, for a few minutes and it should clear up. Residents may also want to run their clothes washer through a rinse cycle before doing laundry.

Questions about the project or reports about discolored water may be directed to the village's water system operator, Ron Stephens, by calling the municipal building at 740-569-4788.

In advance, thank you for your patience during this important project.



Doll-Layman, Ltd. is the project contractor. Doll-Layman workers are shown here making improvements to water lines inside the plant.

Dowling Park Project Update

Progress is being made on the Dowling Park renovation project. Plumbing and electrical upgrades have been completed. Remaining phases of the project are construction of the pavilion and installation of pavers. The contractors have been selected and their work is anticipated to be finished by the end of September.

Sewers to be Inspected, Smoke Tested

Civil engineering firm CT Consultants, Inc., has been hired to analyze the village's sewage and stormwater collection systems to identify why certain streets in town don't drain very well during heavy rains and why some sanitary sewer mains and the wastewater plant are overwhelmed following heavy rains.

The consultant's personnel will be seen performing field studies throughout Bremen over the next couple months. Those studies will include inspection of storm drains, manholes, catch basins and pipelines.

This will also involve smoke-testing the systems. It involves blowing a non-toxic chemical smoke under pressure into the Village's pipelines and observing where the smoke escapes. This is an efficient method of detecting which pipelines are connected to the system as well as where leaks are.

Smoke-testing is currently expected to be done during September and will occur over a period of three weeks or so.

As smoke is injected into the sewers, residents should not be surprised to see it escaping through downspouts and gutters on buildings, or even from basement floor drains. As the time approaches for the smoke-testing on each street, village personnel will leave door-hangers to give everyone advanced notice of the specific dates.



Photo Rendering of smoke testing: City of Brandon Mississippi.

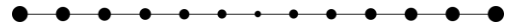
Utility Payments with Credit Card



Village of Bremen's utility billing office now has the added capability of accepting credit card payments for water, sewer and solid waste.

Community Connections

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



Bremen Farmers Produce Auction

Sale days are Tuesdays & Fridays starting at noon.

September: 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28

Location: 1511 Mt. Zwingli Road, Bremen 43107.



FREE Lunch Saturdays

September 29 and October 27

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

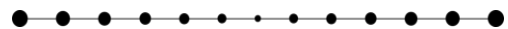
Location: Apostolic Faith Tabernacle, 228 Oak St.



Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce

Area business owners and interested parties are invited to attend the luncheon and meeting on **Thursday, September 27, starting at Noon.** Location: Bremen Presbyterian Church, 142 Purvis Avenue. Membership is growing.

Lunch is \$8. To **make a lunch reservation** contact Sue Henwood at 740-569-4897, by Friday September 21.



Antique Tractor Parade & Heritage Festival

This traditional event, organized and sponsored by the Bremen Area Historical Society, will be held **Saturday, September 22, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**



The tractor parade starts and ends at the Bremen Museum, 161 Carter Street, where there will also be many family-oriented activities including food, music, heritage arts, and living history demonstrations.

A map of the parade route is on the next page.

If you are interested in showing your vintage tractor or being an exhibitor or vendor, contact Terry Borah at 740-438-9211 or bahs43107@gmail.com.

Antique Tractors Parade Route September 22, 2018

