



# The Village Voice

Bremen Ohio's Monthly Newsletter

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## October 2015

### Upcoming Meetings



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

- ❖ Administrative Process Committee: October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM
- ❖ Recreation & Facilities Committee: October 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon
- ❖ Zoning Committee: October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
- ❖ Village Council: October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- ❖ Downtown Park Committee: October 20<sup>th</sup> at Noon
- ❖ Financial Process Committee: October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

If you would like to speak at the Council meeting, please contact the office ahead of time 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.

These meetings are scheduled to be held at the municipal building, 9090 Marietta Road, SE.

### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Bremen Pumpkin Walk

Here's an opportunity to get out and enjoy the season with family, friends and neighbors.

It starts with applying your artistic talent by carving a pumpkin to make a jack-o-lantern.



Pumpkins will be provided free of charge. All you need to do is bring your family and carving utensils to the Bremen Rushcreek Fire Station **on Thursday October 8 and/or Friday October 9, from 6 to 8 p.m.**

Adult supervision is required for the carving.

Your finished jack-o-lanterns will be displayed along the paved walking path at Howell Park **on Saturday, October 10, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** We are anticipating well over 100 lit pumpkins will line the path. Come to stroll, enjoy hot chocolate, hot cider, hot dogs, S'mores and other refreshments, a bonfire, and a performance by Crystal D'Lites.

### 5K Pumpkin Run and Kid's Run



October 10<sup>th</sup> is also the date of this year's Run. It starts at 5:30 p.m. at Howell Park.

This event benefits parks and recreation in Bremen.

Details and registration instructions can be found at:

[bremenvillage.com/PumpkinRunRegistrationForm.pdf](http://bremenvillage.com/PumpkinRunRegistrationForm.pdf)



## Trick-or-Treat!

Beggar's Night in Bremen will be on **Thursday, October 29, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**



## Leaf Collection

Village crews are preparing to handle the coming leaf collection season.

Leaves to be collected should be piled behind the curb, not in the gutter or street.



## Lost and Found

A youth-sized bicycle was recently found by a resident in their front yard, and turned in at the Village office.

If you can prove it's yours, then please come to claim it.



## Storm Sewer Separation Project

Our crews are continuing on the multi-year project to create separate pipeline systems for stormwater drainage and wastewater drainage.

As with most old towns, the original pipeline system conveyed both road drainage and household sewage together. The EPA has mandated that all municipalities across the USA must create separate systems.

Village of Bremen is on schedule to complete the work in 2016.

The two immediate areas of focus for this year are at the south end of Mulberry Street and on Maple Street between School and Bartlett.

Installation of the Maple Street section is anticipated to occur this month (October). This work will cause short-term, temporary disruptions to residents and traffic in this vicinity.

## Out of Sight, Out of Mind

The purpose of this article is to raise awareness of property owners about an often overlooked aspect of planning for their property maintenance expenses.

Whenever a residence or commercial building is constructed in Bremen, the project includes installation of a water supply line and a sewage waste line that connects the private property to the town's systems. Those service lines are the property owner's responsibility to install and maintain, starting at the Village's main line.

Most of the homes and buildings in Bremen were constructed at least fifty years ago, with many dating back 100 years or so. As such, their sewer and water service pipelines are also that old.

The older properties were plumbed with galvanized steel pipes and the sewage lines were made using two-foot sections of clay tile pipe.



Over the decades, the galvanized pipe tends to become corroded to the point of diminishing water quality, constricting the internal opening

which reduces water flow, and/or weakening the pipe wall which can result in leaks. Aging clay tile lines are susceptible to a variety of problems including improper slope due to ground settling, broken sections, and clogs by debris, sediment buildup and plant roots that find their way in at the seams between pipe segments.



The point here is that property owners should remember to undertake routine maintenance of



these systems, and to budget for potential repairs and replacements just as one would for maintaining the condition of things like the roof and gutters, exterior paint and sidewalks.