



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:

- Special Council Meeting, to discuss funds transfers: October 1st at 6:30 PM
- Planning & Zoning Commission: October 1st at 6:30 PM
- Recreation & Facilities Committee: October 2nd at 6:00 PM
- Village Council: October 8th at 7:00 PM
- Tree Board: October 16th at 7:00 PM
- Financial Process Committee: October 31st 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.

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.

Trick-or-Treat!

Beggar's Night in Bremen and in other nearby communities will be on **Wednesday, October 31, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**



Topic to be considered by Village Council

The Village council will be deciding 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.

As always, the village council welcomes public input.

Employment Opportunity, Money in time for Christmas

The Village is currently accepting applications for the **Casual Laborer** classification to assist with fall leaf collection and potentially other projects.

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



Local WWI Heroes to be Honored

The public is encouraged to attend and participate in a community commemoration event on Saturday, November 3, in remembrance of the following eight Bremen-area men who paid the ultimate sacrifice during World War I:

- ★ PVT George Dewey Bigam, age 19 yrs 3 days
- ★ PVT Emil Dean Blosser, age 26 yrs
- ★ SGT Willis Lewis Burnworth, age 27 yrs
- ★ PVT John Franklin Coen, age 21 yrs
- ★ PVT Edward Ray Moyer, age 26 yrs
- ★ PVT Oscar Huston McVeigh, age 33 yrs
- ★ PFC John Felix Schmelzer, age 32 yrs
- ★ PVT Carrol Thomas Turner, age 19 yrs

Furthermore, two special visitors from Belgium – Sergeant Major Peter Stassen of the Belgian Army, and his wife – will travel to Bremen to participate in the commemoration. Mr. Stassen is the caretaker of Mr. Burnworth’s gravesite in Belgium, and wanted to visit Burnworth’s hometown.

On November 3, the commemoration service will start at 10:00 AM at Bremen Presbyterian Church, 142 Purvis Avenue. Immediately afterward, a military ceremony will be held at Grandview Cemetery for laying of wreaths.

Relatives of these fallen soldiers are asked to contact the event organizers.



Dowling Park Project Update

Pending delivery of materials, the contractors anticipate they will soon start construction of the pavilion and laying of the pavers. They plan to complete the project during October.



Dowling Park will soon be transformed into an inviting downtown gathering place.

Leaf Collection

The Village crew will soon begin autumn leaf collection. Due to the sheer volume of leaves during the peak of the season, it’s not possible for the crew to cover the entire town each week. They will, however, try to alternate between two halves of the town on a weekly basis. So please be patient if they don’t get to your location immediately.



Leaves to be collected should be piled **behind** the curb, **not in** the gutter or street. Leaves in streets can clog storm sewer drains and lead to high water problems as well as costly maintenance problems.



Water Plant Project Update

Significant progress is being made on rehabilitating the iron and manganese filter at Bremen’s water treatment plant. The project is expected to be completed by mid-October.

Until the project is completed, water being treated at the plant is bypassing 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. employee preparing to clean and make repairs to the holding tank interior.

Scarecrows are coming to Bremen!

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Scarecrow Contest.

Competition will be divided into three categories: Residential, Group and Business.

Residential and Group entries will be eligible to **win prize money** (\$50 for first place, \$25 for second, \$15 for third, and \$10 for fourth). Businesses will compete for certificates and bragging rights!

Rules and entry forms are available on the Chamber's website (www.bremenareacoc.org), at the Bremen Bank, or in the municipal building lobby.

Entry forms must be completed and returned to the Chamber of Commerce in order to be considered for a prize or certificate. **The deadline for returning entry forms is Monday, October 1, and scarecrows must be in place for judging by October 8.**



16th Annual Bremen Pumpkin Walk

(Has anyone ever actually seen a pumpkin walk?)



Here's an opportunity to get out and enjoy the season and make memories with your 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 11 and/or Friday October 12, 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 13, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** We are anticipating well over 100 lit pumpkins will line the path. Plus, enjoy a bonfire, refreshments and live music.

All of the festivities from 6pm to 8pm at the park are free, but donations will be accepted and much appreciated.

5K Pumpkin Run



October 13th is also the date of this year's Run which starts and ends at Howell Park. Race-day registration begins at 4:45, with the 5k starting at 5:30 PM.

Enjoy a run through the countryside around Bremen, then stay to roast marshmallows, have a hot dog and apple cider, and stroll around the park on the walking trail lined with carved pumpkins.

This event benefits parks and recreation in Bremen.

The race entry fee is \$15 before October 1st, and \$20 on the day of the race.

Details and registration form can be found at: <http://www.bremenvillage.com/101318.pdf>

Community Connections

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



Bremen Farmers Produce Auction

October: 5, 12, 19, and 26, starting at Noon

Location: 1511 Mt. Zwingli Road, Bremen 43107.



FREE Lunch Saturday

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, October 25, 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 October 19.



Reminder: Update Your Contact Info

Please make sure the village utilities office has your current phone number(s) and other contact information.

It is important for the office to know how to reach you in the event of a problem with your water or sewer service, a billing concern, or other time-sensitive matters.



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.

Volunteers descend upon Bremen

On September 11, hundreds of volunteers gave their time throughout Fairfield County for United Way's annual Community Care Day.

Village of Bremen received help from a group of eight employees of Fairfield Medical Center. They performed a variety of tasks around the municipal building and park.

Many thanks to FMC for allowing their employees to have the time away from their office to help Bremen!



Left to Right: Mandy Woodside, Julie Peterson, Katrina Queen, Kate Toole, Alicia Wentz, Alisia Wise, Laura Moore
Missing from the picture Matt Thompson.



Alicia Wentz, Katrina Queen and Amanda Woodside painting a building at the Howell Park baseball fields.

Reminder: Get Zoning Permits

As you plan projects such as building new structures, making additions to existing buildings, or installing fences, signs and swimming pools, remember to obtain



the permits required by the Village's building and zoning ordinances. Contact the office at 740-569-4788 for more information.