

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

## A Newsletter From Your Village Administrator: Douglas Hockman

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**THOUGHTS:** At this time I am thinking about being an American. I could have been born in another country or land but wasn't. I was born here. Our form of government is what the people in this land put in place. It was developed from a lot of thought, argument, and compromise. It was the voice of the people through demonstration, lobbying, political manipulation, promises made, and ultimately VOTING on that which was the will of the people. It's not perfect but it is our way of doing things.

For us to go to the polls November 6<sup>th</sup>, is an honor and privilege. Our vote is our voice. It is our freedom for self-determination. No greater honor or responsibility could have been bestowed on us. I plea with you to go and VOTE and let your voice be heard. It isn't so much about winning or losing; it's about FREEDOM and SELF-DETERMINATION. I will vote.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who worked to bring about the 2012 Pumpkin Walk & Festival! In spite of the early rain, the day was a huge success. The kids really enjoyed the Inflatables, the music was fantastic, the food scrumptious, and everyone being together to celebrate the season... priceless!

**Library News:** On Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, children ages 6 to 10 are invited to come to the library and read to canine buddies. Offered in partnership with "The Connection... bringing People, Animals, and Nature Together", all volunteers are registered therapy dog teams. Call the Bremen Library at 569-7246 for more information.

Are you still not sure what the STATE ISSUES address? You can read the pros and cons on the Secretary of State's website. Go to [www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov](http://www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov) (click on the "What's on the Ballot" button at the bottom of the homepage). The Secretary of State's website is also a resource for information on absentee voting, voting early in person and Election Day procedures. Further questions can be addressed at 1-877-767-6446 toll free.

The museum of the Bremen Area Historical Society is pleased to present "Civil War - Local Veterans and the Underground Railroad". The exhibit opens November 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs through November 29<sup>th</sup>. It is open weekends (S & S) 2:00 – 6:00 pm and weekdays by appointment only, call Terry Borah @ 740-438-9211. On November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm we will have a seminar at BAHS featuring the Civil War. Alice Stevens of the Fairfield County Genealogy Society, a Civil War Historian, will speak of Rushcreek and Richland Township's contribution to the Civil War. Steve Ball, a Civil War Musician and Historian, will present songs of the era and Don Grant, a collector of rare Civil War artillery will shoot a cannon to

end the celebration. The Seminar is open to the public and free to those who attend. Hope to see you at the exhibit during November and seminar on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Terry Borah

**APPLICATIONS** for the Deputy Ethan Collins Scholarship and Officer Brett Markwood Scholarship are available at the Village Office in the hallway. The deadline for applying is April 1, 2013. Applications can also be printed from [www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org) website. These scholarships are for any Fairfield County student pursuing a career in Law Enforcement. They are unable to accept late or incomplete applications.

**TURKEY DINNER** at the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church will be Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Cost will be \$7.50 Adults and \$4.00 for children 12 & under. The Church is at the corner of Walnut and Purvis. Come for good food and fellowship.

The Bremen Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Bremen United Methodist Church on the corner of Walnut & Mulberry

Plan now... Bremen's **LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE** is to be held on Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Go to the Village website [www.bremenvillage.com](http://www.bremenvillage.com) and print the form to register your float or entry in the parade. This is Fairfield County's **ONLY** Lighted Night Parade. The floats and entries last year were absolutely beautiful!!!

**FORT STREET PROJECT WITH NEW CURBS AND GUTTERS** is underway. We are currently working on the west side of the street with the east side soon to be also under construction. As I write, we are dealing with rain and wind from hurricane Sandy. Poor weather doesn't help us but we trudge on! Our goal is to have the west side of the street repaired with new curbs and gutters and the bricks back in place as soon as possible (depending on the weather) so there can be street parking on the west side and traffic can move up and down Fort St. There will be a period of time where there will be **NO PARKING** on the street while both sides have bricks removed. Residents will have to park in the rear of their properties off the alley. There may be a few who will have to use parking on Marietta or other side street. As soon as the west side is finished (block by block) **YOU WILL RECEIVE A NOTICE** that authorizes parking on the west side. Putting the bricks back will be the challenge. Please be patient. I know you will be inconvenienced. I am sorry for that, however, think about how beautiful and safe your street will be when it is finished. We will proceed as quickly as possible, as safe as possible, and with the quality our streets deserve. This work is possible from our \$225,000 grant - \$164,000 free money and \$61,000 of in-kind labor from the Village workers.

The Village Offices will be closed Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> over Thanksgiving weekend and in December the offices will be closed Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>; and then Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

In this winter chill I still wish for you warm and happy days! As you get ready for the Holiday Season, remember those with need and support our local food pantry at Calvary United Methodist Church...  
Douglas Hockman, Village Administrator