

THE VILLAGE VOICE

A Newsletter From Your Village Administrator: Douglas Hockman

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THOUGHTS: Two and a half years ago I became your Village Administrator. The Mayor, Josh Groce, and I are responsible for all the day to day work and operations of the Village, as well as all our employees. The Council we work with is given the task of legislation which is making decisions concerning the laws which govern the village. We are all governed by the Ohio Revised Code and are committed to following the sections entrusted to each of us.

As we consider our responsibilities as residents of Bremen, the time has come for us to go to the voting booth. I attended the "Meet the Candidates" night and heard some inspiring talks. Some talked about the past and most of the new candidates talked about the future. Some were younger, and some were older. There were not very many of us present but it was an informative evening.

Above and beyond all things, I hope all of you who are registered, will go out and cast your vote. There are five candidates to fill four Village Council seats. The Village residents also vote for the Township Trustee. They have three people running to fill two spots. Two of the three are newer residents that have never run before and one is an incumbent.

**PLEASE GO OUT AND VOTE FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
IN BOTH THE VILLAGE AND TOWNSHIP**

THE COMMUNITY OF BREMEN AND RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP IS INVITED on November 7th at 7:00 pm to attend a first "WET DOWN" of your new Medic 541 (ambulance), recently put into service. It is a tradition in the fire service to have the community and fire fighters' families come to the firehouse and take turns spraying water on the new truck. Following the wash, we will collectively simulate pushing new Medic 541 into its spot in the bay. Lots of pictures will be taken and it is our desire for each of you to be part of our family. Food and drink will be provided. It is also a good time to bring children to see all the fire equipment and become familiar with what each of the trucks do for our Village and Township in responding to emergencies. Hope to see you there!!!

WOMEN: GIVE YOURSELF A CHRISTMAS GIFT... A FREE MAMMOGRAM

Even though we are Fairfield County, each month I receive a phone call from the Perry County Health Department. The call informs me of open spots for a free mammogram for those who have no insurance or are underinsured. I post those opening on the Village Facebook page and ask for any in need of a mammogram to call the number provided.

In the month of December, I have teamed up with the Perry County Health Department and The Living Word Church to host, FOR BREMEN AND RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP WOMEN, the opportunity for you to receive a free mammogram. The Ohio Health Mobile Mammography Unit will be at The Living Word Church on December 23rd. There are 19 spots open... To be eligible a woman must be over the age of 40, be uninsured or underinsured, and not have had a mammogram within the last year. APPOINTMENTS (19) ARE REQUIRED. Call Debbie at 740-342-5179. This project is funded by Ohio Health, the Columbus Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Perry County Health Department.

If this is a Christmas Gift you can give to yourself... Call Debbie today and get registered!

YOU ARE INVITED to the Bremen Elementary School to attend their annual Veterans Day Program. The program will be at the school on Monday, November 11th at approximately 3:00 pm. The school invites all local veterans and current military personnel to attend as well any who are interested in seeing the program. They have also invited our governor, senators, congressmen and local school board members. The students will be presenting the program in honor of the veterans. You can RSVP by phone at 569-4135 or e-mail to RoseAnnElliot@fairfield-union.k12.oh.us

November 2nd the Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church will be hosting their ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Adults are \$7.00 and Children 12 and under is \$4.00. As they say: "Good As Grandmas". Hope to see you there!!!

November 3rd at 2:00 pm the Bremen Historical Society will have their Annual Meeting.

November 7th is the Chamber Annual Dinner. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00 prepaid and \$12.00 at the door. To make reservations call 569-9150.

Heading into the Harvest Time, please remember our Food Pantry at Calvary United Methodist Church. You can always drop off canned goods at the Village Utility Billing Office during our regular hours if you are not able to take them to your house of worship. The Food Drive will begin with sacks placed on porches Monday, Nov. 18th. The sacks will be picked up on Saturday, Nov. 23rd between 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon. Please begin picking up a few extra cans each week when you are grocery shopping to prepare a full sack if you are able. This will help with Holiday meals for many area families. To receive a Christmas Basket on Dec. 21st you MUST sign up at the "Next To New Sale" at the Bremen First United Methodist Church on December 6th or 7th. Thank you for your generosity in advance!!!

THE BREMEN BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is celebrating the huge success of the 2013 "Breakfast to Go". Over Spring Break and for each remaining weekend of the 2012- 2013 school year, they furnished breakfast bags for participating students at the Bremen Elementary School. The Church furnished student with these breakfast bags on Friday before the students went home. The program grew to include 83 students. A total of 1,494 breakfasts were packed. The congregation received a grant of \$1,500.00 from the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Bags were furnished by Meijer's, Wal-Mart, and Giant Eagle.

BENEFIT FOR TREVOR FINK: Trevor was in a car accident on Sept. 21st. He remains in critical condition. The benefit is to help with medical expenses. There will be a Chinese Auction and silent auction from 2 – 5 pm then another live auction followed by a music and dance. There will be a gun raffle, 50/50, and concessions and baked goods. If you have any question or want to make a donation call Karen Metzger at 740-605-4563.

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH TABERNACLE would like the village to know some exciting events going on at their church. Every Thursday evening they host a program called A.C.T.S. (Alcohol / Chemical Treatment Series) from 6:00 – 7:00 pm at 228 Oak St. If you or someone you love needs a support group to become free from the addiction of drugs and alcohol... there is HOPE. Everyone is invited. The hardest step is the first step. Don't put it off any longer. Call 740-468-9277 to help yourself with the first step to wholeness.

The A.F Tabernacle is also providing a Free Community Lunch on November 23rd and December 21st from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. With finances tight at the end of the month here is an opportunity for you to share in a hot meal with people who care. The Church is offering this ministry to help our village residents during this difficult economic time.

Another helpful ministry is their Food By Faith, food pantry. Contact Penny at 740-569-0057 by the third (3rd) Friday of each month no later than 5:00 pm to receive food on the following Saturday from 11:00 to 12:00 noon. To pick up food you will need two pieces of identification such as electric bill, phone bill, lease, state I.D., or drivers license that shows your address. You can receive food from the pantry once a month.

At this writing, we laid the final brick on Fort St. With a big sigh, the project is finished except for a little clean up. We are moving on with leaf pick up and filling potholes. This year has been extremely busy but I see the village wrapping up many of the projects just in time for winter. The first order for salt is coming in the next week and we will soon be putting the snow plows on the front of our vehicles. The handicap ramps are in process along Marietta St. at Purvis and Oak. Hopefully, these will be finished in two weeks.

I am always available to talk with you about village business or to just have a cup of coffee. During this time of year, please think what you can offer in service to another. A helpful hand goes a long way in generating good will. I trust your generosity and desire to do what is right. Know that I am working hard for the residents of the village and have ALL of you in the best interests of my heart. While I am not perfect and can't please everyone, I am trying to do my best for our Village. Wishing you warm and happy days! Douglas Hockman