



# The Village Voice

Bremen Ohio's Monthly Newsletter

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## November 2015

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### Upcoming Meetings



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

- ❖ Recreation & Facilities Committee:  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Noon
- ❖ Zoning Committee:  
November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
- ❖ Village Council:  
November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- ❖ Downtown Park Committee:  
November 17<sup>th</sup> at Noon
- ❖ Safety & Infrastructure Committee:  
November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- ❖ Financial Process Committee:  
November 25<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.



### Remember to Vote!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Polls will be open 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

Two sources of information about candidates and issues on your ballot include:

- ✓ The Fairfield County Board of Elections, at [www.fairfieldelections.com](http://www.fairfieldelections.com)
- ✓ The Lancaster Eagle-Gazette, at [www.lancastereaglegazette.com/pages/interactives/voter-guide](http://www.lancastereaglegazette.com/pages/interactives/voter-guide)

### What to do about Recycling

In the interest of sound fiscal management, the time is coming for the village council to reach a conclusion about whether to continue to provide recycling.



For the past several years, the Village has been providing for the collection of recyclable metals, plastics and paper at dumpsters located at the municipal building.

This costs the Village \$275 monthly, \$3,300 annually. Aside from the expenditure of village's limited funds, the village's drop-off location is used extensively by people from outside our municipality. That means Bremen taxpayers are paying for non-residents.

Following the article in the August 2015 edition of *The Village Voice* raising awareness about this issue, only a very few residents expressed their concern about the potential loss of recycling service. The lack of input from the majority could be construed as an overall lack of interest.

If you have a definite opinion, please provide input to Council members before or at the next council meeting.

## Marked Trees



You may have noticed trees around town that have blue or red markings.

American Electric Power Company has marked them as part of their preventative maintenance program to protect the integrity of electric utility lines. The blue dots indicate trees that will receive selective branch trimming while the red dots indicate trees to be removed.

The work will be performed by AEP's contractor, probably during November.

Please note that this is not part of the Village's tree maintenance program. Questions or concerns should be directed to AEP.

## Lost and Found

A youth-sized bicycle was found a couple months ago 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. Otherwise, it's time for us to get rid of it.



## Dog Problems



A number of incidents have been recently reported about dogs running loose in the village, and/or noisy barking dogs.

There have even been multiple situations when pedestrians have been confronted or even attacked by apparently vicious dogs.

Enforcement of the county and state dog regulations is handled by Fairfield County. The dog warden can be reached during daytime hours by calling 740-652-7180. Otherwise, the county sheriff can be reached at 740-569-4400.

## Leaf Collection

The annual daunting task of leaf collection is underway. Due to the sheer volume of leaves during the peak of the season, it's not possible for the village's 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.



## Village Office Hours

The Village offices will be closed on November 26 and 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

