



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:

- Planning & Zoning Commission:
December 4th at 6:30 PM
- Village Council Special Meeting to discuss solid waste contract and 2018 temporary budget: December 5th at 5:45 PM
- Recreation & Facilities Committee:
December 5th at 6:00 PM
- Administrative Process Committee:
December 7th at 7:00 PM
- Village Council: December 11th at 7:00 PM
- Financial Process Committee:
December 27th at 5:00 PM
- Village Council Special Meeting to discuss 2018 temporary budget and for recognition of a council member: December 27th at 6:00 PM

If you would like to speak at the Council meeting, please contact the office by noon of the previous day 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.

Village Office Hours

The Village offices will be closed on December 25 and 26 in observance of Christmas, and December 29 and January 1 for the New Year's period.

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

Waste Management's trash collection will be delayed one day during Christmas week. For Bremen, that means trash collection will be on Friday, December 29.



The Village will have a new solid waste contract starting on January 1st. Information about the new contract and the weekly trash collection schedule will be sent via a separate mailing during December.

Leaving the Leaf Season

The Village is continuing leaf pick up through the first week of December. After December 8, you will need to bag your leaves and put them out for trash pick up. So, as much as you can, please rake your leaves now and have them at the curb.

Election Results

Congratulations to Toni Harper, Liz Lehman, Todd Wesaw, and Debbie Wolfe for being elected to village council, and to Mike Henwood for being elected as mayor. Their new terms start in January, with Oaths of Office being conducted at the first council meeting of the new year. Thank you to each of them for their willingness to serve the community in these roles.



Community Connections

Here's an opportunity to get out and socialize with other members of the community...



Caroling Night in Bremen Apostolic Faith Tabernacle

When: Saturday, December 9, 5:00 PM.

Meet at the church, 228 Oak Street. From there, the carolers will walk around town singing Christmas songs to celebrate the season.

Afterward, hot chocolate and cookies will be served at the church.

All are welcomed to attend!



Volunteers Helping the Community

Thank you to Dan Rutherford and Chris Moyer for volunteering their time and effort to rebuild the baseball dugout at Howell Park which was heavily damaged during a wind storm earlier this year.



Future Employment Opportunity



For those who are interested in applying to become a lifeguard next summer, now is the time to start planning when to take your Red Cross certification class. Lifeguarding classes are given at only certain times during the year so advanced planning is necessary. Inquire about class schedules and prices at places such as the YMCA in Lancaster or in Newark.

Improving the Village's Water Quality

Starting in late 2016, there were increasing reports of discolored water coming out of water taps at various residences and businesses in Bremen. The problem was not occurring uniformly across the water distribution system nor with predictable regularity. The random nature of this problem makes it difficult to readily determine the cause.

Nonetheless, under the expert guidance of the Village's water system operator, Ron Stephens, advancements are being made in addressing the problem. For example, various adjustments have been and are being made in the treatment process at the water plant, and a better methodology for hydrant flushing has been developed.

The Village has also retained GGC Engineers to design improvements at the water plant. This includes replacing or upgrading certain components of the water plant's systems. The first priority will be rehabilitating the plant's iron filter. This project is planned to occur during the first half of 2018. Engineering plans are being prepared, funding will be secured, and a contractor will be selected through competitive bidding.

Meanwhile, if you experience discolored water, please do the following:

- ✓ Immediately call the village office at 740-569-4788 weekdays. If after hours or on weekends, please call the mayor at 740-569-4897 and report the address, date and time of the occurrence, a description of the water's appearance, etc.
- ✓ Collect a sample of the water in a clean jar and then seal the container. Be sure to write down the date and time of day and from which faucet the sample was collected. Our water department personnel can then come to pick up the sample for their documentation. While they are there, they may also want to look at your indoor pipelines.

No January Newsletter

Due to constraints of the December office schedule with respect to the production of the January utility bills, there will not be a January issue of *The Village Voice*. Utility bills will be mailed as post cards rather than being sent in envelopes.

