

VILLAGE OF NEW BREMEN NEWS

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ASSISTANT VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

After many months of interviews, the Village of New Bremen has filled the newly created position of Assistant Village Administrator. Wayne York, 52, of Wapakoneta, was selected for the position. The Versailles native has nineteen years of local government engineering and management experience, including Celina, New Bremen, and Wapakoneta. Following ten years as the plant manager at Apex Bag Company in Wapakoneta, he has spent the last four years in the insurance field.

Wayne met his wife, Marianne Sailor, at a New Bremen Council meeting in 1974 while she was reporting for the Sidney Daily News. At the time, Marianne's father was the Village Administrator in Jackson Center, now retired. In the late 1990's, Marianne was the Auglaize Neighbors reporter for Sidney Daily News, reporting on Southwestern Auglaize County. Now she is a substitute teacher in the Botkins, Wapak and Anna school systems. They have three children, the oldest of which is Matthew, who is married and living in Columbus. Michael, survived a battle with cancer (lymphoma) and six months of chemotherapy when he was ten years old. He went on to participate in band, track, the academic team, and is now a civil engineering student at the University of Cincinnati. Still at home is high school

student Katy who is very active in dance and school activities. She is a trainer for the high school football teams, was second runner-up for the 2003 Miss Summer Moon Pageant in Wapak and performed in the 2002 Wallpaper Project historical production at the NBHS James F. Dicke Theatre. Until Katy is out of high school, Wayne will be commuting to New Bremen.

Initially, Wayne will be spending much of his time getting acquainted with people and projects, helping on economic development matters, and working on projects and assignments as needed. Welcome aboard, Wayne!

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE

The following is the Village Ordinance requiring all residents and property owners to remove snow and ice from sidewalks:

Ordinance 95.10: It shall be the duty of the owner or of the occupant of each and every parcel of real estate in the village abutting upon any sidewalk to keep the sidewalk abutting his premises free and clear of snow and ice, and to remove therefrom all snow and ice accumulated thereon within a reasonable time, which will ordinarily not exceed 12 hours after the abatement of any storm during which the snow and ice may have accumulated. The penalty is \$100.00 plus court costs.

LOCAL RESOURCES

There is a distinct advantage to local resources. When a commodity is locally owned and locally controlled it makes it more valuable and more reliable. That's the advantage of our locally owned municipal electric system. Since the Village of New Bremen has been providing reliable service to our residents and businesses and because we are headquartered here in the Village, we have an advantage over customers of other companies.

The New Bremen Light Department is part of our Village, this increases accountability. Our system is accountable to local residents and businesses in a way that other suppliers of electric power could never be. That accountability is critically important when it comes to providing the power that is so much a part of our day-to-day lives.

Rates, policies and procedures are determined right here in the Village, not in some far away boardroom. The people making the decisions understand our community and the unique needs of its customers. You can go right to the top to ask a question or get help. Rates are approved by our elected Village Council, not by a state board made up of people from all over Ohio. When new rates or policies are under consideration, public discussions are held, and because the meetings take place here in the Village, they are more convenient for people to attend. The same Council members we've elected to represent us on other issues set the rates for our electric power.

Because it's local, our municipal power system is a partner for local business and industry, working with them to reduce their overhead and insure adequate power supplies for all of us. The Village of New Bremen Light Department works with local elected and economic development officials

recruiting new business and industry in our area.

WARNING SIRENS

When the outside warning sirens are activated, a tornado has been sighted near the Village of New Bremen. The sound of a solid siren tone is the warning to take cover because there may be a chance of a tornado. An up and down siren sound is the all clear sign to resume normal activities. Careful consideration and evaluation is taken by Village safety forces prior to a storm activation signal or an all clear signal. A reminder that the sirens are not activated for warnings, they will only sound if it is important to take cover due to a tornado approaching or the sighting of a tornado that could cause harm.

SNOW REMOVAL

All Village residents are reminded of the upcoming snow season. Cars parked along the street create a problem for the snow plows. We ask all residents to move vehicles off the street so the street crews can remove all the snow. It is a violation of a Village Ordinance for any vehicle to remain parked on the street for over 72 hours without being moved. The Police Department will be checking these vehicles and issuing parking tickets to those vehicles that are not moved every 72 hours.

UNCLAIMED BICYCLES

Over the past summer, the New Bremen Police Department has picked up a large numbers of abandoned bicycles.

Anyone who is missing a bicycle should contact the New Bremen Police Department at 419-629-2447. These bicycles may be claimed by first identifying the bicycle and then purchasing a bicycle license for it. Any bicycle which has not been claimed by its

owner will be sold at a public auction in the spring of 2004.

GREETINGS FROM MAYOR KLEIN

I am especially proud of the way our community has prospered during my administration. Every citizen is to be commended for a job well done!

Although it was a sad tragedy for all, our two fallen firefighters Ken Jutte and John Garman have brought our community closer almost like an extended family. I have a great respect for what they were doing in the line of duty. It was their job and they did it well! I again wish to express my condolences to both families and their friends. We trust a tragedy like this won't happen again in our community, but it has brought us much closer.

We have seen our streets and alleys upgraded. A new water plant was built and we're even looking to expand it further because of our growth. Infrastructure under our streets that supply clean drinking water, remove storm water, and deliver sewerage to our wastewater plant were upgraded. We've expanded the Bremenfest Park and now have a Parks Department that allows us to continue improving recreational services to our community. Our new swimming pool has also provided our youth with more activities and fun

Our Industrial Park has grown and we have invited many new and expanded businesses. Although Stamco and B & R Fleet Services have closed this past year I'm confident we'll see employment grow. Our newest industry, Solae, promises to expand their facilities, too.

With the construction of Amsterdam Center, our retail trade has evolved into many businesses locating between New Bremen and Minster. We can attribute much of this

growth to the creation of our Chamber of Commerce. Greg Myers, its Director has done a wonderful job of promoting our community and the many aspects we have to offer visitors and those looking for a place to call home.

We can also be proud of our newly constructed High School as it provides our community with a great place to raise our families. We must not forget that our future depends on our youth!

Yes, New Bremen truly is "One of Ohio's best kept secrets", and I am proud to announce that we are prospering! With our spirited teamwork we can make this community a better place for everyone.

Again, I wish to thank every citizen for your continued support. With it our future's promise, peace and prosperity can become a reality. May God Bless America and our community.

MAYOR ELECT JEFF PAPE

I thank the voters of New Bremen for their support, and their votes for me as our Village's next Mayor. I have confidence, that with our veteran Village Council members and with the addition of Austin and John, New Bremen will continue its past superb performance as a community. Promise-peace-prosperity has proven to be not just a slogan, but the measures of our Village's success.

On behalf of our entire Village, I would also like to publicly thank Mayor Klein for his dedicated service to the Village for the past 18 years. Hopefully he can enjoy his well-earned time with family as he relinquishes his duties as our Mayor.

COUNCILMAN ELECT JOHN T. SCHWARTZ

As a newly elected council person I would like to thank all the people in our community who voted for me. I am looking forward to serving the community. I feel we live in one of the best small communities in the country and I am looking forward to helping make it even a better community for us all.

VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	9-1-1
Administrator	419-629-2827
Utility Office	419-629-2447
	419-629-0013
Utility Office Fax	419-629-2302
Police	419-629-3371
Police Fax	419-629-0431
Emergency Squad Office (non-emergency)	419-629-3837
Fire Department (non-emergency)	419-629-3101
Swimming Pool	419-629-3583
Parks Department	419-629-3563
Water Plant	419-629-3423
Electric Department	419-629-2325
Wastewater Plant	419-629-2840
Public Works	419-629-2802

Mayor Robert Klein

Village Council

Don Kuck, President
Dennis Burnell
John Turner
Rodney Klose
Jeff Pape
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Village Clerk

Diane Gast

Village Administrator

Larry Durkee

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

The movies are coming to New Bremen. Lock One Theater is officially opening on Saturday, December 6th with the showing of Universal Studios “Dr. Seuss’ The Cat in the Hat” starring Mike Myers. Showtimes are Monday through Friday at 7:30 P.M., Saturday at 4:30 P.M., 7:00 P.M. and 9:30 P.M. and Sunday at 4:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. The theater is located at 8 West Monroe Street in downtown New Bremen. Visit our website at www.lockonetheater.com for coming attractions, presale ticket purchase and the history of the theatre or you can call 419-629-4100 for show information.

See you at the movies!

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