

# VILLAGE OF NEW BREMEN NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2003

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## **BRUSH AND LEAF PICK-UP**

Effective immediately the Village crews will no longer pick up brush or leaves in the alleys within the Village of New Bremen. With the addition of newer equipment it is making it more difficult for this equipment to get down some alleys for these pick-ups. The Village crews are not permitted to operate those trucks on the alleys to protect the pavement composition. All residents are asked to place these items between the street and the sidewalk. If you have excessive amounts, you are asked to call the Village Office for special pick-up arrangements. Grass clippings are not a curb side pick-up, they are to be taken to the dumpster in front of the Electric Department building on South Herman Street. Please do not place any brush, leaves or grass in plastic bags.

## **IF YOU PLAN TO DIG**

If you plan to dig anywhere you should call 1-800-362-2764 to have your underground utilities located. The Village of New Bremen is a member of the Ohio Utilities Protection Service. (OUPS).

## **COMMUNITY POOL**

September 1, 2003 (Labor Day) is the last day the New Bremen Community Pool will be open for the 2003 season.

## **NEW BREMEN HISTORIC ASSOCIATION FUND-RAISER**

The N.B.H.A. is serving a Christmas Candlelight Dinner at the Historic Museum December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$25.00 per meal. For information or tickets, contact Tom Braun at 419-629-8902.

## **CROWN PAVILION**

The Dicke family has made a commitment to the Village of New Bremen to donate a shelter house at the site of the old municipal pool on West Plum Street. This shelter house is an existing structure located on another property owned by the Dicke family and is being reconditioned and moved to this site. Jim Dicke Sr. is dedicating this project to all Crown employees, past and present, in appreciation for their efforts and commitment in making Crown a success. The Village of New Bremen is supporting this donation by providing the necessary landscaping and electric to fulfill this commitment. This shelter house will be named "*The Crown Pavilion*" in respect and admiration of this wonderful donation to our community.

## **DIRECT PAYMENT**

For your convenience, New Bremen Utilities offers direct payment of your utility bills. Contact the Village Office for forms.

## **NEW BREMEN HISTORIC ASSOCIATION**

The "New Bremen Historic Association" has a new book for sale called "*New Bremen Then and Now*". It is a 42 page picture book of New Bremen showing scenes of New Bremen years ago and the same scene in the year 2003. The cost of the book is \$15.00 including tax. If you wish to have the book sent, the shipping and handling charge is \$2.00. This book would make a nice Christmas gift for anyone who grew up in New Bremen.

If you wish to purchase the book, please contact Tom Braun at 419-629-8902 or e-mail [TGBraun@nktelco.net](mailto:TGBraun@nktelco.net). The book can also be purchased at the Historic Museum on Sunday 2-4 p.m. or Tuesday 9-12 noon and the book is also available at the Crown Store and the Southwestern Auglaize Chamber of Commerce.

### **BE ALERT!**

With school starting on August 25, 2003 drivers should remember that there will be a lot of children walking to and from school. The speed limit on Walnut Street and Plum Street in the area of the school is 20 MPH. The speed limit in the school zones on Washington Street and St. Rte. 274 is also 20 MPH when the school lights are flashing. Please be alert for the children.

### **CONTACTING THE NBPD**

We are still experiencing a problem with people knowing how to contact the police department in an emergency situation. If you experience an emergency situation needing immediate police response, call 911. If you need police service that is not emergency nature, but you need prompt and quick response, the NBPD may be contacted by calling Auglaize County Central Dispatch at 419-394-5227. If a resident

leaves a message on the answering machine at the police department it may be 3 to 4 hours for a response. All residents should be reminded, if they observe a crime in progress or any type of suspicious activity, they should call 419-394-5227 immediately.

### **OHIO HISTORIC MARKER**

On July 15, 2003 an Ohio Historical Marker commemorating the significance of New Bremen and the Miami & Erie Canal was dedicated at Lock One Park. State Senator Jim Jordon, State Representative Derrick Seaver, Mayor Robert Klein, Police Chief Doug Harrod and many others were on hand for this very special ceremony. This year Ohio celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday and New Bremen is celebrating its 170<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Administered by the Ohio Historical Society, the Historical Markers program enables Ohioans to commemorate and celebrate local history and to learn more about significant events and places in Ohio. Designed to be permanent and highly visible, the historic markers are large cast-aluminum signs that tell stories about aspects of Ohio's history and prehistory.

Special thanks to the New Bremen-New Knoxville Rotary Club and the New Bremen Historic Association for commissioning this marker. Doug Harrod and Darrin Klinger (Doug's son-in-law) researched the historical significance of New Bremen and the Miami & Erie Canal and applied to the Ohio Historical Society for the marker.

### ***HISTORIC HIGHLIGHT:***

Along the course of the canal, New Bremen was the approximate midway point between Cincinnati and Toledo.

## **RADIO READ METERS**

The radio read program that the Village instituted for the electric and water meters in the autumn of 2001 is progressing nicely. The program started off slowly in the beginning as we were learning how to use our new handheld devices and a new computer program that is used to enter meter readings. There was also a period of learning the proper installation and location of the radio transmitters. This learning curve is now behind us and we are quite pleased with how it is working and how it has catapulted our utility system into the world of modern electronic technology.

As of August 2003, we have now outfitted about two thirds of the electric meters in the village with radio read capability. With the use of our new handheld devices we have cut down the reading time on electric meters to about one third. The use of the handhelds in the Village Office has showed even greater timesaving. Now instead of spending hours of tedious data entry of meter readings into the computer, the handheld does the same task in minutes.

We have also changed out 237 water meters and installed radio transmitters on them as of the first part of August. Once a residence has been outfitted with a radio read water meter the Village will take over the responsibility of reading that water meter. It will be read monthly at the same time the electric meter is read. Our handheld devices will be able to read these water meters from the street without having to disturb the residents.

Changing the water meters is a slow process however, and we expect that it will take several more years to complete. Those residents who have not had their water meter

changed yet should expect to be contacted by the Village sometime in the future to have that done. If we find no one at home, we will leave a card in your door with a note and a phone number to contact us about making an appointment to have your water meter changed out and have a radio transmitter installed. Most installations take less than an hour. It involves us coming into your house to replace the existing water meter and then running a wire outside to the radio transmitter which is placed on the outside of the house. We are looking forward to contacting everyone as soon as we can.

## **LOCK ONE COMMUNITY ARTS** ***2003-2004 SEASON***

September 28, 2003

Guy Lombardo and The Royal Canadians  
7:00 PM James F. Dicke Auditorium

December 7, 2003

Christmas in the Village – A Hometown Christmas  
2:00 PM & 7:00 PM  
James F. Dicke Auditorium

February 21, 2004

Stuart Little – A Popular Musical  
7:00 PM James F. Dicke Auditorium

March 6, 2004

Club One – Atmosphere of the Nightclub Era  
7:30 PM K of C Hall, Minster, OH

June 26, 2004

The Mills Brothers  
7:00 PM James F. Dicke Auditorium

Tickets are available at:

Western Ohio True Value Hardware

Or by Calling:

419-629-3336

419-733-0139

## **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  
Delores Stienecker

#### **Village Clerk**

Diane Gast

#### **Village Administrator**

Larry Durkee

#### **Police Chief**

Douglas Harrod

#### **Fire Chief**

Robert Kuck

#### **Economic Development**

#### **Director**

Urban Buschur

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

*Pending legislation.....*

### **Ordinances:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading – 2003-7-24

Village Park Rules and Regulations

### **Resolutions:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading – 2003-7-32

Accepting the rates as established by  
the Budget Commission for the  
Undivided Local Government and  
the Undivided Revenue Assistance  
Funds

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 2003-8-35

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