

VILLAGE OF NEW BREMEN NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2006

POWER OUTAGES

If you experience a power outage, please report the outage by calling the Electric Department at 419-629-2325 or the Village Office at 419-629-2447 or 419-629-2827. The after hours emergency number to call is 419-394-2874.

WARNING SIRENS

The policy of the Village of New Bremen in regards to tornado warnings shall be as follows, effective immediately:

"The outside Warning Sirens will only be activated when a tornado has been sighted near or approaching the Village of New Bremen. Residents are advised to seek cover immediately. The sirens will be sounded continuously as long as there is danger. When there is no further known danger, the sirens will be turned off. The stopping of the sirens is to be understood as the "All Clear" signal to resume normal activities.

The warning sirens will not be turned on for tornado watches, only for actual sightings of tornados or extremely high winds that could cause harm."

LOCK ONE PARKING LOT

Due to the lock construction, the parking spaces are limited in the Lock One parking area. Therefore we are asking that the practice of parking "for sale" vehicles in the parking lot be stopped. The Village ordinance will still allow the use of the area, but your cooperation is appreciated during the construction.

AUGLAIZE COUNTY VALU CLASS

The next Auglaize County VALU Class will begin in September. VALU stands for "Visioning Auglaize Leadership and Unity". The classes have been offered by the Auglaize County Chambers of Commerce for the past five years.

Students in the class spend ten full-day sessions (one per month) delving into topics such as local government, education, communications, health and human services, agriculture, industry and economic development, local history and tourism, and justice and safety forces.

Nearly 70 students have graduated from the VALU Class. It provides an excellent overview of all aspects of life in Auglaize County, and is an outstanding experience for those doing business in the county, or having county-wide responsibility and interest.

Contact the Southwestern Auglaize County Chamber of Commerce for more information on the next VALU class. Call Jim or Donna at 419-629-0313 or email info@auglaize.org for details.

COUNCIL MEETING TIMES

January thru March	7:30p.m.
April thru December	6:30p.m.

Council Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th
Tuesdays of the month at the
Municipal Building

CARE OF TREES

Trees that were transplanted in the last three years should be watered during the dry periods of July, August and September. A 2 _" tree (trunk measurement) should get 14 gallons of water per week during the dry periods and a good watering before the first frost.

Newly transplanted trees should be watched for any leaning toward the east. Use stakes and ties so the tree will grow straight.

When applying mulch, keep the mulch to about 2 to 3 inches thick. Keep the mulch level and build a furrow around the perimeter to catch all water run off.

Suckers that arise at the graft union or ground level from the trunk and roots should be removed anytime throughout the year. Water sprouts that arise on the tree branches or trunk should be removed at any time.

It takes three years for a transplanted tree to start growing. The larger the tree at transplanting time, the more stress the tree bears in the first three years after transplanting.

Help us to keep our town alive with healthy, cared for trees and to appreciate these vital gifts of nature.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS DINNER

November 29, 2006	6:30 P.M.
December 1	6:30 P.M.
December 3	2:30 P.M.
December 8	6:30 P.M.

Salad, Soup, Potato and Pork Loin

At the New Bremen Historical Museum
\$25.00 PER PERSON
CALL 419-629-3495 FOR RESERVATIONS

HEALTHY OHIOIANS

The Village of New Bremen received the Bronze award for Healthy Ohioan's Parks and Recreation. Presenting the award was Governor Bob Taft in Columbus on August 4, 2006. This is the first year that Ohio Parks and Recreation were asked to submit an application for consideration for a Healthy Ohioians award. The Village was one of only nine Parks and Recreation in Ohio to receive an award. The Gold award was presented to the cities of Fremont, Massillon and Westerville. The silver awards recipients were the cities of Columbus, Dublin and Ravenna. Receiving the Bronze award were the City of Brooklyn, Upper Arlington and New Bremen. The free aerobics classes, walking groups and the Hip to Be Fit after school programs were some of the qualifying criteria for the award application. Our thanks go out to Harriot Bundy, Alice Davis and Diana Hartwig for donating their time as aerobic instructors, Sueann Luedeke for teaching the aqua aerobics and Harriot Bundy who also heads up the morning walking group.

LOCK ONE COMMUNITY ARTS SPOTLIGHT SERIES

The Elsbeary Hobbs Drifters
September 24, 2006 7:00 PM

Christmas in the Village
December 3rd, 2006 3:00 & 7:00 PM

Red Skelton – A Performance Tribute by
Tom Mullica February 11, 2006 7:00 PM

Dallas Brass
May 6, 2007 7:00 PM

All events are at the James F. Dicke Auditorium

Send orders and questions to:

15 North Walnut St.

New Bremen, OH 45869

Or call: Ellen Keyes at 419-629-0139 or
419-629-3336

Or visit: Western Ohio True Value Hardware
e-mail: lockone@nktelco.net

Visit our Web site at : www.lockone.org

NEW BREMEN GIANT PUMPKIN GROWERS

2006 PUMPKIN WEIGH-OFF

Thanks to tremendous community support, and the statisticians at The Guinness Book of World Records, New Bremen, Ohio is officially "**Home of the World's Largest Pumpkin Pie**". The 3rd Annual New Bremen's Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off will be at the Crown Pavilion, Saturday, October 14. Some scheduled activities are the following. There will be a Pumpkin Pancake Breakfast from 7:00 to 11:00 A.M. The New Bremen Firefighters hamburger/hotdog stand along with other organizations providing various pumpkin foods such as hot pumpkin donuts made on site. This year there will be a Craft Show (if interested in having a booth, call Carol Dick at 419-629-2678) along with a Farmer's Market. For individuals wanting to try their baking skills, there will be a Great Pumpkin Pie Bake-Off Contest; pies need to be at the Pavilion by 1:00 P.M. Kids Pumpkin Olympics will start at noon, other games and inflatable air rides will provide a fun time for the kids. A Pumpkifest Bean Bag Tournament will be held on the street. The giant pumpkin weigh-off, won last year by Jerry Rose from Huntsburg, Ohio with a *huge 1337 pound* entry, starts at 2:00 P.M. The Ohio State football game, kickoff TBA, will be shown in the Pavilion on a big screen. The Great Pumpkin Plunge, a unique experience where giant pumpkins are dropped 80 feet to squash cars, will start at 5:00 P.M. The Three-Day Weekend band from Indianapolis will provide live entertainment at the pavilion from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. followed by The Indoorfins from 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. For all those who have been wondering, The Guinness Book of World Records did not recognize the Pumpkin Pie effort on October 8, 2005 from Caro, Michigan. We are the CHAMPS. Come and enjoy the fun with a glass of Jack's Pumpkin Spice Ale.

LOCK ONE PROJECT

Work is well underway on the once-in-a-lifetime Lock One rebuilding project. As this newsletter goes to press, the west wall of the lock has been removed to the bottom and steel reinforcing bars and forms are being readied to pour new concrete. The original random form boards will be replicated on areas that could see daylight. The entire west wall will be reconstructed, then the east wall will follow in turn. Original type gates will be installed at both ends of the project. The south gates will be operable but the north ones will be permanently fixed shut. Excess water will be routed in a bypass on the east side of the locks, just like it was during the canal era, and then will go over a spillway into the newly constructed basin. The spillway and the basin won't be as large as the originals but they will represent what was once the most important activity in New Bremen. So far some nice artifacts have been recovered including wooden timbers. Several sections of the old concrete wall have been saved from the northwest wing wall where the tow ropes wore into the concrete 2-3" deep.

The contractor on this project is Jutte Excavating, Inc., Ft. Recovery, OH, who has done several canal and lock projects north of St. Marys for the State of Ohio. The heavy construction will take place this fall and the parking lot and landscaping work will take place in the spring.

While the canal is drained for the Lock One project, the canal banks are being rebuilt using compacted clay to their original cross section of forty feet. Over a period of decades, the canal banks had eroded to where they were sixty feet wide in places. Although it was not original to the canal, large stone is being placed above and below the water line to keep muskrats from decimating the canal banks. This way the newly restored canal banks should last for decades. At press time work is concentrated in the section between Lock One and Plum Street. Saintignon Excavating of Celina, OH is doing the work on the canal banks.

VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 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
Council Meetings	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays
	Jan. – Mar. 7:30 p.m.
	Apr. – Dec. 6:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS.....

Saturday - October 14, 2006
Giant Pumpkin Growers
2006 Pumpkin Weigh-Off

Thursday – October 26, 2006
Trick or Treat
6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Sunday – October 29, 2006
Cider Time
1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Sunday - December 10, 2006
Christmas Tree Festival at
At Historical Museum
12:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Mayor Jeffrey Pape

Village Council

Don Kuck, President
Dennis Burnell
Craig Meyer
Delores Stienecker
John Schwartz
Craig Hoffman

Village Clerk-Treasurer

Diane Gast

Village Administrator

Wayne York

Police Chief

Douglas Harrod

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