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Bremen's Historical Figures

A Driving Tour Through Yesteryear

Experience Creative Art Displays of Life in a Rural Community



Tour the village anytime of the day and view fourteen handcrafted lifelike figures dressed in vintage clothing representing Bremen from a bygone era when life was more simplistic.

The Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce proudly presents this grand public art exhibition. We hope the displays will acquaint oneself to the past and provide a feel for our ancestral way of life.

November 3, 2012 - January 5, 2013



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1 161 Carter Street
Making Memories A part of Bremen's daily life has always been centered on the family. Depicted here is a scene repeated countless times as mother and child anticipates the Holiday season creating cookies for family gatherings. This building was erected in 1999 to aid in keeping Bremen's history, service to the local community, and history-related educational activities. Scene privately funded by Ed & Martha Pool.

2a Small island at Fort & Highland Blvd.
Father Christmas Father Christmas welcomes you to Bremen's Historical Figures Display.

2b 316 Highland Blvd.
Nativity Scene Bremen is a faith-based community and Christmas is celebrated because of the birth of Jesus. This breathtaking nativity scene was made by Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth, Michigan. It has been a part of our community since 1995 and is privately owned by the Mahler Family.

3 199 School Street
Sled Rider Once the site of Bremen Elementary School, Sleigh Hill located at the side of the school, was the popular site of children to sleigh ride. The hill was contoured differently prior to the housing development. It was said, if you had the right snow and went high enough up the hill, you could make it all the way down Maple Street. Of course, this was when the principal wasn't around. Children still enjoy sledding here.

4 105 Strayer Ave.
Doctor Frank Strayer was born in our midst and was not only known as a good physician but also a road builder. The trees along many of our roads were the dream of shade and fruit to the traveler, which the doctor had in his great heart. Village Council continues this tradition maintaining Bremen as a community of "tree-lined brick streets".



5 Bremen Elementary School - 210 Strayer Ave.
Soldier Rushcreek Memorial High School was erected in 1925 as a tribute to, "The men of this community who served in the World War". In 2009, it was razed and replaced. This memorial wall contains plaques honoring area veterans who have served in the military to preserve our freedom from the onset of the Civil War to the present.

6 133 Purvis Ave.
Leaves of Yesteryear The top portions of the garden light are the remnants of the Tent Church chandelier. The group known as Rushcreek Congregation organized this church in 1803. It was known as Tent Church because the first church services were held under a grove of beech trees, which formed a "Tent" for the worshippers. The child is holding a beech leaf representing descendants David & Deborah Wolfe who privately funded the scene.



7 Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church - 142 Purvis Ave.
Caroler George Beery platted Bremen in 1834 and chose to name it after Bremen, Germany, where his wife's parents lived. The caroler's attire is from Germany including the song lyrics. In 1845, the first church built in the Village was of Presbyterian denomination. Built in 1907, this building is the site of the third Presbyterian church in the Village. This congregation worships as Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian.

10th ANNIVERSARY

Bremen Pumpkin Walk

Sat., Oct. 20, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
 in Howell Park

VILLAGE OF BREMEN
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 PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

In celebrating our 10th year, day-long festivities are planned, see village website for more details.
www.bremenvillage.com

5k Run ~ Gift Vendors ~ Live Music ~ Family Fun

Trick or Treat

Thursday
 October 25th, 6-7:30pm

VILLAGE OF BREMEN
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Fairfield County's ONLY night parade!

Bremen's Lighted Parade

Saturday
 December 15, 2012
 5:30pm

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To make a monetary contribution to this exciting project contact the Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce at 740-569-9150.

8 304 Walnut St.
Lamplighter In 1896, twenty gas streetlights were purchased and erected. The first lamplighter was C.E. Davis. Gas to fuel the lighting was provided by Rush Creek Gas & Oil Company at a cost of 25 cents per month for each lamp. The first recorded pay to light and care for the street lamps in the village was \$5.00 per month.

9 Morgan Funeral Home - 124 Fort Street
Fetching a tree In early days, funerals were most often held in the home of the deceased. In 1945, this became a "home" for funerals, as well as a residence for the Franklin Snyder Family. In 2008, the home was purchased by Mark & Sherri Morgan who continue to restore and preserve for our posterity. Family traditions are nurtured here, including bringing home the tree.



10 135 Marietta Street
Fire Fighter In 1897, the first firefighting equipment was purchased by the Village consisting of three dozen wooden buckets and twelve ladders. In 1901, the first fire engine, a primitive hand pump apparatus, was purchased. C.W. Rinehart served as the first Fire Chief of the volunteer fire department.

11 Rushcreek Feed - 103 S. Broad Street
Train Worker On July 4, 1855 the first train passed through Bremen causing as much excitement as the findings of oil & gas in later years. During the height of the oil boom, twelve trains each day passed through Bremen. The first mill was built in 1870 meeting the needs of the agricultural community. Between the train and the mill, the farmers no longer needed to haul their produce so far.



12 Dr. Wilson Building - Emergency stairs
Mason In 1909, work began on forming a Masonic Lodge of F & AM in Bremen. Chartered in 1910, Bremen Lodge #608 has been holding meetings on the third floor of this building since that time. While descending the stairs, the Mason is comparing his pocket watch with the magnificent timepiece gracing our Village.



13 Westerman Companies - 245 N. Broad St.
Oil Field Worker The first oil well "came in" with a good show of oil in the Township in July of 1907. During the "oil boom", the village experienced substantial increase in wealth and population. Many local companies were formed and wells were drilled as fast as possible. Westerman Company, established in 1909, was the originator of oil field equipment in the Appalachian area and possibly the whole United States.

14 Across from Quikwash
Marshall The first Marshall on record was William Wehr who was sworn to duty on October 26, 1894. To the disappointment of many, and as a relief to the townspeople, the first calaboose "jail" was completed January 27, 1896. At that time, the Marshall earned \$15.00 for six months pay.

This project is a collaborated effort of labor among...



Bremen Area Historical Society



Figures created by Dick and Barb Pettit, Somerset, Ohio

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As Good As Grandmas!
Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church will be hosting their **Annual TURKEY DINNER** November 3rd, 4-7 PM

\$7.50 Adults \$4 Children 12 & under
corner of Walnut & Mulberry

Bremen Community **Thanksgiving Service** will be held **Nov. 18th, 7pm** Bremen United Methodist Church
corner of Walnut & Mulberry

Annual Banquet
Nov. 1, 2012 will be held at the **Bremen Area Historical Society**
Dinner Served 6pm
\$10 pre-paid / \$12 at the door
Entertainment
State of the Village & Rushcreek Township
For reservations: 569-9150 / email: bremencoc@gmail.com

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