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## VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE

### STATE OF THE VILLAGE



I am proud to be part of the progress and achievements of the Village, and I am excited about the plans we are making for the Village's future. These goals are not achieved individually, but rather as a strong, collective group comprised of the Mayor, Village Council, Board of Public Affairs, Police Department and Village employees. 2013 was a good year for the Village as it observed 138 years in existence. This report will mention progress in 2013 and some plans for 2014.



Financially, the Village ended in a good position. We are financially secure by carefully monitoring and operating within the budget. Our municipal income tax receipts are stable and our fund balances have increased, but we continue to see decline in state assistance. Our most recent audit was clean and certified by the State, and may be accessed at <https://ohioauditor.gov/auditsearch/results.aspx?queryString=VILLAGE+OF+PEMBERVILLE>

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Our Police Department continues to provide good service thanks to the efforts of Chief James Darling. Patrol officer Jason Kwapich has been promoted to Sergeant, and the staff includes four other part-time officers and five auxiliary officers. The Village purchased a new 2013 Ford police vehicle, with up-to-date security features, lights, computer and communication equipment. Assistance from our officers has resulted in a life-saving event, and helping control some dangerous neighborhood events in addition, to day-to-day duties.



The Village was awarded \$5600 from the Wood County Park District to resurface the Community Park tennis courts. This is expected to be done in June. The Swimming Pool had a modest season due to numerous rains and cool days in July and August, but still managed to draw the least amount from the general fund in several years. Credit goes to Manager Nathan Decker and Wood Lane School for their contributions.



Plans are underway to develop "Northwest Park", the 10-acre parcel on Rees Rd. beside the north water plant. Later this year, an opportunity to name the park and/or sponsor some park elements will be announced. Oberhouse Park, behind the homes on Bierly Avenue, has a number of fallen and dead trees. Later this year, residents will be given an opportunity to take some of this wood for their personal use. Watch for that announcement.



The Streets, Lands and Buildings Department had a busy year, with five brush chippings, fall leaf pick-ups,

swimming pool opening and closing, 48 acres of mowing, and the day-to-day repairs and up-keep of Village facilities. The busiest snowplowing season in memory started early in December and lasted through March of this year. We had adequate supplies of salt throughout the winter. The Streets Committee is prioritizing street improvements including Perry Street extension, Moore Street and the dumpsite near the Village Garage for yard waste and other organic disposal.



On the economic development front, while not in town, the Home Depot facility and the Lucky Farmers installation, north and south of town respectively, will provide jobs and travel through Pemberville as they are constructed and completed. Locally, four home lots have been purchased along West Front Street that may soon begin building. A new home on North Hickory Street is nearing completion. Council recently approved a zoning change on a 20-acre parcel just north of West Front Street that may be developed into 40 new home sites. A new business has opened downtown—Starlight Studios—owned and operated by Catie Agans.



Pemberville received special recognition from the Arbor Day Commission, recognizing 25 consecutive years of achieving Tree City USA status..



The Village of Pemberville could not enjoy its sterling reputation without the various organizations and the hundreds of volunteers that support them. 2013 was a successful year for the Pemberville Free Fair and Parade, PIMA car shows, Community Garage Sales, Harvest Gathering and Craft Show, Pemberville's first annual Lighted Christmas parade, Model T cruise-in, and many more. Within the events listed above, were many individual outstanding events, as well. We look forward to an exciting 2014. Thank you and congratulations to all the volunteers.



In 2014, we can look forward to new offerings at the Community Pool. Manager Allison Voland looks forward to welcoming Pemberville and surrounding area residents to the Pool. In addition, Assistant Manager Kristin Long will be conducting Water Aerobics classes 3 days each week, just \$5 per session. Early sign-up days are April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup> at Village Hall. Healthy discounts for those who sign up early.

I again encourage interested residents to check the Village website [www.pemberville.org](http://www.pemberville.org) for news and archived information about the Village. The Police Dept. also has a website [www.pembervillepolice.com](http://www.pembervillepolice.com) that offers security services. You can "friend" the Mayor on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/mayorbowman](http://www.facebook.com/mayorbowman), and read about "Interesting Facts About Ohio, Wood County & Pemberville" three or four times each week.



## Rödinghausen – Powerful – The Future is Shaped.



Below is Tom Gerkes' translation of the Letter from Bürgermeister Vortmeyer to Mayor Bowman, December 2013

Dear Mr. Bowman,

An eventful year 2013 is soon behind us – a year in which we achieved a lot together. The challenges that have been placed on us, we have adapted. At the same time, it has managed to pave the way for a continued positive development. Next year we will be working intensively on the development of our community so that future generations will inherit an intact and livable Rödinghausen.

### Family Justice Firmly in Sight

The results of the family survey speak for themselves. People feel comfortable in Rödinghausen and are more satisfied with the diverse offers.

Every year we spend 2.5 million euros for care and education. In five daycare centers, two primary school associations, and our total school community members are just the most recent start in this.

Recently, the primary school in the village of Bruchmühlen was extended (enlarged). New premises were created in which learning courses are in the foreground, but the children are also welcome after school hours. The new premises are a center for youth education, culture, and sports.

### Quality of Life is a Priority

From a nationwide U3 – care survey given to seniors in mobile Rödinghausen finds in every generation a high quality of life before them. Expanding on these is our goal.

On the nature trail, which was inaugurated in the year 2012, another meeting was made at the atrium in the past year, a place at the disposal of particular clubs and groups for events. Thanks to its features, with multimedia presentation technology, it offers a variety of uses and space for about 50 people under the big roof membrane.

The redesigning of the lawn in the village of Ostkilver "at the spruce", an art racecourse, a place for independent training in the weather, and venues for the athletes in the youth and senior level of TuS Bruchmühlen, as well as, for avid sports spectators has been created.

Originated by a dedicated initiative group is the Rödinghausen Market Place. It offers fresh produce from the region and is also a point of communication for young and old.

### Well-Developed Infrastructure means Future

Our road and path network is constantly being repaired and improved. Over the past 4 years, we have invested around 3.5 million euros in our roads and bridges.

In February next year, another important project starts for the local people. We have been able to obtain funding for the expansion of broadband network and thus for fast internet connections. In the village of Ostkilver there will be in the middle of next year transmission speeds of up to 50 M/bits. And in the village of Bieren the broadband network is being expanded by the year 2016.

Another project was the relocation of our municipal building yard in the district of Bieren where we now have a larger area and a vehicle depot at our disposal to optimize the work and to increase productive efficiency.

Rödinghausen is among the Top 15 in NRW

The German state of North Rhineland Westfalen has recently decided to strengthen municipal finances. It is the setting of support for financially weak municipalities by the so-called abundant, "rich" municipalities. In per capita comparison, Rödinghausen is at the 12<sup>th</sup> place of the 59 most abundant local authorities in North Rhineland Westfalen and must participate with around 681,000 euros of solidarity contribution in

2014. That sum we could cut by half by extensive negotiations, which curtails our capacity to act. But even this challenge we will face.

### Secure Municipality

On the subject of safety, this is due to an efficient fire department. Our volunteer helpers are committed to all citizens. Important are high quality equipment and facilities. The construction of the fire brigade devices in the village of Bieren, the procurement of a LF KatS and other vehicles, and having started the introduction of digital radio, we have made significant progress in fire protection.

### The Challenge of Energy Transition

By deciding to phase out nuclear power, the federal government has announced ambitious 2011 energy objectives. The share of renewables in electricity generation is planned for 2020 at least 35 percent, and by 2050 80 percent.

Today, the municipality Rödinghausen – with about 24 percent – has the highest share of renewable energy of all the municipalities in the district (county) of Herford.

A climate Action Plan for Rödinghausen is currently in the lineup. The overall spatial concept for the determination of potential areas for wind energy use exists and is currently being discussed. Our goal is to find a consensus with all stakeholders' solutions that make a contribution for a safe and economical power supply.

### Power in the Future

In all our projects, we have experienced a vibrant and broad-based participation of citizens and stakeholders in our community! Together we will make our future.

We will deal with many projects and topics in the near term. Always with the goal of the community, Rödinghausen ranks first in competition with other municipalities. Here, for example, investment in infrastructure, such as the remodeling of the church square in the village of Westkilver, the climate in the locker room building in the village of Bruchmühlen, and the expansion of the internet services in the current underserved districts demonstrate the progress. In addition, we face again the auditing process "Family Friendly Community".

### Special Thanks and Good Wishes

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your participation at local events. Especially I would like to highlight the numerous honorable official deeds and the honorable officials, for their indispensable work. I am extremely grateful. Furthermore, I would like to thank all Council members and the employees of Municipality Rödinghausen, for their continued commitment and successful cooperation.

Our goal is to continuously improve our services, so I would like to invite you to take this opportunity to enter into dialogue with me. I am pleased to receive your reports back to me of ideas and suggestions.

Dear co-citizens, I wish you and the people close to you a Merry Christmas and "Alles Gute" (All goodness) for the year 2014. Even the coming year again holds many challenges for us – be advised that we will coexist successfully.

For the annual reception of the community Rödinghausen 19 January 2014, I invite you with the attached invitation card in the auditorium of the Rödinghausen School (Gesamtschule). Together with you, I would like to take stock and concentrate on looking forward. I look forward to your participation! Best wishes. Ernest-W. Vortmeyer



by Ben Batey, CEO, Wood County Health and Wellness Center

The 2014 County Health Rankings report has been released and Wood County ranked 6<sup>th</sup> out of 88 counties in Ohio for health outcomes. This represents an improvement for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. In 2011, Wood County was ranked 11<sup>th</sup>, in 2012 it went up to 9<sup>th</sup>, in 2013 it rose to 7<sup>th</sup> and now in 2014, Wood County is ranked at 6<sup>th</sup> in the state of Ohio. Pat Snyder, Health Education, Information and Communications Manager advised, "These reports are good for recognizing where Wood County succeeds in being a healthy place to live but they are also valuable for helping to identify areas for improvement."

One measure for improvement is clinical care. Wood County improved from being ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in 2013 to 12<sup>th</sup> in 2014, but there is still room for improvement. One way to improve is in addressing the issue of access to care. The Wood County Community Health and Wellness Center received designation as a New Healthcare Access Point under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) on November 1, 2013. This designation as a fully funded Federally Qualified Health Center helps address the issue of access to care in Wood County. "Increased Federal funding for the Health Center is allowing us to perform some renovations to add more exam room space, increase provider time for our physician Dr. Steve Dood, offer some behavioral health services, and begin operation of a dispensing pharmacy where our clients can get their medications at a reduced cost. All of these items will lead to even greater services for a larger number of clients and will help to continue to move Wood County's clinical care standing even higher," said Ben Batey, CEO of the Wood County Community Health and Wellness Center.

The Wood County Community Health and Wellness Center is co-located with the Wood County Health District at 1840 E. Gypsy Lane Rd. Bowling Green, OH 43402 and is accepting new patients. We accept Medicare, Medicaid, many private insurances and will accept any patient regardless of ability to pay. Appointments can be made by calling 419-354-9049.



## Pemberville wastewater treatment plant



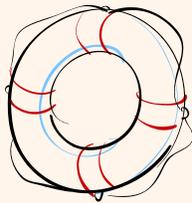
Mercury is an element and is naturally occurring. Trace amounts of mercury are found in most plants, animals and soils. Volcanoes and forest fires are natural sources of mercury into the atmosphere. It is a heavy metal, quite literally (about 104 pounds per gallon in metallic form) with an atomic weight of 200. It has many practical properties from conducting electricity, expanding evenly with changes in temperature or pressure, being a dense and heavy liquid that flows, and even for its reflectivity. Even its toxic properties have been used as a preservative or a fungicide. These properties make it extremely useful in electronics and other industries, medicine and for household use. Mercury is a by-product of combustion for energy (as old organic matter is burned, the trapped mercury is then released).

Mercury is a shiny, silver-white metal found in small amounts in the earth's crust. At room temperature, metallic mercury is an odorless liquid that can slowly evaporate into the air. Metallic mercury has been commonly used in thermometers, pressure gauges, electric switches, fluorescent lamps and dental fillings. Inorganic mercury compounds are used in batteries, paper manufacturing and the chemical industry. Organic mercury compounds are found in large fish, such as bass, shark, swordfish and tuna. Mercury is used to prevent mildew in outdoor plants. It was also used in the past in indoor paints and agricultural pesticides.

How can mercury get into your drinking water? Carried by the wind, it is found throughout the environment mostly due to: release of naturally occurring mercury from rock and soil; burning of coal and oil that contains small amounts of mercury; release of mercury from metal smelters; incineration of materials that contain mercury, such as batteries; industrial and hazardous waste sites; improperly disposed household products such as outdoor paints containing mercury; past applications of mercury based pesticides. Inorganic mercury compounds are the most common forms of mercury found in drinking water. If broken, mishandled or disposed of improperly, mercury-containing items can release toxic mercury into the environment. When mercury is spilled in the home it can be absorbed into household materials while also slowly releasing invisible, odorless and tasteless vapors into the air.

Brad Espen, Environmental Director of the Wood County Health Dept., recommends that people take their mercury to Environmental Recycling, located at 527 Woodland Circle in Bowling Green for disposal. They do charge a fee based on the amount to be disposed of.

The Pemberville wastewater treatment plant, supervised by Landry Sheets, does an excellent job of filtering out mercury and a great number of other pollutants, so that the water sent back to the Portage River is cleaner than the water in the river. Water tests are performed by both the Water Dept. and the Wastewater Treatment Plant to help keep our water safe. For more information, [http://epa.ohio.gov/ocapp/p2/mercury\\_pbt/mercury.aspx](http://epa.ohio.gov/ocapp/p2/mercury_pbt/mercury.aspx)



# The Pemberville Community Pool



Swim Lessons and Swim Team Sign Up  
April 26, 2014 and May 10, 2014 9am – noon at the Pemberville Village Hall

## NEW THIS YEAR! WATER AEROBICS! WITH EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTOR KRISTIN LONG



EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY AT 5PM

ONLY \$5.00 PER 45 MINUTE SESSION.  
OFFERED JUNE 2 THRU AUGUST 7



\*\$20 discount given on Memberships purchased before 5/31/14.

2014 Pemberville Pool Rates	
Learn to Swim Program	\$50 Residents / \$70 Non-Residents
Swim Team	\$70 Residents / \$90 Non-Residents
Group Membership (up to 6 people)	* \$195 Residents / \$225 Non-Residents
Single Membership	* \$100 Resident / \$125 Non-Resident
Daily Admission Price	\$3.50
"Daily Special" (4:00-5:00pm daily)	\$1.00
Water Aerobics	\$5.00 per session

LESSONS	10 - 10:50	11 - 11:50	12 - 12:50	6 - 6:50
<b>SESSION I</b> June 16 - June 27	Levels 1 & 3	Levels 2, 3 & 4	Levels 1, 3, & 4	Levels 1 & 3
<b>SESSION II</b> July 7 - July 18	Levels 2 & 3	Levels 2, 3 & 4	Levels 1, 3, & 5	TBA
<b>SESSION III</b> July 21 - Aug 1	Levels 2, 3 & 4	Levels 1, 3, & 5	Levels 2, 3 & 4	Levels 2 & 3



### Concessions

Stop by our concession area



during regular operating hours. We carry a variety of snacks and beverages. The kids seem to enjoy our slush's the most!



### Community Pool Lifeguard

Part-time positions for lifeguards at Pemberville Community pool.



Must be accredited, with WSI certification. Must be able to work 7 days. Compensation: Ohio minimum wage plus \$.25/Hr for WSI certification, and additional \$.25/Hr longevity pay.

Apply online to [clerk@villageofpemberville.org](mailto:clerk@villageofpemberville.org) or Village of Pemberville, P.O. Box 109, Pemberville, Ohio 43450. EOE

### Staff

The pool has a large staff to ensure the safety of all our swimmers.

Our Lifeguards are American Red Cross

Certified and CPR trained and certified.



## Baby Pool



Our facility offers a wading pool for our customers who have small children. This area is fenced with a closing gate to protect your child. The pool is separate from the larger pool ensuring that your small child can enjoy their pool time. Children seven years and older are not allowed in the baby pool so our youngest visitors have an enjoyable time. The baby pool is maintained by the Village of Pemberville and meets all state requirements. We hope that you enjoy your visit to the pool.

Admission: \$3.50 flat rate for 1 adult and all Baby pool aged children

## Swim Team



Pemberville Swim Team has been going strong for years. Pastor Jim Miller has been head coach since 2000. He is assisted by several former swimmers and qualified life guards. Coach Miller has a very positive philosophy about coaching and all the swimmers have fun while learning. Practices run Monday through Friday. Kids aged 11 and up practice from 7:30 am to 9 am. Kids under ten practice from 9 am to 10 am. Swim Meets are held on Tuesdays. The Pemberville Pool hosts one meet each swim season.

Cost for swim team.

Resident	\$70.00
Non resident	\$90.00

## Memberships

*Become a member of our Pool*

### Group Membership\*(up to 6 people)

Residents	\$195.00
non-residents	\$225.00

Any 6 people may be on one pass

### Single Membership \*

Residents	\$100.00
Non-residents	\$125.00
Punch Pass (10 visits)	\$31.50

A punch pass is good for 10 admissions. One person entering the pool on punch pass equals one punch.

\*Discount given if purchased before May 31, 2014

### Rentals

Rentals are available for groups, organizations, or individuals. The rental rate is \$50 **per hour** and \$1.00 per guest with a minimum of 10 guests. For more information, please contact the Pool Manager.



## Arbor Day Foundation Names Pemberville Tree City USA



Pemberville, Ohio was named a 2013 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management for the 25th consecutive year.

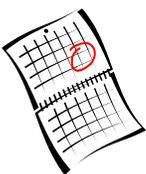
Pemberville achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Pemberville make smart investments in urban forests," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits."

Cleaner air, improved storm water management, energy savings and increased property values and commercial activity are among the benefits enjoyed by Tree City USA communities.

More information on the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).



### *Upcoming Events in 2014*

Cruisin' Nights —1st Thursday of each month except Thursday July 2nd.

Community Garage Sales—Saturday, July 19th

Opera House Concert Series—1st Saturday night, September through May.

Pemberville Free Fair—August 13th through 16th

Pemberville's Harvest Gathering Craft Show & Gift Boutique October 25th.

Christmas in the Village—November 29th & 30th

Pemberville's 2nd Annual Lighted Christmas Parade—November 30th

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**JOIN THE MAYOR ON FACEBOOK**

Three or four times each week, Mayor Gordon Bowman posts INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OHIO, WOOD COUNTY & PEMBERVILLE on his Facebook wall. Using a wide range of topics that include history, biography, current events, science and transportation, he tries to write 100 words or so on a specific topic. If you would like to be included, send a friend request to [www.facebook.com/mayorbowman](http://www.facebook.com/mayorbowman).

**Municipal Income Tax Reminder**

Another tax year has come and gone. The deadline for filing was the Federal Income Tax deadline of April 15, 2014. If you have not filed yet, please do so. If you filed an extension, please make sure the tax department is notified by submitting the federal extension form to avoid any late filing penalties and interest. Forms are available at the Pemberville Library, Town Hall or on our web site at [www.villageofpemberville.org](http://www.villageofpemberville.org). Please contact the office should you need to verify estimated payments, carryover and loss carry forward or make arrangements.

**We're on the web: [www.pemberville.org](http://www.pemberville.org)**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**April**

5—Opera House Concert Series

7—Brush Collection

12—Recycling

12— Touch of Spring

26—Swim Team & Lesson sign ups (9am to Noon)



**May**

3—Opera House Concert Series

5—Brush Collection

10—Mother's Day Bake Sale (9am to 1pm)

10—Swim Team & Lesson sign ups (9am to Noon)

11—Mother's Day

26—Memorial Day (Village office Closed)



**June**

2—1st Water Aerobics Class offered

5—Car Show

14—Recycling

14—Flag Day

15—Father's Day

21—1st Day of Summer



**MONTHLY MEETING DATES & TIMES**

**Council Meetings:** The first and third Tuesday of each month

**BPA Meetings:** The Monday preceding Council Meetings.

**Parks/Swimming Pool:** meets fourth Monday at 3:30pm

**Personnel:** meets third Tuesday at 6pm

**Planning Commission:** meets third Wednesday at 7pm

**Lands & Buildings, Streets, Alley & Sidewalks:** meets third Thursday at 3:30pm

**Tree Commission:** meets last Thursday of each month at 3pm

**Utilities:** meets during BPA meeting

**Finance:** meets the first Tuesday at 6:15pm

**Brush Collection for 2014**

April 7<sup>th</sup>

May 5<sup>th</sup>

August 4<sup>th</sup>

October 6<sup>th</sup>

December 8<sup>th</sup>

