

April 10th - Town Hall

Present: 23 - VFW, Library, bFACS, 1st Federal, 1st Source, Bremen High School, Bremen Conservation Club, Indiana Carton, Interra, WorkOne, Country Chiropractic, Bremen Police Department, Town of Bremen, United Way,

Melissa Beghtel from the Bremen Conservation Club wants to touch base with us about the professional fireworks display and receiving help from businesses. Amber Reed from BHS will also be discussing the internship program and seeing if companies are interested in teaming up with the high school. Michael Fortunato from United Way of Marshall County will be discussing housing as well.

- **May meeting will be at the VFW**
- Chamber Scholarships are in and we're going through those, a winner will be notified at the Dollars for Scholars night at the high school
- Summer's End
 - Final flyer for this is done and was sent out with the newsletter. Please feel free to share!
 - Vendor applications are still trickling in
 - We're still deciding how we want to set up in the new pavilion, but we're lucking out because the Latin Festival will be there on August 3rd and that will give us more direction
 - Reached out to another local band, and they'll split the evening.
 - We're planning on having a Chamber booth that we'd love to be run by Chamber members. Discuss Chamber events, promote Chamber businesses, etc. We are in need of Chamber members for this, let me know if you are interested:)
- Businesses of the Year awards
 - Voting will be at the Chamber booth at the SEF. hopefully this will help draw people to the event
 - Instead of a dinner, the meeting in September (or Oct?) will be a more formal breakfast with the director/HR of the three winning businesses giving a quick speech
 - We're thinking the three awards will go to categories: Manufacturing/professional services, small/retail, and nonprofit. However, we've also discussed doing: Small, large, and nonprofit. If you have any thoughts, please share:)
- Would love to have more businesses host meetings, **June, July, and August are still available.** Thanks to all who have hosted so far, it truly helps build the Chamber!
- Need more articles as well!)
 - VFW doing May newsletter articles
 - Anneka doing August newsletter article
- Business updates quick? **None mentioned**
- Old news (but still important news :))
 - View old newsletters at: <https://bremen-chamber-news.blogspot.com/>
 - Just found some from the early 2000's that are really interesting if you'd like to read those, they've now been added!
 - Chamber trifold for 2024 is finalized and was sent out with the March newsletter email - feel free to put copies of this in your businesses front
 - **We now have access to adding events to the Bremen Town Events calendar, so if you would like to get something added, please send it to me!**
 - Business between business Chamber perks:
 - bFACS: 10% off rates
 - Bremen CarQuest: 10% off non-sale items
 - Siefer Services, LLC: 5% Hardware Purchase 10% Prof Services
- Handing it over to Melissa Beghtel, Amber Reed, & Michael Fortunato - thanks for talking at our meeting!!

- BCC - Upcoming events - beach and gazebo open to public - watch their FACEBOOK page for updates to events - building is available for rent for events: Stephanie Ward 574-248-2957
 - April 20th - Earth Day Clean Up
 - July 6 - July 4th celebration - hot dogs & chips, water slide, fireworks, VFW catering
 - July 27 - Day at the Lake
 - December 7 - Santa at the Lake
- Bremen High School
 - April 25 - College & Career Fair - contact Tricia Witmer to participate 9:30 - noon for Juniors & Seniors
 - Internship Program - State
 - Diploma+ will require internship for class 2029 - NEED opportunities from local businesses whether paid or not, for both college bound AND not college bound kids 12 weeks, 24 weeks or 36 week terms, hopeful time slot would be 11 - 1:30ish
 - Contact Amber Reed AREed@bps.k12.in.us
- United Way of Marshall County
 - Michael Fortunato - wants to “see things done”
 - Complete survey at <https://bit.ly/HousingMattersSurvey>
 - <https://max983.net/2024/04/housing-matters-survey-now-available-informal-gatherings-scheduled-for-marshall-county-residents/>
 - micheal@creativeinsightcd.com will take any insights outside of the survey