

January 10th - 1st Source

- HUGE thank you to Lochmandy for their generous sponsorship going towards the Summer's End Fest banner and the Chamber Scholarship. [This will be \\$1,000 going towards one student](#)
- Gingerbread Men Scavenger Hunt was a success. 16 participants, Susie Huxhold & Serenity Cowger were our winners. Again, thank you to Ford and BHS for helping make new ones for the upcoming year! THANK YOU to all the businesses that let the Chamber put these in your windows!! [I'll be reaching out to various businesses about a scavenger hunt in upcoming years with large wooden easter eggs.](#)
- Chamber dues need to be in by January 29th:) I'll send new window decals out the following week! We recently created a Venmo for businesses that would like to pay online. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions about that. We plan to eventually have the QR code for this on our website eventually.
- Thank you to everyone who's been so supportive and welcoming as I take over this role, and a HUGE shoutout to Anneka for building such a wonderful Chamber! If anyone needs to get a hold of me very quickly, [my personal phone is 574-360-8996:](#))
- Still welcoming any and ALL feedback from you!! I'll include the QR code to the survey again below:)
- After receiving some feedback, the Chamber now has an Instagram. Find us under the username: [bremen.chamber.of.commerce](#)
- In order to make all prior newsletters accessible 24/7 digitally, I've added them to a Chamber of Commerce Blog: <https://bremen-chamber-news.blogspot.com/>
- Would love to remake a Chamber trifold that can be handed out to new members, or kept in business store fronts, let me know if anyone has something specific they want included on this
- We will be voting in February for new positions. Nominations for Chamber President, Vice President, and a new Secretary will be collected today (roles do not need to change!). I've included the roles for each position (as stated in the bylaws, below:)) [Nominations were collected, and the only nomination was Lori Hoese as the new Secretary, all other positions will remain the same.](#)
 - ["The Treasurer is responsible for supplying quarterly updates to the board members and managing all financial records of the Bremen Chamber of Commerce. The Secretary shall carry on the official correspondence of the Board, keep and preserve all records of Executive and board meetings, and act as custodian of all official communications and documents along with the monthly newsletter. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and assist the President with any responsibilities consistent with the accepted concept of such an office. The President shall perform all the duties and assume all the responsibilities consistent with the accepted concept of such an office and be second in command if the Coordinator were to need one".](#)
- Would love to have more businesses host meetings, [February, April, and June are still available.](#) [February's meeting will now be at bFACTS.](#) Thanks to all who have hosted so far, it truly helps build the Chamber!
- Need more articles as well:) So far we have one article coming from 1st Source for the March newsletter, and two from the VFW for the May newsletter. [Lori will be providing two newsletters for the February newsletter - one about the upcoming derby, and one about the cub scouts.](#)
- Upcoming Dates: [Firemen's Festival \(June 11th - 15th\), and Summer's End \(August 24th\)](#)
- Any business events/updates??
 - [Historic Bremen is having their meeting on the 18th. Everyone on the email list should be receiving a reminder.](#)

- The Police Department will be having their annual Basketball benefit again this year. There will be the business - sponsored T-shirts, Facebook silent auction, and 50/50 event that we've seen in the past.
 - Woodies is sponsoring an event at the Bremen Arts Collective, so be sure to check that out.
 - The Jackson Street project is concluded. The first ribbon cutting was a flop, but be on the lookout for another one this spring with lots of community members and possible refreshments. More to come about the fire pits as well.
 - The flower boxes will be taken care of by the same person as last year. We will look into having businesses sponsor them for the holidays this year.
 - WorkOne is hoping to work with more businesses, but they want to foster good relationships first. If your businesses would be interested in working with them, please don't hesitate to reach out and they'll see what they can do!
 - Thank you to 1st Source for being such a wonderful host!! && Happy New Year everyone!
- 15 people in attendance - 1st source, Bremen Library, Town of Bremen, Police, H&R Block, Theatre, History Center, WorkOne, bFACTS, Lochmandy, and CutRite

