

**August 14th, 2024, 8:00 AM - Paul Davis**

**Members present: 17 - bFACS, Town, Lochmandy Chevrolet, Siefer Services, Dynamic Fleet, Interra, Paul Davis, LaParilla, Indiana Carton, First Federal Savings Bank, Bremen Park Apartments,**

- The September meeting will be at the Town Hall, the October meeting will be at the VFW, and the November meeting will be at the Bremen Park Apartments office.
- Would love to have more businesses host meetings. Thanks to all who have hosted so far, it truly helps build the Chamber! bFACS can host in January
- New member - Bremen Boys and Girls Club, they will be attending the meeting in September to talk more about their organization
- We could use your help with articles
  - September we have SEF recap and the Oktoberfest
  - October will be an award breakfast rundown
  - November will have the town lighting and the Chamber winter scavenger hunt
  - December \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
  - January bFACS & \_\_\_\_\_
  - General volunteers?
- Business updates?
  - First Federal's Customer Appreciation Day will be on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm They will be serving lunch by Hoosier Food Services and offering paper shredding and will have some giveaways.
  - TODAY - Paul Davis Soft Opening & Open House - Free lunch available 11:30 - 1:30
  - Paul Davis - Shelly, Stacy & Nichole - It is a franchise business. Bremen and Fort Wayne are owned by the same party. Restoration is different from remodeling. Restoration involves emergent decisions and is time consuming; Paul Davis serves as a partner "to help people." All employees are certified with IACRC supplying customers with the best service. With the new owners taking place April 1st, the assets were purchased but the location is rented. The current Paul Davis owners are providing services to current customers while also doing their best to assist people that were customers prior to April 1st.

Nichole is the commercial representative. She desires to build a relationship with businesses so that when in the time of need, the business has an immediate contact for help. They have a 24/7 line so that concerns after business hours are handled at the moment of contact, not just Monday - Friday.

Paul Davis handles private and insurance claims, small and big restorations. They welcome your call!

- Marshall County Rural Pitch Competition - see Facebook for more details on this wonderful business opportunity
- Summer's End Festival: Saturday, August 24th - 4:00 - 10:00
  - Bands/music
    - South of 6 (Playing from 7:00 - 10:00). They're coming earlier in the day to set up
    - KWTR (Playing from 4:00 - 6:30)
    - Tara - could you bring checks/cash the night of for these? please:)
    - Trailer is confirmed, town is picking it up Friday, and dropping it back off on Monday morning. Contact info for that: Donna (574-536-3854)
    - Lochmandy has a banner that they want on the front of the stage - Chandra will be bringing this
  - Order shirts
    - Melinda placed an order with Becky
    - We should have these by the 20th

- Volunteers will be picking them up from the town hall that week
- Shirts are dateless so that we can wear them for years to come
- I ordered 3-4 extras just in case we have any last minute volunteers
- SEF booth
  - Borrowing a tent/table/tablecloth
  - Tara printed off ballots - around 70, but we can print more the night of if necessary
  - Does anyone have a big jar or something of that nature?
  - Chamber trifold with all of our information will be available at the table
  - If there is something additional you want on this table, get it to me ASAP:)
  - Volunteers (Didn't sign up? You are still welcome to cover. Just stop by.)
    - 4:00 - 4:30 Tim Hochstetler
    - 4:30 - 5:00 Carmen & John
    - 5:00 - 5:30 Chandra Widener
    - 5:30 - 7:00 Shelby & Mandy
    - 7:00 - 7:30 Stacey Clark
    - 7:30 - 8:30 BOARD MEMBERS - Interra will cover
    - 8:30 - 9:00 Elbia & Elizabeth
    - 9:00 - 10:00 BOARD MEMBERS - Lori Hoese can cover
- Banner
  - Bowen Printing dropped off at town, and sending in invoice through the mail
  - Graphix Unlimited - recommended local banner supplier
- Vendors
  - We're using the bank parking lot for overflow, especially because we're anticipating having some vendors show up that we're unaware of after the scam. We have almost 40 right now
  - Started scheduling promotional posts on Facebook highlighting each of them
  - Checking with them all about electric - waiting to hear back from two
- Bathrooms?
  - Will the ones in the alley be unlocked for this event? Yes, but port-a-potties and handwashing stations would work better to support the numbers expected. Burns RentAll provided them for the Latin Fest.
  - Republic will be contacted for extra trash cans.
- Flyers
  - Lori took these around town to help promote, posted in Bremen communities and Rentown, Chandra to take to several Plymouth and Nappanee locations
- Date for next year?
  - August 23rd??
  - Digital application - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4AvFe3kCsi7mXCREg4WHfGaCmRVGljeiJRVHIGQqNTUGaiw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4AvFe3kCsi7mXCREg4WHfGaCmRVGljeiJRVHIGQqNTUGaiw/viewform?usp=sf_link)
- Thank you to everyone who has helped make this possible!
- Old news (but still important news :))
  - View old newsletters at: <https://bremen-chamber-news.blogspot.com/>
  - 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!
  - We're featuring a Chamber member each week on our Facebook page, so if anyone has photos/a very small description they'd like included. Please email that 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

