

**March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Bremen Chamber of Commerce**

**Hosted at Bremen Town Hall**

**8:00am**

- New board of directors for 2022: President: Melinda Daily, VP: Krista Smith, Secretary: Claire Bickel, Treasurer: Tara Beasley
- Membership renewals received to date are 53; reminders have been sent to the missing 15 members
- Members will be added/updated/deleted from the website in April. [Website only gets updated quarterly.](#)
- Corner sign will be displaying "Chamber members only". No specific advertisement but chamber recognition with business name included. We will rotate businesses weekly
- Newsletter: We need some dedicated articles for next few months and we need volunteers for these articles. [In the future, we'll be trying to get these newsletters on Facebook for members to see.](#)

**April:**

Member Spotlight: Hilltop Wealth Solutions

Community Spotlight: Water Tower, [Historicbremen.com for photos and information](#)

**May:**

Member Spotlight: VFW, [Articles about members \(Max and Grandma?\)](#)

Community Spotlight: VFW

[VFW may be looking into doing a Memorial Day parade, last year was canceled due to bridge construction.](#)

**June:**

Member Spotlight: [Library renovation expected to conclude on June 16th](#)

Community Spotlight: [Annual Fair \(June 14th -18th\)](#)

- Bremen Police Dept. 25<sup>th</sup> annual Basketball Benefit is March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm
  - [Being catered by Carmens](#)
  - [Water donated by H&R Block](#)
  - [Police Station could still use donations for silent auction](#)
- Kayak launch to be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - [There will be a cement walk down to the river](#)
  - [Will not be handicap accessible](#)
  - [Launch from the park side](#)
  - [Just a few nice days and they'll be done with the construction](#)
  - [There's a group that will keep it cleaned up](#)
  - [Goal is to float to Plymouth](#)
- Town Trash Days May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>
  - [Town will be sending out a list of acceptable items](#)
  - [Friday will be the only day to shred items](#)
  - [Southwire might do an E-recycle day on Friday](#)
  - [Tires will be accepted under 54 inches](#)
- Summers End Date: August 13<sup>th</sup>

- Working on getting a committee together, VFW and Claire are helping
- They want to give back the space rental to endure vendors show up
- This is basically a committee give back
- Usually about 400-500 people
- Down by the water tower again from 5-9
- VFW thinking about setting up a beer tent/wine slushies - looking into getting a permit.
- Any new business or town updates
  - VFW:
    - Hosting corn hole, line dancing, and a car show for Oktoberfest. Starts at 4 on Friday and then 10 to 10 on Saturday.
    - Various construction updates: refresh at the post, clean up on the bar side, new laminate wood flooring going in because they finished raising money, new shadow boxes for entrance, and overall bar update.
    - Working with Whitlock for the Easter thing for the kids.
    - Bouton fell so no Chinese food for a while. Spaghetti specials continue. Open to the public all the time.
    - Line dancing is also every third Saturday because Wednesday nights were such a hit
  - History Center:
    - They've been hosting class reunions and would like to host more events. Encouraging people to stop by, either for a guided tour or just a party.
    - Community center is also up and running. It's currently booked. It's very reasonable to rent. Planning to meet there for morning meetings sometime.
  - Marshall County Solid Waste Department is having an Earth Day event on April 22nd. For 5 bucks, you get 5 tree saplings to plant. Trees donated by DNR.
  - Oktoberfest Bands:
    - Autumn Lead has a new band (has "dog" in the title)
    - The 1985 Band
    - 7-10 both Friday and Saturday. Still going to be at the park, next year it'll be up town with the pavilion
  - Library
    - National Library Week (first week of April), the Bernstein Bears will be visiting businesses around town
    - For the Summer Reading Program, the library is accepting donations for prizes.
- Next meeting April 13<sup>th</sup>, Bremen Historic Center

11 present members: H&R Block, Bremen Public Library, Town of Bremen, Been There Dump That, Hilltop Wealth Solutions, VFW, Indiana Carton, Bremen Police Station, and more.