

Bremen Chamber of Commerce

Jan-Feb 2021 Agenda

11 people in attendance

2020 in review:

Jan -March great progress with rotating meetings at local businesses

March- August meeting numbers decreased and meetings amongst the members were put on hold

Aug-Dec meetings still on hold and business as usual was drastically changed with no routine chamber events or meetings taking place

2021 Goals:

-To get our chamber somewhat more stable and back to normal

-to increase our membership numbers

(discuss the benefits of membership and issues we have seen amongst town businesses whom are currently not members)

-Revamp any part of the Chamber we can to improve the networking amongst businesses

-Revamp Leadership Awards

Membership Levels

*Non-Profit- \$114.00	(7)	*26-50 Employees- \$198.00	(7)
*1-10 Employees-\$126.00	(37)	*51-100 Employees-\$228.00	(4)
*11-25 Employees- \$168.00	(7)	*101-150 Employees-\$258.00	(1)
		*151+ Employees-\$288.00	(3)

Leadership Awards possibilities based on business size:

Awards: *Non for profit recognition

*Small Businesses 1-25 employees

*Medium Businesses 26-100 employees

*Large Businesses 101-151+ employees

*Bremen Community Service Award

*One lifetime achievement award in the Bremen Community and they hold the "Mint of the City" for the year

*High School Scholarship Award (I think student should have essay submitted to Mr. Jennings and for our review as well, instead of administration picking the student fully)

-Corvilla open house was Feb 8th from 5-7pm

Opens on Feb 15th to the public; they would like to do a grand opening in March

-Neuro-Psych Hospital reached out for membership

-Bremen Theatre opens back up first weekend of March

-Bremen Signature Healthcare is doing a valentines day paint a window for its residents call the facility to reserve a window 574-546-3494

***As you may be aware, the Bremen Public Library has been working on plans to remodel the building, add an addition, and reconfigure our parking lot. This is a journey that began back in 2014 under Library Director Marsha Patterson and then continued by Library Director Kyle Burkett. For the last 2.5 years I've worked to bring these plans to conclusion, and we are one step away from the vision becoming reality. The handing over of architectural designs to a construction firm and work commencing.

That final benchmark is seeking approval from the Marshall County Council for a \$3 million bond. This is not necessarily an easy sell, as it will require the raising of taxes. For the average towns person this equates to approximately \$23.10 per year for 20 years.

Meeting Agenda
March 10th 2021 @ Town Hall
Bremen Chamber of Commerce

~CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BREMEN PUBLIC LIBRARY!! They received the funds for the renovation!!

~First Source bank: significant changes to how PPP loans are calculated for Schedule C filers. Their maximum loan amount is now based on Line 7 of their Schedule C (gross income) vs Line 31 of Schedule C (net profit). Many people who could not qualify before because they claimed a net loss or a very small net profit can now qualify for more money or qualify period.
Any Questions please contact Chelsea Smith 574-935-1520 (office)

~Small Business Assistance resources: <https://www.lisc.org/covid-19/small-business-assistance/>

~People inquiring on mobile food bank, For more on mobile food distribution:
<https://www.marshallcountyuw.org/calendar/202103>

~Bremen Basketball Benefit ^{March} Feb 26th

~Fireman's festival June 15-19th!!!!!!!

~Working on "area employment opportunities" page on Website

Date of opening

Place of Employment

Job Description

Submission of application

~Newsletter committee??

~Open Floor discussion ^{Thursday} Sign

Next date: April 14th

12th Oct 9, St Isidore vs Grumb

Octoberfest @ Parks Sept 24-25

1985 (Fri night)

Autumn Ice (sat. night)

Planters →

Thurs April 22 contracts prestis bid for library
 Tue May 18 bid open
 24 second library project bid

Bremen Chamber of Commerce
 April 14, 2021
 Meeting

- Dustin's Place is having fundraiser April 24th from 11-3 in woodies parking lot
- May 7&8 town Trash Days 6am-1pm
- Veterans of Foreign Wars needs your help to recognize veterans/heroes from the community at the Bremen Cemetery for Memorial Day. They need help placing over 1,000 flags on Saturday May 22. They will meet at the North side of the Cemetery at 0900 or 9 am
- Bremen Community cares design was approved for the intersection where sign is at 6&331 projected to be finished by memorial day
- New business coming to Bremen in the Old Quick Video store "Handyspot Liquor" Nick Singh
- Firemans Festival June 15-19th
- OctoberFest September 24-25,2021 @ Sunny Side park
- Second Round PPP is available to small businesses contact first source (Chelsea smith) 935-1520
- Annette Haining with St Joe Hospital would like to present to our chamber some information on the Marshall County Tobacco education program at an upcoming meeting *15 min*
- Billboard sign On hwy 6 *state permit ??* *sale to owner*
- Bremen Pool? Plans under way for 2021

-53 current chamber member renewals (in 2020 we had 60 members) we are still missing 13 annual members from updated renewals;

-Open Floor

◦ canoe/kayak land to happen summer 2021

Next Meeting
 May 12

800,000 donation by town

- 60 331 bid *Mon. April 19 - July*
- Jackson street next year 2022
- swimming pool 2022 (new)
- Regional sewer district to donybrook ??? + hill trail
- 37 acre solar park start 2022 1st rd

Bee Farmers Market & upcoming dates.

✓ Tony Barts in charge

*2nd wed even mth 12:30-1:30 pearl conf room workshop *Bower Center* business life pky 10/mnth

* May 14, VFW Boys & Girls Club Tour
 \$100,000 & 8000 - tackle
 • non-profit

May 12, 2021
Bremen Chamber agenda
8am @ Town Hall of Bremen

*Guest Speaker: Annette Haining from St Joe Health systems: She is the Marshall County Tobacco Education Coordinator

Updates and reminders

*US 6 over SR 331 is officially closed thru the next few months
Center St (Elm Road) from US 6 towards the RR Tracks is Closed to thru Traffic

*Community Music Concert Thursday at 6:30pm @ 214 east south street

*Firemans Festival June 15th-19th

*The Plymouth Chamber is hosting a LIVE simulcast of Leadercast on August 11th, at New Song Church in Plymouth. Bremen Chamber Members will receive Plymouth Chamber member pricing.

Leadercast Plymouth

information: <http://www.plychamber.org/BookingRetrieve.aspx?ID=139727>

*Summers End Festival August 14th??? both

*Newsletter first print should be June 1st!! Community Spotlight will be the Fireman's festival and the member spotlight will be Tree Servants!

*We need more volunteers for members spotlight and community spotlight articles

*June 9th will be our next meeting hosted at Tree Servants! You don't want to miss it

repairs ~~is~~ starting, not yet

June 9, 2021
Bremen Chamber agenda
8am @ Tree Servants

Old Business from May 12th

*Guest Speaker: Annette Haining from St Joe Health systems: She is the Marshall County Tobacco Education Coordinator

*US 6 over SR 331 is officially closed thru the next few months
Center St (Elm Road) from US 6 towards the RR Tracks is Closed to thru Traffic

*Community Music Concert Thursday at 6:30pm @ 214 east south street

*Firemans Festival June 15th-19th

*The Plymouth Chamber is hosting a LIVE simulcast of Leadercast on August 11th, at New Song Church in Plymouth. Bremen Chamber Members will receive Plymouth Chamber member pricing.

Leadercast Plymouth information: <http://www.plychamber.org/BookingRetrieve.aspx?ID=139727>

*Summers End Festival August 14th

*Newsletter first print should be June 1st!! Community Spotlight will be the Fireman's festival and the member spotlight will be Tree Servants!

New Business

* Thank you, Tree Servants, for hosting June's meeting

*Fireman's Festival June 15-19

*Summers End Festival is set for August 14th, we need more craft vendors

*Huge thank you to Claire Bickel from BPL for designing newsletter, your hard work is appreciated

*We need more volunteers for members spotlight and community spotlight articles to continue to release newsletter

*Reminder about email updates if emails change or person of contact changes

*Open Floor

*July 14th will be our next meeting hosted at????? Location TBD

*Tree Servants demo!!!! YYYEEEESSSSS, FINALLY!!!!

Bremen Chamber of Commerce

October 13, 2021

Town Hall

Final Qtr of Year

Upcoming News

*3 Ribbon Cuttings in near future

- 1) Trisha Moser with Hair Salon in the Plaza (Friday Oct 22nd, Time around 2:30) still finalizing specific details so watch your email for updates or changes
- 2) Surf broadband fiber optic internet (TBD)
- 3) Sunrise house of pancakes (have been contacted and waiting to hear back about opening date in the corner restaurant and for ribbon cutting set up)

*Town Leaf pickup has begun starting yesterday October 12th (do not mix leaves and sticks please and do not cover storm drains)

North and South Street pick up is Monday and Wednesday

East and West Streets pick up is on Tuesday and Thursday

*Bremen Arts Market Open house (local art work for sale) located at 6812 Ind 106 Old Senff Building

Saturday October 23 10am-2pm

Sunday October 24 1pm-4pm

*Trick or Treat for Bremen is Saturday October 30th 5-7pm

*Bremen Public Library Cookie Contest December 20th

Looking for local Judges (3 or 4) judging starts at 2pm

*Town Lighting Wednesday November 24th

cookies?, hot chocolate?, Santa (matt nehr)!!! color contest

*No santa for santa house this year searching out possibility to have life size mailbox outside town hall for santa letters !!!

*JS appliance going out of business due to inability to get inventory in

*VFW line dancing every Wednesday Night plus an array of other events and menu options that occur throughout the week

*New town news or chamber member updates??

*Next meeting date is November 10th hosted by the VFW

*Sept 23-24 2021
Oct 1st*

*Melissa
Lifestyles*

** Submit application Fased*

** No share November or are can part take in a \$20 donation
* many goes to non-profit organization*

Bremen Chamber of Commerce

November, 2021

VFW

Thank you, VFW for Hosting the Bremen Chamber meeting, for November (Happy Birthday Marine Corp) and thank you to all Veterans for your service!

Brian :VFW

Upcoming News

* 1 ribbon cutting down with 4 Ribbon Cuttings in near future to go!!

- 1) Surf broadband fiber optic internet (Friday November 13th at 2:00pm)
(Bill Haughee)
- 2) Sunrise house of pancakes (TBD)
- 3) Franky's Taco's (TBD)
- 4) New Hispanic Grocery (?)

*Bremen Arts Market Open house (local art work for sale) located at 6812 Ind 106 Old Senff Building seeking out local businesses to feature artist work for resale

*Town Lighting Wednesday November 24th

cookies, hot chocolate, Santa (matt nehr)!!! Music will be by CGCI

*Chamber Coloring Contest pictures will be displayed across from town hall

*Still searching out possibility to have life size mailbox outside town hall for Santa letters and would like this ready by lighting ceremony !!!

*Bremen Public Library Cookie Contest December 20 @1pm

*Chamber 2022 Renewals will begin in December

*New town news or chamber member updates??

*Next meeting date is December 8th hosted by the VFW