



# Chamber News

Fremont Area Chamber  
of Commerce

Chamber News  
November 2011

## A Message from your Fremont Chamber President:

Once again, I think that we are all beginning to wonder, "Where has this year gone?" It seems just like yesterday that the weather was turning warm and we were starting to plant our spring flowers and gardens. But then we must take a look at the past several months and hopefully smile at the various accomplishments and ideas that have come to be. Again, your Chamber was hard at work this past year. We helped fund the Easter Egg Hunt and had our Annual Spring Golf Outing that had "great" participation and raised funds to be used locally. Fremont Music Fest that was held in July was also a wonderful success. It was well attended and the positive comments seemed to be never ending. We relocated the Car Cruise-In to being back up-town which is what many of the comments from the previous year asked for. The weather was great again this year and that always helps to bring people to town. We did a partnership with the Fremont American Legion for a Steak-Fry that the proceeds would benefit the Town's Flag Program. More than \$1,800.00 was raised along with 12 flags being donated as well. We donated to the Pumpkin Walk held at the Fremont Public Library which was also well attended. There are many other activities that the Chamber helps to sponsor such as a Food Drive for the Fremont Food Bank, best property decorated with a Christmas theme, and the annual arrival of Santa Claus at the Fire Barn. Again, we ask that all Members consider getting involved in your local community and help the Fremont Chamber of Commerce by participating in events or whatever you feel comfortable doing. We are always looking for volunteers to help at fundraisers and give input on various topics that arise throughout the year. We invite you to attend our monthly meetings and wish each and everyone of you a happy and healthy Holiday Season and a bountiful New Year.

Best regards to all,  
Linda Fulton  
Fremont Chamber of Commerce President

## Christmas in Fremont- Santa Claus's Arrival

Santa Claus will make his arrival on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at the Fremont Fire Station. He will be visiting with the children from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The children can have their picture taken with Santa and decorate a frame to keep the picture in. The Fremont Public Library will again have a book for each child and a craft they can make. The Fremont American Legion Auxiliary will be providing refreshments. Also, the Fremont High School Choir will perform holiday music for your enjoyment.

### Chamber Officers

#### **President**

Linda Fulton  
Individual

#### **Vice President**

Kathy Parsons  
Individual

#### **Treasurer**

Chris Snyder  
Town of Fremont

#### **Secretary**

Lori Masters  
Fremont Hardware

### **Board of Directors**

#### **Vincent Torres**

Ferry-Morse

#### **Ken Hoemig**

Charlie's Spider Fighters

#### **Rick Corcimiglia**

Rickle's Pickles

#### **Steve Brown**

Brown's Woodconcepts

#### **Mike Hug**

Yogi Bear Jellystone Park

#### **Chris Baker**

Baker's Acres & Floral

#### **Jerry Jackson**

Jackson Builders

#### **Ben Roederer**

Fremont Community Schools

#### **Hope Wilson**

Fremont Public Library

#### **Bill Stockberger**

Steuben County Community  
Foundation

#### **Lon Keyes**

Individual

#### **Margaret Carlson**

Old Mill Shoppes &  
Art Gallery

## Celebration of Lights Contest in Fremont

The Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce, Old Mill Shoppes & Art Gallery, and Steuben County REMC will again sponsor a Christmas holiday lighting contest for Fremont residents. Entries will be judged by Fremont Chamber of Commerce judges and the judging will be based on the number of lights, theme, any 3 dimensional decorations, and the use of audio music or sound. Judging will take place on Saturday evening, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 with the winners announced on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Chamber annual breakfast. Fremont residents can sign up for the contest until Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 at the Fremont Town Hall until 3:00 pm. Please either call the Town Hall at 495-7805 or the Chamber at 495-9010 to sign up. Thank you to Old Mill Shoppes & Art Gallery and Steuben County REMC for co-sponsoring this holiday event.

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## Holiday Food Drive

The Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Town of Fremont, will be conducting a Holiday Food Drive to support the Fremont Community Food Bank at the Fremont Community Church. Your donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the Fremont Town Hall, Fremont Fire Station, Fremont Public Library, and the American Legion and Moose Lodge. Donations can be dropped anytime between November 28<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Thank you for your generous support during this Holiday season.



Music Fest XVIII  
July 13 & 14, 2012

## Downtown American Flag Program Fundraiser

The Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce, Fremont American Legion #257, Fremont Legion Auxiliary, Legion Riders, and Sons of the Legion co-sponsored a Benefit Steak Fry on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to raise funds for the Downtown American Flag Program. The Flag Program was started in 1998 with these groups cooperation to allow the entire Fremont community to display their pride in our country and community. A total of \$1,801.00 was raised and 12 American flags were also donated. Thank you to the many folks who attended the event and to the Fremont businesses that donated raffle prizes for the event.

The flags are displayed downtown many times each year to coincide with major holidays. Thank you for your continued support of this important program.

## Annual Meeting—December 7th at 7:00am

The Chamber's annual meeting and election of officers will be held on December 7, 2012 at the Bullpen Restaurant at 7:00am. This year we will have a breakfast meeting in hopes that it will be easier for more members to attend. Reservations are due to the Chamber office (495-9010) by December 1. We would look forward to seeing you.

### Dates to Remember

- Holiday Food Drive  
November 28—December 9
- Membership Breakfast  
December 7, 2011 @ 7:00am  
At Bullpen
- Board of Directors  
January 20, 2012
- Board of Directors  
February 17, 2012
- Board of Directors  
March 16, 2012
- Board of Directors  
April 20, 2012
- Annual Golf Outing  
May 29, 2012

## 2011 Pumpkin Trail

The Fremont Public Library conducted their annual Pumpkin Trail on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 from 5 pm to 7 pm. The event was held at the Fremont Public Library and the Vistula Park Trails. The Pumpkin Trail included storytelling with Lou Ann Homan, Caricatures by Lee Sauer, Face Painting by Deb Argast, and Juggling by T.A.G. Art, along with Trick-R-Treating on the Trail. Games, crafts, door prizes, and refreshments were provided to the participants. The sponsors of the Pumpkin Trail included the Fremont Public Library, Friends of the Library, and the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce. Many local businesses and industry help support the Pumpkin Trail with their time and resources. As many as 350 young people enjoyed the many activities of the Pumpkin Trail this year. The scarecrow was the theme of this year's Pumpkin Walk.

## iMAN- Indiana Metropolitan Area Network (Steuben County)

The Steuben County fiber optics project (iMAN) funded primarily by Major Moves funds from Steuben County government could be completed over the next year. Construction bids were approved in October of 2011 and the construction could start fairly soon according to Bill Geiger, fiber optic network manager. The goal is to be completed by December of 2012. The iMAN organization is non-profit and organized by the Steuben County Community Foundation designed to bring high-speed communications to Steuben County because it is generally accepted that private business would not because doing so would not be cost effective. So far, iMAN is connected to schools, government, Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, libraries, and a handful of businesses. Of the money collected by iMAN for service, a percentage is given to the Steuben County Community Foundation, which in turn can give the money back to the communities of Steuben County in the form of grants for community service projects. Because of the non-profit status of iMAN, it provides service at a cost much less than what could be offered by private business. The Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce provided funding in 2011, towards the fiber optic build out in Fremont, and the Town of Fremont will consider this funding request in 2012. Learn more about iMAN at [www.imanfiber.com](http://www.imanfiber.com).

## Downtown Revitalization

Construction work began on the Downtown Revitalization project in Fremont on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Bad weather has hampered the work schedule some but significant progress has been made on the north side of the project with new curbing, sidewalks, and lighting improvements. Construction work will continue until weather makes it impossible and any remaining work left will be finished in the spring of 2012. Thank you for your patience in this process.

## 2012 Chamber Golf Outing and Music Fest XVIII

The 2012 Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at Country Meadows Golf Course. Proceeds from this event support Music Fest and other charitable causes in the Fremont Community. Music Fest XVIII will be held on Friday and Saturday, July, 13-14, 2012. Please mark your calendars to come out and enjoy the good music, parade, food, and good times of Music Fest. Please contact the Chamber office at 260-495-9010 for more details on both of these events and for opportunities to volunteer your time and talents.

## 2011 Chamber Accomplishments

Successful Golf Outing in 2011 raising funds for Music Fest XVII and community projects.

Successful Music Fest in July of 2011 drawing large crowds to Fremont.

Flag Displays in downtown Fremont during holiday periods throughout year.

Flag Program fundraiser raises \$1,801.00 to keep program moving forward smoothly.

Co-sponsored Holiday Decorating Contest with Steuben County REMC and Old Mill Shoppes and Art Gallery.

Displayed Christmas decorations with assistance of Town of Fremont employees.

Worked with Town of Fremont on Downtown Revitalization construction project.

Sponsored Holiday Food Drive for the Fremont Community Food Bank.

Supported iMAN Fiber Optic Project.

Sponsored promotion on Newscenter 21 "Life's Better Here" program promoting the Fremont community.

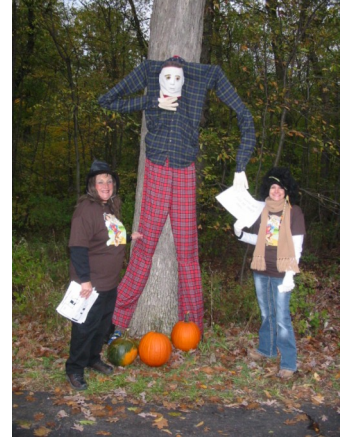
Published 2011 Fremont Area Chamber Guide in July.

Active participant in the Indiana Mainstreet Program.

Providing window clings for Chamber Members in 2011-12 for recognition of their support.

Signs promoting downtown Fremont shopping during SR 120 bridge closing of 2011.

Visitor Guide with Steuben County Tourism purchased ad in 2011 promoting the Fremont community to the many visitors to our County each year.



### Provided monetary support to the following:

Fremont High School Post Prom \$200.00

Fremont Student Council for Community Easter Egg Hunt \$125.00

Fremont Girl and Boy Scouts \$150.00

Fremont High School Music Department \$150.00

Fremont Moose Lodge to support Fireworks \$1,000.00

Fremont Public Library for Pumpkin Walk support \$200.00

Santa Claus visit to Fremont \$500.00

Fremont Elementary PTO Carnival \$100.00

iMAN Fiber Optic Project \$2,011.00

