

2021 Winter Newsletter



JANUARY 2021

2020 Overview

The 2020 Chamber of Commerce Banquet held on Feb. 27th at the Van Buren Sportsman's Club was a great success, with around 60 people in attendance.

Special thanks to Senator Aric Nesbitt and Zachary Morris from Market Van Buren for being our guest speakers. Pastor Stephanie Norton from Hartford United Methodist Church led us in prayer while Representative Beth Griffin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Due to the pandemic the chamber cancelled the

Strawberry Festival and was unable to have any After Hours events but we are hopeful that new year will bring back these events.

The chamber was able to put out our boxes for the Holiday Extravaganza. We gave away four \$50 gift cards for Harding's Friendly Market. Drawing boxes were put out at the following locations: Harding's Market, Hair Forum, Hartford Public Library and Kellogg Hardware. The winners were pulled on Dec. 18th and were called.

The new year brings in new

board members. Welcome to our new Chamber President Judy Phillips. We also welcome back Patty Schroeder as treasurer/business secretary. New to the board this year as trustees are Matt Nilson and Nancy Spoula. Thanks go out to Stephanie Daniels who is our Vice President and Mike Chappell, Tad Moody and Pat Vawter who are trustees. With this new board we are looking forward to great things to come in 2021.

About HACOC

Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce is organized to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the Hartford area so its' citizens and all areas of the business community shall prosper. All necessary means of promotion shall be provided and particular attention and emphasis shall be given to the economic, commercial, cultural, industrial, educational and civic interests of the area.

Chamber Board Members

President

Judy Phillips

Vice President/Secretary

Stephanie Daniels

Treasurer/

Business Secretary:

Patty Schroeder

Trustee

Pat Vawter

Trustee

Mike Chappell

Trustee

Matt Nilson

Trustee

Nancy Spoula

Trustee

Tad Moody

Strawberry Festival 2021!

If allowed, the Hartford Strawberry Festival will be held on June 11 & 12, 2021. We will have a better idea in March on whether the festival will happen.

This festival is hosted by the Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce and is held each year on the second weekend in June.

We look forward to seeing John Dudley again and hopefully the band "Big Ben and the Burly Boys". Stop by the Chamber Booth to see all the sponsors and chamber members listed.

Being a sponsor for the

Strawberry festival is a great way to advertise your business and let the community know you care about Hartford. Please contact Patty Schroeder @ (269) 588-5103 for more information about sponsorship or check out our website at: www.hartfordmichamber.org.



Reminder

Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm at Hartford Public Library. These meetings are open to the public and chamber members are encouraged to attend.

Our next meetings are:

January 6, 2021

February 3, 2021

March 3, 2021

April 7, 2021

May 5, 2021

June 2, 2021



View our website:
www.hartfordmichamber.org



Membership Benefits

Being a member of the Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce ensures your business is recognized as having a key role in our community.

HACOC sponsors the **Hartford Strawberry Festival** on the second weekend in June each year. The festival is the chambers biggest fundraiser and provides business advertising promotions; which helps make a visible difference for your business in the community. Please consider being a sponsor of the festival for a bigger and better visibility for your business.

What other benefits are there for your business:

- * Business listing on our chamber website: www.hartfordmichamber.org
- * Membership sticker for your business to show you are a chamber member.
- * Networking with business members at meetings and special events.
- * Genesis Web Design offers to our chamber members \$200.00 off on a 5 page website. Contact John Ruder at (269)429-7014 or designer@genesiswebd.com for more information.
- * Vibrant Healing LLC. offers 15% off a Reiki session for any chamber member. Call (269) 674-1335 for more information.
- * We are members of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. Visits: www.michamber.com for more information.

Please consider offering a member to membership discount for your business to help build a better chamber.

Promote Your Business

Facebook:

Facebook is a great way to reach customers for free. The Chamber would like to help “share” your business and any promotions you may have going on. Please let us know when you would like us to “share” your Facebook posts and we would be happy to oblige.

Business Opportunity:

Would you like this newsletter to showcase your business? Please email your information to:

hartfordmichamber@gmail.com and you will be considered for our next newsletter.

