

HOW TO START YOUR SIDE HUSTLE IN LEMONT



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**HUSTLERS
WELCOME**



WELCOME



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WELCOME



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"Cart Attack"



SIDE HUSTLES IN LEMONT



Supportive Community

Entrepreneurship Pipeline

- Market on Canal
- Lemont Farmers Market
- Special Events

Success Stories:

- Raising Sons Microbakery
- Matt's Barbecue





**YOUR
BUSINESS**



WHAT COUNTS AS A BUSINESS



Village code basics: what qualifies as a business

Home Occupations

- Professional services
- Personal services
- Instruction & care

Home-based business rules

- Zoning
- Signage
- Parking

Food-based business considerations

- Health regs
- Cottage Food
- Commercial kitchens & commissaries

LICENSES, PERMITS, NEXT STEPS



Online permit portal

lemontil.portal.opengov.com

Business license basics

- When a home business license might help
- Personal services
- Instruction & care

Get help getting started

- Business structure
- Registrations
- Business banking
- Insurance
- Marketing



**RESOURCES
& SUPPORT**





SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES

The EBC helps business owners succeed through workshops, one-on-one advising and more. These services are no-cost to all community members.





Welcome to The Source.

Get the support you need
to grow your business.



SCROLL

Welcome to The Source.

A photograph of two women, one with long dark hair and one with curly dark hair, both smiling and looking down at a laptop screen. The image is slightly blurred and has a soft, warm light. A semi-transparent purple box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the main heading and a paragraph of text.

THE WBDC IGNITES BUSINESS GROWTH

Through its programs, services, and advocacy efforts, the WBDC has helped over 115,000 women entrepreneurs gain economic self-sufficiency through business ownership and expansion and worked to change public policy nationally and locally over its 39-year history.



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The Business Development Center strives to advance the practice of business ownership to stimulate economic growth and development through new company formation and growth. The Center is committed to the business community with programming and customized advising and high-quality training.

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2025 Alliance Events

Meet fellow Alliance Members, share those business cards, and develop relationships that can help boost your business to the next level.

Members, you can also host your own networking event which we'll help promote to the Chamber database.

Please note that event information below is subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Upcoming Events

Aug 20 Monthly Chamber Member Breakfast

Sep 4 Business After Hours Networking Event Hosted by Holistic Riding Equestrian Therapy (HRET)

Sep 17 Monthly Chamber Member Breakfast

Sep 18 Business After Hours - Marian Village

Sep 25 AI & Marketing 2025 and Beyond

Oct 15 Monthly Chamber Member Breakfast

MINDSET & ENCOURAGEMENT



There is no one-size-fits-all approach

- Get inspired
- Develop your business
- Test your idea
- Connect with the business community
- Utilize Village of Lemont resources
- Market & grow

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(HOPEFULLY) HELPFUL LINKS

LEMONT DOWNTOWN

lemontdowntown.com

**Facebook &
Instagram:**

@lemontdowntown

**Lemont Unlocked
podcast**

[lemontdowntown.com/
unlocked](http://lemontdowntown.com/unlocked)



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Village of Lemont regulations for home occupations (Unified Development Ordinance)

https://library.municode.com/il/lemont/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT17UNDEOR_ARTIIZOZOR_CH17.06USRE_17.06.080HOOC

Permitting & licensing

<https://lemontil.portal.opengov.com/>

JJC Entrepreneur & Business Center

<https://jjc.edu/jjc-entrepreneur-business-center-getting-started>

Lemont New Business Information Packet

<https://www.lemont.il.us/home/showpublisheddocument/4850/638893995499730000>