

North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce

SANTA'S NOTES

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OPPORTUNITY

WinterFest 2001 offers you a wide range of opportunities for advertising, business traffic, and community involvement.

Be a sponsor. Have a booth. Participate in contests. Be a volunteer. Be an I-Did-A-Block dog musher. HAVE FUN!

Contact Darryl Carnley, SANTA CLAUS HOUSE, 488-2200, extension 11.

Don't delay, opportunities like this go fast!

Luncheon By Elf's Den
February 15th
TOSSED SALAD
DRINK
FRIED CHICKEN
VEGETABLE
MASHED POTATOES
DESSERT

NPCCC

Membership Meetings:
NPCCC meets monthly on the third Thursday at noon. Meetings are held at Santa's Seniors Center located on Fifth Avenue in North Pole. Luncheon is served at a cost of eight dollars for members, \$10 for non-members.



25TH Annual North Pole WINTER FESTIVAL



WinterFest featured at North Pole High School

Saturday, Feb 17th - 10 AM till 5 PM
Sunday, Feb 18th - 11 AM till 4 PM

- ☞ Festival Headquarters
- ☞ Coronation of Regents
- ☞ Craft, Food, Game, Informational and Vendor Booths
- ☞ Children's activities and rides
- ☞ Demonstrations
- ☞ Dog Sled Rides (only 3 bucks)
- ☞ Music
- ☞ Petting Zoo

Team Competitions - Saturday
1:00 PM - Santa Salmon Slalom
2:00 PM - Turkey Bowling

Pancake Feed

On the way to Festival, stop join us at Lord of Life Lutheran Church for their annual pancake breakfast
8 AM till 10 AM

DOOR PRIZES

Free Advertising is available, just bring in items for door prizes and your business will be recognized at the Luncheon as well as in the newsletter. Excess items will be held till next Luncheon. Thanks to Rosemary Hobson for last month's donation.

Championship Sled Dog Races, Chena Lakes

Two Weekends of Exciting ADMA Sanctioned Sled Dog Racing
Feb 17/18 and Feb 24/25

4 Dog Team - 10 AM, each day
Skijor - 11 AM, each day
6 Dog Team - Noon, each day
10 Dog Team - 1:30 PM, each day

I-DID-A-BLOCK BUSINESSPERSON SLED DOG COMPETITION

How long can they stay on their borrowed sleds? How far will they follow their borrowed teams? Come and find out:

Saturday, Feb 17 - 3 PM
Saturday, Feb 24 - 3 PM
Sunday, Feb 25 - 3 PM (run off race)
Mushers need to report to Race Central at 2 PM

CHAMBER LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 15TH
Santa's Seniors Center

Program by Layne StJohn
Featuring YUKON QUEST

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Feb 14 Valentines Day
ROSES ARE IN ORDER
- Feb 15 NPCCC
Noon Luncheon
(Santa's Sr Ctr)
- Feb 17/18 North Pole WinterFest at NPHS
- Feb 17 **I-Did-A-Block Sled Dog Race,**
DAY ONE Chena Lakes
3 pm—mushers, be there at 2 pm
- Feb 17/18 **NP Dog Sled Championship Races** Chena Lakes, 10-3 pm
WKEND ONE
- Feb 19 President's Day
(City Offices Closed)
- Feb 20 Economic Dev Committee
City Hall 5:30 pm
- Feb 20 City Council, City Hall at 7:00 pm
- Feb 22 NPCCC
Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- Feb 24 **I-Did-A-Block Sled Dog Race,**
DAY TWO Chena Lakes
3 pm—mushers, be there at 2 pm
- Feb 24/25 **NP Dog Sled Championship Races,** Chena Lakes, 10-3 pm
WKEND TWO
- Feb 24 **NP Dog Sled Championship Races,** Chena Lakes, 10-3 pm
WKEND TWO
- Feb 27 Sister City Mtg
City Hall 6:30 pm



North Pole High

School Hosts March Business After Hours

March 1st - 5 till 7 PM
North Pole High School Library

Come in the front doors, turn to your left, climb the stairs and veer to your right for a memorable evening. NPCCC's own Beth Reagin will join with Vivian and friends in hosting this special BAH.

No junk food here; the NPHS Beginning Foods and Nutrition Class will be preparing snacks for us. Beth has rounded up some free goodies and door prizes for us as well.

Join with your Chamber friends as we tour our local High School. We will be checking out some of the shops, classrooms and other facilities.

Why not grab a business friend (potential Chamber member and join us in our return to school daze.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Mar 1 NPCCC
Business After Hours: 5-7 PM
North Pole High
- Mar 2 Science Fair
9 am - 2 pm
NPMS
- Mar 5 City Council
7:00 PM
- Mar 8 NPCCC
Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- Mar 15 NPCCC
Noon Luncheon (Santa's Sr Ctr)



For North Pole High School Events: Scheuleule, surf over to:

http://calendar.yahoo.com/public/n_p_h_s



Heart Felt Thanks

Young people were in the hearts of those attending Have a Heart, BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF THE TANANA VALLEY's annual fundraiser. Over 200 community members attended the event, enjoyed food and entertainment, and bid on auction items donated by many businesses and individuals. Fairbanks, North Pole and Two Rivers youth centers will benefit to the tune of approximately \$30,000.

168th Is Best

The Department of Defense recently announced its first Reserve Forces Family Readiness Award, to pay tribute to those units that take the extra step to make sure families are taken care of.

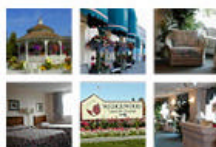
Alaska's 168th Aerial Refueling Wing is the winner for the Air National Guard. The 168th, based at Eielson Air Force Base received the award based on its high mission readiness combined with its highly effective family readiness program. (AKANG PA)



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UAF's Tanana Valley Campus is the extended learning component of UAF, and is the lead unit and center for promoting, coordinating, and delivering instructional activities for adults.

KATHLEEN (MIKE) DALTON

Individual Membership

WELCOME BACK

ACS WIRELESS
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
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ALASKA RIVERWAYS
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ALASKAN'S LAZY DAZE B&B
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NORTH POLE COFFEE ROASTING
NORTH POLE ESPRESSO
NORTH POLE MARTIAL ARTS
NORTH POLE MOOSE LODGE
NORTH POLE OPTICAL
NORTH POLE PHYS. THERAPY
NORTH POLE PRESCRIPTION
NORTH POLE TRAVEL
NORTH POLE VETERINARY
NORTH POLE WINDSHIELD

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WELCOME BACK (CONT)

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 NORTHERN ALASKA TOUR CO.
 PETE ALEXION (ED JONES INV)
 PIKE'S WATERFRONT LODGE
 POWERHOUSE CONSTRUCTION
 PTAC
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 RIVERVIEW RV PARK
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 SANTA'S TRAVEL
 SANTA CLAUS HOUSE
 SOURDOUGH FUEL, INC
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 THE REFINERY LOUNGE
 THE WHITE GLOVE
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 TWO CITIES CONSTRUCTION
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 VFW POST 10029
 WENDY'S RESTAURANT
 WHITE SPRUCE ENTERPRISES
 WILLIAMS ALASKA PETROLEUM



WinterFest Made Great By Business Partners

PRINCESS NEWSMINER SANTA CLAUS HOUSE
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 ADMA

Is your name on this list?

Your Chamber can not function without a solid membership

Benefits

- Business After Hours
- Community Pride
- Economical Advertising
- Internet (WEB) Presence
- Monthly Luncheon
- Monthly Newsletter
- Networking
- Publicity Opportunities
- State Wide Exposure
- Visitor Center Presence
- AND MUCH MORE

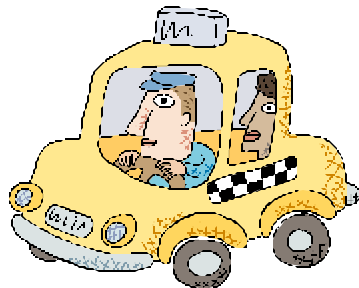
RENEW TODAY!



Local McDonalds Has New Owner



Kathi Cinkosky started out flippin burgers many years ago in Colorado. She worked her way through the ranks and is now the new owner of the four local stores. The new owner believes in service above all, welcome news to us hamburger lovers. Of special interests to those of us who live where it is 'Christmas every day of the year' is Kathi's attention to theme improvement, including a year-round Christmas décor for the North Pole restaurant.



No Sleighs for New Taxi Operator

North Pole once again has a local cab service available. Don Dunphy retired from his boring retirement and went back to work. After driving hack for other owners in Fairbanks, he opted for ownership himself, giving birth to the Thundering Santa's Express. The North Pole fleet currently boasts a fleet of two Christmas Theme cabs with at least one more on the way.

Need a ride to Chamber Luncheon? Call Don. When you get in his cab, hand him a NPCCC membership application and direct him to our Noon Luncheon.

IN UNIFORM

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE:

Hockey Action:

The Eielson Moose defeated the Fort Wainwright Grizzlies 9-4, winning the Commander's cup in January.

Recognition:

Eielson's first sergeants and commanders presented an Iceman Salute for exceptional performance to:

- Senior Airman Angela Brown
Command Support
354th Maintenance Squadron
- Airman 1st Class James Pierce
Aero medical Services
354th Medical Operations Squadron
- Senior Airman David Fitzpatrick
Explosive Ordnance Disposal
354th Civil Engineer Squadron
- Master Sergeant Wanda Kaltschnee
First Sergeant
353rd Combat Training Squadron

FORT WAINWRIGHT

NCO Of The Year

Staff Sergeant Michael Bixler, an Army Garrison air traffic control NCO, has been honored as the Post NCO of the Year.

Good Chow

The 172nd Separate Infantry Brigade's "Top of the World Café" recently placed second in the Small Garrison category of the Army's Connelly Awards Competition.

Best Communications

The 507th Signal Company was chosen as the Defense Message System (DMS) Local Control Center of the year. DMS is a new innovation in communications using computers and electronic mail in a secure environment.

JOINT SERVICES

Next time you visit Fairbanks International, check out the new Armed Service's YMCA courtesy lounge. Volunteers staff the facility, distributing coffee, refreshments and information. The lounge offers a quiet place for those awaiting transportation to rest or watch a little television.

Carnival Grows Up

Winter Carnival has morphed in to something new and exciting; WINTER FESTIVAL. The event will be the same and different at the same time.

With the move back to NPHS, the venue has changed. The craft bazaar will remain at the North Pole Mall while the WinterFest hosts other vendors, food specialties, entertainment, contests of skill and much more at the school facility. There will even be employment recruiting booths added.

Door prizes will abound with free tickets being given out at the Chamber Booth. Two tickets to Hawaii will top the list of prizes. Other prizes, including hotel room nights, dinner coupons, gift certificates, and tickets to local tourist attractions will be given out throughout the event.

The grand door prize will be drawn at 4 PM on Sunday. You must get your ticket at the Chamber booth - but need not be present to win.

Going To The Dogs

**IFDA Sanctioned Weight Pull
Chena Lakes Rec Area
Feb 17 and Feb 18**

**Registration and Weigh-in: 10:30 AM
Handler's Meeting: 11:30 AM
First Pull: Noon
Entry Fee: \$20 per dog, one day
Entry Fee: \$30 per dog, two days**

Spectators Welcome - need a ride? Princess will be providing free shuttle service from WinterFest Headquarters at NPHS.


**KNOW SOME ONE WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF CHAMBER?
HAVE YOU INVITED THEM TO ATTEND A LUNCHEON? BRING THEM WITH YOU!**


HAVE YOU INVITED THEM TO JOIN? GIVE THEM THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION TODAY!


**HAVE YOU INVITED THEM TO A CHAMBER PROJECT?
IF NOT, WHY NOT - IF NOT WHEN ??????**

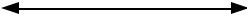
REMEMBER ANCIENT PROVERB - STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!

THIS AND THAT

City Council - Let the Council hear your voice, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7pm. 

The North Pole City Council recognized Chanda File (NPE), Emily Skilbred (NPMS) and Tricia Claveau (NPHS). Teachers at the schools nominated students for their positive attitude, service and achievements. 

The North Pole Fire Department is a pick-up point for the Soroptimist's Vials of Life Program. This program is a means of relaying vital medical information to responders during an emergency. 

The North Pole Branch Library presents story time Wednesdays at 11:15 am. 

WILLIAMS ALASKA PETROLEUM CO has signed on as a major sponsor Mush for Kids. The annual fundraiser for the Alaska Children's Trust to be held on April 7th. WILLIAMS will be covering all expense of the benefit, allowing the trust fund to use 100% of the funds raised in their programs to help fight child abuse and neglect.



★ Good Guys Corner ★

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Draw Dinner

Share in the excitement of race night. Join the mushers for the Draw Dinner where they will draw for their starting position. If you are one of the 40 businesses racing the I-Did-A-Block, this is a great time to meet your dog and sled provider.

February 16th - 7 PM
February 23rd - 7 PM

THE REFINERY LOUNGE
6th and Old Rich
North Pole



Men, Beware: Rose Alert

By the time you read this, you will have only one or two days to respond to the Valentines Day Crunch. Calm yourself. My informant at SANTA'S FLOWERS in North Pole assures me that it is not too late.

If you purchase your roses by Tuesday morning, you should still be able to guarantee a color selection. After that, well you will get roses but perhaps not the color you wish. Roses are available for a measly \$80 per dozen or \$55 for half that many.

SANTA'S FLOWERS also has a good supply of balloons, cups, candy, blooming plants and plush bears.

No Pictures: due to computer problems, there are not pictures in this issue. BAH photos from Master Touch and others will featured next month.

WEB Update: the Master Membership list is complete, including all known links. Please check it out and let me know if there are any changes needed. Next on the schedule are the specific pages such as restaurants, lodging etc.

WEB Counter: NPCCC's WEB page is just two years and our hits on the home page alone have topped 4100. That does not count those that go to other pages directly.