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Luncheon Menu
November 16th

- TOSSED SALAD
- FRUIT SALAD
- POT ROAST WITH POTATOES AND CARROTS
- HOME BAKED BREAD
- DESSERT - ICE CREAM AND COOKIE

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.

Good News for Local Community Govt

The infrastructure of a city is key to economic development. With the recent approval of a new water district bond issue and the defeat of the Tax Cap initiative, North Pole is on track for utility improvement.

The Department of Transportation is working on several improvements to the Old Richardson Highway. A major concern is access to and from the Richardson Highway.

The Alaska Railroad is working with DOT to realign the main track to reduce the number of crossings between North Pole and Fairbanks. A major concern is the crossing at 12 Mile and its proximity to the central business district of North Pole.

City Council members are looking at the possibility of expanding city boundaries. "It is important to be realistic with any expansion, we must be ready to meet the needs of any new areas added in a timely manner," said Mayor Jacobson at a recent Chamber of Commerce event



Mayor Jacobson points out city boundaries as he discusses the needed growth of city utilities to Chamber members at recent BAH.

hosted at City Hall.

City boundaries currently exclude many local businesses that are within walking distance of City Hall. Even the Chamber's own log cabin visitor center is not in the City of North Pole.

City utilities are being updated and expanded. A solid education system is in place with recently approved

bond issues providing funding for much needed renovations at all three local schools. Several new businesses have opened within the community. Negotiations are under way with other potential North Pole businesses.

North Pole is growing, yet at the same time appears capable of holding on to the finer aspects of a community.

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.

CHAMBER LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 16 - NOON
Santa's Seniors Center

Dr Craig Crebar - Keynote

CHAMBER CALENDAR

- Nov 16 Noon Luncheon (Santa's Sr Ctr)
- Nov 30 Board Meeting (USP office) 5:30 PM
- Dec 3 Candle Lighting (NPHS) 2 PM
- Dec 3 Tree Lighting (Santa Claus House) 5:30 PM (???)
- Dec 7 BAH Boys and Girls Club (Grange Hall) 5-7 PM
- Dec 14 Board Meeting (USP office) 5:30 PM
- Dec 21 Noon Luncheon (Santa's Sr Ctr)
- Dec 28 Board Meeting (location tbd) 5:30 PM
- Feb 11 Yukon Quest starts in Yukon
- Feb 11 Junior Yukon Quest with Chamber check point at Chena Lakes.
- Feb 17/18 Winter Carnival

SANTA CLAUS HOUSE

Nov 16 5-7 PM
GFCC BAH

Come and enjoy complimentary espresso and hors-d'oeuvres!
Over \$500 worth of door prizes!
Visit with Santa receive a complimentary photo!

CITY HALL HOSTS BAH

November's Business After Hours was hosted by the Mayor at City Hall. In a departure from the usual format, this informative BAH dealt with how our city and staff serve us all.

Several of Mayor Jeff's staff and members of the City Council stopped in and discussed a variety of issues with Chamber members. The topics ranged from annexation to the quality of water in outlying city neighborhoods.

Buddy Lane was introduced as the new Fire Chief, though Buddy is certainly not new to the Fire Department.

The Police Department



was well represented by Officer Jeff and others. A tour of the station was most interesting. The Dispatch Center was of much interest as the station was most interesting. The Dispatch Center was of much interest as the station was most interesting. **see BAH CITY HALL on page 3**

WINTERFEST FLEA MARKET AND

Did this summer's rainy weather put your YARD SALE on hold? Do you need a place to sell your CRAFT OR HOBBY ITEMS? Do you want to EARN EXTRA \$ for the holidays? Would you like to SUPPORT THE STUDENTS of the community?

THEN COME AND JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS under one

large roof.

**November 18th
Saturday**

10 AM to 5 PM

NPHS

ADMISSION: FREE

This is a fundraiser for the North Pole, Eielson AFB and Salcha communities. Table space is available for \$15 per space.

For information on table or booth space, contact Jody Engen at 488-3761 ext 196. Or, drop by North Pole High School and fill out an application.

HOLIDAY CHEER IS IN THE AIR

And you don't even need to buy tickets this time! Drop in enjoy Cookies and Coffee with us at our annual Holiday Open House!

**December 11th thru 15th
8:30 AM to 5:30 PM
133 Santa Claus Lane**



CHAMBER MEMBERS GO TO JAIL BECAUSE THEY CARE!

North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce members spent part of their day in



Dick Olson, KJNP, pleads his case.

jail in an act of love. These folks put in time on November 9th at SANTA CLAUS HOUSE raising money for MDA.

Dick and Leslie were joined by Chamber President, Ray Pulsifer, in their quest for funds. These wonderful volunteers were locked up using cell phones provided by ACS, a chamber member and supporter. They called friends, family and business associates in an effort to raise \$10,000, their goal for the day in Santa's jailhouse.

Each jailbird was trying to raise \$1000, enough to send two of 'Jerry's Kids' MDA's Alaska Summer Camp. Many NPCCC members paid bail to



Leslie Gustafson, WHITE SPRUCE INC., tries to talk her way out of jail

help their friends get out of jail. Others came into the Jail and made contributions.

Two million volunteers are the driving force that enables MDA to accelerate its worldwide research program and provide diagnostic and follow-up care through some 230 clinics nationwide. Volunteers are the backbone of the Association's programs, helping with summer camp, support groups, seminars, Telethon, special events and many other programs.

If you can help
Call 800-FIGHTMD
(800-344-4863)

NPCCC MEMBERSHIP COUNTS

Have you renewed your membership for the current year? If not, why not get it in the mail today.

NPCCC has a flat rate, no matter the size of your business, one of the lowest in the state. The Chamber can not operate without your support.

Chamber funding is spent on an ever growing list of chamber and community

activities:

- Business Referrals
- Candle Lighting
- Internet Presence
- Lighting Contest
- Monthly Luncheons
- Monthly Newsletter
- Notification of events
- Summer Festival

- Tree Lighting
- Visitor Center
- Winter Carnival and more.

The Chamber has operated for the last two years solely with volunteers. While that is not ideal, it does point out the Boards commitment to the membership and community.

Have you renewed your Chamber membership?

BAH CITY HALL

that is where all 911 calls from the local area are handled, not just those within the city limits of North Pole.

We learned that there are no holding facilities in the local police station, just as well considering the confined area that they operate from. They do have a breath analyzer available if required. Finger printing is available to the public.

Several door prizes were awarded at the conclusion of the evening, including a rare addition of the Kiwanis Club North Pole Game.

Thank you Mayor for an enjoyable and educational evening. It is good to see that the city operates so effi-

ciently.



Kevin checks out a windshield chip

Emergency Services are taken seriously in North Pole

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THIS AND THAT

BAH - North Pole Boys and Girls Club. Come and check out the new facilities at the North Pole Grange. The new club house provides a warm and safe haven for our youth. The Grange has happily become the club's 'guardian angel'. They could not have found a better way to serve their community. Mark your calendar now, Dec 7th, 5-7 PM. The kids are looking forward to welcoming you all.

Candle Lighting - Time flies by so fast, here it is, almost Christmas once again and time for the community to come together in this warm event, Dec 3rd, 2 PM at the High School. Come and share this festive season with your neighbors. Dust off the cookbooks and prepare some goodies to bring. If wish to help out in other ways, please call Bev Olson at KJNP. Tree Lighting will be later the same day. Darryl Carnley, SCH, is out of town at press time so the time is not definite, but last year it was at 5:30 PM.

City Council - Let the Council hear your voice, December 4th and 18th at City Hall.

Noon Luncheon: Dr. Craig Crebar

Craig Crebar was raised in Oregon. He spent twenty years in Texas. So why North Pole? According to an article in the FAIRBANKS DAILY NEWS-MINER, he was attracted to North Pole by the "good feeling of the community". Let's give Dr. Crebar a warm community WELCOME this Thursday. Community, that is the one thing that sets us apart from the big cities. A community has that certain something that makes life better. What brought our new North Pole Middle School principal here to North Pole is what keeps many of us from leaving this wonderful community.

