



## NORTH POLE COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# SANTA'S NOTES

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## Membership Meeting

The NPCCC monthly membership luncheon will be held on October 19th at Noon in the Senior Center, located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Snowman Lane. The Noon Luncheon affords all members an opportunity to speak about their business. ELF'S DEN will be catering our meal, featuring spaghetti and meatballs, green salad, bread, drink and dessert.

## Program

Elections are certainly on everybody's mind these days. The Primary is only a short four weeks away. The CHAMBER will be presenting a forum for local candidates at this month's luncheon. Carl Benson, Bud Fate, Jeanette James, Neal Matson, and Gene Therriault have all been invited to share their thoughts with our members. The Ten Mil Cap is a highly visible issue, but there are many others that warrant our concern. If you have concerns that need addressing, this is just the place to get them heard by the right people.

## Business Spotlight

Our own City Government will have the spotlight centered on them this month. Mayor Jeff Jacobson will fill us in on both his short and long ranged plans for his first full term in office. He will give a run down on the new city council and their role in our government.

Mayor Jeff will share with us his views of economic growth in our community and what the budget for the coming year might be like. The mayor will be able to provide a recap on this week's town meeting that featured the 10 Mil Tax Cap. Don't trust your knowledge of these subjects to rumor, come and hear Mayor Jeff 'tell it like it is.'

Ever wonder how these folks become Business Spotlights? They call one of the Board members

and volunteer. If we do not have a volunteer, we simply start asking businesses. It is real easy to present a spotlight; the Board will be happy to provide guidance and advice.

## NPCCC Election

### Ray Wins 2nd Term

Elections are over for another year, with Ray Pulsifer (USPA/IRA) retaining the reins as our new President. Ray will be assisted in his duties by Vice President Jennifer Nehlson (BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF THE TANANA VALLEY). Moving to the office of Secretary will be Rosemary Hobson while Evolyn Melville takes charge of the financial well being of the CHAMBER as our new Treasurer. Directorships will be filled by Darryl Carnley (SANTA CLAUS HOUSE), Neal Gregory (KIWANIS CLUB OF NORTH POLE), Dawn Harmon (WESTMARK HOTEL), Robert Lincoln (ADVANCE PRINTING), and Beth Reagin (NORTH POLE HIGH SCHOOL).



*Ray Pulsifer  
President*

The returning Board members welcome Jennifer, Darryl and Bob to our midst. New members always bring fresh ideas and new outlooks on how business should be conducted. These members will be brought up to speed quickly in order that the Board can better serve the membership. Vice President Jennifer hit the ground running by chairing this week's Board meeting.

President Ray will announce the focus of the directorships at the October luncheon after conferring with each of the new and returning directors. Since I am writing this newsletter, I guess that you can assume that the Director of Communications

remains the same. Several committees will be formed, allowing for membership participation. Come on in, the water is nice and hot.

## BAH: City Hall

Departing from the norm, City Hall will be our next BAH. City Hall is the place to be when Mayor Jeff and as many members of the Council and staff as possible host the BAH on November 2 from 5 to 7 PM. We will tour the City offices, Police and Dispatch, with a possible field trip to Fire. These representatives of our government will be explaining the functions of local government and their individual roles within that body. Come and learn about City Hall and those who work there. Enjoy some refreshments, door prizes, and the friendship of your fellow Chamber members. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this informative, fun, friendly, late fall BAH.

## Chamber Happenings

Oct 19	Noon - Luncheon featuring candidate forum
Oct 26	5:30 PM - Board Meeting
Nov 2	5-7 PM - BAH City Hall
Nov 6	Newsletter Deadline
Nov 9	5:30 PM - Board Meeting
Nov 10	Federal Holiday
Nov 16	Noon - Luncheon featuring Top of the World Basketball
Nov 23	Thanksgiving (no Board Mtg)
Nov 30	5:30 PM - Board Meeting

## Fairbanks Came to North Pole

October BAH found us at the North Pole office of the FAIRBANKS DAILY NEWS-MINER. Chamber members joined in lively discussions with representatives of the advertising, circulation and editorial departments. Columnist Dermot Cole entertained many of us with his antidotes and bits of local history and color. The North Pole reporter, Nancy Tarnai, and local staff organized the program as a friendly drop-in event that offered something for everybody who came to the Candy Cane Square that evening. ELF'S DEN outdid themselves in catering the affair. Many members went away with nice door prizes, including subscriptions, coffee mugs, shirts and much more.



*North Pole Mayor Jeff Jacobson and Chuck Lincoln (Advance Printing)*

This BAH was well attended but there is always room for more. You owe it to yourself to come, or send a representative from your business to one or two BAHs. Once you have, I suspect that you will be back. The cold weather is here, the BAHs are nice and warm, Come On In!



*Dermot Cole (News-Miner Columnist, Evolyn Melville (NPCCC Treasurer) and Kelly Bostian (News-Miner Managing Editor)*

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**NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK: OCTOBER 16-20**

**THE DAILY NEWS-MINER places the spotlight on Business Women each year to help celebrate National Business Women's Week.. Watch for their third annual Women in Business section. Last year, over one hundred area businesses, owned or managed by women were featured. Watch for this special issue, to be published Wednesday, October 18th.**



*Councilman Tom McGhee, Mayor Jeff Jacobson, Mayor Rhonda Boyles and Councilman Doug Isaacson*

## Election Celebration

The newly elected North Pole Mayor, Jeff Jacobson, was joined by new Council Members, Doug Isaacson and Tom McGhee in a Thank You Celebration held at City Hall on October 9th. Rhonda Boyles, newly elected Borough Mayor joined with the North Pole contingent in talking with their constituents as they enjoyed refreshments, including a large Thank You cake. It was obvious from listening to the two Mayors talk that cooperation and interaction between the two entities is a key concern. That can only bode well for the city and community of North Pole.

Council members present expressed interest in the NPCCC. Some plan to start attending our meetings. The idea of a Chamber minute (or two) included in Council Meetings was discussed.

Again, cooperation and interaction was stressed. This too, bodes well for the city and community of North Pole. It looks like a great year ahead for the City and for the Chamber. So much positive talk is uncommon in this day and age; that is what makes North Pole such a wonderful place for families and businesses alike.

## Good News

Recent elections brought positive results for our community and economy. In a time of taxpayer revolt it is gratifying to see that local city and borough voters have faith in their system.

North Pole proposition Number One passed authorizing a bond issue that will allow the City to receive state and federal grant monies available for the development of water and sewage systems in the Highway Park subdivision just west of the Old Rich. This neighborhood improvement will encourage an increase in new construction and renovation of existing homes. This, and future development of water and sewage systems in North Pole, must occur for future economic development.

Fairbanks Northstar Borough voters passed Proposition Numbers Two and Three, benefitting North Pole High School, North Pole Middle School and North Pole Elementary School. New industry does not look well on areas that do not support and maintain good school systems. Businesses want to know that their employees will find a good infrastructure that supports quality life. Individuals will choose their home sites based on the same reasoning. Development of a strong and viable school system is a must for future economic development.

**Candle Lighting and Tree Lighting  
December 3rd**

## Plan Now - Play Later

Alaska Residence Day has come and gone, the PFDs are here, but the travel agents are busy. NPCCC members, NORTH POLE TRAVEL and SANTA'S TRAVEL WORLD have some well timed tips.

North Pole Travel reports that the prime Christmas dates, 15-17 December are already filling up. Thanksgiving's prime return date, 26 November is already very full. Susan passes on several other interesting facts:

No NP Sales Tax on Airline Tickets.

Travel Agents can usually get you lower fares than the airlines offer by using "Break Fares" in different locations.

Beware of Internet deals - brokers are not compelled to take care of problems that an agent routinely handles.

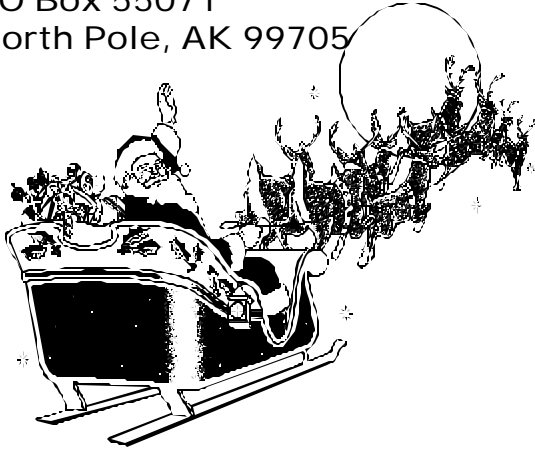
Prices are very spotty right now. Specials vary radically. Just call one of the great North Pole agencies for availability of special fares to your destination.

Check out the other services that your agent can handle. North Pole Travel will book hotels, cars, tours, cruises and more; a full service travel agency.

If you are booking on two different airlines, you will need paper rather than electronic tickets.

Pet travel is extremely expensive - look for a good kennel. Air travel is quite rough on most animals anyway.

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Honor our protectors:  
past, present and future  
**VETERANS DAY**  
**NOVEMBER 11TH**

Susan will answer your questions in person, by phone and even EMail (nptravel@santanet.com).

Thank you Susan for all your free advice to our members.

The folks at SANTA'S emphasized that you need to book NOW for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Actually what they said was that time to book was last week, so waste no more time, place that call today.

## Site To Behold

Alaska's Department of Labor will keep employers informed about recent changes in state labor laws. Check out their web site at:

[www.labor.state.ak.us](http://www.labor.state.ak.us)

### City Calendar

Oct 16	City Council (swearing in) 7 PM
Oct 17	Lecture: Volcanoes, 7PM, NPMS
Oct 19-20	No School - Inservice
Oct 21	Health Fair, NPHS, 8AM - 1 PM
Oct 21	Bazaar, Santa Seniors, 9AM - 4PM
Oct 23-26	City Budget Work Sessions, 7PM
Oct 24	Story Hour, Library, 7 PM
Oct 26	Band Concert, NPHS, 7PM
Oct 27	NPMS Fall Festival, 7PM

## BAH Santa Claus

SCH will be home of a Fairbanks Chamber BAH on Nov. 16th, 5-7 PM. Door prizes will exceed \$500. All NPCCC members are invited!

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