



# CHAMBER CHATTER

WHERE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS LIVES YEAR ROUND

North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 55071 North Pole, AK 99705

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## Chamber Board Report

A short recap of some of the December events in North Pole.

North Pole Winterfest started grand on Saturday, December 3rd, with the Bazaar in the North Pole Plaza Mall. The mall became alive as Christmas music played in the background and a record number of vendors displayed their crafts, gifts, and tasty treats to a delightful crowd that came and went the entire day. Promptly at 5 o'clock Budget, Gorilla, and Santa's Fireworks put on a spectacular fireworks display in the plaza mall parking lot that seemed to last an eternity. OK, well maybe not that long, but it was a good half hours worth. The weather was cooperating and everyone could stand outside and really enjoy the show and what a show it was. It was a perfect way to complete the day.

Sunday, the next day, was not so grand. The weather took a turn for the worst as a Chinook blew into town bringing rain and snow and causing havoc to roadways and ice sculptures. Events scheduled for Sunday were cancelled and this included the 40th annual Candlelighting Ceremony and Christmas in Ice sculpture competitions. Christmas in Ice reopened on Monday and the Candlelighting Ceremony took place the following Sunday at North Pole High School. Sweet sounds of Christmas music filled the auditorium as carolers and the audience joined in to sing favorite songs such as O Come All Ye Faithful and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. Special awards were given out to Nancy Upgraft for Volunteer of the Year and to Tammy Randolph State Farm Insurance for Business of the Year. Reigning King and Queen of North Pole, Phil Zastrow and Ethel Stoneman, gave up their crowns to the new 2012 King and Queen of North Pole, Carlo and Bonnie Zanazzo. A very special award was given to Phil Zastrow as Santa's Elf of the Year for all his hard work and generous helping hand in keeping The Spirit of Christmas alive all year round in North Pole. Whew and this was just December!

As December comes to a close, we thank you for supporting our community and look forward to your continued support as we move into an exciting New Year. There are several new projects planned for the upcoming year in addition to our annual events and we are bringing back The Taste of North Pole UAF Day in April which will be bigger and better than ever. Be on the lookout for your 2012 membership application that will be in the mail soon. YOU can make the difference!

From everyone at North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce we hope your Christmas was joyous and blessed and that your New Year will be happy and bright.

DO YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME & AN INTEREST IN OUR COMMUNITY? EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A BOARD MEMBER? COME TO OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING.

## JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Tues. January 10  
5:30 pm  
Mt. McKinley Bank  
North Pole





### 2011 Board Members

- President - Heather Heineken
- V President - Marilyn Zrucky
- Treasurer - Tricia Fogarty
- Member - Tammy Randolph
- Member - Phil Zastrow

Check out our website at [www.northpolechamber.us](http://www.northpolechamber.us) for meeting dates, news, and events taking place in and about North Pole and the surrounding communities.



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## Announcements

Do you have an announcement, upcoming event, or feature story you would like printed in the newsletter?

To submit send an email or attach a small pdf or word file with the subject "newsletter item" to: [info@northpolechamber.us](mailto:info@northpolechamber.us)

Do you have friends or family living else where that want to know more about North Pole?

The North Pole Visitor Guide can be viewed online at [www.northpolechamber.us/NP-visitor-guide.html](http://www.northpolechamber.us/NP-visitor-guide.html)



# SPECIAL DECEMBER THANK YOU TO

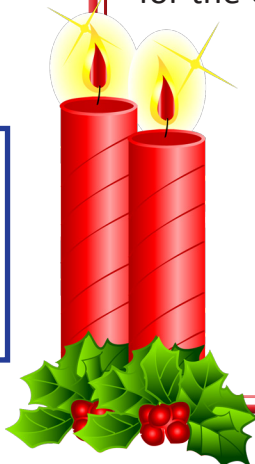
North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce members!

Budget, Gorilla, and Santa's Fireworks for putting on such a spectacular Fireworks display for everyone at the North Pole Plaza Mall parking lot in celebration of the annual North Pole Winterfest

Gavora for letting us use the North Pole Plaza Mall for the Winterfest Bazaar and to Ben Franklins Crafts for donating Christmas trees for decoration during the Bazaar

North Pole High School for letting us use the auditorium for the Candlelighting Ceremony

Desserts by Designs and Superior Coffee for supplying coffee and desserts at the North Pole Candlelighting Ceremony and to all the wonderful talented entertainers and singers





# Christmas in Ice.

NORTH POLE \* ALASKA



**December 3, 2011 – January 8, 2012**

Next to Santa Claus House, North Pole  
[www.christmasinice.org](http://www.christmasinice.org)



**Kids Park with 100 foot slides, mazes and twirlers!**

### Hours of Operation

- Saturday 9 am to 11 pm
- Sunday-Thursday 11 am to 10 pm
- Friday 11 am to 11 pm
- Christmas Eve 11 am to 6 pm
- Christmas Day 12 pm to 6 pm

### Admission

- Daily – Adults \$6.00/ Youth\* \$4.00
  - Season Passes – Adult \$25.00/Youth \$10.00
  - 5 and under – Free
  - Wednesdays – Senior rate (60+) \$4.00
- \*Youth – 6 to 12 years  
Group Rates for 10 and more in a group  
Educational demonstrations upon request.



**Call 907-378-5778**  
[MAIL@CHRISTMASINICE.ORG](mailto:MAIL@CHRISTMASINICE.ORG)

**Ice Carving Competition** Dec. 3rd and 4th  
**Awards Ceremony** Dec. 10, 5:30pm  
**BP Day Picnic**

Saturday Dec. 10, Noon to 5 pm  
Free admission and picnic lunch  
Canned food donations appreciated

**Petro Star Military Appreciation Day**

Saturday Dec. 17, Noon to 5 pm  
Free admission with Military ID

**New Sculptures Each Weekend**

**Senior Discount Day – Every Wednesday**

**Christmas Day with Santa** 1 pm – 5 pm

**New Year's Eve Snowflake Drop** 10 pm - 1 am

North Pole's version of the Big Apple  
with Fireworks at midnight by Budget Fireworks

**Winter Wonderland Train**

Come ride the train around the park!  
Weekends - free rides - ADA accessible.



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