



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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The North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Mt. McKinley Bank was cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please check our website www.northpolechamber.us for updates on meetings or cancellations. Meetings are normally scheduled the second Tuesday of each month. November's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, starting at 5:30 pm. Come to the meeting and show support for your community as we get ready for the upcoming holidays!

North Pole Chamber sends out a big thank you to Hotel North Pole for hosting the 2011 Candidates Forum and Luncheon that took place on Thursday, September 22. The chamber sends out another big thank you to Pagoda's for providing the delicious food.

If you would like to help out with any of the upcoming fall and winter activities please contact one of the North Pole Chamber Board Members. If you are interested in helping out with Christmas In Ice or working the Ice Park please contact Keith or Marilyn Fye. North Pole Chamber of Commerce is always interested in how we can better serve and make our community a better place. We would love to hear from you. Please email your comments or suggestions to info@northpolechamber.us

NEXT NPCCC BOARD MEETING

Tues. November 8
5:30 pm
Mt. McKinley Bank
North Pole



You can make the difference!

A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW NORTH POLE COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERS

PAGODA'S CHINESE RESTAURANT
DENALI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TOK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OR WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT US PLEASE VISIT US ON THE WEB
AT: WWW.NORTHPOLECHAMBER.US
OR SEND AN EMAIL TO: INFO@NORTHPOLECHAMBER.US

Announcements



2011 Board Members

President - Heather Heineken

V President - Marilyn Zrucky

Treasurer - Tricia Fogarty

Member - Tammy Randolph

Member - Phil Zastrow

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

This is free advertizing available to all North Pole Chamber of Commerce members and is viewed by community members throughout the entire state.

Simply submit by email or attach a small pdf or word file with the subject "newsletter item" to: info@northpolechamber.us

Newsletters are sent out the middle of each month.
Information is due by the 1st week of the month.



THANK YOU
PARTICIPATING VENDORS
& EVERYONE WHO
STOPPED BY!

NORTH POLE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER
IS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON
REOPENING ON MAY 28 FOR MEMORIAL DAY

FAIRBANKS FOOD BANK ACCEPTING DONATIONS ONLINE VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE LAUNCHED!

NO TIME TO GO TO THE STORE BUT YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR THE FAIRBANKS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK?

The Fairbanks Food Bank has launched a new virtual food drive to their website which offers a fun and interesting twist to participating in a canned food drive, sending in a donation, or purchasing a few items.

To visit the website click this link: www.fairbanksfoodbank.org

Once you are there click on the brown virtual food drive shopping bag and you are taken to the virtual store. Simply click on a food item and put in next to the cash register and watch what happens!

Now you can do all your shopping online for the Food Bank. It has never been so easy!

You can still go by the Food Bank and drop off your donation of food items and the Food Bank will still pick up items at specified locations.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FAIRBANKS FOOD BANK
SERVING THE ENTIRE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

FAIRBANKS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK SERVICE
725 26TH AVE. FAIRBANKS, AK 99701
PHONE: (907) 457-4273
E-MAIL: info@fairbanksfoodbank.org



OCTOBER IS
BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS
MONTH



North Pole - In the News Spotlight

THE MAGIC LOFT

The Magic Loft is a new member of the North Pole Chamber and is Alaska's one and only Magic & Joke Shop complete with a mini theater and home to the Local Chapter of the International Society of Magicians. The Shop opened in May of 2011. The Magic club meets on most Friday's at 7:00pm. Meetings are open to anyone interested in Magic, Escapes, Juggling, Clowning, Fire eating or any related art. Best of all it is Free to join.



INSIDE THE MAGIC SHOP

Inside the magic shop is a 15 seat mini Abracadabra Theater, complete with stage lights, curtains and a fog machine. The Magic Loft is Host to Magic themed Birthday parties and special events. The Magic and Illusion of Jack and Co. is always ready to perform for your Birthday party or special event at their location or yours. Birthday parties can be booked on Saturday's or Sunday's. Parties include paper goods, balloons, food, party favors and of course a magic show and magic lessons.

JACK THE MAGICIAN

Jack has been a professional magician and escape artist for over 40 years.

He has performed throughout the country with death defying escapes and spellbinding Stage and close-up magic. You might have seen Jack perform his straight Jacket escape at this year's Relay for Life event for the American Cancer Society. This year Jack is planning a death defying escape to be announced soon. Rumor has it that it will be one of the world famous Harry Houdini escapes.

IN-HOUSE EVENTS & MORE

In addition to the in-house events, The Magic Loft is a full service talent agency. If you have a special talent, The Magic Loft might be able to connect you with special events. If you are planning an event, call for available talent. Local

and National Talents can include: Magicians, Musicians, Jugglers, Fire Eaters, Escape Artists, Comedians, Dancers, Singers, Bands, Stilt walkers, Costumed characters, Balloon Animal twisters, Clowns, Mimes, Character Artists, Face Painters, Temporary Tattoo Artists and More.....

Every purchase of a magic trick at the shop includes lessons on how to perform the trick. You can even try out the trick on the Abracadabra Stage and get a real feel for performing. In stock are over 1000 magic tricks, practical jokes, juggling equipment, puppets, balloons, candy and more. The shop is open on weekends and most nights if you call ahead.

COME SEE US TODAY

For a truly magical experience stop in to Alaska's ONLY magic shop, located just outside town off of Bradway and Benn on Tracy Ct. Phone: 907-488-4079 Have a Magical day!

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

OF ALASKA

Big Brothers Big Sisters is America's leader in one-to-one youth service with nearly a century of proven success in creating positive friendships that benefit children, volunteers, families, neighborhoods, and communities!



CHANGING LIVES, CHANGING COMMUNITIES

For more information call or come into the office today

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Fairbanks, AK 99707

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Email: info.alaska@bbbs.org



BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU SERVING ALASKA, OREGON AND WESTERN WASHINGTON
IS WARNING BUSINESS OWNERS TO BEWARE OF SCAMS TARGETING BUSINESSES

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU APPLAUDS ROBERT W.G. ANDREW LOCAL BBB CEO HONORED WITH BOC MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA - OCT. 11, 2011 - As Better Business Bureaus from across the U.S. and Canada came together for the 2011 International Assembly in Seattle on Oct. 4, 2011, Robert W.G. Andrew, CEO of BBB serving Alaska, Oregon and Western Washington, was recognized with the prestigious BOC Meritorious Service Award.

The BOC Meritorious Service Award is given to those who have "contributed above and beyond to the good of the BBB system." Awards are allotted by the Council of Better Business Bureaus' Operations Committee, which oversees the activities of all BBBs.

"It was a complete shock. I feel honored to receive this award," stated Andrew, following his acceptance.

One of two 2011 honorees, Andrew is a 30-year leader and CEO of BBB. During his career, he is credited with merging BBB's local offices-making BBB serving Alaska, Oregon and Western Washington the second largest BBB by territory.

COMPUTER VIRUS HOAX HITS ALASKA

OCT. 6, 2011 - BBB Sees Influx in "Fix-It" Scam Reports

Better Business Bureau warns Alaskans to be on alert for phony calls about viruses on their computers.

Schemers impersonate "tech support" representatives at well-known computer companies-such as Microsoft <<http://www.microsoft.com/security/online-privacy/msname.aspx>> to feign stories about serious computer issues or viruses. To gain access to personal files, callers may convince consumers to click malicious links, visit phony websites or download programs that give them remote access to log in and "fix" computers.

BBB serving Alaska, Oregon and Western Washington advises extreme caution with unsolicited computer virus calls. For tips, review BBB's January 2011 release: Cons Mimic Microsoft, Say Computer Has Problems <<http://alaska.bbb.org/article/cons-mimic-microsoft-say-computer-has-problems-25041>>.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU SERVING ALASKA, OREGON AND WESTERN WASHINGTON: WORKING TO ADVANCE MARKETPLACE TRUST, BBB IS A NEUTRAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SUPPORTED BY BBB ACCREDITED BUSINESSES. BBB PROVIDES ETHICAL BUSINESS STANDARDS, BBB BUSINESS REVIEWS, CHARITY REVIEWS, COMPLAINT HANDLING, MARKETPLACE EVENTS AND TIPS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT BBB <[HTTP://ALASKAOREGONWESTERNWASHINGTON.BBB.ORG/CONTACT-US/](http://alaskaoregonwesternwashington.bbb.org/contact-us/)>
OR VISIT BBB.ORG<[HTTP://WWW.BBB.ORG/](http://www.bbb.org/)>.

NORTH POLE COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2011 Winter Festival Holiday Bazaar
Dec. 3, 10 am – 5 pm, North Pole Plaza Mall
PH (907) 590-3334 PO Box 55071 North Pole, AK 99705 FAX (907) 488-3002

This is a one-day bazaar, sponsored by the North Pole Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the NP Winter Festival. We have spaces for approximately 35 vendors at the bazaar, and will be advertising the Winter Festival activities in the media prior to the event. The annual fireworks display is scheduled for 5 pm, just after the bazaar, in the Plaza parking area, and the Candle Lighting ceremony will be held Sunday, Dec. 4th at NP High School. We hope to see you there!

Vendor applications will be accepted by mail until November 29th. After November 29, reservations for any unfilled spaces may be hand-delivered to North Pole City Hall. Spaces will be assigned on a first come basis, according to postmark date of received application. To reserve your space mail your application to Holiday Bazaar, NP Chamber of Commerce, P O Box 55071, North Pole, AK 99705.

Once your application is received, an email or postcard will be sent confirming your reservation.
Cancellations: You must cancel by November 29th to receive a refund.

Vendor spaces are all 8' wide by 4' deep. You must provide your own table, chairs, displays, a booth trash container, and any other items needed for your booth operation. All display items must be safe, fit within your space, and may not block visibility of nearby vendors. Access & Electricity: Fire extinguishers and exits must have free access. All mall shops must have free access to their doors, and some stores require window visibility as well. No cords or other obstructions may be placed in the walkways. Electricity is limited to 500 watts per booth and is assigned in advance. Vendors are responsible for supplying their own extension cords. Outlets are limited and are distributed on a first come first serve basis.

Booth set up: Booth setup will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Saturday morning, Dec. 4th. The NP Chamber booth will be located near a main mall entrance, and will be your check-in point when arriving. Please check in by 9:30 a.m., or your space may be reassigned to another vendor. Spaces are pre-assigned, so you will need to set up in your designated space only. If you have questions, please see Sharon at the Chamber booth.

Take down: Take down is from 5 – 6:30 pm. Please respect fellow vendors by remaining open until the end of the bazaar at 5 pm. You must clean your area thoroughly, placing all trash in provided bins, removing tape, and wiping any spills up. We cannot be responsible for lost or left items.

Baked Goods and D.E.C. Regulations: All food vendors, home and commercial, must comply with D.E.C. regulations. The bazaar is subject to inspection by the Department of Environmental Conservation per Regulation 18AAC30. Please ensure your foods comply with regulations by calling Sandy at DEC, phone 451-2120.

Only one vendor with a particular trademark product will be accepted. Your check will be refunded if your trademark product has already been assigned to another vendor. Assignment of trademarks will be made on a first come basis.

APPLICATION FORM ON BACK

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2011 Winter Festival Holiday Bazaar

Dec. 3, 10 am – 5 pm, North Pole Plaza Mall

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<i>Name:</i>	<i>Company/Org.</i>
<i>Mailing Address:</i>	
<i>Phone:</i>	<i>Email:</i>
<i>Type of booth:</i> ___ <i>Craft</i> ___ <i>Trademark product*</i> ___ <i>Food**</i> ___ <i>Other</i> _____ <i>*Note: Only one vendor with a particular trademark product will be accepted.</i> <i>Your check will be returned if your trademark has already been assigned.</i> <i>**Food Vendors: You are responsible for any necessary DEC permits and fees.</i> <i>Please contact Sandy at DEC, 451-2120, for information regarding food vendor requirements.</i>	
<i>Detailed description of your product, etc.:</i>	
<i>Special requests: While we attempt to accommodate all requests, we do not guarantee anything. Special requests will be honored on a first come, first served basis. Check if you would like:</i> ___ <i>Wall space</i> ___ <i>Electricity</i> <i>Map Spot Preference:</i> ___ <i>Other</i> _____ <i>1st</i> ___ <i>2nd</i> ___ <i>3rd</i> ___	
<i>Display height: We try to respect wishes of mall businesses by arranging vendors so they do not block their store windows. Please check one: Is your display/rack height <input type="checkbox"/> low (4 feet or less) or <input type="checkbox"/> high (4 - 8 feet)</i>	
Waiver – Hold Harmless Clause <i>The undersigned, as representative of self or business/organization, agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the North Pole Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the Holiday Bazaar, their directors and officers; the City of North Pole; the North Pole Plaza Mall (Gavora Inc.); and all respective liability insurance carriers against any and all claims/damages incurred by an act of themselves or third parties from any cost that may accrue from such loss. When insurance, licenses, or DEC permits/fees/guidelines are required, it is the sole responsibility of the vendor. If vendor is a minor, a parent or guardian must also sign.</i> <i>Signature:</i> _____ <i>Date:</i> _____ <i>Title/position:</i> _____	

Fee Payment: ___ # of booth(s) @ \$40 each	Total Fees: \$ _____
Paid by: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MC	CVC code: _____
Credit card info: (Name on Card) _____	
Card# _____ - _____ - _____	Expiration date: _____
Cardholder Signature: _____	(Billing) zip code: _____
Please include check or credit information with completed signed form and mail to: Holiday Bazaar, North Pole Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 55071, North Pole, AK 99705 Additional Forms available at North Pole City Hall	