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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 was held on Tuesday, September 13 at 5:30 pm at Mt. McKinley Bank in North Pole. The main focus of discussion was the 2011 Candidates Forum and Luncheon. This year Hotel North Pole will host the Forum and Pagoda's will provide lunch for \$12 which includes dessert. This is a great opportunity to visit the hotel, grab some lunch, and meet the city and borough candidates before the upcoming election. It all happens this Thursday, September 22 from 11:30 to 1:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Be sure to tell all of your friends, The North Pole Christmas Bazaar applications and vendor map spots are now available on our website: www.northpolechamber.us/forms.html

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. 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 to info@northpolechamber.us

NEXT NPCCC BOARD MEETING

Tues. October 11
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

GCI COMMUNICATIONS
HAZEL'S BED & BREAKFAST - CONTINUED MEMBER
SAMS CLUB
THE MAGIC LOFT

DELTA JUNCTION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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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 of the month.

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CHANGING LIVES, CHANGING COMMUNITIES

Santa's Senior Center North Pole, Alaska

UPCOMING SANTA'S SENIOR'S EVENTS

Santa's Books & More Sale

A fundraiser to benefit the 17-Mile Homemakers, Women of the Moose and Santa's Seniors

Friday, September 23 from 2 - 6PM &
Saturday, September 24 from 9AM - 4PM

Books, CD's, DVD's, VHS's and puzzles - for sale by donation. Be sure and pick up a tasty Bake Sale treat to eat. Lunch will be served on Saturday, from 11AM-1PM for \$6.00. Donations of items for sale are welcome.

For more information please call 488-4663 (M-F 11AM -3PM)
North Pole Santa's Senior Center 101 E. 5th Ave, North Pole

2011 WinterFest CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

ITS NOT TOO EARLY
TO START THINKING
ABOUT THE UPCOMING
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**SATURDAY, DEC. 3RD
10 AM TO 5 PM
NORTH POLE PLAZA MALL**

BAZAAR APPLICATIONS
& VENDOR MAP SPOTS
AVAILABLE NOW AT
NORTHPOLECHAMBER.US/FORMS.HTML

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 590 - 3334 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO INFO@NORTHPOLECHAMBER.US

North Pole

Community

Chamber of Commerce



presents the

2011 CANDIDATES FORUM LUNCHEON

THURSDAY

September 22

11:30 - 1:00



HOTEL NORTH POLE

An opportunity to meet the city and borough candidates before the upcoming election.

Lunch provided by Pagoda's - \$12

North Pole - In the News Spotlight



On Saturday, September 10, 2011 commencing at 11 am in the drizzling rain, a humungous American flag was raised on the largest flag pole in Alaska. Mayor Doug Isaacson, who was the master of ceremonies, along with local fire departments and police officials, Air Force and Army personnel, and members of the community were present for this spectacular flag-raising presentation which took place outside of the soon to be finished Stars and Stripes Realty Inc. office off of Badger Rd. in North Pole, Alaska. The 140 foot flag pole proudly waves the 30 foot long by 60 foot wide 110 pound American Flag giving "Oh Say Can You See" an awe inspiring sensation. According to Larry Dodson, who purchased the flag pole, "The flag pole isn't just a decoration. This is the beginning of a veteran's memorial, particularly for World War II veterans like my father, a veteran of 30 years service."



PHOTOS FROM NORTH STAR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.



BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU SERVING ALASKA, OREGON AND WESTERN WASHINGTON IS WARNING BUSINESS OWNERS TO BEWARE OF SEVEN SCAMS TARGETING SMALL BUSINESSES YEAR-ROUND.

DON'T GET HOOKED BY A SCAM - BBB Introduces Scam Source

Anchorage, Alaska - Sept. 6, 2011 - Better Business Bureau introduces its newest way to avoid fraud: Scam Source. Visit [Alaska.bbb.org/scam-source/](http://www.akorwww.bbb.org/scam-source/) to use this free resource.

See: Review schemes from multiple online news sources using BBB's scam aggregator<<http://akorwww.bbb.org/scam-source/aggregator/>>.

Spot: Read national news updates with BBB's email alerts<<http://akorwww.bbb.org/scam-source/alert/>>.

Run: Report a scam<<https://cbbb.wufoo.com/forms/report-a-scam/>>.

THE LATEST SCAMS

Sept. 15 - FTC Action Halts Tactics of Payday Lender Martin Webb aka Payday Financial, LLC of SD: After the Federal Trade Commission filed an action in U.S. district court, a payday lender that allegedly attempted to illegally garnish consumers' wages has agreed to stop the challenged conduct pending trial.

Sept. 14 - Timeshare Owners: Beware of "City Resorts": The Better Business Bureau is warning timeshare owners who are trying to sell or rent their timeshares to beware of Las Vegas based company, City Resorts.

Sept 14 - CONSUMER ALERT - Info-Tec Research Group: In September 2011, it came to the BBB's attention that Douglas Autotech Corporation had their company name, address and bank account information stolen by a scam company soliciting consumers to become mystery shoppers.

Sept 12 - Be cautious of online penny auction sites, warns BBB: The discounts offered on penny auction sites are tempting, but the Better Business Bureau warns bargain hunters that they should stop and do their research before making their first bid. To view the entire stories visit: <http://www.bbb.org/us/scams/>



Above left, Pat Doogan, co-director of schools, fires up the grill for bratwursts. Above right, Ben Otis, Class of 2007, and Dan Gilbertson, a co-chairman of the Monroe Foundation's Construction Auction Committee, set up items for the 2010 auction. You may see these gentlemen at this year's sale. Come join them for a cup of coffee, a rootbeer, or a brat.

IRON & art

Construction Zone Auction

Saturday, Sept. 24, 1 to 6 p.m.

Do you have construction supplies or equipment you don't need?

Are you aware that you can donate to the Monroe Foundation/HIPOW for our sale in the parking lot in front of the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks? We are looking for any construction-related supplies in good condition:

HEATERS, CHAINSAWS, FLATBEDS, LOADERS, LUMBER, FIXTURES, and more.

TOO MUCH INVESTED TO DONATE? We are also accepting **CONSIGNMENTS!** We will even make arrangements to pick up items. Call HIPOW at 456-7970.

The construction auction is in conjunction with an invitational art show indoors.

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