

North Pole City Hall Newsletter

December 2015

Calendar:

- City Calendar and other information can be found at www.northpolealaska.com
- **City Council meetings will be held December 7th and 21st at 7pm.**
- **Muffins with Mayor Ward** – December 18th from 8am to 10am.
- **North Pole Festival Committee Meetings at City Hall, December 1st and 8th at 6pm.**
The Festival Committee is calling on all community groups that organize events in North Pole to participate in a planning effort to identify all of the wonderful activities that our community has each year.
- **Mayor Ward will be featured** on December 1 at 6pm on an episode of "Building Alaska" on the DIY network showing his Christmas cabin project.
- **North Pole City Hall will close at 12pm on December 24th and 31st.**
- **If you would like to receive this newsletter via email,** please contact the City Clerk at 488-8583 or kathy.weber@northpolealaska.org

Kudos and Thanks to our City Employees who spread Holiday Cheer!



City of North Pole Public Works employees, Tom Blair and Cody Lougee, were featured in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner for their beautiful holiday trees creations. The works of art can be seen and enjoyed by all in front of City Hall and on our roundabouts.

We're grateful to Tom, Cody and all City employees who make North Pole a brighter place to live!

Steve Fisher is "Officer of the Year"



Santa's Senior Center
North Pole, Alaska

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The **Breakfast Place** is open weekdays from 8:30am-10:30am.

Strong Seniors Exercise Program on Mondays and Fridays 9:30am.

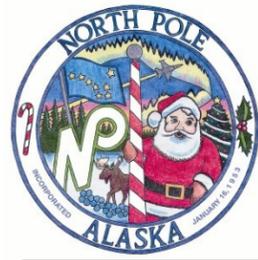
First Saturday Games at 4:30pm, potluck at 5:30pm and Bingo or movie at 6:30pm.

17-Mile Homemakers every Thursday at 9:00am.

Do you have any questions or would you like to join? Give us a call at 488-4663.

Steve Fisher was recently honored as the North Pole Police Department's "Officer of the Year". Sgt. Bill Bellant confirmed what many feel about Officer Fisher, "Steve never has anything bad to say about anyone. He is always willing to work hard, help others and always has a smile on his face."

Congratulations Officer Fisher!



City of North Pole

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Elizabeth Holm (2016).....488-6125
Preston Smith (2016).....488-8824
Thomas McGhee (2017).....455-0010
Kevin McCarthy (2017).....590-0800
Elyse Dawson (2018).....488-1776
Santa Claus (2018).....488-4282
- CITY CLERK/HR MANAGER:.....488-8583
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“People who wonder whether the glass is empty or half-full miss the point. The glass is refillable.” - Nicole Doty



Christmas in Ice is a winter park with ice sculpture demonstrations, ice slides, indoor kids' crafts and an ice maze. The park is located next to Santa Claus House in North Pole. Come and watch “Politicians with Power Tools” on December 5th from 12pm to 4pm. Mayor Ward will test his ice-carving skills against Mayor Eberhardt (City of Fairbanks) and Mayor Kassel (Fairbanks North Star Borough). The public will vote on which ice carving is the best and the winner will designate which charity will receive all proceeds.

Christmas in Ice will also sponsor a huge family-friendly fireworks display on New Year's Eve that is free to the public, so mark your calendars!

www.christmasinice.com

North Pole Library Activities

The staff at the North Pole Branch Library would like to remind the public that they host a variety of activities for children in the area.

Thursdays at 11:15am library staff organize “Preschool Storytime” which is a fun time with stories, mini-plays, songs and crafts for 3-5 year olds. No registration is required.

Every Friday the library also has “Parents and Two's Storytime” at 11:15am. This is a cozy storytime for 2-year olds and their guardians. Registration is required.

Also, Friday, December 4th from 11am to 5:45pm the Library will host an art show showcasing NPHS students' work.

SCHOOL MATTERS

North Pole Elementary's “21st Century Community Learning Center” provides wonderful after-school programs for students to explore interests, develop confidence and improve their academic potential. If you have any questions about this opportunity for your student, please contact Jennifer Taylor at 488-2286.

North Pole Middle School will host a basketball tournament December 8–10. Come support our Knights on the court!

North Pole High School Enjoy the musical talents of our students at a Band/Orchestra concert December 10th at 7pm.

Support the NPHS Choir in their wonderful Holiday concert December 14th at 7pm!



The annual Winter Fest will begin December 5th with a holiday bazaar in the North Pole Plaza Mall. The bazaar will run from 10am to 6pm with a beautiful fireworks display at 5pm in the mall parking lot.

Come to North Pole High School December 6th at 2pm for carol sing-alongs, the crowning of the new North Pole King and Queen, Ed and Michelle Daml and other activities at the annual Candlelighting Ceremony.

For more information call Marlene at 590-3334.

The annual lighting of the North Pole Christmas Tree will take place after the Candlelighting Ceremony at 4:30pm at City Hall. Please come and share a camp fire, s'mores, hot cocoa and caroling with us.

For more information please contact Mayor Bryce Ward at 488-8584.