

# North Pole City Hall Newsletter



November 2015

## Introducing Our Newly-Elected City Council members!

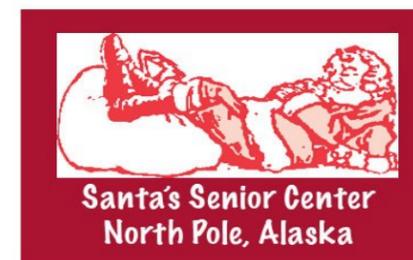


We would like to thank Ainsley Smith, Adriane Milovanovic, Katie Niegel, Erica Ricketts, Amber Stewart and Mackinzey Bates of the North Pole Middle School Choir for singing the National Anthem at our City Council meeting on October 19th. Please come back soon and share your talents with us all!



October 6, 2015 Borough and City elections were held. Elyse Dawson and Santa Claus were successfully elected as new North Pole City Council members. Bryce Ward was also re-elected as our mayor.

Elyse said on the night of her swearing-in, "I am grateful for this opportunity to serve my community." We would like to officially welcome both Elyse and Santa to our City Hall team and look forward to serving with them over the next three years.



## Santa's Senior Center

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

**Strong Seniors Exercise Program** on Mondays and Fridays at 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.

## Residents are invited to Art Show at North Pole Grange

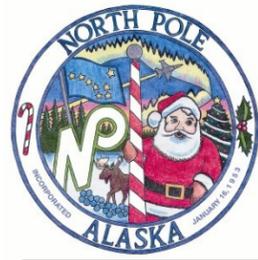
North Pole Grange members have organized an early Christmas art show on Friday, November 20th. The gallery will be open from 5pm to 9pm and all are welcome to attend.

The Grange is located at 2800 Grange Road near North Pole Middle School.

For further information about the North Pole Grange and its activities you are invited to call 322-0623.

## Calendar:

- City Calendar and other information can be found at [www.northpolealaska.com](http://www.northpolealaska.com)
- **City Council meetings will be held November 2nd and 9th at 7pm.**
- **Muffins with Mayor Ward** – November 30th from 7am to 9am.
- **North Pole Festival Committee Meetings at City Hall, November 3rd and 10th 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.
- **See Mayor Ward on December 5th's episode of "Building Alaska" on the DIY network.**
- **North Pole Strategic Planning**—The City of North Pole received a state grant to conduct a comprehensive strategic plan. The consulting firm Agnew-Beck is providing the City with technical assistance in our effort to develop a strategic plan. The process includes gathering input from community members, businesses, City staff and others about the vision that we all have for the City's future. The strategic planning process will unfold over the next 12 months. You can share your opinions be known by filling out this questionnaire at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/northpole](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/northpole)
- **If you have an event** to post on the City Calendar, please contact Kathy Weber at 488-8583.



## City of North Pole

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Website: www.northpolealaska.com
- CITY COUNCIL (term expires):  
Bryce Ward (2018) Mayor .....488-7314  
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
- CITY FINANCE DEPARTMENT:  
City Accountant.....488-8594  
Accounts Receivable.....488-8538  
Accounts Payable.....488-8536
- DIRECTOR, CITY SERVICES.....488-8593
- EMERGENCY UTILITIES.....488-8942
- FIRE DEPARTMENT .....488-0444
- POLICE DEPARTMENT .....488-6902
- UTILITIES .....488-6111
- STATE REP. TAMMIE WILSON.....451-2963
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- NORTH POLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.....488-4558
- NORTH POLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.....info@northpolechamber.us
- NORTH POLE GRANGE.....488-7247
- NORTH POLE LIBRARY.....488-6101
- NORTH POLE POST OFFICE.....488-1376
- NORTH POLE VISITORS' CENTER...488-2242
- SANTA'S SENIOR CENTER.....488-4663

“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 Clause House in North Pole and opens November 28th.

Additionally, Christmas in Ice will 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](http://www.christmasinice.com)

## Register for the NPHS PTSA Holiday Bazaar

North Pole High School's PTSA is hosting the 2015 Holiday Bazaar **November 21, 2015**. All NPHS clubs can fundraise for \$5 a table. Sign up now to claim your spot with a \$25 deposit (\$20 refunded at the Bazaar). All other vendors are asked to contact PTSA officers about registering your booth. [ptsa.nphs@gmail.com](mailto:ptsa.nphs@gmail.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 Twos Storytime" at 11:15am. This is a cozy storytime for 2-year olds and their guardians. Registration is required.

## SCHOOL MATTERS

North Pole Elementary would like to remind all parents and guardians of the revised "Unexcused Absence" policy enforced throughout the school district since September of this year.

Cheer on the Knights Basketball Team November 5 at 3pm as North Pole Middle School hosts Monroe.

North Pole High School presents the play "Pseudolus" on November 13 at 7pm and November 14 at 2pm and 7pm.

Support our Patriot wrestlers at the NPHS John Tobin Wrestling Invitational November 16-17.

## North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce

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 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 and the annual Candlelighting Ceremony.

For more information call Marlene at 590-3334.