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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

From your

Cooper Landing Chamber Board

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Membership Web Updates Due December 14

Be prepared for the 2019 season early by reviewing your business listing this December at www.cooperlandingchamber.com. Be sure to check your photos, especially their positioning and quality. If you'd like to update your images, feel free to send up to 5 new photos to info@cooperlandingchamber.com. Recommended photo sizes are 1200x600 or 1200x800 pixels. Updates or changes for your business listings & services are welcome too!

Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce
Community Events Happening in the Landing



Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce

Monday, December 3rd, 2018

10:30 Board Meeting

12:00 Membership Meeting

Sunrise Inn & Café

Cooper Landing Walkable Community Project Committee Meeting

Monday, December 3rd, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Cooper Landing Community Hall

Cooper Landing Seniors Citizens Corporation Inc. Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 4th, 2018 at 1:30 pm

Helen Gwin Commons

Cooper Landing Historical Society & Museum Christmas Open House

Saturday, December 8th, 2018 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Cooper Landing Museum

Cooper Landing School Christmas Program & Community Potluck

Friday, December 14th, 2018

Cooper Landing School

A festive holiday-themed poster for the Kenai Watershed Forum. The background is light blue with white snowflakes. It features dark brown, bare tree branches with several red and yellow star-shaped ornaments hanging from them. A string of red and yellow ornaments is draped across the branches. The text is centered and reads: "Kenai Watershed Forum" in a dark blue serif font, followed by "HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE" in large, bold, blue sans-serif letters. Below that, "WEDNESDAY, DEC 5 • 4PM-7PM" is written in red sans-serif font. Underneath, "HOT DRINKS & HORS D'OEUVRES WITH A SIDE OF HOLIDAY CHEER!" is in blue sans-serif font. A short paragraph in italics follows: "Please join us for a casual celebration to reconnect with old friends and new as we celebrate all the successes we have seen this year." At the bottom, the location "KENAI WATERSHED FORUM HEADQUARTERS IN SOLDOTNA CREEK PARK" is in red, and "44129 STERLING HWY • SOLDOTNA, AK (PARKING AVAILABLE AT SOLDOTNA CREEK PARK)" is in black. The entire poster is framed by a decorative border of small white diamonds.



Cooper Landing Community School

Trap Safety for Pet Owners: Thursday, December 6, Cooper Landing Community Hall, 6:30pm. How to release your pet from a trap or snare. The Alaska Trappers Association will present a Shared Trails Presentation with a video, followed by hands-on instruction on releasing various traps and snares. The purpose of this presentation is education. This will not be a forum to discuss trapping regulations or leash laws.

Lap Walking & Independent Workout: Monday through Friday, when school is in session, Cooper Landing School, 7:30am-8:45am. Utilize the gym for walking laps or using the school's workout equipment. Please wipe down equipment/mats after use with provided supplies. Adults only, please.

Tot Time: Mondays and Wednesdays, when school is in session, at Cooper Landing School, 11am-12pm. Bring the toddlers out to run in the gym and work off some energy.

Chess Club: Mondays, beginning November 5, Cooper Landing School, 3:15pm. Available to school-aged children, who are interested in playing chess and sharpening their skills. **Adults are welcome** to attend and play a match against a learning student. For questions, call Gary at 595-3055.

Ashtanga Yoga: Cooper Landing Community Hall. Cost \$10 per class or 10 classes for \$70. Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 (flexible start time), independent practice. Thursday 9:30-10:30 (class starts promptly at 9:30 am), verbally guided group class. Call/text/email Tanisha Walters for more information, (303)482-7176 or info@tanishawalters.com.

Volleyball: Resumes on November 13. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6pm, Cooper Landing School. Please wear clean, non-markable shoes. Adults only.

Preschool: Cooper Landing School, Thursdays, 10:00-noon. Ages 3-5 come join us for hands-on learning and collaborative play. Contact Paige Booze at paigeswosu42@hotmail.com or 907-422-7462.

A completed registration/liability form is required for participation in all events above. Printed copies available at the school.

We are thankful to the community members that have recently stepped up to volunteer (Rachel Sullivan, Rachel Rolfe, Jillian Konopa, Jeremy Lewis, David Lundborg, and Jen Harpe) and to those that continue to dedicate their time. As winter settles in on us, the station would like to outfit the volunteers with a key piece of equipment so the volunteers can operate more safely during an emergency. We are looking for some help from our community and beyond. CLES would like to purchase 28 sets of Diamond ice cleats. The ice cleats cost about \$43 each for a total of \$1,204. These ice cleats provide great traction, stay flexible in sub zero temps, and don't get bound up with slushy snow and ice. There is a Volunteer Firefighters Assistant (VFA) grant that we are going to apply for to get some more gear such as gloves for both structure and extrication, nomex hoods, intrinsically safe lights, tools, etc, however, the money doesn't get distributed until April or May, and we need Ice Cleats before then. Any help would be much appreciated and we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Please come visit the station during the week and I would be happy to show you around. To Contact us use the following: 907-595-1800, cbrayton.cles@gmail.com, or PO Box 510, Cooper Landing, AK 99572





Cooper Landing, Alaska



Mile 48.7 Sterling Highway

Cooper Landing Historical Society & Museum

Everyone is invited to the Museum for the Christmas Open House Saturday, Dec. 8 from 11 to 5. The wood stove in Jack's store/post office will be crackling and

the Towle table will be covered with good things to eat. Items for sale include home made treats, Christmas decorations, gift baskets, scarves, painted rocks, and more. Door prizes will be drawn from the names of those present at 1 and 3 p.m.

Thank you to those who have already offered help with set up, sales, refreshments, and fund raisers: Kate Stevenson, Lorraine Temple, Ladonna Herbert, Jan Mitchell, Yvette Galbraith, Jamie Gonzales, Barb Atkinson, and Marilyn Gravenhorst. We appreciate all the help we can get! We will be at the museum at 9 a.m. Dec. 8 to get the fires going and set up. If the weather turns colder than 25 degrees, we will start earlier!

Will there be snow this year as in 2010 on Christmas Open House Sat. Dec. 4. when these pictures were taken?

Board of Directors: President Mona Painter, Vice-President and Acting Treasurer Bob Baldwin, Secretary Barb Atkinson, and Ladonna Herbert, Ron Gravenhorst, and Al Fleetwood.



Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area

The Board of Directors for the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm Corridor Communities Association recently finalized a new [Strategic Sustainability Plan](#) to focus implementation of the management plan for the KMTA National Heritage Area.

Designated in 2009, KMTA NHA is one of 49 National Heritage Areas in the United States. Not only is this area nationally recognized for its unique historical, cultural, natural, and recreational importance, but the KMTA CCA Board and staff have worked to award almost \$1,000,000 in federal funding to support local community projects. Through this work, KMTA CCA has increased awareness of the National Heritage Area and leveraged an additional \$1.7 million dollars in further investment within KMTA's nine communities of Bird, Indian, Girdwood, Whittier, Portage, Hope, Cooper Landing, Moose Pass, and Seward.

Learn more on KMTA's website: <https://www.kmtacorridor.org/kmta-cca-finalizes-new-2018-2023-strategic-sustainability-plan/> and subscribe to KMTA's Newsletter here: <https://www.kmtacorridor.org/happy-thanksgiving-from-kmta-national-heritage-area/>

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Birthdays

- 12/2 Joel Norris
- 12/3 Travis Gephardt
- 12/3 Gladys Nichols
- 12/3 Hunter Harrison
- 12/7 Michelle Smith
- 12/9 Libby Smith
- 12/9 Shannon Meredith
- 12/12 Jack Harris
- 12/14 Rebecca Green
- 12/18 Cindy Smith
- 12/18 Fay Corbey
- 12/18 Ken Green
- 12/20 Teagan Borchers
- 12/20 Jon James
- 12/20 Cassilyn Dreifuerst
- 12/27 Julie Seramur
- 12/27 James Berry
- 12/30 Matthew Smith

The parents, students, and staff of Cooper Landing School would like to thank you for helping to make the Holiday Market a successful fundraiser for our school. Whether you made soup or baked goods, were a vendor, shopped, donated, or helped in some other way, we couldn't have done it without you!

Merry Christmas

The Community is invited to a Christmas Program at Cooper Landing School on Friday, December 14 at 5:30 PM. Come enjoy "What Happened to Christmas?" a play written by Leihla Harrison and performed by Cooper Landing School students. CLSSCI and Cooper Landing School will provide the hams; bring a side dish and your Holiday spirit. There will be a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Clause, so have your wish list ready.

Anniversaries

- 12/3 Dave & May Quinn
- 12/22 Tom & Barb Atkinson
- 12/26 Glen & Cheryl Flothe
- 12/31 Virginia Morgan & Tommy Gossard

Upcoming Events

- 12/14 Christmas Program & Community Potluck 5:30
- 12/21 End of Semester/First day of Winter Break
- 1/7/19 Back to school/Start of 2nd Semester

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Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays from the office of Cooper Landing Senior Citizen Corp. Inc.

The holiday season is in full swing! For the senior loved ones in your life, this may be a wonderful time of fun, friendship, and family. The holidays can bring many memories and a time when they can spend time with family as they reminisce about holidays gone by.

Unfortunately, the holidays can also be a difficult time for seniors for various reasons; they may not be able to be as involved in celebrations as they used to, or their loved ones may be gone or far away, leaving them alone for the holidays.

To help ensure that you and your favorite seniors fully enjoy the holidays, we are adding a few suggestions to keep your senior loved ones involved in the holiday festivities.

Many seniors have mobility issues and are unable to decorate their home for the holidays. Add some holiday cheer to their life by volunteering to hang up lights or put up a small tree with ornaments (even a festive poinsettia will do!). The colorful lights and greenery can make a big difference for someone feeling a bit lonely during the holidays.

Some seniors have difficulty writing but still want to send holiday cards to friends and relatives. You can have them dictate a note as you write it in each card or type up a letter to include within the card. Help them address the envelopes or print address labels to make it a little bit easier to get them mailed out. Not only will they appreciate your help, they will be delighted to get responses from the recipients of their cards.

Many seniors want to go out to purchase gifts but are unable to drive or move through the busy stores alone. Make them feel a part of the gift-giving season by taking them shopping or taking their gift lists to the store to fulfil if they are unable to get out. You can always help them to buy online!

A lot of times, seniors just need to get out and about. Help them relive the magic of the season by taking them on a drive to see local light displays or holiday programs within the community. If they are unable to get out, bringing holiday carolers or children to their home may be fun too!

The best gift you can give a senior is you! Visit them, wherever they are. The seniors who have trouble getting around are often at the mercy of others during the holidays. Make a special point of visiting and spending some time together. If you live too far away to visit in person try to set up your loved one with a simple tablet computer and access to the Internet, so they can use email or interact with family via video chats. Remember that technology can be overwhelming for some seniors, so keep it simple. It may be best to start with one user-friendly app for email and one for video messaging if they are beginners.

There are so many things you can do to share the holidays with your favorite senior—or anytime of the year! Bring joy to someone's life with your company, you will enjoy it as much as they do!

Wishing you and your favorite senior a happy and memorable holiday season!



November 8, 2018

Dear Kenai Peninsula Community Member and Partners –

We want to thank you again for your thoughtful feedback on the DRAFT Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Plan, 2018 Update (dated December 2017). Since receiving all of your comments this past spring, our team has continued to work closely with Borough staff and leadership to consider and thoughtfully respond to your recommendations and to make other improvements to the draft plan. We greatly appreciate your patience, and we are excited to announce we are getting closer to releasing the **REVISED Public Hearing Draft** of the updated plan. Important next steps include:

- Late January 2019 – The Borough will release the REVISED Public Hearing Draft.
- February/March 2019 – The KPB Planning Commission will hold one or more public hearings to take public testimony on the draft plan, and will make a recommendation to the assembly to approve/not approve the plan.
 - March/April 2019 – The KPB Assembly will hold a public hearing and take an official vote on plan adoption.

When the revised public hearing draft is released in January, we will widely email and post a detailed schedule of Planning Commission and Assembly hearings. When you receive that email, please help us get the word out by forwarding it to your KPB family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. We look forward to a lot of participation at the public hearings, as this will be your opportunity to provide in-person comments and support for the plan.

In the interim, you can always connect with the project team with your comments, questions, concerns.

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Again, thank you to everyone that has participated in the development of a draft plan that accurately reflects your vision for a future Kenai Peninsula. Your continued investment through the approval process and beyond will ensure the plan results in action!

Sincerely,
Shelly

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December 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 CL Chamber Meeting 10:30 am Board 12:00 noon Members Sunrise CL Walkables Meeting 6 pm @ CLCH	4 CLSCCI Board Mtg. 1:30 pm @ Helen Gwin Commons	5 CLES Training 6 pm @ CLVFDH	6	7	8 CLHSM Annual Christmas Open House 11 am to 5 pm @ CLHSM
9	10	11	12 CLES Training 6 pm @ CLVFDH	13	14 CLS Holiday Program & Community Potluck 5:30 pm @ CLS	15
16	17	18	19 CLES Training 6 pm @ CLVFDH	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 CLES Training 6 pm @ CLVFDH	27	28 Jan Gem Submissions Due	29
30	31 New Years Eve	1 Jan 2019	2 CLAPC Meeting 6 pm @ CLCH CLES Training 6 pm @ CLVFDH	3	4	5

Community Activities

Sew & Sew Quilters

Mondays 10 am
Community Hall

Soldotna Shuttle Bus

Wednesdays 8:30 am

After School Group

Wed 3:30-5:30 pm
CL Comm. Hall

Game Night

Fridays 7 pm
Helen Gwin Commons

Trap at Gun Club

Sat at 12 pm

Volleyball - (Starting Back up Nov 13th!)

Tues & Thurs 6 pm
CL School

Church Services

KL Baptist 11:00 am

Catholic 12:30 pm

CL Community

Lutheran 9 am

January Gem Submissions Due December 28th

Cooper Landing Library Winter Hours

Monday 1 - 3 pm

Tuesday 1 - 3 pm

Wednesday 2 - 7:00 pm

Thursday 12:30 - 5 pm

Friday 12 pm - 3 pm

Saturday 11 am - 2 pm



2018 Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce & CVB

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5 Dogs Fishing	907/598-3525	Inn at Tern Lake (MP)	907/288-3667
Alaska Heavenly Lodge	907/599-0022	Jason's Guide Service	907/351-3036
Alaska Horsemen Lodge	907/595-1806	Kahtnu Spirit Lodging	907/299-2855
Alaska Kenai Fishing for Fun	888/495-2194	Kenai Cache Outfitters	907/595-1401
Alaska Marketing Consultants	907/230-3055	Kenai Kayak Company	907/521-0244
Alaska Outdoor Woodstoves	907/598-1633	KPB Mayor -Charlie Pierce (Sold.)	800/478-4441
Alaska River Adventures	907/595-2000	KPBSD Superintendent Sean Dusek	907/714-8836
Alaska Rivers Company	907/595-1226	Kenai Peninsula Econ. Dev. Dist.	907/283-3335
Alaska Streamers	907/205-0000	Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge	907/595-1425
Alaska Troutfitters	907/595-1212	Kenai River Drifters Lodge	907/595-5555
Alaskan Angling Adventures LLC	907/595-3336	Kenai River Float-n-Fish, Llc	907/595-3505
Angle 45 Adventures (Hope)	907/782-3175	Kenai River Fly Fishing	907/598-1400
Bean Creek Gallery	907/595-3488	Kenai River Day Trips &	
Best Route Productions	303/570-2081	Kenai Riverside Lodge	800/334-8730
Blue Yeti Food Truck	907/231-6089	Kenai Riverside Campground/	
Boatman's	907/202-1004	RV Park/B&B	907/595-1406
Camp K on Kenai Lake	907/279-3551	Kenai River Trout Anglers	907/599-0085
Conoco Phillips Alaska, Inc. (Anch.)	907/276-1215	Kenai Watershed Forum	907/265-5412
Cooper Landing Brewery	907/276-5044	Kim's Essential Oils & Gifts	815/751-7959
Cooper Landing Community Club	907/595-2169	Major Marine Tours (Seward)	907/274-7300
Cooper Landing Community Library	907/595-1241	Mystic Waters Fly Fishing	509/715-9697
Cooper Landing Community School	907/595-1244	Professional Testing-Carrie Williams	907/598-1633
Cooper Landing Emergency Services	907/595-1800	Prospector John's Pan for Gold	907/598-1808
Cooper Landing Fish Camp	907/595-3474	Salmon Run Lodge	907/595-2197
Cooper Landing Rifle & Sportsman's Club	907/599-0004	Seramur Home Services	907/599-0019
		Spruce Moose Chalets	907/677-7543
Cooper Landing Historical Society	907/598-1042	Stevenson Retreat	907/240-1113
Cooper Landing Senior Citizens Corp.	907/595-3000	Sunrise Inn & Café	907/595-1222
Eagle Landing Resort	907/595-1213	Talon Air Service, Inc. (Sold.)	907/262-8899
First National Bank Alaska (Sold.)	907/260-6000	The Hutch Bed & Breakfast	907/595-1270
Fish & Sons Kenai Charters	907/598-1065	Upper Kenai Cabins	907/595-3055
Gwin's Lodge	907/595-1266	Wells Fargo (Sold.)	907/262-4435
Harbor 360 Hotel (Seward)	888/514-8687	Wildman TR Inc.	907/595-1456
Hotel Seward/A Cabin on the Cliff	907/224-8001		



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