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Dear Chamber Members,

We head into December with mother nature finally brightening up our town with a little bit of snow! It was good to see all the small business activity at the Holiday Market, and we hope everyone was able to make some nice purchases for their Christmas shopping. Thank you to all for supporting our local artists and school!

Speaking of small businesses— be sure to read in this months newsletter about the USDA's energy program for Alaska small Businesses and cutting your energy bills. It offers low cost energy audits and a 25% grant for heat pumps, appliances, and other energy efficiency technology for those same businesses. Most businesses in Alaska are eligible -- except those located in the Municipality of Anchorage.

For upcoming local holiday activities, please remember to attend the Cooper Landing Museum and Historical Society's annual Christmas Open House, the Cooper Landing School Christmas Play & Performance and Sunrise Inn & Café's Community Christmas Party. This month's calendar has all the dates, times and locations you need. Happy Holidays!

Yvette Galbraith
Cooper Landing Chamber Administrator

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from your Cooper Landing Chamber Board!

Stephanie Angel Shirley Rose Dusty Cheryle

Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce

December Community Events Happening in the Landing

Cooper Landing Seniors Citizens Corporation Inc. Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019 at 1:30 pm
Helen Gwin Commons

Cooper Landing Advisory Planning Commission
Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 at 6:00 pm
Cooper Landing Community Hall

Cooper Landing Walkable Community & Cooper Landing Trails Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 5th, 2019 at 6:00 pm
Cooper Landing Community Hall

Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
Thursday, December 5th, 2019 at 10:30 am
Wildman's

Cooper Landing Museum Christmas Open House
Saturday, December 7th, 2019 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Cooper Landing Museum

Cooper Landing Emergency Services Board Meeting
Monday, December 9th, 2019 at 6:00 pm
Cooper Landing Fire Hall

Cooper Landing School Play/Performance
Tuesday, December 10th, 2019 at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Cooper Landing School

Sunrise Inn & Café Community Christmas Party
Saturday, December 14th, 2019 at 7:30 pm
Sunrise Inn

A little Library update:

Winter hours at the library are Monday and Tuesday 1-3; Wednesday 1-7; Thursday 12:30 – 5; Friday 12-3; and Saturday 11-2. The library will be closed December 24 and 25 for Christmas as well as December 31 and January 1 for New Years.

We also have 5 new volunteers substitutes. Welcome to Ed and Sandra Holsten, Kim Neis, Skye High, and Barbara Demattia. With so many of volunteers with regular shifts going on vacation or just out of the cold for part of the winter, we are grateful to have new friends stepping up.

We continue to add new media to the library – great books and popular movies. Be sure to come by and load up for some quiet time during the holidays.

Katie Thomas,
Library Director

Cooper Landing Historical Society and Museum

Saturday, Dec. 7, from 11 to 5, we at Cooper Landing Museum will hold our annual Christmas Open House and everyone is invited to the old post office for refreshments and a good time! We are working on a 2020 calendar featuring fires that threatened Cooper Landing from 1959 to this year's Swan Lake fire and we plan to have them to sell at the Open House. Kate Stevenson will be there with her Treasure Sales and homemade goodies and other items will be out on the tables for sale.

Mona Painter, 907.202.6049

Decembr Update for Cooper Landing Community School

Creative Journaling: Last Fridays, Cooper Landing Community Hall, 10am-12pm. Bring your bullet journal or planner, creative supplies, set up a table, and get organized for the upcoming month. Share ideas with others or work independently. December 27, January 31, February 28, March 27, and April 24.

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, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 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.

Vinyasa Flow Yoga: Cooper Landing Community Hall, Mondays, 8:30am. A flowing, dynamic form of yoga; movement with breath and mindful transitions and a focus on mind-body connection that can transition into our day to day lives. Bring your own mat or use one provided by Cooper Landing Community School. Props and modifications will be available. $5 per session. Call/text Dusty Byrd for more information, 907-202-0129.

Ashtanga Yoga: Cooper Landing Community Hall, Tuesday (Mysore), Wednesday (Mysore), & Thursday (Guided 1/2 Primary), 9:30am. Bring your own mat or use one provided by Cooper Landing Community School. $10 per class or 10 classes for $70. Call/text/email Tanisha Walters for more information, 303-482-7176 or info@tanishawalters.com

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

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

The USDA has a program for Alaska small businesses that offers low cost energy audits and a 25% grant for heat pump (and other energy efficiency) technology for those same businesses. Most businesses in Alaska are eligible -- any small business NOT located in the Municipality of Anchorage.

I work with one of the organizations that operates the audit program - Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC). We are applying to continue the program statewide in 2020.

The Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce is helping on spreading the word about this opportunity. We are encouraging businesses to register or submit letters of support by December 20, 2019.

The upcoming program will start up in March 2020, but
interested businesses can start signing up now. Please let me know if you have any question -- we have a lot of information about this, as we have administered the SWAMC Energy Program for the last two years.

Here's some more info on the two programs and a list of the outreach info that is attached.

The USDA offers two grant programs for small businesses in rural Alaska (that's everywhere except the
municipality of Anchorage). One provides a 75% discount on small business energy audits, and the other covers 25% of the costs of purchasing and installing a heat pump or other energy efficiency upgrades recommended in the audit. Here are links to the two programs:
Energy Audit Program (REDA): https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-energy-audit-renewable-energy-development-assistance
Energy Efficiency Upgrade Grant (REAP): https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency

Attached are outreach materials for the USDA energy audit program/grant that are targeted on heat pumps. The attachments include:

1) Sample language for outreach emails (this includes a link to the program registration form)
2) E-flyer about the program
3) Facebook post graphic
4) Sample letter of support

Thank you,
Jamie

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Invest in Your Business, Cut Energy Costs

Heat Pumps, Lighting, Appliances…

Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference is working with partners to offer low-cost energy audits and grant application assistance for Alaskan small businesses

Targeted Energy Audits Determine Your Cost Savings on:

- **Heating fuel conversion**: electric resistance or heating fuel to heat pumps
- **HVAC upgrades**: old boilers, inefficient ventilations systems, and more
- **LED lighting replacements**
- **Higher efficiency appliances**
- **And more!**

Who is eligible for low-cost energy audits & REAP grant assistance?

Small businesses, including owners and operators of office buildings, stores, restaurants, lodges, warehouses, and fishing vessels in Alaska*

Then, apply for the USDA REAP Grant to cover 25% of your energy upgrade costs

"Everybody was very helpful, they did a great job helping me do what needed to be done."
- Mike Bell, Commercial Fisher, Bristol Bay

For more information and to register for a low-cost energy audit:
email energy@swamc.org
call Jamie Hansen at 450-2461
visit www.southwestakenergy.org

*Municipality of Anchorage not included.

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Text for possible email:

Hello,

The Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) is continuing an Energy Program, which provides low-cost energy audits and grant application assistance to help Alaskan small business owners apply for a USDA REAP Grant. We need Alaskan small business owners to register or write letters of support so we can get started in March 2020. Are you considering an energy upgrade – heat pumps, HVAC, or more? We can help!

A low-cost targeted energy audit identifies opportunities for cost savings and recommends changes that will maximize the savings associated with reducing your building's electricity and fuel use. Upgrades include switching to a heat pump, improving HVAC systems, adding insulation, switching to LED lights, and upgrading to more efficient appliances.

Receiving an energy audit makes you eligible for the USDA improvement grant, which covers 25% of building upgrades that improve energy efficiency. All small businesses in Alaska (except within the Municipality of Anchorage) are eligible to apply.

For example, a building owner looking to switch from fuel-or electric-powered HVAC and domestic hot water heating system to a $35,000 heat pump would be able to apply for a grant that reimburses them for $8,750 of the system & installation costs.

Register now to get your business and your community on the list! Registration is free and does not commit you to receiving the energy audit. Find out more at www.southwestakenergy.org. For more information, email energy@swamc.org or call (907) 450-2461.

[Company Name]
[Street Address]
[City, ST ZIP Code]
[Date]

Dear Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference:

I am writing this letter to express my support for the commercial energy audit program. As a commercial building owner in rural Alaska, I am very interested in taking advantage of a reduced cost commercial audit of our buildings and receiving information about performing the suggested upgrades.

Energy costs are a burden on our operating budget and any assistance that can help us cut costs is greatly appreciated. I urge the USDA to fund your 2019 grant proposal.

If you have any questions, please contact me, and if the program is funded please put us on your list of recipients.

Sincerely,

Sterling Community Center - After School Program 2019/2020

Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:30

Learn, Play, and Engage…
Register Now! Only a few spaces left!
The Sterling Community Center's After School Program is now open for enrollment. The program began August 20th, and is held Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:30 (following the school district's calendar.) Cost is $80/Month for full-time enrolled or $5/day for drop-in attendance. Multiple sibling discount is available. Program includes: homework help if needed, recreational activities, academic enrichment, arts and crafts, free gym time, daily snack, and much more.
*****For questions or more information please call us at 907-262-7224 or stop by 38377 Swanson River Rd. in Sterling, Monday -Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or visit our website, www.sterlingcommunitycenter.com. We accept cash, check, or credit card*****

Sterling Community Center - Crafting On Your Own

Let's get Crafty!
Please join us for a non-instructional monthly crafting social hosted by Rochelle Hansen.
For ages 16 and up.
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Will be held one Saturday each month. Next date will be 12/14 Please call for schedule or check out our online calendar at www.sterlingcommunitycenter.com
Bring your own crafting projects, materials, and snacks.
Free for members, $6.00/visit for non-members.
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Zumba at the Sterling Community Center!

Let it Move you!
Get out of the house and join us for Zumba! Free for SCC Members and only $5 for non-members.
The SCC is offering classes taught by certified Zumba instructor, Linda Klynstra.
Zumba is a fitness program that combines Latin and international music with dance moves. It incorporates interval training, alternating fast and slow rhythms, and resistance training for a great workout! Don't forget your indoor gym shoes!
Mondays and Thursdays 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
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Pickleball

Keep Calm and Pickle On!
Come on down and play pickleball with a great group of fun people! Happening here at the Sterling Community Center Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
Free for current members of the SCC, $3.00 for non-members. Punch-cards are available for convenience.
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Senior Exercise at the Sterling Community Center!

Let's get moving!
Have fun and get moving!
The Sterling Community Center is offering senior exercise classes with Becky Moore.
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 7:00 am to 8:00 am.
Free for current members of the SCC, $5.00 for non-members.
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SCC Christmas on Ice

Please join the Sterling Community Center for a magical evening.
Weather permitting, bring your skates! Even if it's too warm for ice, show up! With or without the ice, we will still be celebrating the holiday season with Christmas music, games, bonfire, s'mores, a one-dish cook off competition, and much more.
First Annual SCC Community Casserole Cook-off!
Everyone loves a good casserole! After all, it's Christmas time and that means FOOD!
Have an old family recipe? Have a modern day one? Have one that's so absurd that you just HAVE to enter it?
The details:
· Must be a one-dish casserole.

Sterling Community Center

Presents

Christmas on Ice

Santa

Hot Cocoa

Ice Skating

Bonfire & S'mores!

Games

Saturday, December 21st, 5:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited...

Join us for a magical night.

Weather permitting, bring your skates!

Even if it's too warm for ice, show up! With or without the ice, we will still be celebrating the holiday season with Christmas music, games, bonfire, s'mores, a one-dish cook off competition, and much more.

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The details:

- Must be a one-dish casserole
- Judging will be by popular vote and will be conducted by the public.
- Winner will receive a certificate, gift basket, and bragging rights.
- All registrations to enter must be received by December 18th.*

*To register for the cook-off, please email your name, phone number, and casserole dish name to Michelle Hartley at scc@acsalaska.net. You will receive a Confirmation email when your registration has been received.

This even was made possible with generous donations from our supporters. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Read the Terrain w/ Hatcher Pass Avalanche Information Center

Public · Hosted by Black Diamond (Anchorage) and Hatcher Pass Avalanche Center

Interested | Going | Share | ...

Thursday at 6 PM – 8 PM
3 days from now · 9–10°F Partly Cloudy

Black Diamond (Anchorage)
400 W 4th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Show Map

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Girdwood PTA Holiday Bazaar

Public · Hosted by Girdwood School PTA

Interested | Going | Share | ...

Saturday at 12 PM – 6 PM
5 days from now

Girdwood School

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Utilizing Ropes in the Backcountry w/ Joe Stock

Public · Hosted by Black Diamond (Anchorage)

Interested | Going | Share | ...

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6 PM – 8 PM

Black Diamond (Anchorage)
400 W 4th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501
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Hosted by Black Diamond (Anchorage)
Message Host

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Avy Chat: Turnagain Pass w/ Chugach Avalanche Info Center

Public · Hosted by Black Diamond (Anchorage) and Friends of the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center

Interested | Going | Share | ...

Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 6 PM – 8 PM

Black Diamond (Anchorage)
400 W 4th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501
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United States Department of the Interior

KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
P.O. Box 2139
Soldotna, Alaska 99669-2139
(907) 262-7021

IN REPLY REFER TO:
19-033

November 26, 2019

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Kenai National Wildlife Refuge

TELEPHONE: (907) 262-7021 Email: kenai@fws.gov

SUBJECT: Christmas Tree Cutting on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge

The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge announces that the Refuge will open for Christmas tree cutting from Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, 2019, through Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2019. Trees are free for personal use with a limit of one per household, and may not be taller than 20 feet. Trees may be taken anywhere on the Refuge with hand tools, except within 150 feet of a road, lake, stream, trail, campground, or picnic area. No tree cutting is permitted in the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center area and along Ski Hill Road. The public is requested to trim the stumps as close to the ground as possible for aesthetic reasons.

For additional information, please contact the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge office during regular business hours at (907) 262-7021.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals, and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov. Connect with our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/usfws, follow our tweets at www.twitter.com/usfwshq, watch our YouTube Channel at http://www.youtube.com/usfws and download photos from our Flickr page at http://www.flickr.com/photos/usfwshq.

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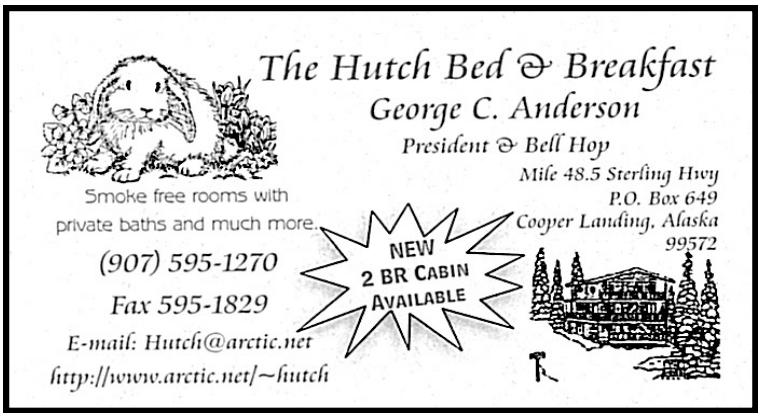
2019 Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce & CVB

Please support our local businesses!

5 Dogs Fishing	907/598-3525	Kahtnu Spirit Lodging	907/299-2855
Alaska Heavenly Lodge	907/599-0022	Keen Eye Anglers	907/244-9831
Alaska Horsemen Lodge	907/595-1806	Kenai Cache Outfitters	907/595-1401
Alaska Marketing Consultants	907/230-3055	Kenai Kayak Company	907/441-6753
Alaska Outdoor Woodstoves	907/598-1633	Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm	
Alaska River Adventures	907/595-2000	National Heritage Area	206/920-9051
Alaska Rivers Company	907/595-1226	KPB Mayor –Charlie Pierce (Sold.)	800/478-4441
Alaska Troutfitters	907/595-1212	KPBSD Superintendent Sean Dusek	907/714-8836
Alaskan Angling Adventures LLC	907/595-3336	Kenai Peninsula Econ. Dev. Dist.	907/283-3335
Angle 45 Adventures (Hope)	907/782-3175	Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge	907/595-1425
Bean Creek Gallery	907/595-3488	Kenai River Drifters Lodge	907/595-5555
Best Route Productions	303/570-2081	Kenai River Float-n-Fish, LLC	907/595-3505
Blue Yeti Food Truck	907/231-6089	Kenai River Fly Fishing	907/598-1400
Boatman's	907/202-1004	Kenai River Trips &	
Camp K on Kenai Lake	907/279-3551	Kenai Riverside Lodge	800/334-8730
Conoco Phillips Alaska, Inc. (Anch.)	907/276-1215	Kenai Riverside Campground/	
Cooper Landing Brewery	907/276-5044	RV Park/B&B	907/595-1406
Cooper Landing Community Club	907/595-2169	Kenai River Trout Anglers	907/599-0085
Cooper Landing Community Library	907/595-1241	Kenai Watershed Forum	907/265-5412
Cooper Landing Community School	907/595-1244	Kim's Essential Oils & Gifts	815/751-7959
Cooper Landing Emergency Services	907/595-1800	Major Marine Tours (Seward)	907/274-7300
Cooper Landing Fish Camp	907/595-3474	Mystic Waters Fly Fishing	509/715-9697
Cooper Landing Rifle & Sportsman's Club		Prospector John's Pan for Gold	907/598-1808
	907/599-0004	Round Mountain Retreat	907/598-1333
Cooper Landing Historical Society	907/598-1042	Salmon Run Lodge	907/595-2197
Cooper Landing Senior Citizens Corp.	907/595-3000	Seramur Home Services	907/599-0019
Eagle Landing Resort	907/595-1213	Sharon Madison, GRI, REALTOR	907/706-8901
Evergreen Builders	907/202-1795	Spruce Moose Chalets	907/677-7543
First National Bank Alaska (Sold.)	907/260-6000	Stevenson Retreat	907/240-1113
Fish & Sons Kenai Charters	907/598-1065	Sunrise Inn & Café	907/595-1222
Grizzly Ridge	907/595-1260	Talon Air Service, Inc. (Sold.)	907/262-8899
Gwin's Lodge	907/595-1266	Tanisha Walters, Lisc. Acupuncturist	303/482-7176
Harbor 360 Hotel (Seward)	888/514-8687	The Hutch Bed & Breakfast	907/595-1270
Inn at Tern Lake (MP)	907/288-3667	Upper Kenai Cabins	907/595-3055
Jason's Guide Service	907/351-3036	Wildman TR Inc.	907/595-1456



Wildman's Hours

Open 7 Days a Week
7:00 am to 10:00 pm

Come in and eat lunch
with us or take it to go!

Enjoy Wildman's awesome
chicken fingers, fries and ice cream!

Events in the Landing for December 2019

COOPER LANDING
Chamber of Commerce & CVB

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
Tues & Thurs 6 pm
CL School Gym

Church Services

KL Baptist 11:00 am

Catholic 12:30 pm

CL Community Lutheran 9 am

Cooper Landing Library Winter Hours

Monday 1 - 3 pm
Tuesday 1 - 3 pm
Wednesday 1 – 7 pm
Thursday 12:30 - 5 pm
Friday 12 pm - 3 pm
Saturday 11 am - 2 pm

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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15	16	17	18 CLES Training 6 –8 pm @ CLES	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from your Cooper Landing Chamber Board!

Stephanie Angel Shirley Rose Dusty Cherple