

WRANGELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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WRANGELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD ELECTION

The Wrangell Chamber of Commerce Board election will be open for ballots on November 1st and will be completed by November 15th. If you are interested in participating on the Chamber of Commerce board you can submit a short bio about yourself to the chamber office. If you are interested in being on the board but would like to speak to someone about their chamber experience you can speak to any of the board members listed to the right. Our mission is to advance all of the business, professional, civic and cul-

tural interests of the City and Borough of Wrangell as well as regional, state and national interest under the democratic system of free competitive enterprise. We encourage the growth of existing business activities while giving all proper assistance to any new firms or individuals seeking residence in Wrangell and its environs.

The Chamber Office is responsible for organizing the 4th of July celebrations, Annual King Salmon Derby, Tax Free Days, Festival of Lights and many more of

the events that take place around town. Our office provides many services such as laminating, faxing, office space for meetings, and gift bags for conventions of all sizes. We also provide information on Wrangell and other Southeast towns. Thank you to all those who are serving on the board currently and those who have served in the past. We wouldn't be where we are now with out your help!

Wrangell Chamber of Commerce Board

Charlotte Robinson

Mari Selle

Janice Stamper

Steve Bean

Augie Schultz

Elaine Torvend

Woody Wilson

Janell Privett, President

LeAnn Rinehart

John Taylor, Vice President

Gene White

Glenna Ellis

Grover Mathis

WELCOMING WRANGELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEW MEMBERS

Wrangell Arts Council is a new addition to the community of Wrangell. It is headed by Haley Waddington, Haley Gleason, Lisa Phu and board members. It is a new organization and is currently still becoming organized. The membership will be open to the public soon. If you are interested in the Arts Council contact Haley at 907-874-3901.

Tom & Judy Duncan Real

Estate LLC, Our first visit was in 1998 and knew we wanted to be here.

Please look at our website: www.movetowrangell.com to learn more about us, (we have 29 years of experience) see our listings, and some fabulous photos of Wrangell.

Wrangell Lions Club is a civic organization that does many things in the community of Wrangell. Some of

the programs include recycling reading glasses, aluminum can recycling program, and giving two scholarships a year. For more information on the Wrangell Lions Club contact Barb Rugo or Sharon Deemer. The Wrangell Chamber Membership Drive for 2010 will take place in January. We are happy to welcome new members !

People who get nostalgic about childhood were obviously never children.

Bill Watterson,

*Calvin and Hobbes
US cartoonist (1958 -)*

RECIPE FOR THE HALLOWEEN SEASON



Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup Domino® or C&H® Pure Cane Powdered Sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Red decorating gel
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

Directions:

In a large bowl, cream butter

and sugar. Beat in the egg and extracts. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture. Divide dough into fourths. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes or until easy to handle. Working with one piece of dough at a time, roll into 1-in. balls. Shape balls into 3-in. x 1/2-in. fingers. Using the flat tip of a table knife, make an indentation on one end of each for fingernail. With a knife, make three slashes in the middle of

each finger for knuckle. Place 2 in. apart on lightly greased baking sheets. Bake at 325° for 20-25 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool for 3 minutes. Squeeze a small amount of red gel on nail bed; press a sliced almond over gel for nail, allowing gel to ooze around nail. Remove to wire racks to cool. Yield: about 5 dozen cookies.

Source: Taste of Home Magazine

WRANGELL'S EARLY TRICK OR TREATING & MORE

Wrangell's Early Trick or Treating will be October 30th 2009. Wrangell businesses will be continuing the fairly new event by handing out candy and other goodies to all the scary creatures, super heroes, and princesses that will come to their doors between the hours of 3 to 5pm. This was an event started so that families could get out and have some Halloween fun before it got to dark or too cold.

Some Events that will be included in the Early Trick or Treating....

Wrangell Arts Council Bake Sale at the chamber office during the early trick or treating selling spooky

and fun treats for the whole family. All proceeds go to the Wrangell Arts Council which is a new addition to Wrangell. For more information on the arts council contact haley at 907-874-3901.



Recycled pumpkin design contest

Sponsored by the Wrangell Arts Council & The Wrangell Boatshop

Wrangell Arts Council is hosting a pumpkin-design contest and we want to feature YOUR designs. Pumpkins will be displayed at Wrangell Chamber of Commerce Oct. 28-31 and voted upon by our visitors on Oct. 30. Winners will receive Cash prizes.

Contest Themes

Most Creative , Funniest , & Scariest

Contest Rules

Pumpkins are to be made using non edible materials, such as cardboard, paper mache, milk jugs, rocks, wood, be creative! You can even take an old plastic trick or treat pumpkin and deco-

rate it!

Only one pumpkin can be submitted per entrant.

Just please nothing toxic!

Please secure all accessories to your pumpkin (suggestions: You can use glue, push pins, tape). Your design must be child friendly and non-offensive. All pumpkins are to be decorated with recycled materials.

Submission and Prizes

- All pumpkins must be dropped off at Wrangell Chamber of Commerce by October 28th.
- Prizes will be awarded October 31. You do not need to be present to win. Each Theme winner will be awarded \$25.00.
- All pumpkins must be picked up by November 2.

Questions ? Call Glenna Ellis at 874-3696 or email at sunflower-sinalaska@hotmail.com



Above are Pictures of a few Trick or Treaters from 2008.

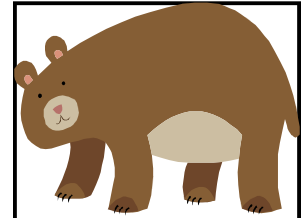
WRANGELL CHAMBER OF COMEMRCE NEW UPDATES AND PERKS

The Wrangell Chamber has plenty to offer their membership but knows that there is always more we can do for them. Our website wrangellchamber.org and is updated daily with changes on the calendar, chamber events, and our media/business Spotlight section. In this section you can put upcoming events and other opportunities. Just recently we have added a Wrangell's Photo section were you can send us photos that you would like to be displayed on the website. (This section giving on lookers interested in Wrangell a better look at Wrangell's

beauty!)

We also offer the WCOG Daily Updates email to our membership. This email is distributed daily and can be a wonderful tool for advertising. The chamber also has rental space for those needing a small office area to meet in, window display area for informational or artistic visual displays, and low cost office services. Our office services include faxing, laminating, black and white copying, and gift bag filling. All of these are at a low affordable price and we are one of the few that offer lamination both big and small in town. If you are interested in taking

advantage of these opportunities than you can contact the chamber office at 907-874-3901.



*Wrangell Bearfest ;
Watch this space
for upcoming
information .*

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2009

Harvest Festival is an event that supports the local economy by stamping cards for shoppers for every \$10.00 spent. When they reach \$50.00 on a card they can fill it out and turn it into the chamber office where they will be entered into a drawing for \$500.00. This event took place on October 16th & 17th, right around the drop of the dividends creating more of an opportunity to purchase the things that they wanted. There were sales on everything from Halloween candy to furniture. The Chamber office was the drop off location for the tickets. In the Chamber you could find Mabel's baked and jarred goods,

Candlelite, Local Art, and Avon. The local businesses have commented on how the event helped boost their sales in a slow time for shopping. Tickets sales ended at 1253 tickets and the winner was James Rolland. The Chamber would like to thank all the local businesses and individuals that participated in Harvest Festival and help make it possible every year! We are always happy to hear from our community so if you have any questions or comments on this event contact the chamber office at 907-874-3901.

The Chamber 50/50 raffle ended at \$ 266.00 with Glenna Ellis winning \$133.00 and the

next drawing will take place on 11/25/2009.

In the garden, Autumn is, indeed the crowning glory of the year, bringing us the fruition of months of thought and care and toil. And at no season, save perhaps in daffodil time, do we get such superb color effects as from August to November.

Rose G. Kingsley,
*The Autumn Garden,
1905*

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closely becomes
wonderful.

[A. R. Ammons](#)

Mission Statement

The mission of the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce, Inc. shall be:

To advance all of the business, professional, civic and cultural interests of the City of Wrangell as well as regional, state and national interests under the democratic system of free competitive enterprise:

To encourage the growth of existing business activities while giving all proper assistance to any new firms or individuals seeking residence in Wrangell and its environs;

To support activities believed to be beneficial to the community and its citizens and to oppose those which might be detrimental;

To speak for the Chamber's members in city, state and national legislative and governmental matters, while avoiding partisan politics;

To encourage development of surrounding industrial properties;

To cultivate alliance and business relationships with neighboring communities; and in general to promote the welfare of all Wrangell area citizens, following always those policies intended to accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number.

In order to best achieve these goals, the following by-laws have been adopted to govern the procedures and activities of the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce, Inc. and of its membership.

TIPS FOR WEATHERIZING YOUR HOUSE AND SAVING MONEY

1. Get an energy Audit

The audit will assess the home's energy performance and recommend long-term solutions. "Try to get an assessment from somebody who can look at the whole picture, not just windows or insulation, and give you a complete view."

2. Find the Leaks

Air leaks, or drafts, are the biggest culprits behind high energy bills. "Your principal source of heat loss is the ceiling plane," Its recommended to make sure pull-down attic stairwells are weather stripped and sealing up any leaks around attic skylights and vent pipes. It's also worthwhile to seal gaps around electrical outlets and

windows and check out less obvious places such as a hatch to an attic crawl space hidden in a closet. "Finding the big holes will give you more bang for the buck, but basic weather-stripping is still good."

3. Service the heating system

About 20 percent of the air moving through a typical house's heating system is lost because of leaky ducts, according to [Energy Star](#). A full system inspection and servicing, including duct sealing, could easily add up to more than \$2,000, so do it yourself if you can. At a minimum, replace the air filter.

4. Set back the dial

If you leave the house for a while, turn down the thermostat. Setting back temperatures as little as five to eight degrees, with either manual or programmable thermostats, can save almost 10 percent a year in heating bills.

5. Insulate the water heater

If the water heater is in an unheated space, such as the garage or a utility shed, wrapping it in a blanket and insulating the water pipes could add up to small savings.

6. Last but not least address safety

"Any time you do weatherization, you do air-sealing or add insulation, you are

changing the dynamics of what goes on in the house," That means air pressures will change and may cause back drafts in oil- or gas-fueled appliances, so service them to avoid risks of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide detectors are also inexpensive and can save lives.