Please join us on October 12 at 11:30 am for the candidate forum and chamber membership annual meeting (ratification of board member slate of nominees). Candidates will each give a brief statement in front of the attendees, and then will move from table to table to answer your questions. Make sure you take this opportunity to learn more about these individuals – some of whom are already representing you, and some who are trying to earn your vote. Bring your thoughtful questions as a member of the business community and let’s keep the conversation going. Candidates for mayor, port commission, city council, school board and pool commissioner will be in attendance.

The October luncheon is sponsored by Scott Richards Insurance who has been providing insurance coverage choices in Northwest Washington since 1951. Auto, home, business, boat/marine, or life, Scott Richards Insurance is able to shop for the best coverage to fit each customer. As a multi-line agency with local agents, Scott Richards focuses on earning your trust and making sure that you have the right coverage both at the start of your relationship with the agency as well as on through the years as your needs change.

Sherri Bitterman and Anacortes native Nicole Schmidt have a combined 45 years of experience helping customers with their auto, home, and boat insurance needs. Likewise, Cletha Sala and agency owner Scot Buchanan bring more than two decades worth of combined experience as they focus on helping meet the insurance needs of businesses across the northwest. Market your insurance protection today through the many carriers available through your local source for coverage, Scott Richards Insurance.

The lunch will take place at the Anacortes Lutheran Church (22nd & O) at 11:30am. Please RSVP and pay online or in the chamber office to receive the $15 luncheon rate. Payment at the door at the time of the luncheon will be $18. Bring a gift for the giveaway.

Please join us, Thursday, October 19th from 5:30 – 7:00pm for this month’s Business After Hours. The award winning Apothecary Spa is your go to spa for peace and health, it’s a quiet refuge in a world filled with stressful demands on your body, mind and time. Restore your balance as you experience the deep relaxation of luxurious treatments. In a thoughtfully created environment – complete with soft lighting, soothing music and wonderful aromas – allow your body to surrender to the benefits of a day at the spa. Highly-trained staff offer a variety of services designed to soothe the body, relax the soul, and calm the spirit. Let them take you into a new realm of relaxation by choosing from any of their spa packages.

Join The Apothecary Spa at the Majestic Thursday October 19th from 5:00 to 7:00pm for food, fun and excellent door prizes! Food will be provided by The Majestic Inn’s 5th Street Bistro. Please RSVP online or by calling 360-293-7911.
a message from the chair

The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce is a vibrant organization that is here to serve the entire community.

We provide licensing service to our island and neighboring communities with two very dedicated subagents. This year, the state introduced a new technology platform, that in the end will be a great tool for stakeholder partners. As with any new system, the launch has had some glitches, and our employees in the DOL have continued with their excellent customer service throughout these challenges.

The steadfast volunteers in the Visitor Information Center greet our guests with true sincerity. These volunteers want to ensure that residents and visitors experience the most that Anacortes and Fidalgo Island has to offer. Come by and say thank you to them for their dedication, you will most likely leave with a new idea on how to explore our community.

I am sure you have all been made aware of the Shell Puget Sound Refinery’s planned maintenance – also known as a turnaround, which started late last month and is planned to last throughout October.

As mentioned in last month’s newsletter, this is the largest turnaround in the refinery’s history and will peak at over 2,500 people on site per day. Shell has conservatively predicted an influx of $2.5 million in new consumer spending from turnaround workers during the event – mostly on food and lodging.

We have heard that there will be increased traffic (especially at shift change – 6:00 am and 6:00 pm) and that the refinery has been working with WSDOT to mitigate traffic lights in the vicinity. We have been made aware to expect increased flaring and more noise and lights. We have learned that the timing of turnarounds is set for spring or fall due to weather concerns in the winter and increased fuel demand in the summer driving months.

I wanted to remind you that we are so blessed to have our refineries in Anacortes, they provide the highest wage jobs and continuously give back to our community. When a refinery plans a turnaround, more highly paid workers become temporary tax payers in our town; the entire community feels that positive impact. Our job is to greet these guests and encourage them to Experience Anacortes - our island getaway and make them feel at home.

So, join me in welcoming them and being appreciative of the work they are doing to keep our refinery operating safely and efficiently.

- Stephanie Hamilton

- Brian Johnson, Anacortes Construction Services
  Board Chair
You’ve likely heard the news that as of August 1st of this year, Tesoro has a new company name. Our new company name, Andeavor, is a custom-created word that acknowledges the transformational journey we’ve been on. It benefits from similarity to the word “endeavor” – making it easy to say and remember, but it has been evolved to reflect the upward direction and aspiration.

Andeavor evokes our journey toward making a difference. Andeavor is also a promise to keep improving, keep evolving and keep delivering ever-greater value to all our stakeholders. We aim to be better in every way - for our people, our customers, our shareholders, our business partners and our communities.

As part of adopting a new name, the company has a new logo, new colors and new office/facility signs, among other changes that you will see over the next few months. Beyond these physical changes, we believe our new name is an opportunity to evolve in a way that captures the spirit of how far we have come and how far we still have to go.

The Andeavor Anacortes Refinery has been a part of the local community for over 60 years. Since it first began operations back in 1955, our employees and contractors have been proud to call Anacortes and the surrounding communities our home.

Andeavor employees and their families engage in the community through a variety of activities and volunteer organizations including youth sports, scouting, PTA and joining the boards of local civic and charitable organizations. Andeavor supports these efforts through an employee contribution matching program and our new Dollars for Doers program that augments their volunteer hours with grants from the Andeavor Foundation.

Last year the Andeavor Foundation gave over $1,000,000 in grants to local organizations and charities. The Andeavor Foundation is focused on three primary areas: STEM Education, public safety and the environment. Andeavor grants have helped fund many great organizations and programs in the community including, the Anacortes High School’s Robotics team, the Friends of the Forest, the Anacortes Citizens Auxiliary Patrol, the Anacortes Farmers Market Healthy Bucks program, the local elementary school PTAs and numerous others worthy causes.

The foundation is always interested in new opportunities to partner with local organizations and accepts grant applications online at: http://www.andeavor.com/responsibility/community-investments/how-to-apply/

Anacortes is a vibrant community with a diverse array of local businesses that keep the economy strong. The Andeavor Anacortes Refinery has a long history of offering local employment opportunities for a wide range of skill sets. They regularly hire operators, mechanics, instrument technicians, accountants, engineers, and many other jobs.

Andeavor is privileged to be a part of the Anacortes community and is proud to continue their investments in both the refinery and the local community.
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24880 Brotherhood Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98274
campkorey.org/fallfestival
This event will be a free event welcoming the community, members, and their families to come learn more about Camp Korey while enjoying games, food, and more!

Trick-or-Treating will take place on Tuesday, October 31st from 2pm until 4pm at various downtown business locations. Head over to ACME Creative for free photos and a party!

Help support the downtown trick-or-treat event by donating an unopened bag of individually wrapped candy at the Chamber Office!

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American Spirit

This fall the American Spirit is staying two nights in Anacortes. Arriving on Saturday night, they are serenaded by the An-o-Chords. On Sunday morning chamber staff and volunteers board the ship to welcome them and our Town Crier Richard Riddell gives a cry and then a history presentation. Passengers then disembark for walking or bus tours before heading on their excursions for the day. The ship is now staying Sunday evening as well. We are currently seeking volunteers who would like to lead a walking tour for these wonderful guests. Rumor has it they will have two ships coming in the spring of 2018!
ambassador profile

Brianna Vyrostek

Brianna was born in Chelan, Wa and moved to Anacortes when she was two years old. This has been her home ever since.

She has worked at Bob's Chowder Bar since July 2012 and is proud to have been the assistant manager for four out of five of those years. Brianna just recently became an ambassador for the chamber of commerce in March of this year. She has been enjoying getting to know members of the community and is thankful that the chamber has helped her to do so.

When she’s not working Brianna spends her free time with her family. Her mom, dad, and two sisters all live in town. She also includes her dogs Nala and Marley as part of her family. They all enjoy walking the dogs together and experiencing the beauty of the Anacortes beaches and trails. The rest of Brianna’s free time is taken up with singing and playing the guitar. Which is what she does alone and with her family.

Brianna is excited to volunteer at Bier on the Pier and to be involved with the Chamber and the community.

thanks...

Thank you to Commissionier Ron Wesen for presenting and to Shell's Puget Sound Refinery for sponsoring our September Luncheon. Thanks also to Fidalgo Bay RV for hosting and to Gere A Deli for preparing such a delicious meal. Thanks also to the following businesses for bringing a giveaway prize.

- Anacortes Construction Services, LLC
- Bayside Specialties, Inc.
- Bunnies By The Bay
- Fidalgo Bay Resort
- Lighthouse Memory Care
- Shell Puget Sound Refinery

Thank you to Fidalgo Care Center & Rosario Assisted Living for hosting our February Business After Hours. Thanks also to the following businesses and individual members for bringing a giveaway prize.

- Central Payment Corporation
- CompuMatter Computer Store
- Fidalgo Care Center & Rosario Assisted Living
- Lighthouse Memory Care
- Native Springs Spa


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