Please join us on November 8th at 11:30am, at the Swinomish Casino & Lodge, when the Port of Anacortes Executive Director Dan Worra will deliver the annual, “State of the Port” address at the chamber luncheon. Dan is pleased to share the port’s accomplishments of the past year and to highlight business operations and upcoming projects. The port operates a multi-pier marine terminal, a small commercial services airport and, Cap Sante Marina, among the busiest public marinas in the Puget Sound. The mission of the port is to, in partnership with public agencies and private business, develop and manage facilities and services, which stimulate private job creation and commerce, while protecting the quality of life, needs and desires of area residents. In keeping with its mission, the port is an important economic engine for Anacortes with port tenants providing more than 1,000 jobs in our community. Come hear how the port is working for the benefit of Anacortes residents and visitors alike.

The lunch is sponsored by Mary LaFleur with ALT Insurance. Mary prides herself on protecting her clients from insurance companies. She works with many great carriers, but there is a theory on how they get the most premium they can out of her clients. With a little education from someone that has been in the industry over 33 years, she can save you a lot of money. She never knew that simply answering her phone and taking client calls 24/7 would be so much appreciated - she hears that a lot. If you need yacht, auto, home or commercial insurance. Please give Mary a call, she would love to work for you!

The lunch will take place at The Swinomish Casino and Lodge (12885 Casino Drive) at 11:30am. Please RSVP and pay online or in the chamber office to receive the $18 luncheon rate. Payment at the door at the time of the luncheon will be $20. Gifts for the giveaway are always welcome!
Generous Spirit

Our residents and businesses collectively have a generous spirit. From passing school bonds, to building a thriving family center, to providing meals for at-risk youth – Everyone gives back in the ways that matter to them and they make a difference that counts.

People give their time, talents and resources by volunteering – Visitor Information Center, Island Hospital, Anacortes Public Library, forest lands, youth sports, scouting, Anacortes Family Center, youth organizations… and so much more.

As we approach this holiday season later this month, there are groups that are focusing on helping those less fortunate. The Salvation Army will be providing meals for Thanksgiving – you can donate $30 Safeway gift cards, or a ham or turkey or any of the shelf stable fixings. In December, many of the service clubs will be ringing the Salvation Army bells at various locations. The money raised during the kettle drive helps keep the food bank stocked year-round and supports those who need utility assistance.

Safeway is providing customers a simple way to donate. While you check out, you can add $10 to your total and a bag of food is donated to the Anacortes 100 Food Bank. Washington Safeway stores are partnering with King5 News Home Team Northwest Harvest, so food banks all over the state will be getting grocery shipments from November 1 through December 31.

As you plan your holiday shopping gift giving… remember a great tax deduction is a donation to a charitable organization. There are many supported here in Anacortes.

Our own Keep the Cheer Here campaign, begins on November 19. Visit anacortes.org after November 15th for a complete listing of participating merchants.

--- Stephanie Hamilton, President
Foss Heating & Cooling has been serving Anacortes since 1974 and today they are proud to be a member of the local community. They specialize in residential and light commercial service, retrofit, air quality, and upgrades. As far as the equipment they install, they are Trane Comfort Specialists and Mitsubishi Diamond Dealers, which means that they must attend training and offer exceptional support for those brands.

Their focus is on 100% customer satisfaction and taking extra care to educate their clients on the importance of proper equipment sizing, efficiency, safety, air quality, yearly service, and properly sized, sealed, and insulated ductwork.

They have 17 full time employees and continue to grow mainly through community involvement, like the chamber of commerce, and referrals from their satisfied customers. All of their journeyman field employees carry their Washington State 06 electrical cards and all of their technicians are North American Technician Excellence certified. Foss invests in over 60 paid hours of training a year for each employee. They have an active apprentice program that trains their new technicians and installers internally.

Meagan Schwab was born and primarily raised in Skagit Valley. She moved overseas for her middle and high school years including destinations of Hong Kong and India. Upon graduating, she moved back to Skagit Valley and met her husband. Shortly thereafter she went to work for Peoples Bank, working in multiple locations. That is what brought her to beautiful Anacortes.

She has worked in Anacortes for over a year and during that time has had the pleasure of meeting many in the community and becoming a Chamber Ambassador.

In her spare time she likes to travel and enjoy time with her family and friends.
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Guest Satisfaction

2018: 88.08%
2017: 84.74%

- All the staff that we interacted with were friendly and helpful.
- This is an amazing event, always a pleasure to go even as a Designated Driver.
- The volunteers were friendly and helpful. We appreciated the close handicapped parking because my wife is in a wheelchair.
- Anacortes has always had a talent for attracting interesting, fun, economically sustainable events, which are great for the community. I know, I lived there for several years. Keep up the good work.
- Love it and loved the band! Great music is a big plus! We had out-of-town guests both years we have attended. Will be an annual event for us.
- We have been to lots of brewfests. This one was super chill from the people all the way up to the staff. Great job.

Cheers to our Bier on the Pier Sponsors!

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- Marathon
- Reisner Distributor, Inc.
- Puget Sound Refinery

Growler Sponsors:
- Anacortes Brewery
- H2O
- Port of Anacortes

Yard Sponsors:
- Pacific Party Canopies
- FOSS
- ANTHONY’S Restausants
- Peoples Bank

Stein Sponsors:
- Fidalgo Bay Resort
- Tri County Recycling
Thank you to Ann Avary, director of the Marine Manufacturing & Technology Center of Excellence, from Skagit Valley College for sponsoring our October Candidates Forum Luncheon! Gere-a-Deli prepared another delicious meal. We got to hear from many of the candidates running for our local offices (see group photo on adjacent page):

- State Representative
- Skagit Superior Court
- Court of Appeals Judge
- Skagit County Commissioner
- Skagit County Auditor
- Skagit County Treasurer
- Skagit PUD Commissioner
- YES/NO on Initiative 1631

Thank you to the Center for Pain Management at Island Hospital for hosting our October Business After Hours. Thanks also to the following businesses and individual members for bringing a giveaway prize.

- Bubba Sudz Car Wash and Detail
- Fidalgo Artisan Yarn and Clothing
- Island Hospital
- Lighthouse Memory Care
2018 ambassadors

Chair: Dan Maul - Fidalgo Artisan Yarn and Clothing
Stephanie Bayless - Sherwin-Williams Paint Store
Brandon Carter - Robert W Baird
Crystal Eddy - Skagit Bank
Barry Harter - Central Payment Corporation
Mindy Holland - Interpreting Technology
Shona Martin - Fidalgo Financial Planning LLC
Caren McKay - John L. Scott Real Estate/Anacortes
Jessica Nguyen - Peoples Bank
Meagan Schwab - Peoples Bank
Carol Van Iterson - Bank of the Pacific

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Bluegrass & Microbrew Celebration
November 2nd & 3rd

more info online at:
anacortes.org/brewgrass

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Thank you, volunteers!

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Thank you, volunteers!

Visit us on the web at www.anacortes.org

DATES TO REMEMBER:

🌟 Keep the Cheer Here runs November 19th through December 24th

🌟 Free Horse Drawn Trolley Rides happen noon-4pm on Saturdays December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

🌟 Community Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 7th

🌟 Holiday Downtown Art Walk from 6pm-9pm Friday, December 7th

🌟 Annual Lions Club Parade starting at 11am on Saturday December 8th

🌟 Celtic Christmas Concert with Geoffrey Castle on Wednesday December 12th

🌟 For more events, visit anacortes.org/coastalchristmas