Tuesday, October 1 10:00am
Marine Trades Meeting
Chamber Board Room

Thursday, October 3 11:45am
Ambassador Meeting
Chamber Board Room

Friday-Saturday, October 4-5
10th Annual Bier on the Pier
Port Transit Shed

Tuesday, October 8 8:30am
Retail Trades Meeting
Chamber Board Room

Thursday, October 10 11:30am
Membership Luncheon-Candidate Forum
Anacortes Lutheran Church

Friday, October 11 10:30am
Finance/Executive Meeting
Chamber Board Room

Tuesday, October 15 3:30pm
Chamber Board Meeting
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 15 5:30pm
Candidates Forum
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, October 16 3:00pm
Marketing & Promotions Meeting
Chamber Board Room

Thursday, October 17 5:30pm
Business After Hours
Peoples Bank

Tuesday, October 22 9:00am
VIC Volunteer Meeting
City Council Chambers

Thursday, October 31 3-5:00pm
Downtown Trick-Or-Treating
Commercial Avenue

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message from the president/ceo

This year has been flying by, and it is no different for your mighty chamber staff. This weekend is our 10th annual Bier on the Pier – an event, which replaced the beloved Jazz Festival. We expect over 2,000 attendees over the two day event, the majority from outside of Fidalgo Island, and hopefully staying in our accommodations, shopping in our stores and eating in our restaurants.

This is also a very exciting time of the year as we head into election season. We have a lot of races to focus on – and we at the chamber want to help as you practice due diligence and really study the candidates. Our chamber luncheon on the 10th is a speed dating type of candidates’ forum, where candidates go from table to table to interact on a more personal level. Then on the 15th, we will have a traditional forum at city hall at 5:30 pm. (Meet and greet 5:30 pm and the forum starting at 6:00 pm).

And believe it or not, we are already planning for the holidays…a Coastal Christmas encompasses or shop local event (Keep the Cheer Here), horse drawn trolley rides, Crab Pot Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration, and countless opportunities in the community to celebrate with your family.

It’s also the time of year we solicit for volunteers who would like to serve on our chamber board of directors. This is a very strategic minded group of critical thinkers who help direct your chamber and make decisions on positions they will support. Watch for a nomination email.

Finally, as we look towards 2020, there will be a menu of promotional opportunities for you to consider. Bridget Fry, our Events and Communications Coordinator, will be sending out an email that will detail the exact time the opportunity email will be sent. Sponsorships of events and host of Business After Hours go quickly – so be prepared.

Thanks for all you do for our community!
Stephanie Hamilton
President/CEO

employment matters

“Federal government proposes new thresholds for overtime.”

This week the Trump Administration announced its updates to the federal overtime rules. Under the proposed rules, employees earning $35,308 or less must be paid overtime. For the past 15-years, the threshold has been $23,660, which means the new limit is nearly a 30% increase. The proposed rules now go out for “comment” for 60-days before it goes to Congress where it is likely to be contested by House Democrats. Meanwhile, the State of Washington has proposed additional increases that would take the threshold to nearly $80,000 in a few years. The comment period for those rules just ended. Apparently, L&I received thousands of letters and comments. Stay tuned for more information on both of these measures which WILL impact your business. Contact LeGros, Buchanan and Paul for more information.

-Reid Meyers

If you have any particular issues you would like to see addressed in this column, do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Hamilton.

Chamber members took part in a behind the scenes tour of NAS Whidbey.
Cheers to our Bier on the Pier Sponsors!

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Multi-Chamber After Hours
Making new connections and building new relationships!

Enjoy appetizers and beverages. There will be prizes too!

Thursday, October 10
4:30pm to 6pm
204 W Montgomery St
Mount Vernon

Halloween Plans for Downtown Anacortes
The chamber will be accepting donations of unopened bags of candy. We will be passing these out to help support our downtown merchants.
Candy will be handed out at participating businesses on October 31st from 3pm-5pm
Port Commission Roundtable

SAVE THE DATE!

The Port of Anacortes Commission will hold a special meeting on Thursday, November 14 to participate in a community roundtable, sponsored by the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce. The Port holds this roundtable meeting annually to provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide feedback to the Commissioners.

Please join us 5:30pm-7:00pm at the Seafarers Memorial Park Building.

Island Hospital Surgeons hosted September’s Business After Hours. It was a great evening of networking and learning. Here are some of the happy faces that attended the gathering.

Congratulations to Savi Bank on their new full service branch opening at 3201 Commercial Avenue.
ambassadors

Mindy Holland, Chair
Interpreting Technology

Brandon Carter
Robert W Baird

Crystal Eddy
Banner Bank

Erica Guesford
Bank of the Pacific

Barry Harter
Central Payment Corporation

Shona Martin
Fidalgo Financial Planning LLC

Dan Maul
Fidalgo Artisan Yarn and Clothing

Jessica Nguyen
Peoples Bank

Lacee Root
Vacasa

Meagan Schwab
Peoples Bank

Trevor Taylor
Farmers Insurance-Curtis Payne Agency

Larry Thomas
Larry Thomas Country Financial

Carol Van Iterson
Bank of the Pacific

Learn more about the Ambassador’s Club!

Contact Sandy Swartos at sswartos@anacortes.org or call (360) 293-7911 to hear all about the great things you can do as an ambassador for our business community.

new member spotlight

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Thank yous also go out to the following businesses for bringing a giveaway prize.

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As we go to print on the October newsletter, the Anacortes Chamber’s President and CEO, Stephanie Hamilton, is in the midst of hosting close to 80 chamber leaders from across the state at the Washington Chamber Executives Conference. Our professional development organization strives to connect, support and promote chamber leaders — and this conference is a culmination of that mission. We strive to give every opportunity to assist these leaders — and sometimes that means granting scholarships to help. Chamber members donated to three Return to Anacortes baskets that will be added to others for our silent auction to fund these scholarships. Thanks so much for your contributions.

member renewals

- Anacortes Community Health Council
- Aspen Power Catamarans
- Aspire Wellness
- B & B Financial Resources
- Bank of the Pacific
- Blue Otter Outfitters
- Boeing Company, The
- Caliber Home Loans, Anacortes Office
- Christ the King Community Church
- CompuMatter
- Darden, Mike - American Dream
- Flynn, Peggy
- Good Stuff, The
- Heritage Flight Museum
- Island Internal Medicine
- John L. Scott Real Estate/Anacortes
- Koskovich Design Group
- Lake Campbell Lodging
- IoanDepot
- Lovric’s Sea-Craft, Inc.
- Martin, Marty
- Northwest Rigging
- Outer Island Expeditions
- Papa Murphy’s Take ‘n’ Bake Pizza
- Safeway
- Sea Worthy Yachts & Brokerage
- Tri Mariye, LLC

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