calendar

Monday, September 2
   Labor Day
   Chamber Closed

Wednesday, September 4 10:00am
   Marine Trades Meeting
   Chamber Board Room

Thursday, September 5 11:45am
   Ambassador Meeting
   Chamber Board Room

Tuesday, September 10 8:30am
   Retail Trades Meeting
   Chamber Board Room

Thursday, September 12 11:30am
   Membership Luncheon-State of the Base
   Fidalgo Bay Resort

Wednesday, September 18 3:00pm
   Marketing & Promotions Meeting
   Chamber Board Room

Thursday, September 19 5:30pm
   Business After Hours
   Island Hospital - Island Surgeons

Friday, September 20 10:30am
   Finance/Executive Meeting
   Chamber Board Room

Tuesday, September 24 9:00am
   VIC Volunteer Meeting
   Chamber Board Room

Tuesday, September 24 3:30pm
   Chamber Board Meeting
   City Council Chambers

September 25-27
   Washington Chamber of Commerce Executives
   Annual Conference & Retreat

chamber luncheon


He assumed duties as Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island last August.

As a Naval Flight Officer, he flew in the F-14 Tomcat and F/A-18 Hornet logging more than 3,000 flight hours and 700 carrier traps. He has served aboard or operated off six of the Navy’s Nimitz class carriers, once as the CO of VFA-154. During those tours he participated in numerous operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as the disaster relief TOMODACHI in Japan.

His shore assignments include tours as the U.S. Naval Attaché to the Kingdom of Sweden, and Executive Assistant to the Chief, U.S. Liaison Office, U.S. Embassy Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates.

business after hours

Island Surgeons, an Island Hospital clinic, will host the September Anacortes Chamber Business After Hours on September 19, starting at 5:30 p.m. The event will be held in the main 24th Street entrance of the hospital (1211 24th St.). Island Surgeons provides exceptional surgical services by three outstanding surgeons specializing in general, thoracic, breast and laparoscopic-surgery services. We look forward to chamber members meeting two outstanding surgeons who have recently joined the practice. RSVP online or by calling 360-293-7911. Gifts for the giveaway are always welcome!
Peoples Bank Named “Best-In-State” by Forbes Magazine

Reflecting its strong reputation, commitment to customer satisfaction, and high-quality branch services and online experience, Peoples Bank was one of only three banks in Washington state to be named a “Best Bank” in Forbes Magazine’s second annual review of the Best-In-State Banks and Credit Unions.

To create the list, Forbes partnered with independent market research firm Statista to survey more than 25,000 customers in the U.S. about their opinions on their current and former banking relationships. Financial institutions were scored on overall recommendations and satisfaction, as well as detailed questions pertaining to five subcategories. Examples of questions and criteria pertaining to those categories are as follows:

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Headquartered in Bellingham, Peoples Bank is a locally owned and operated, independent full-service community bank with $1.8 billion in assets. More than 450 employees work at its 23 branches located in Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, Douglas/Chelan, Island, and King counties.

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message from the chairman

Fall on Fidalgo

The summer is coming to an end, but the fun continues in our town. Your Anacortes Chamber staff works to ensure we have exceptional “shoulder season” events that keep the energy (and tourist dollars) coming.

Next is Bier on the Pier, probably my favorite annual event, and it’s not for the “Pier”. This event brings together brewers and beer drinkers and develops into a vibrant and festive party. Thousands attend the event, many come from out of town and visit our restaurants, markets, and other businesses. Ticket sales are on fire, but we do need more volunteers to host, set-up and manage the large event. Those who volunteer for Bier (mmm) on the Pier receive one ticket to attend this event or a discounted ticket to the Spring Wine Festival (April). If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Sandy Swartos at 360-293-7911 or sswartos@anacortes.org.

Last year the Anacortes site for Washington State Licensing – located in the same building as the Visitor Information Center and Anacortes Chamber at 819 Commercial Ave. – was moved to a larger location, renovated and expanded. Today there is a larger staff, more space and faster service than ever before.

Often, there are three stations working, nearly eliminating wait times of more than 10 minutes. The three staff people are very knowledgeable and can handle all of your licensing needs for vehicles and vessels.

Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thank you for your support of our local businesses as they continue to invest and provide family-wage employment in our community. By working together we can improve prosperity and quality-of-life for all of us.

-Dennis Richards, Island Hospital

employment matters

“Paid Family Leave Program Due August 31st”

Don’t forget that employers must report and remit premiums for Washington’s Paid Family and Medical Leave by August 31. In 2017, Washington’s Legislature passed a paid family and medical leave law. Starting in 2020, Washington will be the fifth state in the nation to offer paid family and medical benefits to workers. A premium of employee gross wages will fund the program, with the cost shared by both employees and employers. The Employment Security Department administers the program. For more information, go to www.paidleave.wa.gov/reporting or contact LeGros, Buchanan and Paul.”

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

-Reid Meyers
Welcome to the Fifth Annual Fueling Education Fun Run 5K and Walk sponsored by Shell Puget Sound Refinery and benefiting Anacortes School Foundation.

This event will be held at beautiful Washington Park in Anacortes with both a 5K/Walk and a kids race.

One-hundred percent of all donations will go to the Anacortes Schools Foundation. The Foundation provides funds above and beyond our school district’s normal operating budget to fund enrichment programs in Anacortes schools as well as scholarships for graduating seniors of Anacortes High School. These grants and scholarships allow students the opportunity to achieve unlimited potential.

Just in like 2018, a competition has been set up to attract the students, teachers, and administrators associated with the schools. The school with the highest percentage of their student body that participates in this race will be awarded a grant, from Shell Puget Sound Refinery, of $5000 to benefit that school! The ONLY way to count is to be there on race day and participate.

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SAVE THE DATE:
OCTOBER 4 & 5
10th Anniversary

The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce is once again putting on the highly anticipated tenth anniversary of Bier on the Pier! This festival is held on the “pier” at the Port of Anacortes Transit Shed on October 4th and 5th with beautiful views of the San Juan Islands. There will be 30 breweries and 10 cideries from around the great Pacific Northwest. 2,500 guests travel here from across Washington, Oregon and Canada to our island getaway. We will have food trucks and three amazing bands throughout the weekend including: Miller Campbell, Randy Weeks, and Gin Gypsy!

This event sells out every year, so purchase your tickets now! Tickets include admission, six drink tokens, and a commemorative tasting glass. Additional drink tokens and pretzel necklaces are available for sale at the event. Friday only is $25, Saturday only is $35, a 2 Day pass is $50 (a $10 savings), and Designated Driver tickets are $7. The DD tickets include admission and access to the entertainment and food trucks. Free bottled water will be available to all guests— compliments of Island Hospital.

Tickets can be purchased online through our website (www.anacortes.org/beer). Our website has links to the breweries/cideries, bands and food trucks. You can also find us on the Bier on the Pier Facebook page to learn more about the event.

We look forward to seeing you there, cheers!
Cheers to our Bier on the Pier Sponsors!

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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.

The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce is proud to be partnering with Skagit Publishing to produce our 2019-2020 membership directory.
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• Aspen Power Catamarans
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• 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
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THANK YOU!

We are very excited to share our new video series, “Island Insight!” Our Events and Communications Coordinator, Bridget Fry, has been bouncing around town to interview our small business members. Bridget has been chatting with these members to learn a little bit about their stories and to share these valuable conversations with the community. These videos are only about two minutes long and posted weekly on our Facebook page.

The current Island Insight videos on our Facebook page include: The Store Grocery, Anacortes Brewery, The Johnson Manor, Tides of Anacortes, Peoples Bank, and Windermere.

Please call the Chamber at 360-293-7911 if you would like to be featured in one of our videos! You must be a chamber member to participate.
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Thank you VIC volunteers!

Visit us on the web at www.anacortes.org

OYSTER RUN
Sunday, September 22, 2019

Coast in. Hang out.