

STERLING NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2013

STERLING SENIOR CITIZENS:

Christmas has come and gone. Eighty four boxes of food were donated to 295 of our neighbors of which 134 were children. With those boxes were angel tree gifts of clothing and toys for many of the children. Thanks to the generosity of so many of our people here in Sterling, you have made the Holidays a lot brighter for many others. We want to thank all of the volunteers and contributors for their time, effort and donations. It is very heartwarming to see how much people can care for each other when they have reason to.

It's certainly a cold start to the winter. I say start, because we still have a few months to go. Hope you're all staying warm. If you're feeling extra warm, you can stop by our Ice Cream Social on January 15th from 3-5pm. We should be able to cool you down a little. It's always a lot of fun. Come with an appetite.

On January 26th we'll be having a Catfish Dinner prepared by the Masons. Catfish, slaw, BBQ beans & hush puppies are on the menu. mmmmmmmmm.

The December Prime Rib Dinner was successful in raising some much needed operating capital. Thanks for the people who attended and the many donations (even anonymously). The Masons again were the cooks. They are giving the Food Channel some ideas for a new show.....

By the way, the grand prize was won this year at the dinner by Louise Schadle. Great prize for a great lady! Second prize was won by Bill Bailey. This made

the "Cash for Christmas" raffle an even more enjoyable success.

We are looking forward to 2013 being a banner year for the Sterling Area Senior Citizen Inc to celebrate 25 years of incorporation. Congratulations to all of the members.

 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
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"FROGGY'S OPINION":

Hello friends and neighbors, how do you, do?

2012 has been another year for us to remember the positive people in our community.

"Positive thinking people rule!"

One evening last spring Debbie & I were playing cards with some neighbors. They asked me if they could donate the money to buy a temporary "volunteers welcome" sign for our Community Center site which has been installed.

Then, two weeks ago, when the outside temperature was well below zero, one of our good neighbors stopped by our building site. After driving by our sign many times he was curious to see if he could be of service.

What a great Christmas gift for our community!

This man donated his time, expertise and several hundred feet of special communication cable in our new community center.

This Sterling brother is known as “Direct T.V. / Seattle John” by many of us in Sterling.

Thanks “Seattle John”, you are an inspiration to all of us.

Many other people have volunteered their time on this great project.

We will all be rewarded when we can gather together in our new “Sterling Community Center”. Now it’s time to get on with 2013.

Call me for an inside tour of our new building 262-9277 It’s free!

STERLING HEAD START;



The Sterling Head Start students and staff had a well deserved winter break during the holidays. They will start up

their program again on Monday, January 7th, 2013. The kids spread a lot of Christmas cheer in our community with their caroling, parties and other functions they did in Sterling over the holiday. Great job and thank you!

STERLING COMMUNITY CLUB;

December has been a slow month for accomplishing much work on our Community Center. The weather was cold, cold, cold, and with no heat in the building it is quite a challenge to work on wiring, plumbing and other things. However, the work is progressing along and some of the walls in the back part of the building are insulated and some sheet rock is hung. There is still some wiring & plumbing to do and when that is done the dry wall contractor can get busy.

Some great news!! The Sterling Community Club, Inc. received a \$120,000.00 grant from the Rasmuson Foundation to help in the completion of the Center. This grant will be used for equipment, work & cost increases that were not included in our original estimates for the Center. We are very grateful for this grant and thank the Rasmuson Foundation for supporting our project. Their Foundation does great things for Alaska communities!

Brenda is working on the “Safety Walking Trail” \$15,000.00 grant that we received from D.O.T. We will be having meetings and get together to discuss what & where the community would like in a safety trail within 2 miles of the Sterling School.

The next regular Community Club meeting will be held on Monday, January 14th at a time and location to be announced.

Citizens Corps **Hurricane/Wind Storm** **Part 1 of 3**

Preparations might seem unnecessary because a hurricane may miss you. However, Alaska communities have experienced severe wind storms. Your planning and precautions will have been worth the costs many times over. In any hazardous weather situation, it is useful to determine the worst-case scenario and identify appropriate preparations and responses.

Before a Hurricane/ Wind Storm

- Build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.
- Know your surroundings.
- Learn the elevation level of your property and whether the land is

flood-prone. This will help you know how your property will be affected when storm surge or tidal flooding are forecasted.

- Identify rivers, ocean fronts, levees and dams in your area and determine whether they pose a hazard to you. If there is a danger, learn community evacuation routes and how to get to higher ground.
- Make plans to secure your property.
- Move breakable items away from doors and windows.
- Cover all of your home's windows. Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection for windows. A second option is to board up windows with 5/8" marine plywood, cut to fit and ready to install. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
- Install straps or additional clips to securely fasten your roof to the frame structure. This will reduce roof damage.
- Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well trimmed, so they are more wind resistant.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Reinforce your garage doors; if wind enters a garage it can cause dangerous and expensive structural damage.
- Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.
- Determine how and where to secure your boat.
- Look for a safe area to stay: interior rooms on the first floor.
- Turn off propane tanks.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

The next Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meeting will be held on Monday, January 8th at 7:00 PM downstairs in the borough assembly chambers. The assembly meetings are broadcast on KDLL-FM 91.9 for the Central Peninsula, on KBBI-AM 890 for the South Peninsula and on K201AO-FM 88.1 for the Eastern Peninsula. You can find the agenda and any other pertinent information on the borough web site at www.borough.kenai.ak.us

Editor's note:

Thank you to the people that have contributed to this newsletter. It is only with your information that we can continue to get the news out in our Sterling community and to all the people that read this newsletter. We hope this New Year of 2013 brings health and happiness to you & your family!

HAPPY NEW YEAR