

STERLING COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 2013



Sterling's New Community Center Library/Multi Purpose Room

STERLING COMMUNITY CLUB

Well, we're nearing completion of the new Sterling Community Center. The lights in the multi-purpose/library room are up and bright. Some of the books that were collected by the PTA are now on the Community Center shelves. The ansul system over the stove hood will be installed on July 5th. All the kitchen appliances and cabinets are here but not installed. We should have running water by late next week. All the frames and doors have been installed and the painting is complete. (have you noticed the new look on the front door, windows, paint?) The parking lot will be graded & leveled off for the "Open House" but a lot more work will have to be done on it to prepare it for paving.

We would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for some recent donations to our Sterling Community Center...

- Mike's welding for the bars for the gym windows
- Hugh & Linda Chumley and Randy & Ana Chumley for the copy machine
- Glacier Electric for the donation of partial electrical material
- Scott's Flooring for money off on floor covering
- Silver Hammer Construction for money off on instillation of interior doors
- Spenard Builders Supply for discounted floor coverings
- Merkes Builders for ½ price dirt work
- John Collier for donating his time to install Cat 5 wires (audio, video, phone wire)
- Grace Merkes for donating two commercial dust mops, ping-pong stuff, flowers
- Kathy Becher, washing windows
- Terry Buffo & Bob Oakes-always working at Center
- The Planning Committee for all the work on getting ready for the Open House.

And everyone else that has donated their time, money, or service recently....we apologize if we have missed you. ☺

The May meeting was held on the 6th at 5:45 PM. The "Open House" date was set for June 8th from 3:00 till 7:00 pm. We also approved 16 "Policies & Procedures" but we will probably have to change them as we find out how things are working. This is just the beginning and we are all learning together!! Some changes to the By-Laws were made and Membership fees, Rental

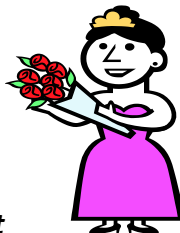
Agreements and an Incident report were approved. We also discussed the 2 mile walkway that the Community Club and Brenda are working on. Brenda Trefon had to resign as a board member due to home and other commitments. The board will be electing a new board member at our next meeting that will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd at 5:45 PM. If anyone is interested in being considered for the board please contact one of the board members or email at sterlingcommunityclub@live.com .

SAVE THE DATE SAT. JUNE 8TH-3:00 TO 7:00 PM
NEW STERLING COMMUNITY CENTER "OPEN HOUSE"

DEMONSTRATIONS, GAMES, FOOSEBALL, and a PING-PONG TOURNAMENT, ONE MONTH FREE WHEN YOU SIGN UP AS MEMBER DURING "OPEN HOUSE", HOT-DOGS & REFRESHMENTS. Finger foods would be appreciated.



Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell has confirmed that he will be at the Community Center on Saturday, May 8th to meet anyone interested in talking with him. He will only be here from 1:30 till 2:30 PM as he has another commitment. He will also be doing a tour of the new facility and see, first hand, how efficiently State Capital dollars have been spent with the support of many volunteers and businesses.



Miss. All Around Girl Contest **Sponsored by the Sterling Community Club**

Please note DATE to be held Saturday August 10th

First informational meeting will be **June 8th at 5:00** at the Sterling Community Center during the Centers Open House. The "Miss All Around Girl Contest" will be held in our new Sterling Community Center on Saturday **August 10th**. This Contest is open to all girls ages Preschool through High School. You do not have to live in Sterling to be a contestant. There will be 4 categories to be judged on; communication skills, formal dress & poise, talent and physical fitness. For questions, more information or to register call or text Melissa at #252-5909 or melissa_daugherty@hotmail.com

STERLING SENIOR CENTER

May 11th was a busy day for Senior Center Activities with a "Moose River Hustle" organized by Tammy Strausbaugh that was hindered a bit by the rain that day. There were a lot of runners braving the cold to help out our Meals on Wheels program. Afterwards, that evening, a Southern Fried Chicken fundraiser at the Senior Center was also well attended. Great chicken and service made possible by Rita Helleck along with her family and friends

We start off the month of June with a Memorial for Joyce Eischen on June 1st. Since she and Norm were so active in the Senior Center and the community, I imagine we will have quite a turnout for that service. June 8th we are having a Spring Fling Dance and Potluck day. This is a no-charge event and everyone should bring a potluck dish if they are able. It should be a lot of fun.



The Mason's have a fish fry planned for June 15th. They always put out the best fried fish and usually have some hush puppies to go along with everything else. Always a good meal and it's a great organization that is sponsoring the dinner.

June 29th is one of our biggest and best events of the year. The Salmon Classic Kick-Off event. It will be on June 29th and will have a great dinner, a fantastic silent auction, beer and wine for sale, and a number of special guests. Please plan on attending. This has been a great event year after year. Thanks to Michael Yard and crew!

By the time you receive this note, we should be breaking ground on the new storage and maintenance building. We are hoping to also expand our gravel parking area to the west of the storage building site. There is also work being done on the memorial garden with Loren Graham and Jim Weiss heading up the work with help from other members and friends. It's looking great! Boy that really IS a lot of activity in June. We'll be even busier in July when we start filling our freezers with fish and get ready for a big GUN SHOW the end of the month. Thanks to all the volunteers and employees that keep our center active and growing because of the work they do. Lend a hand when you can and at least, tell someone thanks for the good things that they do. **Mike McKinley-Director**

MOOSE ROVER HUSTLE FUN RUN

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors and volunteers for making the 2013 Moose River Hustle Fun Run a successful community and fundraising event. Even with somewhat sour weather we had 86 competitors and raised over \$800 for the meals on wheels program. Our sponsors for this year are: Sterling Supply LLC, Back to Nature Chiropractic, Sadlers Furniture Store, Mike's Welding, Michael E Scott-Sculptor, Sportsman's Warehouse, Peninsula Pumping, The Fitness Place, Alaska Wedding Brokers, Alaska Horn & Antler, Magpyes Pizzeria, Sterling Custom Homes Inc., Peninsula Professional Concrete, The Wash Out Laundromat, Bing Browns, Stacy Johnson Photography, Central Peninsula Rehabilitation, Gamas Design, B&D Auto, Ken's Services, CBC Rental, Dairy Queen and West Chiropractic Clinic, and Art Brown. The following volunteers donated their morning to help make this run happen: Donna & Art Brown, Jim Weiss, Bill Daley, Jack Dean, Curtis Brown, Ben, Andrew, Dave & Audrey Standifer, Tim & Julie Weekley, Glenda Graham, George & Wanda Davis, Neil & Jenny Strausbaugh, Charlene Hill, Lottie Bogard, Peggy Michelson, Renee & Jordan Merkes, Terry & Jacquie Moxey, Terri Buerkel, Greg Moore, Janet Arneson, John, Amy, Jayven, & Denali Blackwell. Thanks to all the competitors who came out to participate.

Kurt & Tammy Strausbaugh
Fun Run Co-coordinators

STERLING HEAD START

All the kids and staff are off enjoying this beautiful weather. Cindy Boyer will be checking messages that you can leave by calling Sterling Head Start at 260-7446. She will return your call and schedule a time for you to sign your child up for the 2013-2014 school year. "Take your kids outside, play with them and take time to enjoy them. They grow up so fast."

STERLING PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

The Sterling Pentecostal Church will offer a Vacation Bible School with the theme "KINGDOM ROCK" on June 12-16. It will be an exciting time for the kids with activities, snacks, and interactive lessons. The church is located at the corner of Swanson River Road and Entrada. For more information, call Annette at 262-5252.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

Sunday Schedule

- Morning worship 10:00 am
- Little Tot's Children's Church -10:00 am (3 yr-kindergarten) —children are dismissed for children's church after worship (1st to 6th Grade)
- **Corporate Prayer** 6pm -- *(Does not meet the FIRST Sunday of every month.)*

Upcoming Events at ALC this summer.

June 1- Alaska Men Unite @ Kenai New Life 12- 4pm

June 8- Annual golfing event. Time will be posted soon.

June 10- 14th- Junior & Senior Camp at Little Beaver Camp in Big Lake, Alaska.

June 14th -WISCISON A.I.M. TEAM ARRIVES HERE AT ALC.

June 16- Father's Day

June 17-19th VBS 6:30 -8 pm

June 19* All church/ community dinner BBQ here on the church grounds.

July 8-12 Kids Camp One at Little Beaver Camp in Big Lake, Alaska

July 15-19 Kids Camp Two at Little Beaver Camp in Big Lake, Alaska

July 20- Men's Breakfast at Chloe's Choice in Sterling

August 24-Men' BBQ and Archery Shoot. Time will be posted soon.

Some Life Groups (Small Groups) will resume in August. Dates will be posted soon.

FOR EVERYONE-NOT JUST CHILDREN; FROM JANE FELLMAN
SUMMER SAFETY IS IMPORTANT, BE SAFE WHILE HAVING FUN.
FOR EVERYONE! NOT JUST CHILDREN



- Always wear a properly fitting life jacket when out on the water or near river banks.
- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet when bike riding.
- Children should stay off roads.
- If older children, teens and adults are riding on the shoulder of the highway, they must ride on the right side of the road. AK state law for cyclists
- Wear bright color clothing.

- ATV riders need to wear proper fitting ATV helmet.
- ATV and other off road vehicles should ride on off road trails that do not put others at risk due to kicking up dust and crossing side roadways.
- Children should not be allowed to operate adult ATV's.
- Limit the number of people on a trampoline to one at a time per manufactures recommendation. No more than three. Always use with adult supervision.
- CHILDREN ALWAYS NEED to be SUPERVISED by a responsible person.

Children and adult bike helmets are available for \$5 through Safe Kids Kenai Peninsula at Central Peninsula Hospital!

Please contact Jane with Safe Kids Kenai Peninsula at CPH 714-4539 or safekids@cpgh.org

(Use Immediately) COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

43961 K-Beach Rd., #A
Soldotna, AK 99669
262-5824, FAX 262-3939

Fish Canning Demonstration

How to safely can salmon in jars is the topic for the upcoming Cooperative Extension Service program to be held June 25, 6:30-7:30 pm at the Sterling Community Center. Home Economist, Linda Tannehill, will demonstrate the process for canning fish at home.

Free pressure canner dial gauge testing will follow the demonstration. Bring the dial gauge on or off the canner lid.

For more information contact the Cooperative Extension Service at 262-5824 or 262-7224 SCC

It's time to have your pressure canner dial gauge tested. Gauges should be tested annually before being used. **IT'S FREE!!! June 25th 7:30 PM** at the Sterling Community Center.

TIPS FROM CITIZENS CORP

Encountering an Active Shooter

#3 of 4 (UPDATE --#3 of 6)

Hiding out Inside a Building

- * If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you.
- * Your hiding place should:
 - Be out of the active shooter's view
 - Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction (i.e., an office with a closed and locked door or behind furniture if that is your only option).
 - Not trap you or restrict your options for movement

- Lock the door
- Blockade the door with heavy furniture
- Close the blinds, turn off the lights, remain silent
- Stay on the floor
- Silence your cell phone, pager, etc.
- If others are in the room, make a plan about what to do if shooter enters room.
- Do not peek outside to see what is happening.
- If possible to do, report the incident to 911---if you can't talk, just keep the line open.
- You might tap an S.O.S. If you can talk, identify yourself and give your location.
- Do whatever is necessary to survive the situation.



From the Editor-Grace Merkes--

I hope you all enjoy reading the Sterling Newsletter and this information is helpful to you. Please remember that all your group, church, organization, individual or business news is always welcome and we will try to publish all the news from Sterling that we can. Birthday, weddings, graduations anyone??merkes2@yahoo.com

HAPPY SUMMER!!