



# BIG LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*Alaska's Year -Round Playground!*

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### **WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR PART OF THE VALLEY?**



### **August Business Spotlight**

#### IN AUGUST

**August 2, 2009**

North Roots Big Lake Gardeners  
2009 Hidden Valley Garden Tour  
1 PM meet at the Big Lake Library

**August 3, 2009**

Chamber Meeting Noon  
At Big Lake Family Restaurant

**August 11, 2009**

Chamber Board Meeting 7 PM at Chamber Offices

**August 12, 2009**

Community Council Meeting  
7 PM at the School

**August 15, 2009**

Fireweed Regatta  
Alaska Sailing Club  
8.1 MP So. Big Lake Road

**August 16, 2009**

Denali Golf Classic  
8 AM at Settler's Bay Golf Course

**August 17, 2009**

Chamber Meeting Noon  
Big Lake Family Restaurant

**September 5, 2009**

Governors Classic Regatta  
Alaska Sailing Club

**COME JOIN US AND  
GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY  
WATCH THE READER BOARD AT THE  
CHAMBER OFFICES FOR ACTIVITIES THAT  
WERE TOO LATE FOR THIS  
PUBLICATION**

#### **WE HAVE NEW GUY IN TOWN**

The White Rose Café, formerly Kathy's, has a new name and owner.

Please welcome Nino Rodriguez and Big Lake Family Restaurant to our community. As of this writing the business is open but not in full swing yet. That should occur around the first weekend in August. The hours of operation will be expanded to 6:30 AM to 9 PM daily and Nino is working up a varied menu that will include great breakfasts, terrific lunches and delicious dinners.



#### **Chamber News**

#### WE'VE MADE THE CHANGE

Our change of meeting days to Mondays is working well. More good speakers and more attendance. Thanks for all your input to our survey, it really helped.

The meeting place is the same but the name has changed along with a new owner. It is now called Big Lake Family Restaurant.

This has also changed our office hours. We are now open from 10:30 to 2:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We are not open on Wednesday. Our phone number has not changed but our FAX number is now 892-6120.

Talis Colberg, our new borough mayor, will be the guest speaker at the August 3rd meeting. This will be a good time to hear what he plans for the borough and for you to express your concerns on various issues.

The August 17th meeting will feature Jason from TMC Chain Link Fences who can tell us more about his business and it's impact on Big Lake.

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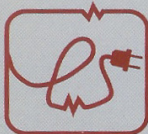
**WE ARE DOING SOMETHING  
NEW!! DO YOU WANT TO GET IN  
ON IT??**

We are affording an opportunity for you to advertise in the newsletter. This will go out to all of our members and sent to many of the residents of the area in hard copy form. If you are having a special sale or just want to get your name out in the community, this will be a great thing for you. Cost?? Not much. A business card ad is \$10, a 1/4 page ad is \$25, 1/2 page ad is \$35, and a full page ad is \$50 a month. We also plan on having this on our website so that people who are interested in the Chamber will see these ads also no matter where they are. For more information, please call Dee at 892-6109.

Membership Meetings the first and third Mondays of each month at 12 Noon  
At Big Lake Family Restaurant  
The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Chamber offices.  
The Chamber office is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

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**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION MEETING DATES**

**LIONS EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT AT 6:30 PM AT THE LION'S DEN**  
**ROTARY EVERY MONDAY AT NOON MID VALLEY SENIORS**  
**FIBER ARTS GROUP EVERY**  
**FRIDAY AT 10:30 AM AT THE**  
**LIBRARY**

## WHAT HAPPENED AT OUR JULY MEETINGS

The change of our meeting day to Monday seemed to be a good idea. Not only was it easier to get good guest speakers, many people that we hadn't seen in a while came to the meetings. Our attendance was definitely up. It was good to see everybody again.

At the first meeting held on July 6th, James Williams of NANA Development spoke to us about their new project on Big Lake Road. They are going to be manufacturing modules for the North Slope. This will impact the community in several ways. They will be hiring upwards of 40 people to begin with and more as needed. It will be a year round increase of working people in the area. Some already are living in the area but some will be moving in from Anchorage and points south who will be new to Big Lake. The roads will be impacted with their big trucks moving materials in and completed units out. However, they will be building a road out of the back of their property to the Parks that will lessen traffic problems.

Senator Charlie Huggins and Representative Mark Neuman were the guest speakers at the July 20th meeting and they gave us a lot to think about. They talked about the upcoming special session and what they expected to achieve there as well as the Big Pipeline and In State gas line. One idea going around the House is a pipeline to Point MacKenzie for liquefied gas which would bring a big change to our area. They spoke briefly about the Knik Arm Bridge and the impact that is going to have. They also talked about Fish and Game management and many other things that are important to us. It was a very good and informative meeting.

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS GO OUT TO ALL OF OUR SPEAKERS  
AS THEY HAVE TAKEN TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY DAYS TO KEEP US INFORMED

## ON THE LIGHT SIDE

### The work qualification test

Murphy applied for an engineering position at an Irish firm based in Dublin. An American applied for the same job and both applicants having the same qualifications were asked to take a test by the Department manager. Upon completion of the test both men only missed one of the questions. The manager went to Murphy and said.

**Manager:** "Thank you for your interest, but we've decided to give the American the job"

**Murphy:** "And why would you be doing that? We both got nine questions correct. This being Ireland and me being Irish I should get the job!"

**Manager:** "We have made our decisions not on the correct answers, but on the question you missed."

**Murphy:** "And just how would one incorrect answer be better than the other?"

**Manager:** "Simple, the American put down on question #5, "I don't know.", You put down "Neither do I."