City Newsletter

SOUTHEAST ALASKA'S ECONOMY 2013: SIGNIFICANT GROWTH

It is a good time to live and work in Southeast Alaska, and not just because of 2013's epic summer weather. The economy of Southeast Alaska is in an expansion phase, and has been since 2008. Between 2010 and 2012 the economic growth of the region has intensified —nearly every single economic indicator for the region is up, and continuing to rise.

In 2012 the region reached a new record population, easing past the former record set in 1997. In the last two years, the regional labor force increased by 1,800 jobs. Leading the way were employment gains in mining, professional & business services, the visitor industry, and construction.

Due to these increases, the region has more workers than ever before (46,000), along with the highest total payroll—even when adjusted for inflation. The number of cruise passengers is up—and expected growth will set visitor records over the next few years. The number of passengers traveling in and to Southeast Alaska by plane and ferry are also up—albeit below peak levels. The 2013 salmon fishing season is shaping up to be the best ever, already surpassing the 1999 record for total harvest.

The unemployment rate for the region is down. Housing starts are up slightly, and school enrollment is flat (although it increased in 2011 for the first time in 14 years. Both of these indicators are far be-low peak levels, but continued improvement is expected.
Falling economic indicators over the last two years were minor. Employment losses were mostly confined to the retail sector and local government losses in Juneau (although total wages remained up.) A handful of job losses were also reported in the timber and information sectors.

While most parts of the economy will continue to improve, there are some areas of concern. The price of metals—although up between 2010 and 2012—have begun to drop in 2013, which could have a chilling effect on the mining industry.

Sequestration is resulting in cuts to federal programs. Per-haps most worrisome looking forward is the dwindling oil production upon which state revenues are so dependent, along with continued reduction in federal and local government expenditures.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CITY OF COFFMAN COVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
DECEMBER 19TH AT 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA T.B.D.

CITY OF COFFMAN COVE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY HALL
DECEMBER 3RD & DECEMBER 12TH AT 6:00 P.M.
AGENDA T.B.D.

KID'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
HOWARD VALENTINE SCHOOL
DECEMBER 13TH

"The roots of education is better, but the fruit is sweet."

By Aristotle

Snow Removal

Winter is here!

The City will no longer use the road grader for plowing snow. We now have a plow on the front of our City pick-up. You will see our maintenance personnel plowing and sanding as needed. The sanding is done with a set of hands and a shovel. We will concentrate on the steep hills around town when sanding. If you have a concern or find something isn't getting done, we appreciate hearing from you. When contacting the City with concerns, please keep this in mind: If everyone in town were to call the City employees at home when they needed something, their home wouldn't really be a home at all. That beings said, it is important to call us at home when there is an emergency.

MORE WAYS TO CUSTOMIZE THIS TEMPLATE

FOOTERS

To change the text at the very bottom of each page of your newsletter, click Headers and Footers on the View menu. Use the Header and Footer toolbar to open the footer, and replace the sample text with your own text.

INSERT SYMBOL

It is a good idea to place a small symbol at the end of each article to let the reader know that the article is finished and will not continue onto another page. Position your cursor at the end of the article, click Symbol on the Insert menu, choose the symbol you want, and then click Insert.

BORDERS

You can use page borders and text box borders to change the appearance of your newsletter. Borders on text boxes help keep different articles separate, and can set off sidebar articles from the rest of the page. To change a text box border, select it, double click its edge and choose the Colors and Lines tab in the Format Auto Shape dialog box.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: I would like to change some of the text box shading to improve the print quality. Can that be done?

A: Yes. To change the shading or color of a text box, select it and double click its borders to open the Format Text Box dialog box. Click the colors and lines tab and then choose the new color from the Color drop-down list in the Fill section.

Q: What's the best way to print this newsletter?

A: Print page 2 on the back of page 1.Fold in half and mail with or without an envelope. For best results, use a medium to heavyweight paper. If you're mailing without an envelope, seal with a label.

Q: I would like to use my own clip art. How do I change the art without changing the design?

A: To change a picture, click on the picture, then point to Picture on the Insert menu and click From File. Choose a new picture, and click Insert.

Inserting and Editing Pictures

Type your sub-heading here

You can replace the pictures in this template with your company's art. Select the picture you want to replace, point to Picture in the Insert menu, and click From File. Choose a new picture and then click Insert. Select the Link to File box if you don't want to embed the art in the newsletter. This is a good idea if you need to minimize your file size; embedding a picture adds significantly to the size of the file.

To edit a picture, click on it to activate the Picture toolbar. You can use this toolbar to adjust brightness and contrast,

Choose a new picture, and click the Link to File box if you don't want to save the art with the newsletter.

change line properties and crop the image. For more detailed editing, double-click on the graphic to activate the drawing layer. ∎

Q: How do I change the text and borders that appear at the bottom of every page?

A: Click Headers and Footers on the View menu. Use the Header and Footer toolbar to navigate among headers and footers, insert date or time, or format the page numbers. To change the text in the footer, select it and type your new text. To change the border, click Borders and Shading on the Format menu.

Q: Can I save a customized newsletter as a template for future editions?

A: Yes. First make any changes you want to this newsletter, then click Save As on the File menu. Choose Document Template from the Save as type drop down list (the extension should change from .doc to .dot). Save the file under a new name. Next time you want to create a newsletter, choose New from the File menu, then choose your template.