



# The Anacortes Communicator

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## Calendar

July 2005

July 4  
Downtown Arch Presentation to the City of Anacortes 9:45 a.m.  
Town Photo 10 a.m. (at the arch) 11th St.  
Downtown Parade 11 a.m.  
Patriotic Program, Town Crier, Festivities  
Causland Park 12:30 p.m.  
Fireworks 10 p.m. Shore near Seafarers Memorial Park

July 7  
Chamber Ambassador Lunch 11:45 a.m.  
at the Rockfish Grill

July 21  
Business After Hours at Portalis 5:30-7 p.m.

July 16  
26th Annual Shipwreck Day 8-4 p.m.  
Downtown Custom Street Rod & Classic Car  
Poker Run 1 p.m.  
Sock Hop at Gere A Deli 8-11 p.m.

July 17  
Anacortes Car Show, downtown 10 a.m.  
Poker Walk, downtown 11-1 p.m.

July 19  
Executive Board 2:30 p.m.,  
Combined Board Meeting 3:45 p.m.

July 26  
VIC meeting 9 a.m.

July 28  
AM Anacortes, 7:45 a.m., Salvation Army

July 29 - August 27  
ACT Theater "Whodunit" Comedy 293-6829

July 29-30  
An-O-Chord Concert, Brodniak Hall 7:30 p.m.  
360-679-7473

July 31  
An-O-Chord Salmon BBQ, Washington Park  
Noon - 4 p.m.

### Chamber Mission

The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to improving the business and community life of Anacortes.

Sponsorships, booth spaces still available

## Shipwreck Day, Anacortes Car Show take place July 16 and 17

There's lots of downtown fun on the horizon! Prepare to set sail for the 26th Annual Shipwreck Day and Flea Market, which this year will partner with the new Anacortes Car Show on July 17.

There is still time for vendors to reserve a space: 10 ft. by 20 ft. space for Anacortes residents is \$55. Sponsorships for the Car Show are available as well. Call the Chamber at 293-7911 for applications or information.

Preferred parking for Cruise-in participants will be in effect Saturday at 9 a.m. on Commercial Avenue, from 4th Street north. Streets closed for Shipwreck Day will re-open Saturday night for local business patrons but will close again at 6 a.m. Sunday to accommodate Car Show participants.

This expanded event will be held in

partnership among the DDA, the Majestic Glass Corvette Club and the North Cascades Street Rod Association. Some weekend details follow:

### Saturday, July 16

- Annual 'Shipwreck Day' Flea Market/Garage Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Cruise-in with preferred parking beginning at 9 a.m.
- Poker Run for great prizes - 1 p.m., \$10 per vehicle, 4th and Commercial Avenue
- Sock Hop & Dance 8 - 11 p.m., \$5 at Gere-a-Deli (21 years & older, ID required)

### Sunday, July 17

- Open Class Car Show - All makes and models welcome!
- Poker 'Walk' in participating downtown shops & restaurants
- Good food, good friends, fun for everyone!

## Member to Member Discount Program

The Anacortes Chamber is launching a new member to member discount program to compliment its 'shop members first' philosophy and campaign. The discount offers will appear in a new Chamber membership directory that will be sent to all Chamber members in August as well as on the Chamber's website.

Chamber members wishing to participate will sign up to offer a specific discount to other chamber members and their employees for a period of six months.

After the six month period expires, a new directory and set of discount offers will be published. Member businesses will receive membership discount cards for each employee valid for the six month period. New discount cards will be issued each time a new directory and discount

program takes effect.

The cost to offer a discount in the program is only \$50 for the six month period. This includes a one fifth page listing in the directory as well as a listing on the Chamber web site with details of the specific discount being offered by that member. The level of discount offered is up to the member making the offer.

This is great way to reach thousands of Chamber member employees and drive additional customers to your doors. All for less than \$10 per month!

Receiving a discount card to take advantage of the discounts is already included in your Chamber membership. There is no additional cost, but there will be some significant savings! Deadline to sign up for the first six month program is July 22. Call the Chamber at 293-7911 to sign up today!



## Jazz great Ernestine Anderson to headline 2nd Annual Anacortes Jazz Festival in September

Tickets are available now, and it's time to act if you want to be among those attending the 2005 Anacortes Jazz Festival Kickoff Dinner and/or Sunday Brunch.

Word's out among jazz fans that



### Jovino Santos Neto

The barriers between classical music, jazz, and indigenous Brazilian music have been obscured by Rio de Janeiro-born and Seattle-based pianist, flutist, and composer Jovino Santos Neto. A member of Hermeto Pascoal's legendary band from 1977 to 1992, Santos Neto has continued to expand on his world music-influenced vocabulary. He built on his knowledge of Brazilian music during a stint with Aírto Moreira and Flora Purim's group, Fourth World, from 1993 until 1997. He also worked with such artists as Mike Marshall, Richard Boukas and Celso Machado.

legendary vocalist Ernestine Anderson has committed as festival headliner. With Anderson on board, the "buzz" in regional music circles is that Fidalgo Island is THE place to be in mid-September.

Anderson will perform at the Friday night kickoff dinner and gala, as well as on Curtis Wharf on Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

"We are grateful to event consultant John Gilbreath for his successful campaign to attract this internationally renowned talent to our young festival," said Chamber of Commerce Event Coordinator Beth Prins.

Gilbreath, who is Executive Director of the Seattle-based Earshot Jazz organization, said he is excited about Anderson – and the other artists on an all-star lineup scheduled to perform September 16-18 in Anacortes.

Other performers who have committed to the outdoor festival include the Jessica Williams Trio with Mel Brown (Saturday, 2:45 p.m.), Jovino Santos Neto Quinteto (Saturday, 12:30 p.m.), the Floyd Sandifer Quartet and the 17-piece Seattle Repertory Jazz Band (Saturday, 4:30 p.m.).

Tentative plans also call for a "show-casing" of young jazz talent from communities including Bellingham and Mountlake Terrace.

Mark that calendar now for the Festival Gala Dinner and Concert on Friday, September 16. Music begins to fill the air Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. on historic Curtis Wharf.

Tickets are available online ([www.anacortes.org](http://www.anacortes.org)), but you can save service charges by purchasing your tickets at the downtown Chamber of Commerce office, 819 Commercial Avenue, Suite F.



### Ernestine Anderson

From intimate trio formats to big band, Ernestine Anderson does it all with seductive sophistication. Her sultry, sensuous voice is intimate in small club settings and soars with passionate intensity in the festival arena. Whether it's Ellington or Sting, Anderson's interpretation of a song is infectious. On stage, she's charming and vivacious, her joy in the music delighting audiences from Sweden to Japan.

## NW Source web site offers discount to members

Because the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce has become a NWsource Travel marketing partner, Chamber members qualify for 10 percent off enhanced and premium listings in the web site's travel directory.

Members are invited to view package

details and upload ad information directly at [www.nwsource.com/advertising/listings](http://www.nwsource.com/advertising/listings).

Members can contact the NW Source customer service team via e-mail, or the phone number listed on this site, should they have any further questions.

NW Source, a feature of the Seattle Times, has also provided an online "resource page," including text, web site buttons, links and signage that the Chamber can use to communicate with membership on a quarterly basis.



# T Bailey of Anacortes rises to the top as 2005 'Business of Year' winner for Skagit County

The words "envelope, please" were followed by the name "T Baily, Inc. as the Anacortes-based industrial contractor/steel fabrication firm was named Skagit County Business of the Year at a May 26 event at Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon.

Gene Tanaka and company co-owner Darrell Lehmann, who recently purchased the March Point property from the Port of Anacortes, were among two dozen local business people honored this year.

Each Chamber of Commerce in Skagit County nominated one of its members as a finalist for the award. From that group of seven, T Bailey won the top honor. Other local companies nominated for the award were: Anacortes Interiors, Island Adventures, Inc., and Windermere Real Estate.

Following announcement of the award, company co-owner Gene Tanaka told the *Skagit Valley Herald*, "We've gone through a lot of trials, yet we have an incredible staff and crew, and our families to anchor us."

T Bailey's plans for March Point are centered around a new 115,000-square-foot building on 19 acres purchased from

the Port. The company had leased the land since 2001, with final purchase approved after a buffer was established for herons nesting in the area.

The expansion will allow the 14-year-old company to add 60-65 new employees to its work force of about 70.

T Bailey is a licensed general contractor in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, and Hawaii, primarily constructing welded steel water tank, and fuel tank, facilities. The company also constructs heavy steel plate fabrication such as wind



T Bailey owners Darrell Leamann (left) and Jean Tanaka (right) are joined by their families to celebrate the company's selection as Small Business of the Year not only for Anacortes but for all of Skagit County as well. The Skagit Valley College Business Resource Center and the seven Skagit County Chambers of Commerce coordinated the event, which was held at McIntyre Hall on May 26, 2005.

towers used for power generation, casing for bridge foundations, stacks, and ductwork for co-generation plants.

"We would like to thank the Port of Anacortes staff and commissioners for working out multiple amendments to the agreement for purchase over the past four years," said Tanaka. "We also extend thanks to the City of Anacortes, City Council members, and Director Don Wick of the Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC) for their support."

Other Business of the Year nominees from Anacortes included Windermere Real Estate, Island Adventures and Island Adventures.

## Consider the Ambassadors Club

The Ambassadors Club is a fun group of people who endeavor to promote and advance the services and programs of the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce.

Ambassadors volunteer their time at Chamber events such as ribbon cuttings, Business After Hours and the President's Luncheon to help welcome chamber

members and introduce them to others.

They also contact new members and help them get oriented to the programs and services of the Chamber, and are involved in large projects such as Waterfront Festival, Shipwreck Day, Jazz Festival and more.

Contact the Chamber to learn more.

## Business Connections Breakfast Thursday, July 14

Are you ready to network? Then join us for the Business Connections Breakfast on Thursday, July 14, 7:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army meeting room, 3001 R Avenue in Anacortes.

A \$5 bill covers admission, coffee,

continental breakfast, door prizes and a fast-paced networking session designed to introduce your business to others and build your customer and contact base.

This special meeting is open to Ana-

cortes Chamber member businesses, so spread the word and get ready for a great event. You must RSVP for this event. Space is limited to the first 80 people to call the Chamber at 293-7911.



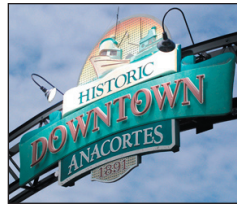
# Fourth of July will include Historic Arch dedication

Join us for an historic event on Monday, July 4, when a full slate of Independence Day activities includes dedication of the Historic Downtown Arch at the intersection of 11th Street and Commercial Avenue.

After a 9:45 a.m. proclamation by Town Crier Judy Jewell, Arch Committee Chairperson Cory Hunter and other Chamber officials will officially donate the privately-funded arch over to Mayor Dean Maxwell.

For what may be the last chance to carve out your place in local history, look for a Destination Downtown Anacortes (DDA) booth that will offer arch T-shirts

and opportunities to purchase bricks or commemorative tiles for the area around the base of the columns.



The annual "community portrait" will also be taken under the arch (about 10 a.m.), and the 11 a.m. parade route will be extended to pass beneath the new landmark. The community parade, a delight to all who participate or attend, is sponsored by the Anacortes Women of Today.

This year's Grand Marshal is Wallie

Funk, former editor and publisher of the Anacortes American. The Anacortes native returned to Anacortes after retiring as editor and publisher of the Whidbey News-Times and South Whidbey Record.

The parade ends at Causland Park, with a program that includes songs and presentations, about 12:30 p.m. Park activities will include a National Town Criers competition, sack races, egg toss, watermelon eating contest and more.

At dark, the community's Independence Day celebration culminates with a bang! A free show put together by John Curtis will be displayed in the sky over Fidalgo Bay.

## Featured Business

### Tesoro Refinery

One of the first orders of business for new Anacortes Tesoro Refinery Manager Dave Reed will be to preside over celebration of the plant's 50th anniversary.



Dan Reed

Reed succeeds Dan Porter, who was recently promoted to Senior Vice President of Marketing. For Porter, the promotion meant a move to corporate headquarters in San Antonio, Texas.

Reed, whose 33-year career includes top management positions at refineries in the U.S., Canada and Greece, has been named Vice President of Refining at the Tesoro Refinery.

Reed worked 27 years for Chevron, including five years at the company's El Segundo, California refinery and 12 years as manager of the Burnaby Canadian Refinery.

He served as manager of the El Segundo Refinery from 1995 until he retired from Chevron in 2000. He then served

as manager of a Latsis Group refinery in Greece before returning to the Northwest to establish Foundation Petroleum, an oil industry consulting firm.

"I love the Northwest," said Reed. "I continue to work in this industry because I enjoy it. It's challenging and rewarding." Reed and his wife plan to make their home in Anacortes.

The Tesoro Refinery has a rated crude capacity of 115,000 barrels per day. It is a complex, high-conversion operation that can produce approximately 85 percent gasoline and middle distillates, including the ability to produce significant amounts of cleaner burning CARB gasoline.

The bulk of its crude feedstocks come from Canada and Alaska's North Slope. The fluid catalytic cracking unit also can upgrade heavy vacuum gas oils from Tesoro's other refineries.

Crude feedstocks come to the refinery via its dock on Puget Sound and a pipeline linking it with Canadian producers. Products are shipped via tanker and barge or a product pipeline linking the refinery to Seattle, Portland, and other major, Pacific Northwest markets.

In late 1999, a new distillate treater was installed that allows the refinery to increase production of low-sulfur diesel and jet fuels. In addition, a heavy oil conversion project was completed in early

2002, which modernized the FCC unit and included deasphalting technology that produces higher-value products from heavier, less expensive crudes. 2005 will see major capital investments in emissions control



systems, clean fuels technology and also in a centralized control room.

Anacortes has an outstanding safety and reliability record, and also has won recognition for operating in harmony with the environment - very important due to its location along Puget Sound's beautiful San Juan Islands.

The plant's 320 employees are closely involved with the Skagit County community. You'll find Tesoro people involved in a wide range of community activities, from Scouts to Little League to director positions on the boards of the United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Boys and Girls Club. The plant has consistently been a Pacesetter for the local United Way campaign.

The unique EAGLES program - Environmental Awareness Group Learning Environmental Solutions - involves refinery employees directly in a wide range of programs benefiting the environment.



## July Business After-Hours event at Portalis

Host for this month's Business After Hours event Thursday, July 21, 5:30 - 7 p.m., will be Portalis Homes.

Portalis is a new coastal community just off Oakes Avenue, adjacent to the state ferry terminal in Anacortes. This unique Puget Sound community will ultimately include single family detached "Island Homes," "Island Townhomes" and apartment style condominiums.

It is conveniently located overlooking the ferry landing to the San Juan Islands and Victoria, British Columbia and steps away from nearby restaurants, parks and nature preserves. Enjoy island life without having to take a ferry - unless of course you want to.

The architectural style is a perfect blend of Pacific Northwest and island resort living. Most of these homes will offer spectacular animated views of ferries and other marine traffic on Guemes Channel and of the San Juan Islands beyond.



Portalis is nestled next to the planned Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve. Wonderful beaches, parks, marinas, and lakes make this area a nature rich experience.

At Portalis, shopping, services and medical facilities are just minutes away. Enjoy the vibrant charm of downtown Anacortes. Savor the quaint sophistication found in many of the area's coffee shops, restaurants, bakeries, boutiques, galleries, pubs, wine shops and more.

The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, beverages, door prizes and an opportunity to network.

Please RSVP to the Chamber by email at [info@anacortes.org](mailto:info@anacortes.org) or by calling 293-7911.

## AM Anacortes to focus on issue of ID theft

A Thursday, July 28 AM Anacortes presentation by Lowell Shuster will answer the questions: What is identity theft, who are the victims, how identity theft May occur, and examples of ID crimes in the area.

Shuster, an agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, notes that Identity Theft is the unauthorized use of personal identification (ID) information, such as a name, date of birth, or Social Security number, to commit financial fraud.

It can include a number of crimes, from the unauthorized use of credit cards to a complete takeover of another person's name and financial accounts. An identity thief may use someone's personal identifiers to illegally obtain credit cards, open checking accounts, apply for loans, rent or purchase residence, establish services with utility companies, or engage in other fraudulent activity.

Financial identity theft occurs when a person knowingly uses someone's personal IDs or documents to fraudulently obtain credit, money, goods, services, or other property in the name of that person.

Banks and retail merchants as well as the account holder's become victims when an individual uses accounts to which they

are not entitled to use. The holder of the account, even though protected by insurance or credit card reimbursement provisions, may have to go through a difficult, expensive and lengthy process to re-establish their credit.

Offenders who commit identity theft may or may not be known to the victim. There are many methods the offender uses to obtain the victim's account information. Information can be obtained from trash bins, Apartment buildings, banks, mortgage firms, social or credit agencies, city-state-federal agencies, obituaries and residential garbage cans. Bank statements and credit card statements can be stolen from mailboxes.

Identity thieves could work at locations, which have access to your personal records such as car dealerships, mortgage houses, collection agencies, utility services and telemarketers.

Information can sometimes be found on the Internet or commercial databases that are fee accessed. Information obtained from these sources are used to assume a false identity.

AM Anacortes will be held at the Salvation Army Building, 3001 "R" Avenue.

Doors open at 7:45 a.m. for the 8 a.m. event. Cost is \$5, Continental Breakfast included. RSVP at Chamber office: 293-7911.



### Arts Festival Fete

Chamber Director Michael Broome and Anacortes Arts Festival Director Joan Tezak chat at the well-attended June 'Business After Hours' event held last month at the Arts Festival office. Don't miss the three-day festival, August 5 - 7!



## Downtown Doings

Preparations and planning for summer events are quickly wrapping up, and the calendar says it's time to enjoy our Downtown activities!

First on your list should be the **4th of July Extravaganza** presented by the Anacortes Women of Today. The **Arch will be dedicated** to the City at 9:45 a.m. on the 4th. Immediately following the dedication a new tradition will begin as the community gathers under the Arch for the **annual town photo**. Come down and be a part of this historic photograph!



Cheryl Kuhn

Put Shipwreck Day and the Anacortes Car Show next on your event list. On the afternoon of Saturday, July 16, the Car Show will kick off with a Cruise-in for open class cars.

Watch for the cars to roll through town on the Poker Run beginning at 1p.m. **Plan to attend the Sock Hop at Gere-A-Deli on Saturday night from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.** The Sock Hop will be a great party featuring music from the '50s and '60s and it's open to the public. Admission is \$5 at the door.

The Anacortes Car Show will be in full gear on Sunday, July 17 as we welcome hundreds more show cars and their owners. This is a great opportunity to invite visitors and locals into your place of business. **Especially noteworthy for Downtown merchants is the Poker Walk from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** It is free of charge and open to the public and Car Show participants alike. If you would like for your business to be a stop on the Poker Walk, please call me at the Chamber office for all of the details. **Car Show Sponsor and**

**Vendor opportunities are still available**, as well. We'd love to have you participate - just give me a call to learn about the opportunities.

As always the first weekend in August brings the **Arts Festival** to Anacortes. Remember that your main entrance will not be blocked by an artist's booth and you're encouraged to capture this fantastic opportunity. One of the most effective ideas for drawing in shoppers and diners is to decorate the open path to your front door!

A great example from last year is the Scott Milo Gallery where a red carpet, lined with plants and statuary, invited festival goers to follow the path to the gallery's door. I'd love to hear what you're all coming up with for this year! Let's share ideas, brainstorm and make it a great weekend. Watch for Chamber email with more tips, ideas and suggestions.

As August draws to an end we'll celebrate our customers with the first **Thanks With Franks Customer Appreciation Day!** This event idea is borrowed from the Idaho Main Street USA program where it is an annual favorite with merchants and the community. Thanks With Franks is a fun, energetic sidewalk party your customers will LOVE! Participating businesses community-wide will offer barbequed hot dogs, chips, soda and treats at no cost to their valued customers. Begin thinking of a creative chef hat, apron or decor for your barbeque - many more details to come.

See you Downtown!

## Special Thanks to...

We extend a special thanks to the following for their contributions of door prizes at the Business After Hours held last month at the Anacortes Arts Festival headquarters:

Scott Richards Insurance, Express Personnel Services, KLKI Radio, Ace Hardware, Local Starz, Anacortes Arts Festival, Mark Nilson Mortgage Consultant and Charlie's Restaurant.

## Caught in the act of doing business



**Mark Nilson, mortgage consultant, was caught in the act of doing business at this year's Waterfront Festival. Mark has set up a mobile office at the event for the past two years and says it is a great way to meet and gain new clients.**

## City tourism promotion funds available for 2006

Once again the City is soliciting proposals from local non-profit organizations for "activities designed to advertise, publicize, or distribute information or other activities specifically authorized for the purpose of attracting visitors to our community."

The grant recipient must show at least 25 percent match of funds, exact amount to be determined in the application and contract.

Examples of past-qualified recipients are the Fidalgo Island Quilters (\$1,500), The Depot Arts Center (\$4,000) and the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Visitor Information Center (\$42,000).

Complete Tourism Application Packets are available at [http://www.cityofanacortes.org/Legal/Documents/Tourism\\_Packet.pdf](http://www.cityofanacortes.org/Legal/Documents/Tourism_Packet.pdf) and are due back to the City of Anacortes Legal Department by September 9, 2005.

If you have questions or need an application mailed to you please call Carol Yates at 360-293-1912.



## New Members

### Deep Sea Charters

Cap Sante Boat Haven  
Anacortes, WA 98221  
360-661-6101

Fax: 360-299-2167

David Patterson

[www.deepseacruise.com](http://www.deepseacruise.com)

Scuba diving, private charters, scenic charters, wildlife excursions, wildlife tours, bird watching, spear fishing sea safaris.

### Adventure Quest Kayaking & Whale Watching Trips

P.O. Box 2424

Friday Harbor, WA 98250

360-378-5767

Martine Springer

[www.sea-quest-kayak.com/adventure.htm](http://www.sea-quest-kayak.com/adventure.htm)

Neighboring island biologist guide lead ½-day to 5-day tours to see whales in primary orca viewing area.

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### Downtown Ribbon-Cutting

Ana-Cross Stitch owner Lois Slotemaker is joined by Mayor Dean Maxwell, Chamber President Pam Allen and many others in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the store's new location at the corner of 8th & Commercial Avenue in Anacortes. The event was held in conjunction with the busy Chamber of Commerce Summer Artwalk.

## Chamber News Notes

The **Anacortes Arts Festival** invites all chamber members to our Art at the Port opening on July 29th at the Port warehouse from 7 - 9.

This year it's a fundraiser (\$10 per ticket) to help us support community arts organizations through our grant program. In 2005 we were able to give \$18,000 in grants and we'd like to raise that next year.

The evening will include Festival wine by San Juan Vineyard (1 free glass with ticket), cheese tasting and tidbits by The Sidedish, chocolates by Bayside Sweets and Treats, and of course, music and great art.

We will be awarding 2005 grants that evening as well as honoring Doug Burton, our Anacortes Patron of the Arts for 2005. The Art at the Port exhibition, NuArt05: Juror's Choice, is a really dynamite show - we invited nine past Festival jurors (mu-

seum directors, curators, gallery owners, art educators) to recommend artists who represent the current northwest mood in art - it's a very diverse exhibition.

There is also the Youth Art Show by ACYA, which is always a huge hit. On that subject, there is also a new youth art opening the following day (Saturday, July 30) from 5 - 7 p.m. which will focus on youth art and have kid performances and activities. You can get additional info on our website or call the office on Tuesday.

**Flounder Bay Café**, a full service restaurant and lounge at 2201 Skyline Way, is open for lunch Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. Live music in the lounge, Thursdays and Sundays starting at 5:30 p.m. with \$3 martinis. Outdoor dining available. Boat cruises on Tuesdays and Saturdays with lunch or dinner starting at \$18 per person. Call for details, 293-3680.



Visit us on the web at [www.anacortes.org](http://www.anacortes.org)



## VIC Statistics

Thank You, Volunteers!  
May 2005

Visitors 1535 (1701 - 2004)  
Phone Calls 521 (535 - 2004)  
Information Request 121 (83 - 2004)  
Relocation Request 29 (47 - 2004)  
Web Sessions 24,678 (23,621 - 2004)

## Executive Board

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# Chamber Night at the Speedway scheduled on Saturday, July 23

Members of the Skagit County Chamber Executive Directors Association (SCCEDA) have partnered once again with Skagit Speedway for "Chamber Night at the Races."

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 23, 2005 for another great county-wide networking event. Gates open at 6 p.m. with racing starting at 7:30.

For the second consecutive year, Skagit Speedway is graciously offering two tickets for every chamber member in the county, and will reserve a special chamber section so members can network while cheering on the drivers.

Just show up at the "Chamber Gate" and identify yourself and your business. Bring

your business cards for networking and a special door prize drawing.



The Speedway encourages all race fans attending that night to bring toys and clothes to donate for their "Christmas in July" theme to benefit various Skagit County non-profit organizations. Thank you to Skagit Speedway for this great event!

Directions: Take I-5 North to Cook Road exit No. 232, then north on Highway 99 approximately five miles.



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