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**VOTER
REGISTRATION
CLOSES
ON
SEPTEMBER 6

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OCTOBER 6**

Voter Registration at Safeway Supermarkets

4 – 7 p.m. Friday August 28
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday August 29
4 – 7 p.m. Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
Aug 31 – September 3

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Your Vote Matters!

You've surely noticed by now that election time is approaching. It is a good indication when your mail box starts bulging with mailings from candidates running for the Borough Assembly and School Board asking for your support. Some very diligent candidates will even appear at your door.

Perhaps you've heard there are several important issues being debated at our assembly meetings that could pertain to you. You may have also heard some emotional rumblings in the community about the proposed energy initiative relating to air quality and *banning the use of wood burning stoves*. There are also some tax issues.

On Election Day, Tuesday, **October 6, 2009**, we have the opportunity to vote on these issues and also to elect new people to represent us in our Borough government. If your days go by anything like mine it will be here before you know it. It is never too soon to start getting familiar with the issues and candidates. I can't stress enough how important this is so you can decide how to vote with confidence at the polls for the candidate you can trust and believe in.

So, my question now is, are you registered to vote? If you are new in town or you just turned 18 and haven't yet registered to vote, the time to do that is NOW. The deadline for Voter Registration is **September 6, 2009 to be eligible to vote in the October election.**

What? You aren't sure you even want to vote? You don't care to get into politics? Maybe you think your *one little vote won't count anyway, so why*

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bother? Well, this isn't a time to just sit back and do nothing. Complacency is not an option either in these times when our freedoms and liberties are so quickly and quietly being robbed from us.

Can you believe that today in Afghanistan citizens who have the right to vote are being threatened by the Taliban with having their ink stained fingers cut off if they dare vote. Several days ago twenty-six people died because they value their right to have their voices heard.

Thanks to our Military we still have the right to vote without threat. To show respect for their sacrifices, and to show appreciation to our Veterans and our active Military, not a single citizen should ignore this important right that they won for us. Please don't let them down, and don't let your community down by not joining us at the polls. We need you. Your vote does make a difference!!

--Article written by Myrna McGhie

Public Meeting on Wood Stove Issue Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m.

At

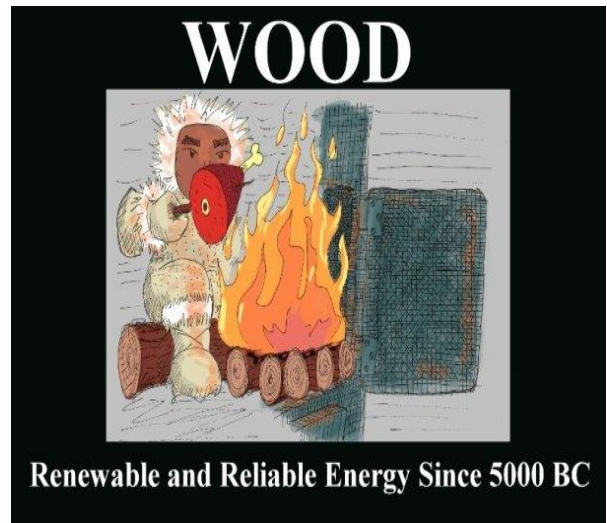
Borough Assembly Chambers

Public testimony on Mayor Whitaker's draft ordinance to restrict solid fuel burning devices will be held this Tuesday evening. It is imperative that we fill the room so that this ordinance does not get passed out of this committee. You can find a copy of the ordinance by going to www.scribd.com/doc/17438541/FNSB-Wood-Stove-Ordinance-

Or by visiting the Interior Alaska Conservative Coalition office at 334 Old Steese Hwy

Call for Directions at 374-1644

This ordinance impacts the thousands of Borough residents who burn wood to heat their homes. More importantly, it leaves open the possibility of stricter enforcement measures that could impact all Borough residents if the initial control measures fail to bring particulate contamination down to the mandated standard. Everyone who is concerned about the cost of heating their home should attend this meeting to understand the ramifications of this ordinance and to make your concerns known before it's enacted.



Cartoon by Michael Joseph Sutherland

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Or Call Justin Powell at 460-7888

The Cause of Mankind

Thomas Paine wrote that "the cause of America is in great measure the cause of mankind."

I believe that the cause of Interior Alaska is in great measure the cause of the united States of America, and that the cause of America is still the cause of mankind.

Whether it is your second amendment rights, free speech, or whether we have a degree of self-determination that allows us to choose how we provide for our families. These all boil down to the same question, dependence or self-reliance.

We ought to get to chose whether or not we want to be dependent on a fuel delivery truck or if we want to take the time to prepare our own fuel resource for the winter that is not dependent on the whims of the world market.

***We get to make our own decisions
on how we choose to stay warm. How
much more basic can you get than that?***

