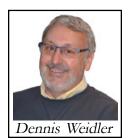
The Pantry Door

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The Coordinator's Corner.

In a joint operation between South Peninsula Hospital, The City of Homer and the Homer Food Pantry, a vaccination clinic has been scheduled for Monday, April 12th. The event will utilize the Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccine to simplify the process and eliminate the



necessity of scheduling a second event. The distribution will coincide with normal Food Pantry hours

from Noon to three p.m. The City will handle logistics and hospital staff will administer the vaccine. The event is targeting Food Pantry clients, and no appointments will be made.

Thanks to all parties for this incredible opportunity.

A Special Thanks...

...to a special volunter, Robert Rutan. Each Monday morning, Robert picks up two loads of groceries. But there is so much more. Each Saturday, Robert picks up another truck load or two of groceries. And, he still finds time to pick up nearly all of the 180 empty boxes on Wednesdays and Fridays Thanks Robert!

Board Votes To Return To In-Store Shopping.

At their most recent monthly board meeting, the Homer Food Pantry Directors voted to return to indoor shopping by clients on May 3rd.

As Covid-19 vaccinations continue to move forward, in combination with improved weather conditions, the time seemed right.

Of course, the number of shoppers will be limited to seven (determined by the fact that the Food Pantry has seven shopping



Thomas McDonough doing inventory.

carts). In addition, the standard CDC guidelines will be followed including wearing masks and social distancing

distancing. At

the same time, drive-through distribution will be discontinued and Non-Food services will be provided in the Fireweed Room at the church where the garage sale was formerly held. No meals will be prepared.

These are challenging decisions, but reflect positive changes

Thanks For The Gifts For Our Four-Footed Friends.

The Homer Food Pantry received a delightful surprise during the last week of March. There had been rumors of a special delivery of donated dog and cat food from

Anchorage, of all

places. Late Monday morning, Denise Hansen, President of Loving Hearts 4 Paws pulled up at the Food Pantry. She came bearing gifts from Anchorage Animal



Denise Hansen loads down Food Pantry Volunteer, Mark during the recent delivery.

Care and Control. We are delighted they chose to share their bounty with the four footed friends of Homer! Denise went on to say, "Thank you for all you do for our community. We

hope today's delivery helps families feed their cats and dogs".

Thank so much to Anchorage Animal Care and Control and Loving Hearts 4 Paws.

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