

April 18, 2020 E-Blast

Pioneers of Alaska

Greetings Pioneers!

We have some cancelled events due to the Covid-19 Virus, we will keep you updated as things progress!

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Don't forget to check out our websites, that have a lot of further information:

Fairbanks Igloos Website: <https://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org>

Grand Igloo Website: pioneersofalaska.org

Covid Cancellations Notice

ALL events for April have been cancelled due to the

Covid 19 Pandemic. We will reassess the May events in the next few weeks. You can always get up to the minute news and event information from our website at: pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org.

Cancelled Events are:

April Mid-Month Potluck & Show
Women's Igloo No. 8 Roll Call Dinner
(Contact Libby Dalton for information on ticket refunds)

Men's Igloo No. 4 Roll Call Dinner
Pioneer Home Coffees, Bingo and Shopping

Postponed Events are:

Spring Cleaning Fundraiser
Kitty Hensley House Walk for Charity

Rescheduled Events are:

Clay St. Cemetery Clean up rescheduled to May 23rd
Birch Hill Cemetery Clean up rescheduled to May 30th
More on these outdoor projects to come in the May Eblast.

Important Website Notice: PLEASE READ!!

Pioneer Brothers and Sisters ~

Our Fairbanks Pioneers have received an email from “Pioneers of Alaska Fairbanks” that says: *If you have a gci email account, your instructions are at the bottom of this article under GCI Email.*

“One more step! Pioneers of Alaska Fairbanks has given you access to their private pages.

Create a password.

Important: Anyone with this link can create a password for your account. With your password, anyone can sign in as you. Please keep your information private.”

This is all you need to do to access your special part of the website. Click on “Create a password”. You will be asked to establish a password that you will remember. It will need to be at least 8 characters long. You will need to type it in a second time. You will then be able to access that special area of our website that is just for our members. This can be found under the “Members” tab located in the top menu bar.

This is just a beginning. Your private website, and the information that will be included there, will continue to grow as time allows. So, please check back often! We hope this information will be helpful to you. We KNOW you’ll enjoy the upcoming News Nuggets! We appreciate suggestions on what else you’d like to have included.

The first fun you'll have on the Member's site is answering our Trivia Contest. Starting Monday at noon, a trivia question will be posted every Monday from information that is on the website.

Libby or Annie know so they can send a card from our Igloo to brighten the day of our sister.

Libby Dalton-Slane - 907-888-9360 or libby.dalton458@gmail.com

Annie Colp - 907-456-5863 or avcolp@yahoo.com

Pioneer Museum

Downsizing or Spring Cleaning?

While you are working on spring cleaning at home please keep the Pioneer Museum in mind if you are looking to **pass on items of historical value to Fairbanks, especially old photographs, journals and similar items that illustrate life and events of Interior Alaska.** Your donation would be a very nice addition to our growing archives.

We would also like to remind everyone that now might be a good time to go through those old photos and get them labeled, whether or not you decide to donate to our museum. Doing this can preserve the information for future generations. **Labeling should be done on the back of the photos with pencil or acid-free pen.** However, if you find you can't do it that way, remember that any labeling you can do, is better than no label at all.

Help Wanted!

We are also interviewing for summer workers, so if you know anyone who is interested in history and likes to talk about our fair city, this might be a great summer job. It is part-time, docents and stampede show workers are needed. They work 5 or 6 hours a day and get paid by the hour.

If you would like a fun summer job, please contact Brenda Wilbur at the Pioneer Museum Office at 456-8579 or Office@FairbanksPioneerMuseum.com

The Spring Cleaning Fundraiser has been postponed until further notice.

We will let everyone know when the coast is clear, so we can proceed with this very important fundraiser for our Igloo. We know that many of you are spending your social distancing time doing important spring cleaning. We ask that you please consider hanging onto those bagged soft goods until we can get this event rescheduled.

Chairwoman Wynola Possenti, recommends that you "just stack them up and admire the project, knowing we're all benefiting from it" We can look at the pile and know we were productive so we could contribute during the crisis!

HANG IN THERE!

Also keep the Pioneer Museum in mind if you want to pass on items of historical value to Fairbanks and the surrounding communities, especially photographs, journals, and other historical documents that would make nice additions to our growing archives.

McCarthy Solstice Stampede

Rescheduled for June 2021



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It is with a heavy heart that we have decided to reschedule the McCarthy Solstice Stampede for June 2021. After careful consideration of all the pros and cons, we decided it would be wise to wait until next year to hold this event. We trust that our fellow pioneers will be able to accept this disappointing news, and will look forward to next year, when we can all be together with confidence and good health.

Al Clayton- Host & Joan Skilbred - Trip Coordinator

The Good News

While we are all stuck in a social distance time warp, there are still some interesting things going on. **You can see photos and learn more about these items** if you visit our website at pioneersofalaska.org

Mask Sewing - Thanks to the smart thinking of Anne Colp & Sue

Nugent several of our members worked with the staff of Foundation Health to sew up protective face masks for health care workers at the hospital and clinics here in Fairbanks. Our Fairbanks Pioneers made about 840 masks! *There will be several photos and more detailed information about this project published to our website in the very near future.*

Pioneer Museum- Due to the shutdowns of the park and events, our museum is getting a deep cleaning and will look better than ever when it is finished. *There will be several photos and more detailed information about this project published to our website in the very near future.*

Past Eblasts & Sluice Box Editions - You can peruse through these, or download them anytime from the members only section of our website.

Bylaws, Standing Rules, & Misc. Documents - These important items can be viewed or downloaded anytime from the members only part of our website.

Full Meeting Minutes for Women's Igloo No. 8 - can be viewed, or downloaded on the members only part of the website.

Pioneer Trivia Game- You can win a \$25 gift card by giving the correct answer. Each week there is a new question and the answer

can be found by looking through our website!

Pioneer Gear - You can view examples of our Pioneer Gear and get instructions on how to get yours, including the Pioneer personalized license plates for your car!

Departed Members- Members who have passed on are featured in the members only part of our website. In these difficult times, you can keep track of who has recently passed on so you can give their loved ones much needed messages of sympathy and support.

Log on, set up your account and check us out!

[*pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org*](http://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org)
