

May 2, 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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Fairbanks Igloos Website: <https://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org>

Grand Igloo Website: pioneersofalaska.org

Covid Cancellations Notice

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

The FNSB has not yet given us the go-ahead to hold meetings. They are in charge of the building. The entire Pioneer Park is still officially closed until further notice. We are patiently waiting for these restrictions to be relaxed and will keep you updated as things progress.

Cancelled Events are:

May Business Meeting for Igloo No. 4 & Igloo No. 8.
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 mid-May Eblast.

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 pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org

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! **Congratulations to last week's winner, Wendy Ott, who won a \$25 gift card to the Crepery!** The next winner will receive a \$25 gift card to Soba (downtown.) *Log on, look around, and win something nice!*

KFAR Problem Corner is back on the air!

Pioneer Member Dave Pruhs, is going back on the air and once again he will be joined by Nick Nugent & Joan Skilbred for the monthly historical shows.

We will be taking all the necessary precautions to safely spread the word about the Pioneers of Alaska and our rich Alaskan & Fairbanks history.

Nick's next show is still being scheduled and will be announced in the next Eblast. Joan will be doing a show on May 27th, about the housing shortages during the Fairbanks Pipeline Boom of the mid 1970's. **Tune in to KFAR**

660AM or 97.5 FM - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm for these interesting & informative shows.

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 are several photos and more detailed information about this project published on our website, log in and check us out!*

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 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

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.

Men's Igloo No. 4

Secretary Position Open

We are still looking for a secretary for our Igloo. For more information, please contact Jim Deininger at 907-388-2557 or jdeining86@gmail.com

Kitty Hensley House & Museum

Open Board of Directors Positions

The Kitty Hensley House & Museum is looking for a few new board members. We are encouraging participation from both the Men's & Women's Igloos in this very important and much loved summer attraction to Pioneer Park. If you are interested in investing some of your time for this very worthy cause, please contact Marilyn Nigro at 456-1959

Women's Igloo Sunshine Committee

If you know of a sister who is experiencing sickness, or distress please let 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.

Museum Docents Needed!

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.