

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

July

*Newspaper &
Coffee @ 9:30
Mon-Sat

*Tongass Music
Circle Mondays @
3:00

*Sing-a-long every
Tuesday @ 1:30

*BINGO is every
Wednesday @ 1:30

*Beauty Salon open
every Thursday
with Vicki

*Exercise every
Tuesday and Thurs-
day @ 10:30

*Garden Club every
Thursday @ 1:30

*Popcorn and a
Movie every Thurs-
day @ 5:30

*Library time with
the preschool every
Friday @ 10:30

*Ice Cream Social
every Friday @ 1:30

*Every Sunday @
1:30 local Church
Service on the 3rd
Floor

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KETCHIKAN PIONEER HOME

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GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



In many ways it has been a month of sadness and closure as we have worked our last days with Steve Beat- tie, Maintenance Fore- man and Loretta Wolf, our Environmental Ser- vices Foreman. We wish them the best of luck in their new ad- ventures but will miss having them here each day to help keep our world together.

Many of you have called or sent concerns related to the recent news head- lines related to the Pio- neer Homes being listed as "low priority" from the Fiscal Sustainability meet- ing in Fairbanks. Attached to this newsletter I have included the H&SS, Com- missioner Valerie Da- vidson's response so please take the time to read that when you have a minute.

As you all know by now I am such a sap when it comes to the 4th of July.

I love the flags, the fami- ly, the history, the mem- ories. What a great country and great State to have been raised in.

The residents have won- derful memories of fourth of July's past, if you get a chance come and visit. So much has changed in our charming town, but so much re- mains the same.



LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CHAOS

It's that time of year again! The KPH Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, July 25th. Please remember that this is a fundraiser for the Resident Council and all of the proceeds go toward funding activities for the residents.

We will begin accepting donations on July 1st and will continue to accept your donated treasures until the day of the sale. If you have any ability to volunteer please contact Hilary at 228-3372 as we need all the help we can get for this fun event!



Resident Bud Hurley enjoys the fathers day celebration with his son and grandson visiting from Washington.

CELEBRATING DAD

The residents and family members enjoyed a wonderful Father's Day celebration as we gathered together to honor the Fathers and Grandfathers in our midst.

to take the time to say thank you for all of the wonderful ways they have helped care for us so our Father's Day celebration was an extra special celebration to honor them!



Ski Matiashowski is surrounded by his granddaughter Anya, and daughters Teri, Tammi and Tima at the Father's Day BBQ.



*For what avail
the plough or
sail, or land or
life, if freedom
fail? ~Ralph Waldo*

Emerson

The Great Harvest

It has become an annual event for our residents and staff to harvest our monster rhubarb and bake a special treat. The residents agreed that this years rhubarb crisp was the best yet and we are anxiously awaiting

our next crop. Please let us know if you have a world famous recipe because we would love to try it. If only we could find a way to wear the leaves.



PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

We love to watch them grow and we are excited to see them scamper off to summer adventures, however, it is bittersweet because we miss our preschool friends when they depart. This year the residents gave them special

summertime treats to take with them. Thanks very much to the KGB School District for another year of intergenerational partnering with the Fawn Mountain Preschool located at the Ketchikan Pioneer Home. We are in love with our youngest residents.

It doesn't take an expert to see how valuable these relationships can be.



NEW OLD TIME CHAUTAUQUA



Its been a long time since we were so thoroughly entertained. The New Old Time Chautauqua traveling entertainment group came to town and graced us with a performance right here at the KPH. The residents loved the juggling, live music, singing and dancing. What a fun day!



KPH FOUNDATION NEWS

The KPH Foundation has been such a huge help in making the lives of the residents better and we are so grateful.

The KPH Foundation is a registered 501-C3 non-profit organization whose sole mission is to provide for the needs of the Ketchikan Pioneer Home residents and to help improve the quality of their lives.

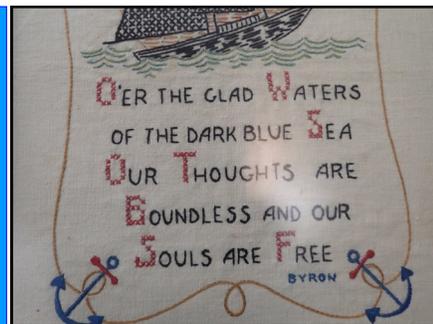
If you would like more information about the Foundation please let us know.



- Bob Sivertsen
- Alaire Stanton
- Nerissa Buendia
- Bill Moran
- Ed Zastrow
- Cleo Weston
- Ann Thompson
- Terry Wanzer
- Mona O'Dell
- Fred Monrean
- Idonna Hanson
- Sherrie Slick
- Ray Hendricks
- Linda Koons Auger



Margaret McCombs Memorial Service was a lovely send off to such a strong and kind lady. Her family and friends celebrated her 108 years of life together and planted a Rhododendron in her honor for all of us to enjoy for years to come. Special thanks to her family for helping us weed the garden.





KPH

Activity Calendar Continued...

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Providing Elder Alaskans a home and community, celebrating life through its final breath.

- 7/4 Fourth of July parade watching and party with Bag Pipes and Drums @ 2:00 p.m.
- 7/8 Allen Marine Harbor Tour @ 11:30 a.m.
- 7/11 Onthana's Thai Massage Clinic
- 7/13 Resident Council @ 1:30 p.m.
- 7/14 Root Beer Floats @ 5:30 p.m.
- 7/15 Monthly Birthday Party @ 3:00 p.m.
- 7/16 Librarian visits @ 1:30 p.m.
- 7/24 Pre-Sale for Staff and Residents
- 7/25 Annual Garage Sale
- 7/29 Ace and Friends live music in the Great Room @ 5:45 p.m.



Allen Marine Tour

Don't forget about our upcoming Allen Marine Harbor Tour! This has become one of our most popular annual summer events. Please see Hilary if you would like to attend or volunteer. July 8th departing the KPH at 11:30 a.m.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

RESIDENTS

- Floy Wingren 07/06/1913
- Don Wright 07/12/1940
- Louise Laine 07/28/1919
- Judy Hansen 07/31/1946

STAFF

- Shelby Vetter 07/17
- Melchor Villaflor 07/18
- Pancho Nacionales 07/27
- Sandra Singer 07/29



"May all your future years be free from disappointment, care or strife, that every birthday you will be a little more in love with life."





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June 16, 2015

To residents and families of residents of Alaska Pioneer Homes:

As you may have heard, some participants at the Fairbanks fiscal sustainability conference suggested that DHSS contract for a feasibility study to determine if cost savings could be achieved through privatization of the Pioneer Homes. This was just one of many cost-saving ideas suggested at the gathering.

While we are considering issuing a Request for Proposal for a feasibility study, I want to assure all Pioneer Homes residents and families of residents that services for elders continue to be a priority for this administration.

As you know, the Alaska Pioneer Homes have a proud history of providing safe and compassionate care to our elders. Though establishing high value and creating efficiency is absolutely necessary in these challenging fiscal times, Governor Walker and I agree that saving money is not the only criterion to be considered when it comes to fulfilling the mission of the Alaska Pioneer Homes.

I would like to invite you to weigh in on this process as we seek to find ways to gain efficiency and reduce costs. I will keep you updated as the process moves forward. In the coming months, please send comments and suggestions to Vickie Wilson, the Acting Director for the Alaska Pioneer Homes, at Vickie.wilson@alaska.gov.

Quyana (thank you)

Valerie Davidson, Commissioner

ANNUAL SUMMER GARAGE SALE!



Ketchikan Pioneer Home
141 Bryant Street
Second Floor



Saturday July 25th
9:00 am—3:00 pm
Baked Goods . Lumpia . Treasures

All proceeds go to fund activities & outings
for our elders.

Now accepting Donations
Call 228-3372 for more information



**Can you volunteer some time? We
need help with sorting, pricing and
selling. Call Hilary 228-3372.**