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School with masks, no fall travel

By Melinda Munson

The Smart Start to School ad hoc committee met on July 22 to discuss the draft plan for starting in-person school on Aug. 27. In the two weeks since the last school board meeting, an increase in COVID-19 cases across the state led to a tightening of proposed protocol for Skagway City School's reopening.

"Everything is going to look and be a whole lot different," said John Hischer, school board president.

The draft plan separates the risk level into zones: green (low), yellow (moderate) and red (severe). Currently, Skagway is in the green zone with zero confirmed cases of COVID-19. Should there be an outbreak, the school would enter the red zone and all instruction would be on-line.

Under the updated draft, anyone entering the school who is physically capable is required to wear a face covering. This rule extends to the playground and indoor sports. Skagway School purchased neck gaiters and will distribute two to each student. Face shields may be an acceptable alternative in some situations.

Several parents in the audience expressed their concern regarding the mask rule. Chezare Leipold, a member of the school board and mother of three, expressed the difficulty she, as an adult, has wearing a mask. Some parents and teachers nodded in agreement when she spoke.

The mask discussion might be a moot issue. According to Borough Clerk Emily Deach,

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Photo by Paul Munson

Nahku Bay, a popular stop for kayakers, looks much the same as it did during Bud Matthews' lifetime. The Dyea Community Advisory Board continues to advocate for its natural preservation.

Parks and Rec heeds feedback from residents regarding Nahku Bay

By Melinda Munson

After community feedback and discussion with the Dyea Community Advisory Board (DCAB), modifications have been made to several Parks and Recreation Committee plans included under the Skagway Deal.

The intent of the Skagway Deal is to make improvements within the municipality while supporting local workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Originally, the Nahku Bay A-frame, once owned by Bud Matthews, was slated for \$25,000 in improvements. The municipality intended to rent out the refurbished building for recreational use

until the DCAB noted that the A-frame would be the only cabin rental easily accessible by public road.

"You could drive right up to that one and so could all your friends," said Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Jay Burnham. The municipality decided to keep the cabin as day-use only to avoid a "party-like atmosphere." Burnham said bids for the cabin renovations are currently on hold.

According to Micheal Yee, DCAB member, renting the cabin would be a breach of the Nahku Bay Preservation code. Yee said there should be "no rentals as per code on the property," an agreement

previously reached by the Nahku Advisory Board and the municipality.

Under the Skagway Deal, a kayak rack was planned for Nahku Bay with a budget of \$10,000. DCAB found this plan undesirable and the rack proposal was abandoned.

Yee explained that DCAB was working to keep former owner Bud Matthews' "wishes intact." Matthews intended to keep Nahku Bay as a preservation area. Yee doesn't like the idea of adding structures.

"If you start something, where do you stop?" he asked.

Additionally, a Romtec out-house, purchased by the municipality for \$32,502, will

not be placed at Nahku Bay. A new location for the out-house will be determined at a later date.

The municipality also bought two cabin kits, one as housing for a Dyea Campground host at a cost of \$26,299. The cabin at the campground, yet to be installed, will be a welcome addition as DCAB has long advocated for a camp manager.

The second cabin, purchased for \$37,891 will not be erected at Nahku Bay as originally intended. According to Burnham, there are several possible locations for the second building.

"We've got a lot of places to put cabins," he said.

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Opinion**Only you can prevent the spread of COVID-19**

Alaskans are not known for accepting limits. The COVID-19 virus has challenged that attitude in ways we never imagined.

Despite that, and in the midst of the worst pandemic the world has seen in at least 100 years, our state immediately took action. You started working from home, you homeschooled your children, you ordered take-out and you washed your hands, a lot. Perhaps most importantly, you understood the need to practice social distancing to prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. For that we say thank you.

We have experienced high COVID-19 case counts in recent days, but Alaska's overall case count numbers remain among the lowest in the nation. We've been able to treat patients quickly and effectively, preventing a medical surge and saving lives. Now our focus must shift to keeping it that way.

This pandemic is not done with us yet. COVID-19 is a serious disease for many and

there is still no vaccine.

Now more than ever, we need something from all Alaskans: Please continue to keep six feet from others and avoid gathering in large crowds. It is important that Alaskans choose to continue with these preventative measures if we're going to manage the virus.

COVID-19 is incredibly contagious and sneaky. People can spread it without knowing they have it. Some are completely asymptomatic throughout the course of the disease, and for others the symptoms might not have shown up yet. The good news is that children with COVID-19 are unlikely to get very sick and even less likely to die. The bad news is that, too often, it can be deadly for elders and those already ill. This is why wearing a cloth face covering in public is so important.

Cloth face coverings have proven to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in countries where they are commonly worn and accepted, and they

are inexpensive and easy to make. They have been shown to be particularly effective at preventing people infected with the virus from spreading it to others. No, face coverings are not foolproof, but they can help.

Humans are social creatures. It's important that we continue to keep our distance but it's inevitable we will sometimes end up closer than six feet from others. If you're visiting a friend, you may need to lean in so they can hear you better, or you may need to stand in line at the post office or grocery store. Whatever the case may be, cloth face coverings can decrease the risk of transmitting the virus from person to person in these common situations.

Other measures are also important in reducing the spread and infection rate of the virus—washing your hands, wiping down frequently touched surfaces and objects and staying home when you are sick. However, the best defense is staying six feet

apart or more. Distance is the only guaranteed measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

When we use these preventative measures together, the sum of the parts is more powerful. The same applies to us. If everyone—even those of us with no symptoms—makes a habit of wearing face coverings in public places and keeping our social units smaller for now, we can decrease the virus' transmission. We know it's not easy, but it's worth doing.

This is what puts the "public" in public health—people taking actions that contribute to the overall good health of our state. Taking reasonable precautions to stop this virus once and for all is something we can do to protect our loved ones.

You've done an incredible job, Alaska. Let's finish strong.

Gov. Mike Dunleavy, governor of Alaska; Adam Crum, M.S.P.H., Commissioner of the Alaska DHHS and Dr. Anne Zink, M.D., Alaska's chief medical officer.

Skagway, Ketchikan plan for the 2021 cruise season

By Gretchen Wehmhoff

As the non-cruise ship season comes to a close, Skagway Mayor Andrew Cremata is looking towards next year. How the 2021 season will look may depend on the coronavirus pandemic as well as how each port and member of the tourism industry plans to get back to business.

At the July 2 assembly meeting, members discussed communications with the last cruise line still planning to come to Alaska. American Cruise Lines (ACL) had at least three discussions with Borough Manager Brad Ryan. Ryan said the cruise line knew what it was going to do on their ships, but he couldn't get a clear response as to how they would handle docking in Skagway with coronavirus cases on board. The assembly eventually let ACL know that they were not

welcome to dock in Skagway this season.

A few days later ACL, cancelled all of their Alaska trips, followed by Norwegian Cruise Lines who had a few ships scheduled for the fall, citing a rise in COVID-19 across the country.

Cremata said that in order to make sure the interests of Skagway's economy and public health are protected, plans for protocols and safety need to be ready before the ships arrive next summer. He believes a cooperative effort of cruise ship towns in Alaska could start the conversations between the ports, the industry and the government.

Cremata contacted different towns in Southeast to see if the administrations were interested in working out regional strategies. The idea being that Skagway's (or any other town's) procedures may

not be effective if the protocols at docks along the way are not coordinated, especially in working with different cruise lines.

While some cities weren't ready or interested, Ketchikan agreed to start a working group with Skagway.

The cooperative group has met a few times on the project. Ketchikan is in full support of the task.

"This process has a lot of review and discussion going on," said Ketchikan City Manager Karl Amylon.

Amylon and Assistant City Manager, Lacey Simpson, represent Ketchikan in the two-town working group. Cremata is joined by Ryan and Cody Jennings, tourism director of the Skagway Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Cremata sees two main questions for the group.

"What do we want the cruise ship industry to do, and what would we like to see from the communities," said Cremata. "How are we going to function together in 2021?"

The working group pulled together funds to hire Bermello Ajamil and Partners, Inc., a company Ketchikan has used for other projects. The company will help the group gather information and prepare materials to assist in interacting with communities as well as the industry, and possibly government entities.

The working group hopes to have a more formulated direction after hearing back from Bermello Ajamil and Partners, Inc.

"We are just at the beginning stages," says Amylon.

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Photo by Melinda Munson

Students will start back to school in the fall. The Skagway School playground awaits.

School start includes modified procedures

from FRONT page

“the assembly is considering an ordinance requiring cloth face coverings in municipal facilities, including the school, at its next meeting August 6.” The measure was proposed by Mayor Andrew Cremata.

Drop-off procedure would also differ vastly from last year, with parents needing special permission to enter the school. Upon arrival, students would be screened for fevers at or above 100.3 degrees.

Teachers are working on recording tours of their classrooms so students know what to expect on the first day. Many instructors also plan to have Zoom meetings with each student and their family prior to the start of school.

All sporting events would be cancelled and no travel would occur during fall semester. The school is looking into continuing extracurricular activities in a way that sustains social distancing.

Distance learning is avail-

able for any student who feels uncomfortable with in-person classes.

It was determined that upgrading the school’s filters is not an option due to the age of the system. The committee discussed purchasing air purifiers for each room.

The school board will discuss the draft plan at its next meeting on Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. Comments can be submitted to skgschoff@skagway-school.org.

CARES Act grant processing plugs along

By Gretchen Wehmhoff

Small Alaska businesses who applied for CARES Act funding through the state may have to wait a bit longer to see their funds, depending on when they filed for assistance.

According to Credit Union 1 (CU1), the applications are being processed in the order they were received. As of deadline, they are working on applications received June 4.

“The largest volume of applications came during the first three days,” said CU1 Director of Corporate Communications, Jessica Gallagher.

As of July 27, 2,426 applications have been received since the application portal was opened June 1.

Gallagher says about half of the applications CU1 has initially reviewed have been incomplete. This requires the staff to reach out to the applicant for additional information. Incomplete applications don’t lose their place in line, but they are set aside until the business can provide the missing documentation.

The State of Alaska’s De-

partment of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED) encourages applicants to review and submit prompt responses to follow up questions and requests for information, which are necessary in order to finalize the grants. Applicants should also check their voicemails and email inboxes daily, including junk folders for potential follow up questions.

The credit union assigned additional staff to the project and have been able to work with their own employees to fill the needs.

So far 443 applicants have received disbursements. Another 74 have been declined.

The funds are being distributed through the DCCED and the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority who contracted Credit Union 1, an Alaska credit union, to process the applications and disperse funds. The legislature set aside \$290 million of the CARES Act funding received by Alaska for this program.

The original deadline for the application process was

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Editors' Column

To school or not to school - a parent's dilemma



By Melinda Munson

Call me a bad mom, but my favorite days are Mondays. That's the day I send my kids back to school with a wide smile and relief in my soul that I won't have to sweep the kitchen three times a day or continuously ask my children if they washed their hands after using the bathroom. (Three out of six times the answer is no, but half of my kids are on their way to becoming unhygienic, pathological liars.)

On Mondays, I go to work

where I talk to adults as I sit in my quiet and orderly office. I am my own boss and I know I washed my hands. No one asks for a snack directly after putting their breakfast bowl in the sink and no one tells me I'm stupid when it's not their turn to pick the next Blu-ray.

With six kids, summer stretches endlessly. There are hugs and kisses and breathtaking hikes but there are also fights over who's looking at who (it doesn't matter that the person doing the "looking" is blind) and constant pleas for more, more, more.

This summer has been particularly grueling with in-person school ending in March and social distancing restricting us to -- well, us. No respite workers, no barbecues with friends, no trips to Juneau or even the grocery store with three high-risk family members at home.

For the past five months, I have looked forward to the start of the 2020-2021 school year as the light at the end of my tunnel. But lately, the figurative light is so bright it burns my retinas. I am desperate for the isolation to end but wondering if the future holds something worse.

Several of our favorite teachers have voiced their concern that school is commencing at a time when cases of COVID-19 are climbing. Teachers talk about how they will immediately strip down and shower when they return home. Some are thinking of retiring or switching fields. I can't ignore the fact that 1,000 people a day are dying in our country.

In Skagway and the rest of the country, there is tension between honoring the science of what we so far know about this virus and the politics of opening up an economy that

clothes and feeds families, possibly at a higher risk to those with less resources.

The worst part of COVID-19 is that I've lost my confidence. Normally, I'm a person with strong opinions, steamrolling my way to a goal. But COVID-19 has stripped me of what is normal, of what is right.

Is it right to send all my children back to school on August 27 where they can socialize and learn? Is it more responsible to only send the kids that I know will reasonably follow health protocols? Should everyone stay home because once one family member is exposed, we're all at risk?

I'm not a person who lives in fear. I wear a mask out of respect for those around me and take reasonable precautions. I want the world to normalize and I want both my household and the communi-

ty to remain safe.

We haven't decided what the start of school will look like for our family. Perhaps we'll ask for a teacher to temporarily come into our home and work with our children who have special needs. A few weeks after school starts, we'll all know if we made the right choices for our individual situations.

I promise I won't think you're a bad parent if you send your child to school on the first day. I won't think less of you if you choose to educate your offspring with on-line learning. With Skagway School's small population and dedicated staff, we're fortunate we have options. One way or another, they'll help all our families get to the end of this tunnel. And hopefully, one day soon, Mondays can be my favorite day again.

Small business grants extend to fishing, non-profits

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June 17, however, the state reopened the process to allow more flexibility for businesses who still needed to apply and for those who had originally been ineligible due to participating in the federal Cares Act Payroll Protection Program (PPP), yet had not received a significant grant from the PPP.

According to the State of Alaska [website](#), businesses who apply must have been licensed and established when the public health disaster emergency declaration was issued by the governor on March 11, 2020; the business has, on average, 50 or fewer full-time equivalent employees and the business must not have received more than \$5,000 from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) PPP or the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL).

Starting Aug. 6, the [AK CARES grant program](#) will be expanded to include Alaska's commercial fishermen,

501(c)6 nonprofit organizations, and small businesses that received \$5,000 or less in PPP or Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) funds.

"Setting up a completely new grant program to assist businesses through this unprecedented pandemic and its economic impacts, with constantly evolving federal guidance, has been challenging to say the least," said DCCED Commissioner, Julie Anderson.

"However, we continue to adapt the program to assist as many businesses as we can, as quickly as we can. I expect to see significant improvements in processing times and the number of businesses we can reach as a result of the program changes that will go into effect next week," she said.

The deadline for applications has been extended to Nov. 15 for eligible small businesses. Applications are accepted [HERE](#).

Electric vehicle charging stations

By Krizelle Solidum

To help reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Skagway and accommodate electric vehicles coming off the ferry and from Whitehorse, five new electric car charging stations have been installed behind the Public Works office on 1st Ave and State Street.

"While charging their vehicle, people can catch a meal and do some shopping because they are located downtown," said Assemblymember Orion Hanson.

According to Borough Clerk Emily Deach, the municipality is exploring other possible locations in town.

The municipality paid for the charging stations, at approximately \$2,000 each. Auke Bay Electric installed the units. The municipality budgeted \$80,000 for the entire project.

The charging stations are free for Skagwegians and visitors, including drivers from Whitehorse when the border reopens.

Last fall, the Yukon Territory released a comprehensive plan to reduce emissions, proposing 6,000

electric vehicles by 2030, about one of every six passenger cars in the territory.

The Skagway chargers provide what is called a Level Two service, meaning a vehicle is charged in about two hours. This was the most cost-effective unit that best fit the needs of the community, with minimal maintenance required, according to Hanson.

Depending on the vehicle, a single charge could last up to 100 miles, Hanson said. Newer vehicles being planned by manufacturers could go as far as 300 miles on a charge.

"They not only reduce our environmental impacts but when travel opens again, we hope they will encourage electric car enthusiasts to visit Skagway," said Borough Manager Brad Ryan.

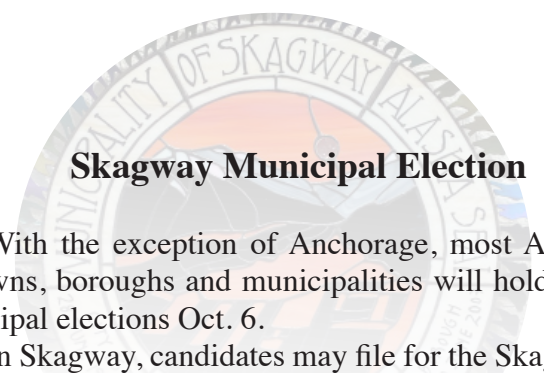
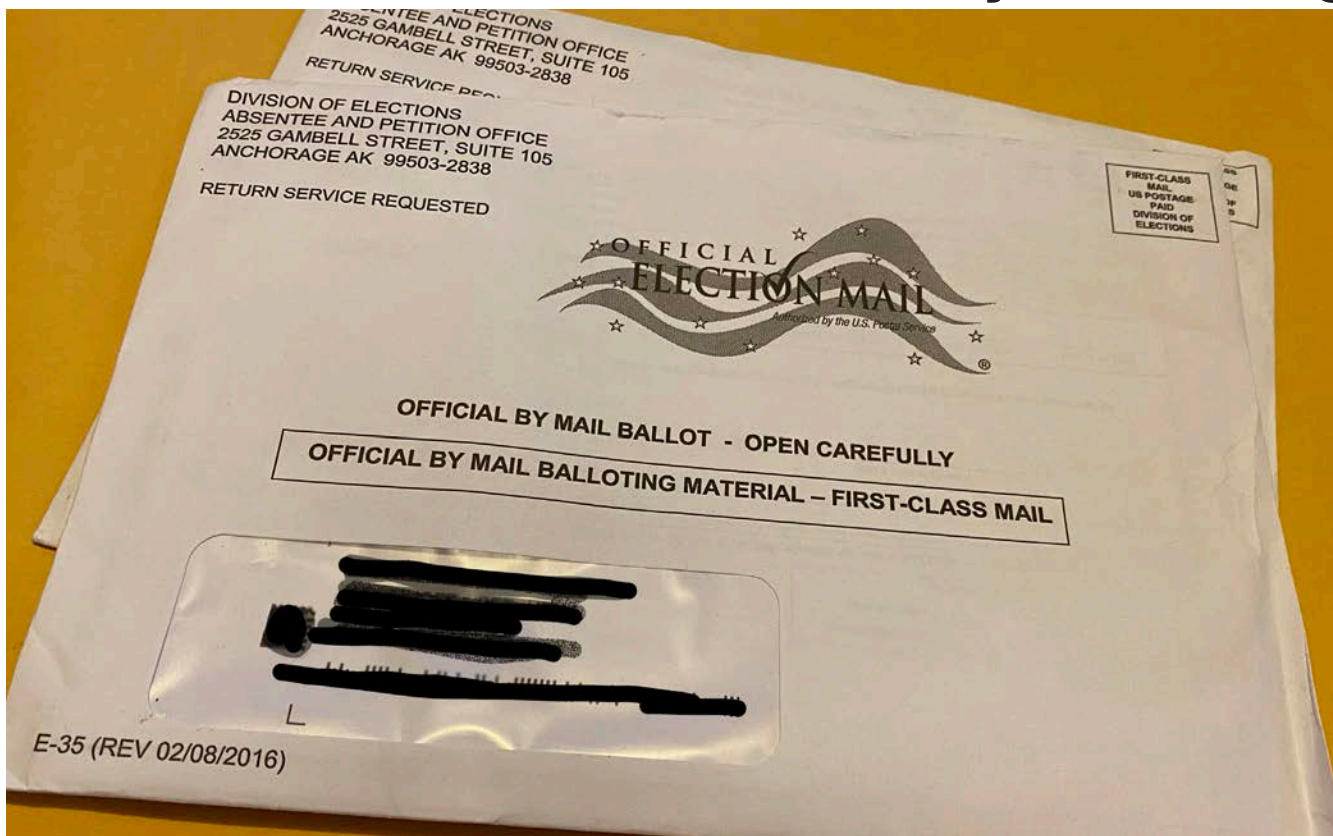
More electric vehicles in the city would promote less fossil fuel emissions on the consumer level and head toward greener technology in Skagway, "in Alaska and then the world," said Hanson.



Photo by Melinda Munson

Five new electric car chargers are located near the ferry dock.

2020 elections are on the way, breaking it down for voters



Skagway Municipal Election

With the exception of Anchorage, most Alaska towns, boroughs and municipalities will hold municipal elections Oct. 6.

In Skagway, candidates may file for the Skagway Borough Assembly or the Skagway School Board between Aug. 3 and Aug. 17. The Declaration of Candidacy form must be filed with the borough clerk and must include a Public Official Financial Disclosure (available on their myAlaska.gov account) to be considered complete.

Candidate Qualifications

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Up for election

Two assembly seats, currently held by David Brena and Dan Henry, are up for election as well as two school board seats held by Heather Rodig and Denise Sager.

Register to vote

The deadline to register to vote for the municipal election is Sept. 6.

Absentee and in-person voting

The Skagway clerk's office election page states that voters who will be out-of-town for the Regular Municipal Election on Oct. 6 are able to vote absentee in person at the borough offices beginning Sept. 21 and ending Oct. 5, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. In order to allow sufficient time for mailing, absentee ballots by mail should be requested by Sept. 25.

For more information about the Oct. 6 municipal election, contact the borough clerk at e.deach@skagway.org.

By Gretchen Wehmhoff

It's election season. Here is a run-down of the upcoming elections Skagwegians will be voting in, including the Alaska State Primary Election.

Alaska Primary Election Aug. 18, 2020

(polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

Absentee and absentee in-person deadlines and details:

Absentee voting in-person opens for the primary election on Aug. 3. The deadline for requesting an absentee by mail application is Aug. 8. Request a ballot online at <https://absenteeballotapplication.alaska.gov>. Voters will need their Alaska driver's license or state ID card number. The information on the application must match the information on the driver's license. Those who don't have ID will need to use a paper absentee ballot application form, also available at the link above.

Absentee by electronic transmission application deadline is Aug 17. Absentee voting in-person closes for the primary election on Aug. 17.

The Candidates

(All cities are those listed on the Alaska Division of Elections Website and may indicate a headquarters address rather than the candidate's home address.)

State House 33 - Skagway, Haines area

Democrat [Sara Hannan](#) of Douglas is running unopposed in both the primary and general elections.

State Senate Seat Q

Senator Jessie Kiehl, democrat, gets to sit this one out as Seat Q is not in the 2020 election cycle.

U.S. House of Representatives

Republican [Don Young](#) of Anchorage, the incumbent for four decades, has plenty of challengers. On the Republican Primary Ballot he will meet Gerald L. "Jer" Heikes of Palmer and [T. "John" Nelson](#) of Chugiak.

The Democrat Primary ballot will include two democrats and one non-partisan. [Alyce Galvin](#), a registered non-partisan from Anchorage, will meet democrats [William "Bill" Hibler](#) of Fairbanks and Ray Sean Tugatak of Manakotak.

U.S. Senate

The Democratic Primary Ballot includes three candidates. Democrat Edgar Blatchford of Anchorage will go up against non-partisans [Chris Cummings](#) of Ketchikan and [Al Gross](#) of Anchorage.

Incumbent [Dan Sullivan](#), republican from Anchorage, is uncontested on the Republican Primary Ballot.

The Alaskan Independence (AI) Primary ballot will include AI candidate [John Wayne Howe](#) of Fairbanks.

• *The Skagway News will highlight the candidates who are running in the Alaska State General Election in the Oct. 9 issue.*

More information, including phone numbers and email for the candidates can be found [HERE](#).

Additional information about the primary and general elections can be found [HERE](#)

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Photos
by Kari Rain



Photographer Kari Rain came to Skagway in 2004 to work for the National Park Service (NPS). She fell in love with “the people, the mountains and the bears” and became a permanent resident in 2006. She is the lead visitor services assistant at the NPS’ Trail Center on Broadway.

Rain comes from a family of photographers. Her father used to travel the world and show his photographs at senior homes all over the Seattle area. Rain has taken photos for years but it wasn’t until she moved to Skagway that it became a passion.

How could it not with all the beauty surrounding us?” Rain said. “ I love sharing our little corner of the world with visitors. “



Photo provided by Kari Rain
Kari Rain and Mango.





“A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.”

- George Bernard Shaw

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NPS seeks public input on Dyea upgrades

By Melinda Munson

Public comment is being sought on the National Park Service's (NPS) plan for improvements in Dyea to the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park.

The proposal includes a parking area at the trailhead of Chilkoot Trail, updating an adjoining day-use site, bringing a trail connection between Dyea Campground and the trailhead/day-use area up to accessibility standards and building a road segment at the north end of the campground.

The NPS said the goal of the improvements is to “enhance visitor services in Dyea including: visitor orientation, public safety and recreational opportunities. The project would also develop a setting to provide for a sense of arrival at a National Park Service destination...”

Due to COVID-19, public comments cannot be made in person. Interested parties can submit feedback at the web address below or mail correspondence to Superintendent, Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, P.O. Box 517, Skagway, Alaska, 99840.



Photo by Paul Munson

Proposed plans can be found at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=77815>. Currently, there is a curved design and a linear design option for the parking area.

Michael Yee, a Dyea resident and board member of the Dyea

Community Advisory Board, sees no problems with the proposal.

“It was all really good ideas,” he said, noting that the parking area would take parked cars off narrow roads, helping with traffic flow.

Police & Fire Blotter

Submitted by Skagway Police Department

July 18 Police responded to reports of several bears around Dyea.

July 20 EMS personnel assisted Airlift Northwest with a medevac from the clinic.

July 22 Dispatch assisted a citizen with returning a found tackle box.

July 23 Police responded to

a black bear sighting at the Dyea Campground.

July 24 Dispatch received a report of a missing white Kent Springdale women's hybrid bicycle.

July 29 The police department received reports of a drone operator harassing a bear.

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, October 6, 2020**, there will be held in the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska, a **REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION**.

The following offices are on the ballot:

- Two (2) Assembly seats - for three (3) year terms each;
- Two (2) School Board seats - for three (3) year terms each.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

Any person qualified to vote in borough elections may have his/her name placed on the ballot for election as a candidate for any borough elective office. No person may serve simultaneously as mayor and assembly member.

FILING DATES

Interested persons wishing to file for an elected office may file a **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY** with the Borough Clerk between **August 3, 2020** and **August 17, 2020**.

ELECTION HOURS

The polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, and will close at 8:00 p.m. on the same day.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE

The deadline to register to vote in the October 6, 2020 Regular Municipal Election is Sunday, September 6, 2020.

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

- A person may vote in a municipal election only if the person:
- is qualified to vote in state elections under AS 15.05.010;
 - has been a resident of the municipality for 30 days immediately preceding the election;
 - has registered before the election as required under AS 15.07 and is not registered to vote in another jurisdiction.

ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING

Voters are able to vote absentee/early as follows:

- Early in-person in the Assembly chambers between **Monday, September 21, 2020**, and **Monday, October 5, 2020**;
- Absentee by-mail. Please submit an absentee ballot application to the Borough Clerk **EARLY** to allow for mailing time. The deadline to request absentee ballots by mail is 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, September 25, 2020**. Absentee ballot application forms are online at www.skagway.org/clerksoffice/page/election-information or by request.

For more information contact the Borough Clerk at e.deach@skagway.org or 907-983-9706.

Scott Runman's Pecan Halibut

Submitted by Tyler Loustalot

Ingredients:

- (4) 5-6 ounce halibut fillets
- 1 cup unsalted pecans
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons melted butter (unsalted)
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon white pepper
- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup Amaretto Liqueur
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 12 to 14 inch saucepan (oven safe)

Directions:

Pulse pecans 8 to 10 times for one second in a food processor. Mix in honey, butter, one teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon white pepper and set aside.

Add Amaretto to a two-quart sauce pot. Turn heat to medium high. When the booze starts to simmer, remove from the heat source and light on fire. Once flames go out naturally and will not light again, add heavy cream. Reduce until sauce is evaporated or is desired consistency. (The sauce should coat the back of a spoon.)

Sear halibut in an oiled saute pan with plenty of room so the fish is not touching while cooking. Once a nice brown layer is achieved, flip fish and cover each piece with ¼ of pecan mixture. Roast in a 400 degree oven until fish is 135-140 degrees.

Cover with sauce. Garnish as desired. (I use micro greens but any green herb, such as parsley or thin-sliced scallions will look good.)

Scott Runamn
Executive Chef
Westmark Skagway



Canada tightens rules on travel to Alaska, fewer ports of entry

By Gretchen Wehmhoff

Canada has tightened up their southern border by announcing stricter rules and additional entry conditions for non-Canadian travelers headed through Canada to Alaska for non-discretionary purposes.

Part of the new rules involve limiting entry from the Lower 48 to five specific Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) ports of entry (POE). People headed to Alaska may only enter Canada from Coutts in Alberta; North Portal in Saskatchewan; and Abbotsford-Huntington, Kingsgate and Osoyoos – all in British Columbia. Those who try a different POE will

be denied entry and directed to a listed border station.

The rules also apply to non-Canadians traveling south from Alaska, however, travelers are not limited to specific POEs. This means Alaskans traveling through Canada to the Lower 48 or between Interior Alaska and Southeast may utilize their normal border crossings, if open, such as Beaver Creek, Fraser and Haines.

Each vehicle accepted through the POE will be issued a “hang tag” to attach to the rearview mirror for the entire trip. It will note when the vehicle entered and include rules to follow while transiting.

Canada will require documentation beyond a passport to justify or prove the need to transit Canada. This may mean paperwork Alaskans may not have considered when traveling across the border in the past. In all cases, the final decision is at the discretion of the Border Station Officer (BSO).

On July 22, this reporter was denied access to travel from northern Alaska to Skagway. I had the correct business documents to prove I was a business owner, but did not have medical documentation or papers to show that driving was my only option. I was turned around to drive home the 420 miles I

traveled the day before because the BSO was not convinced it was necessary for me to drive through Canada to get to Skagway.

While calling ahead could help, not all CBSA POEs are available by phone – particularly the Beaver Creek POE. Both the U.S Alcan Customs and the CBSA Fraser POE offered a phone number given by Beaver Creek that travelers can call. One Canadian BSO thought the people at the other end of the number could forward a call to Beaver Creek. The number had a Manitoba area code.

“I will not be giving you a number for Beaver Creek, nor will I be forwarding your call,” said the employee who answered the phone in Manitoba.

She did, however, work to explain that a significant change in circumstances, such as medical necessity or specific emergencies could be supported with documentation, allowing a previously refused traveler (who had not been permanently denied), passage through the POE. She also added that it was ultimately up to the BSO.

The CBSA agent was not able to answer how Alaskans, who have to drive 600 km to Beaver Creek, can contact the station prior to arrival.

Emails to CBSA asking for statistics on entry and denied entry status were not returned as of deadline.

Canada’s policies expect travelers to:

- avoid contact with others while in transit
- remain in the vehicle as much as possible
- not make any unnecessary stops
- practice physical distancing at all times
- pay at the pump if they need gas
- use a drive through if they need food
- wear a suitable mask or face covering while in transit
- ensure good hygiene practices if they need to use a rest area

In addition, travelers with any COVID-19 related symptoms will be denied entry.

Facts from the CBSA announcement:

- The Canada-U.S. temporary border restriction put in place on March 21 at 12:01 am EDT continues. All discretionary/optional travel remains prohibited.

- Foreign nationals are only admitted to Canada in circumstances where the traveller is considered to be transiting through to Alaska for a non-discretionary purpose such as work or going to primary residence.

- The CBSA consulted with implicated federal partners, provinces and territory in the development of the stricter rules and conditions being imposed on travellers transiting to Alaska.

- As of March 31, travellers arriving in Canada must provide their contact information to a border services officer (either by paper, online, via the ArriveCAN App or verbally to the officer) when seeking entry. This information is collected on behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to support their compliance and enforcement of the 14-day quarantine or isolation requirement outlined in Order in Council 2020-0524.

- The CBSA collects contact information on behalf of PHAC who, along with provincial/territorial health authorities, monitor and track individuals from a public health perspective.

- Failure to comply with the current border restrictions is an offence under the Quarantine Act and could lead to up to \$750,000 in fines, and/or imprisonment of up to six months. If a traveller causes a risk of imminent death or serious bodily harm to another person while willfully or recklessly contravening this act or the regulations, they could be liable for up to \$1,000,000 in fines, and/or imprisonment of up to three years.

- For the latest on cross-border programs and services, travellers can call the CBSA’s Border Information Service at 1-800-461-9999.



photo by Melinda Munson

Regional authors visit Skagway via Zoom

By Melinda Munson

At 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Skagway’s population temporarily increased by an estimated 46 individuals. They, along with approximately nine Skagwegians, tuned into Jeff Brady’s livestream book event, held at his store, Skaguay News Depot & Books. The Zoom conference featured Whitehorse author Eva Holland, Haines writer Heather Lende and Lende’s editor, Amy Gash from Algonquin Books.

“I hope you’re all well and coping the best you can. Books can certainly help with that,” said Brady as he started the session.

The event began with Holland reading from her first book, “Nerve.” Holland,

who had a debilitating fear of heights and driving in winter weather after several car accidents, said she decided to “alter my relationship with fear.” She began her three-year journey with a tandem skydiving jump and finished with a trip to a clinical psychologist in Amsterdam for an experimental treatment.

Heather Lende’s fourth book, “Of Bears and Ballots,” recounts her experience running for the Haines Assembly, serving as an assemblywomen and fighting to keep her seat in a bitter recall. She described her book as “my love for the community and how I almost lost that.”

Gash reached out to Lende from the East Coast after hearing her speak about Alas-

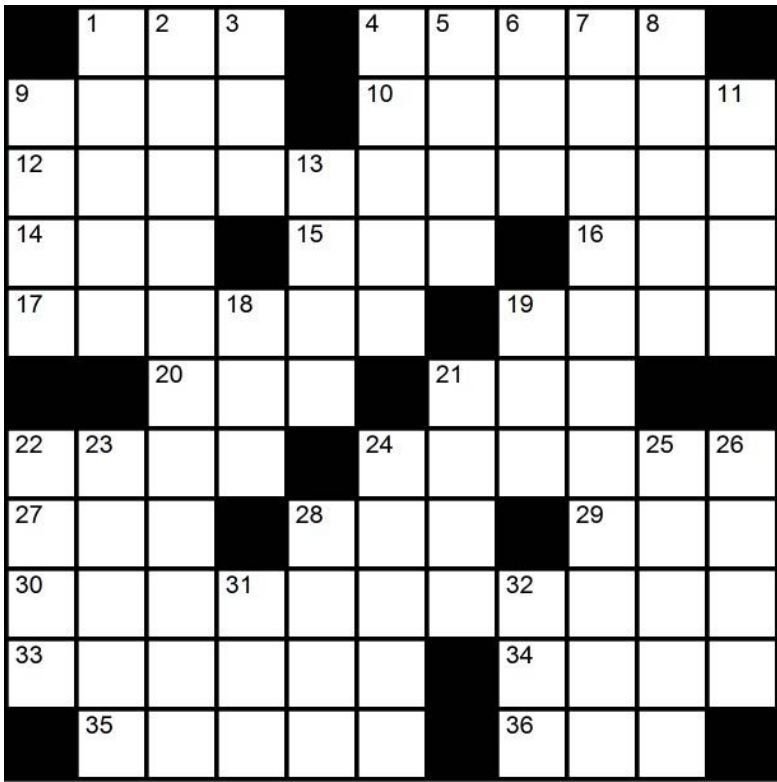
ka life on NPR and asked if she wanted to write a book.

“I’ve been waiting my whole life for you,” Lende replied. The two have worked together for over 15 years.

The virtual event was a taste of what’s to come next week as Skagway kicks off it’s North Words Writers Symposium, Aug. 2-4. Holland and Lende are part of the faculty for this year’s symposium, held virtually due to COVID-19. Bill Streever, biologist and science writer, is the keynote speaker in a year that focuses on “writing at a time of a threatened natural world.”

There is currently space for more participants. Visit <https://nwwriters.com>.

Family Fun Page - print and share



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- 10 Hawaiian Punch fruit
- 12 Lawsuit
- 14 Exclamation of contempt
- 15 Writing fluid
- 16 Blaster's material
- 17 Wedding vow sites
- 19 Sunday rite
- 20 Pro bono promo, briefly
- 21 Female sibling
- 22 Encourage in wrongdoing
- 24 Most pleasant
- 27 High rock

- 28 Rollaway
- 29 Dove sound
- 30 Impish
- 33 Skiers' haunts
- 34 Taverns
- 35 Gin
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- 13 Old Italian money
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- 19 It may be open at a bar
- 21 Location
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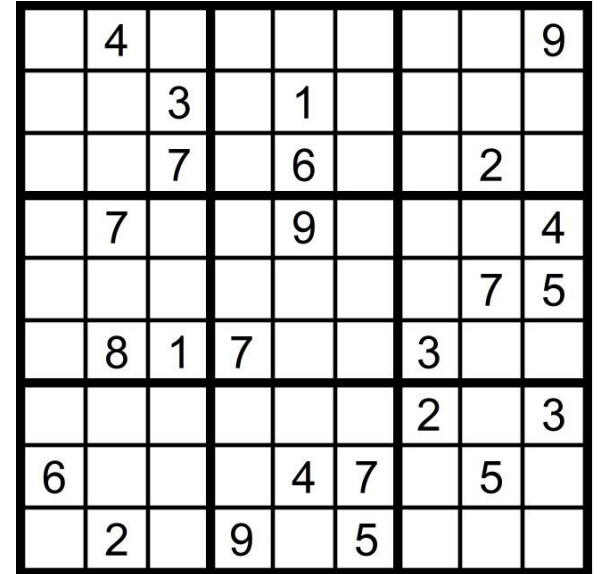
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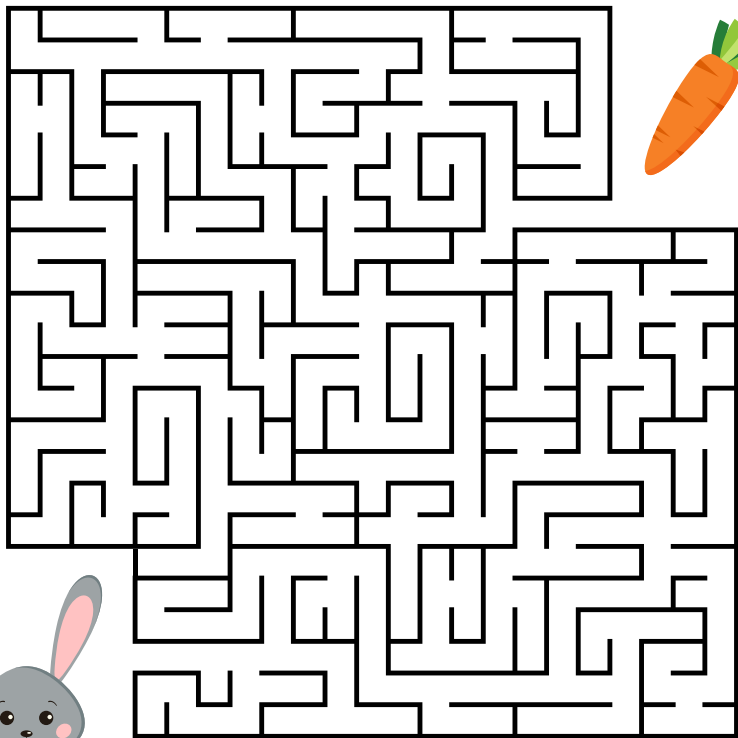
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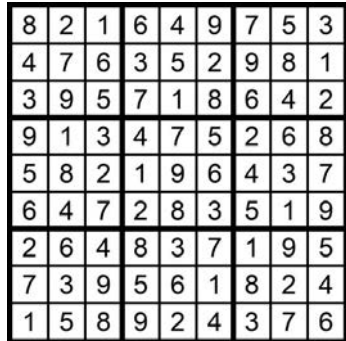
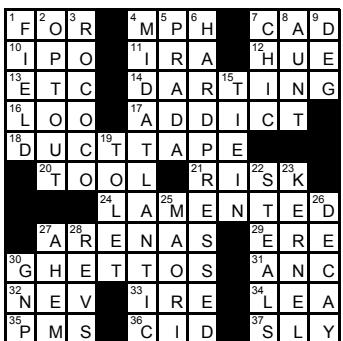
Sudoku



Color Me!



July 17 answer keys



CLASSIFIEDS

News Classified Ads cost 40 cents per word, \$4 minimum. Ads must be pre-paid unless advertiser has a business account with the newspaper. Skagway residents may drop off ad and payment at the News Depot. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card. Out-of-town ads must be pre-paid with a credit card and should be phoned in to 907-983-2354. All ads appear in our on-line edition for a minimum of two weeks. Next deadline: Sunday, July 26, 2020

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JOBS-OPPORTUNITIES
CAREGIVER NEEDED - 5 Days / Week - 5 Hours/ Day - Salary \$20 per Hour. For more details about the position, email Mr. Patrick (patdolan18@gmail.com)

HOUSING-PROPERTY
For Sale: 2001 Main St, 2 Bdrm, 1 Ba, Pan Abode cedar house, w/800 SF detached, heated garage on a fenced corner lot. Priced to sell at \$235,000. Contact, ARA, David Brena, (M) 425-306-2020, dbrena5@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: Three parcels of land. First time on the market. One 40 ac. parcel on AB Mountain (the Skyline Trail goes through the NW corner), One 83.4 ac. parcel in Dyea along the Chilkoot Trail in the vicinity of the old Hosford sawmill, and one 2.18 ac. parcel below the incinerator near the Skagway River. Call for further details, ARA, David Brena, 907-983-2700. (11cb)

Year Round Apartment For Rent: 2 bed/2 bath, newer construction, fully furnished, deck, heated garage, energy efficient. No pets, no smoking. \$1,900/month + electric. Contact info@skagwaybrewing.com

FOR SALE: Duplex, three bedrooms and two baths on each side. Constructed 2019. Fridge, range, washer/dryer included, partially furnished. Call 907-723-2931.

COMMERCIAL-PROPERTY
DOWNTOWN SKAGWAY SPACE available for lease: 1200SF retail space next to Eagles Hall. Great location in the heart of Skagway's Historic District between 5th and 6th Ave. on Broadway. This is for the south retail in the Kelly Block Building. Contact jimjewell@gmail.com or text Jim at 907-612-0114.(1cb)

RETAIL SPACE ON BROADWAY for lease. See info at: www.skagwayrealestate.net. (1cb)

MARKETPLACE
CHILKAT VALLEY NEWS & WHITEHORSE STAR available at Skagway News Depot & Books. (1cp)

PERSONALS-MISC. SERVICES
FOOD BANK DONATIONS WELCOME. Donations may be sent to the Food Bank, PO Box 200, Skagway, AK 99840. The local Food Bank helps those in need with groceries. If you need assistance, or know anyone who needs assistance, at any time of year, call any pastor or 907-612-0313. (1cp)

LEGAL AD
As required by the Secure Rural Schools Act (SRS Act) reauthorization, P.L. 115-141, signed into law on March 23,

2018, and following the initiation of Title III funds for this use by the Borough Assembly on July 2, 2020, the following is the public announcement of the Municipality of Skagway's intent to use Title III funds: The municipality is proposing to use Title III funds to Purchase radio repeaters that simultaneously receives a radio signal and re-transmits it at a higher power so it can

cover greater distances. This enables communication between radio users where obstructions or distance are a problem. The current equipment is over 12 yrs old and are reaching obsolescence. This advertisement will be published for the required 45-day period. Please contact the Borough Treasurer with comments at 907-983-2297 or h.rodig@skagway.org.



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BROADWAY BULLETIN BOARD

POSTED JULY 16, 2020
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY

COMMUNITY FUNDING GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION AVAILABLE

The Municipality of Skagway has established a **Community Funding Grant Program** that provides funding for not-for-profit, non-profit, and charitable community organizations.

Applications for the funding period July 1, 2020 – December 30, 2020 Will be accepted on an open-ended basis.

The Community Funding Grant application is available online at www.skagway.org/forms, by request by emailing h.rodig@skagway.org.

July 14, 2020 Public Notice



Because of the surge in coronavirus cases in Alaska, the clinic recently received state approval to expand rapid testing to all travelers. If you traveled outside of Skagway to an Alaskan community with a known active case of COVID-19 we recommend you test for COVID-19 once you return to Skagway. We also recommend a second test 7 to 14 days after the first result. Patients should minimize interaction per state guidelines until results of the second test are received. Out of state travel still falls under State Travel Mandate 10. See www.covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/ for details.

As of July 29, 2020 The clinic has been extremely busy with COVID-19 testing recently. **Currently we are scheduling appointments from 9am to 3pm Monday through Friday, and we book up very quickly. Please plan accordingly and schedule your appointment ahead of time. Call the clinic at (907) 983-2255 to make an appointment.**

SKAGWAY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Please contact each worship location for their updated COVID-19 schedule

Assembly of God Church

8th & State • 907-983-2350
Sun. Worship.....11 a.m.
Thu. Intercessory Prayer:6:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

5th & Main • 983-2260
Sun. Morning Worship10 a.m.
Sun. Sunday School.....4 p.m.
Wed. Women's Prayer7 a.m.
Thur. Celebrate Recovery.....6 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

11th & State • 983-2518
Sun. Sacrament Meeting...10 a.m.
Sun. School/Primary ...11:10 a.m.
Relief Society/Priesthood...12 p.m.

St. Therese Catholic Church

9th & State • 983-2271
Sun. Mass.....5 p.m.
Mass Mon. & Tues.....12:10 p.m.
(when a priest is available)

Life Link Fellowship Bible Church

11th and Main • 907-612-0121
Sat. Night Worship7 p.m.
Sunday Service.....11 a.m.

RECREATION CTR SCHED

Skagway Recreation Center •
12th & Main • 983-2679
Cardio • Weight Room • Locker Rooms • Showers • Rock Wall

The Recreation Center is closed for repairs and construction.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Library Hours:

by Appointment
W, Th, F 12 - 6 p.m.
Sat. 1 - 5 p.m.
Call 983-2665 or email library@skagway.org

Dahl Clinic Winter Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Sat. and Sun. For after-hours emergencies, please dial 911.

Incinerator Hours

T, Th, Sa. 1 - 3 p.m.

Skagway Museum

Closed for the season

Border stations:

7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Call each station for specifics.

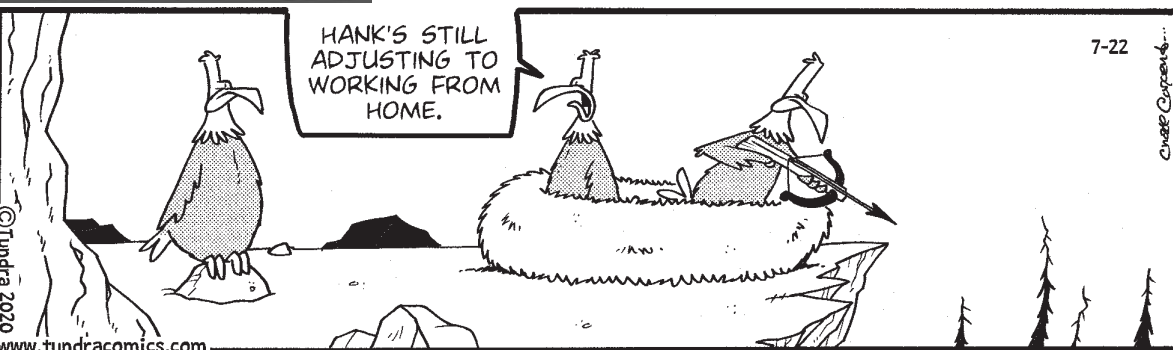
Ferry Terminal Hours

M-F 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

See www.skagway.org for borough meeting updates.

Email Updates & New Events: editor@skagwaynews.com

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SKAGWAY WEATHER WATCH

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OBSERVATIONS FOR PREVIOUS 24-HOUR PERIOD BEFORE 7 A.M.

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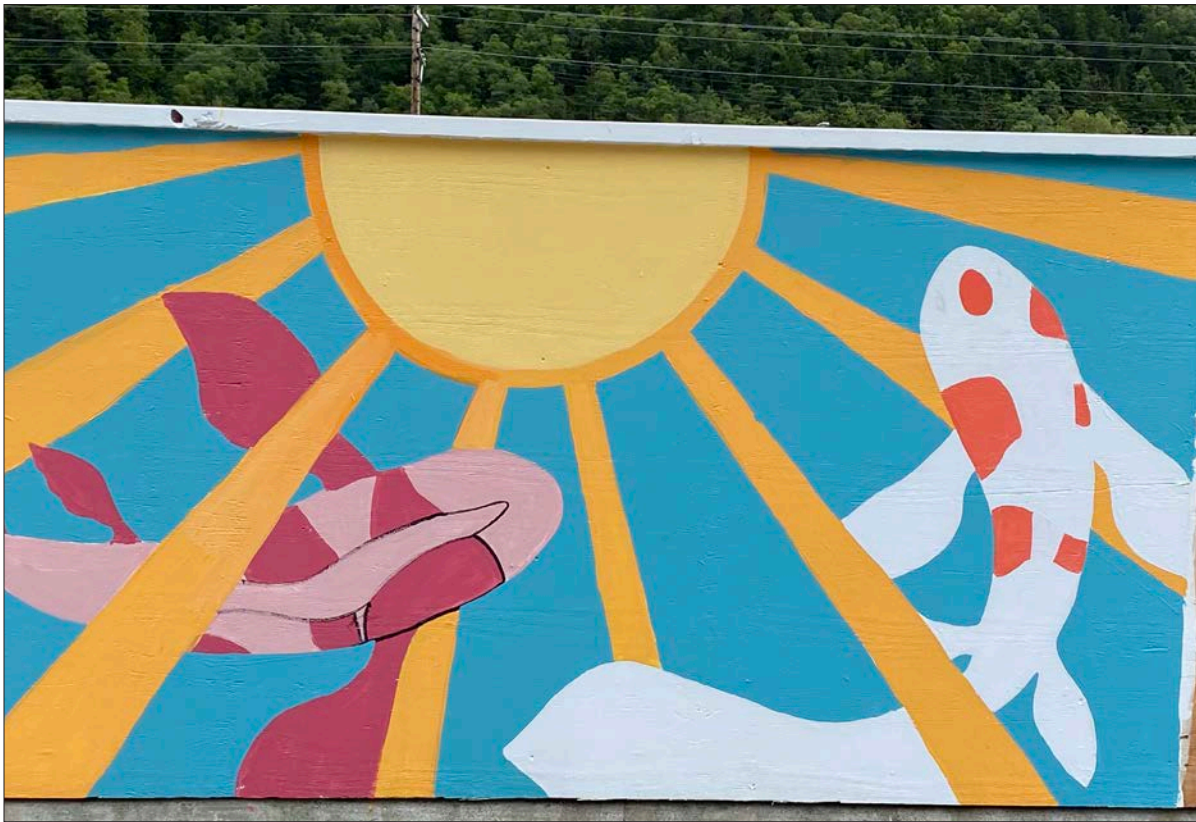


Photo by Melinda Munson

Adalia Deach, 14, and Callia Fielding, 15, two participants of the kids' positive graffiti program, painted a koi mural on newly constructed ice rink walls.

Mural, graffiti art brighten up summer

By Krizelle Solidum

The Skagway Recreation Center is directing both a mural art program and a kids' positive graffiti program in place of the summer camps canceled this year due to COVID-19. The theme of the municipally funded art programs is community.

Artists from different age groups will have the opportunity to paint the newly installed plywood fence around the ice skating rink, while maintaining social distancing.

"We have so many talented people in our town and we wanted to provide a fun way for them to display their talent as well as have the opportunity to earn additional income through the COVID-19 economic crisis," said Katherine Nelson, director of the recreation center.

Applications for the mural art program are on the recreation center website <http://skagwayrecreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Mural-Art-Positive-Graffiti-Application.pdf> or are available for pickup outside the skate shed on Main Street between 11th and 13th Ave. Submissions are due by 4 p.m. Friday at City Hall.

Artists are asked to briefly explain their design and provide a rough sketch as part of their application. Applicants are encouraged to be expressive with their work.

"Put yourself into it a little

bit and don't be afraid to go risky," said Holley Drake, recreation worker.

The Recreation Board will review the applications and 20 winners will be announced by Aug. 5. All the artwork must be completed by Sept. 30.

Each selected participant will be given an eight-by-four-foot slot on the fence and a \$1,000 grant for their completed artwork. The boards will be painted white by the municipality. Artists are responsible for their own paint.

Drake recommends using weatherproof acrylic paint made for outdoor use. If the paint is not waterproof, the art will be coated in a weatherproof coating. Artists are advised to look for colors that will resist fading in sunlight.

While participants are waiting to be selected for the ice rink mural art, the kids' positive graffiti program is underway. It includes four murals painted by different age groups, inspired by specific quotes.

The 5 to 7 year olds are creating an abstract rainbow, which contains 20 ribbons, inspired by the quote, "Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud," by the late U.S. poet and civil rights activist, Maya Angelou.

Kids in the 8 to 11-year-old group are creating a mural of a garden, inspired by the quote, "To plant a garden, is to believe in tomorrow," by

the late actress and humanitarian Audrey Hepburn.

An abstract landscape of Skagway, painted by the 12 to 14-year-old group, is influenced by "what is a city but the people," said by William Shakespeare.

Lastly, the 15 to 17 year olds have completed their mural based off of the quote, "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members," said by the late Coretta Scott King, wife of slain civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Normally we have summer camps going on, instead we have found fun and creative projects to do with the kids that beautify the space," said Drake.

Adalia Deach, 14, and Callia Fielding, 15, are two participants of the kids' positive graffiti program.

Deach and Fielding sketched koi fish on a grid digitally using an iPad. They copied the grid on wood to make sketching and painting easier.

Fielding has recorded a time-lapse of the entire project on her iPhone so their group can watch how their artwork came together in the end.

"It would be cool to come back to Skagway after I graduate and see the good we contributed to the community," said Deach.

Skagway decides it's time to repaint the clock

By Krizelle Solidum

Anyone who lives in town is familiar with the 50-foot-wide by 75-foot-tall clock, originally painted between 1898 and 1900 by Peter Kern, who owned one of the first jewelry shops in Skagway.

It's now time to repaint the watch face that hovers over Skagway from the rock wall to the east of downtown. The municipality is seeking bids for the job, with proposals due Aug. 4.

Kern's turn-of-the-century jewelry business was "a symbol of independent merchants in Skagway," said Assembly-member Orion Hanson.

Not long after, Herman Kirmse, who was a fellow watchmaker, bought out Kern's jewelry shop.

"He is most well known for a watch chain made out of 10 large gold nuggets for saloon owner and gambler Pat Renwick," longtime Skagway historian and journalist Jeff Brady said of Kirmse, who descended from a family of

European watchmakers, jewelers and doctors.

Back during the Gold Rush days, business owners placed billboards on the cliff, which is why Kern originally painted the clock.

Since it was painted by Kern, the clock has been repainted twice. The first time, around 1961, by Paul Cyr, Bill Hunz and Dick Hopkins. The second time was around 1982, with the work done by Steven Hanson.

"The paint has aged over the years and needs to be maintained, it's a part of keeping history intact," said Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park historian Karl Gurcke.

The municipality's bid notice, issued July 21, says the work must be completed by Sept. 30, replicating the original colors and design. The project also includes repainting the Moe's Frontier Bar sign next to the clock on the rock wall at the east end of 4th Avenue.

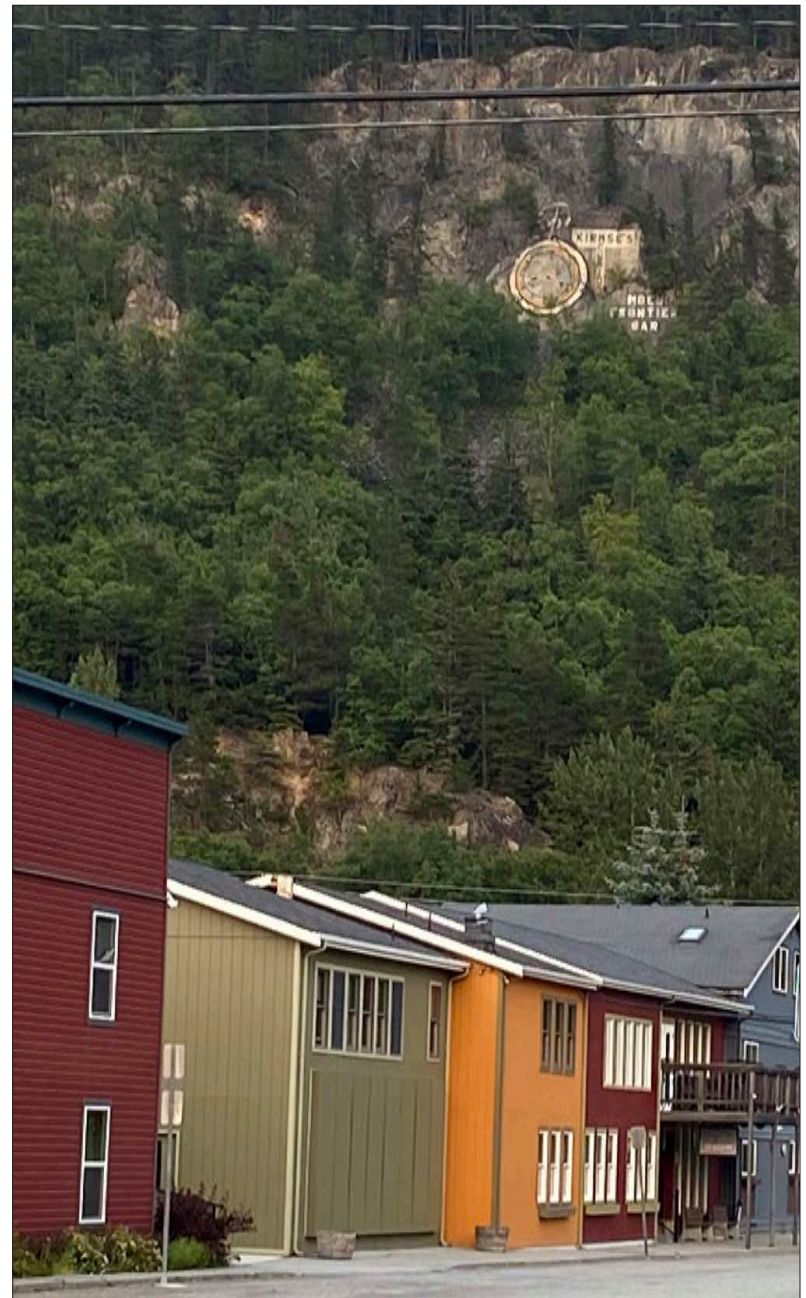


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Kirmse's stop watch hovers over the Westmark Inn Skagway.