

Cooper Landing GEM

Dear Members,

Summer is just around the corner and with the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, we're all ready to get back to work! With that in mind, the Chamber invites all members to attend a one-hour presentation on AK CARES Grant Program (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act). Tim Dillon, Executive Director of Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District, will provide details of how small businesses and nonprofits can successfully apply for COVID-19 relief money. The presentation is Wednesday, June 3rd at 3 pm at the Hutch Bed and Breakfast. Please RSVP to Shirley at 907-598-1270 and bring lawn chairs.

We'd like to welcome our newest member, Mike Amos with Bike Cooper Landing. Mike offers mountain bikes and ebikes for rent.

The Chamber office is officially open. Feel free to stop by with your rack cards and leave with copies of the 2020 Upper Kenai Visitor Guide.

We thank all of you for being good neighbors and respecting and supporting each other. Remember, referrals to surrounding businesses for activities, meals and services help everyone succeed.

Respectfully,

Cooper Landing Chamber Board

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Cooper Landing Community Club

The Community Club is slowly reopening. Please pay attention to the updated protocols if you are attending a class or have a reservation. If you plan to use the softball field please follow the posted protocols, practice social distancing, and pick up after your dog.

The 26th Annual Softball tournament has been cancelled due to Covid-19. We look forward to next year's tournament, cheeseburgers, and nachos even more so. Please contact us if you have any questions. cooperlandingcommunityclub@gmail.com



Moosalanche the 25th Annual Softball Tournament Winners. Look for previous tournament images throughout the week on our Facebook Page.



Cooper Landing Directories

We are currently in the process of updating the Cooper Landing Directories. Residential, organizational, and business listings are free. Paid advertising space is available. Please visit our website to learn more: www.cooperlandingcommunityclub.com/directory



Join us this Wednesday

AK CARES GRANT PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Learn how small businesses and nonprofits can successfully apply for COVID-19 relief money. Presentation by Tim Dillon, Executive Director of Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District.

Please RSVP to Shirley at 907-598-1270 and bring a lawn chair.

June 3rd | 3-4 pm | At the Hutch B & B



Cooper Landing Emergency Services



Welcome Riley Shurtleff to the CLES Team!

CLES has been hard at work lately! Our volunteers have continued to respond to medical calls as well as a few fire calls, taking extra precautions during this public health emergency. We've even responded to a water rescue already and it's only May! (everyone's ok.)

Two new rigs arrived this spring, our long awaited ambulance and our new Spartan/Marion Fire Engine! The engine is being outfitted as a rescue engine for first response on fire calls and MVAs, carrying our extrication equipment.

We would like to thank the Board of Riverton VFD of Connecticut and The Barkhamsted Fire District for passing this apparatus down to us. Alaska's Code Blue project deserves our appreciation for helping secure our new ambulance! Thank you as well to the vehicle purchase committee: Ed, Jesse, Ruth and Riley.



Our new engine and our new president, Ed Kahles hard at work in the wee hours of the morning.

In April we facilitated and monitored the burning of the organic dump on Snug Harbor Road. Please use this location for your yard waste and keep in mind that there is a burn ban in place. Small, contained fires for cooking and warming are permitted but please be extremely cautious.

We also welcomed a new Operations Coordinator, Riley Shurtleff! Riley is a Firefighter/EMT and has worked with Genoa, NY Fire Department, the Brockport, NY Fire District as well as Seward Fire Department. He has been volunteering here all winter and we are thrilled to have his expertise and leadership. If you see him say hello and introduce yourself.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy summer!



Cooper Landing Wakable Community

Virtual Trail Run- June 6th

Our Trail Run is cancelled this year, our pathway will see significant changes in the next several years but our point of view remains the same: we seek to connect our community through active transportation along safe pathways.

June 6th would have been the date of our trail run. We hope you will take a moment of your day to show your appreciation for active transportation corridors by:

- Checking out the changes in store for our corridor at SterlingHighway.net
 - o Phase 1B builds a separated pathway along the New Sterling Highway in our trail run corridor.
- Sharing an image with Cooper Landing's Walkable Community of you traveling our pathway or another public pathway that you love. Post your photo with #CLWCP or send it to us via email so we can share it in an event album on our Facebook page.

Whether it is along Safety Path, our Trail Run route or a pathway closer to home – get outside, go for a run or walk on a path that connects your community and share a photo of your route and what it means to you on our Facebook page.

Is it a great view? Is it fun terrain? Does it get you to work, to play, or to another place or access activity? Let us know how active transportation and recreation corridors benefit you.

We may not run together on June 6th but we still want to share the trails that connect us all.



A runner participates in a previous Cooper Landing Trail Run.

If you are able, please consider donating to a trail organization. You can help our efforts by mailing a check with the memo "Walkable Community" made out to the:

Cooper Landing Community Club
PO Box 508
Cooper Landing, AK 99572

Or you can support Alaska Trails via their website <https://www.alaska-trails.org/> donate because, Trails Aren't Cancelled.

Photos Credit: Best Route Productions

Sport your Walkable Shirt and reminisce about past Trails Runs while you participate in this year's virtual race.

Cooper Landing School



It's hard to believe the 2019/2020 School year is over. What a year it has been! We finished up the year with our tradition Author's Tea and Kindergarten Graduation via Zoom. Congratulations to our Kindergarten Graduates, Bayne and Brayden! We look forward to seeing everyone this August!

School Registration

Open Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will be held at Cooper Landing School August 10-14 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. The first day of school is Tuesday, August 18. Please call or email Donna Tucker at the school with any questions or concerns, or stop by the school during open registration.

Phone: 907-595-1244

Email: Dtucker@KPBSD.org

Happy Birthday

6/3 Yvette Galbraith
6/6 Riley Hemingway
6/7 Jim Carlson
6/9 Mona Painter
6/10 Barb DeMattia
6/10 Melissa Shirley
6/11 Karl Romig
6/12 John Corbey
6/15 Corey Robinson
6/18 Geneese Peterson
6/22 Connie Bensler
6/22 Brandon Harrison
6/24 Brad LaRock
6/26 Lisa Dickinson
6/27 Ann Hanson

Summer Time Reflections

Best Route Productions

Major Marine Tours

Our tours started up again on May 23rd and we will run daily until October 11th. We are currently running our 4 Hour Orca Quest Cruise until June 15th and our 6 Hour Kenai Fjords

National Park Cruise will start June 1st. We are cutting back on some of our tour departures but will have full-day and half-day tours available throughout the season.

We are offering Alaska Resident discounts until the end of June. Alaska Residents will save 30% on our cruises and over 30% on cruise and Harbor 360 Hotel packages through the end of June. More information can be found here: <https://majormarine.com/specials-packages/>

We have implemented thorough cleaning and social distancing procedures to keep our guests, employees, and community safe. We are limiting vessel capacity to ensure proper social distancing. You can see our full list of operational updates here: <https://majormarine.com/our-covid-19-response/>

Harbor 360 Hotel has continued to stay open. We have also implemented thorough cleaning and social distancing procedures at the hotel, which can be found here: <https://harbor360hotel.com/our-covid-19-response/>. We are also offering Alaska Resident discounts at the hotel through the end of June: <https://harbor360hotel.com/specials-packages/>

Bike Cooper Landing, LLC

Locally owned and operated bicycle rental and repair. Large assortment of mountain bikes for those that enjoy 100% human powered travel or brand new eBikes (peddle assist) for those who enjoy a little more power to further the adventure; we can accommodate most desires and levels of riding! Rentals come with helmets, maps and for safety, we have GPS tracking so if you need assistance on the trail, we know your exact location! We operated a popular van tour for 10 years called "Explore Cooper Landing" that was forced to close for 2020 due to the pandemic BUT, we are offering a self-guided tour of Cooper Landing to enjoy the same sights at your own pace with maps and interpretive pamphlet provided! We know Cooper Landing intimately and can suggest rides locally or elsewhere on the Peninsula.

Excellent repair service right here in the Landing and if you have a favorite bike and would like it converted to an eBike, we can do that too! Our 'trail head' is also our home where we have 3 vacation rentals offering diverse accommodations from a luxury suite to a cabin, both overlooking the Kenai River, to a vintage "glamper" in the forest! Great place to kick back and relax after a day biking Cooper Landing!

NEW IN COOPER LANDING!

BIKE COOPER LANDING, LLC

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***MOUNTAIN BIKE & EBIKE RENTALS! HOURLY, DAILY OR WEEKLY!**

***WE PROVIDE HELMETS, MAPS, GPS TRACKING AND GOOD LOCAL ADVICE ON WHERE TO EXPLORE THE TRAILS OF COOPER LANDING!**

***REPAIR SERVICES RIGHT HERE IN THE LANDING! CONVERT YOUR FAVORITE BIKE TO AN EBIKE! TUNE-UPS, MAINTENANCE, ETC...**

***OFFERING SELF-GUIDED TOURS OF COOPER LANDING!**

CALL MIKE AMOS (907)231-6793

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The Kenai Watershed Forum seeks Citizen Scientists to report Invasive Tree Species



The Kenai Watershed Forum (KWF) has been hard at work in search of an invasive tree that has been reported in Cooper Landing. European Bird Cherry (*Prunus padus*) or Mayday Tree, was once widely planted throughout many Alaskan communities as an ornamental. Its bright white blossoms, sweet aroma, hearty nature, and ability to grow quickly in Alaska make it a highly desirable addition to lawns and gardens.

While you can still purchase a Mayday Tree in some Kenai Peninsula nurseries, it has been made illegal to sell or purchase these trees in the Municipality of Anchorage. Anchorage has been able to catch a glimpse into what our forests and riparian corridors could look like if this tree continues to be planted and allowed to spread. If you take a stroll down Chester Creek Trail, you will be sure to see Mayday Trees overwhelming native vegetation, forming a monoculture within the understory

of the forest. Mayday trees are the first trees to leaf out in the spring, giving them a huge advantage over native vegetation as they are able to outcompete willows and alders for sunlight. Additionally, Mayday trees form a dense canopy that restricts light to the understory, inhibiting growth of other native species that keep our forest's biodiversity intact. This lack of tree and plant diversity has reverberating effects, as this could eventually affect the diversity and plenitude of insects that our salmon stocks depend on for food. Mayday trees produce cyanide. While the fruit on this tree are still edible for birds and other animals, it can be deadly to animals with segmented stomachs like moose. Multiple moose calf deaths have been reported in Anchorage due to poisoning from Mayday trees. As their other name (European Bird Cherry) suggests, these trees produce fruit that are highly desirable for many bird species. In turn, birds transport the seeds of Mayday trees far distances, making it incredibly difficult to track and catch infestations as they arise.

Mayday trees are nearly impossible to kill without the use of specific removal techniques involving herbicide. Cutting a Mayday tree down will only cause the tree to sucker, where it will send new shoots up from the stump as well as the roots. Any attempt at removing these trees without herbicide will most likely cause a bigger problem and extend your treatment/tree removal over the course of multiple years. Members of the Kenai Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area are working with landowners across the Kenai Peninsula to develop the best strategies to remove these trees effectively.

The Alaska Invasive Species Partnership is hard at work in making the purchase of Mayday trees illegal state-wide. In the meantime, the Kenai Watershed Forum and other members of the Kenai Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area are working to track down all existing infestations on the Kenai Peninsula before they become a bigger problem for our precious, intact ecosystems. In a recent survey of Cooper Landing, KWF has already found this tree species growing along the banks of the Kenai River. The time to act is now! If you think you have spotted a European Bird Cherry tree, please contact the Kenai Watershed Forum at (907) 260-5449 ext 1208. You can also send an email to maura@kenaiwatershed.org or visit our website for more information at kenaiwatershed.org.



Have you seen this **INVASIVE** tree?



Join the Kenai Watershed
Forum as we survey the
Kenai Peninsula for
European Bird Cherry!



If you think you've seen this tree in your neighborhood or would like more information, please contact Maura Schumacher, KWF Invasive Species Specialist at (907) 260- 5449 ext 1208 or by emailing maura@kenaiwatershed.org.





KENAI MOUNTAINS-TURNAGAIN ARM
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

ENTRY DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

2ND ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

CATEGORIES: SWEEPING VIEWS | HOW DO YOU PLAY IN THE KMTA?
KMTA COMMUNITIES | A CLOSER LOOK | PEOPLE'S CHOICE ON INSTAGRAM



Where the Rivers Converge
Photo By Jonessa Anderson

LEARN MORE: WWW.KMTACORRIDOR.ORG/PHOTO-CONTESTS



AK CARES ACT

Funding Program Information

Tim Dillon, KPEDD Executive Director
www.kpedd.org - 907-283-3335
Tim@kpedd.org

Dept. Commerce, Community & Economic Development
www.commerce.alaska.gov

Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority
www.aidea.org

Credit Union One - www.cu1.org

Foraker Group (non-profit assistance)
www.forakergroup.org



KENAI PENINSULA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
WWW.KPEDD.ORG - 907-283-3335 - TIM@KPEDD.ORG

AK CARES FUNDING PROGRAM

The AK CARES Funding Program is structured as a coronavirus relief fund. KPEDD is assisting with the outreach in the Kenai Peninsula.

The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED) has engaged the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) to assist in program oversight

Grant amounts range from \$5,000 to \$100,000 per applicant business

Credit Union 1 is the program operator and will receive, review and process grant applications

The initial tranche of \$150,000,000 will be available for applicants on June 1, 2020



2020 Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce & CVB


Please support our local businesses!

5 Dogs Fishing	(907) 598-3525	Inn at Tern Lake (Moose Pass)	(907) 288-3667
Alaska Heavenly Lodge	(907) 599-0022	Jason's Guide Service	(907) 351-3036
Alaska Horsemen Lodge	(907) 595-1806	Kahtnu Spirit Lodging	(907) 299-2855
Alaska Outdoor Woodstoves	(907) 598-1633	Keen Eye Anglers	(907) 244-9831
Alaska River Adventures	(907) 595-2000	Kenai Cache Outfitters	(907) 595-1401
Alaska Rivers Company	(907) 595-1226	Kenai Kayak Company	(907) 441-6753
Alaska Troutfitters	(907) 595-1212	Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area	(206) 920-9051
Alaskan Angling Adventures LLC	(907) 595-3336	KPB Mayor –Charlie Pierce (Soldotna)	(800) 478-4441
Angle 45 Adventures (Hope)	(907) 782-3175	KPBSD Superintendent	(907) 714-8836
Bean Creek Gallery	(907) 595-3488	Kenai Peninsula Econ. Dev. Dist.	(907) 283-3335
Bearfoot Publications		Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge	(907) 595-1425
Best Route Productions	(303) 570-2081	Kenai River Drifters Lodge	(907) 595-5555
Bike Cooper Landing, LLC	(907) 231-6793	Kenai River Float-n-Fish	(907) 519-0048
Blue Yeti Food Truck	(907) 231-6089	Kenai River Fly Fishing	(907) 598-1400
Boatman's	(907) 202-1004	Kenai River Trips & Kenai Riverside Lodge	(800) 334-8730
Camp K on Kenai Lake	(907) 279-3551	Kenai River Trout Anglers	(907) 599-0085
Conoco Phillips Alaska, Inc. (Anchorage)	(907) 276-1215	Kenai Watershed Forum	(907) 265-5412
Cooper Landing Brewery	(907) 276-5044	Major Marine Tours (Seward)	(907) 274-7300
Cooper Landing Community Club	(907) 595-2169	Mystic Waters Fly Fishing	(509) 715-9697
Cooper Landing Community Library	(907) 595-1241	Prospector John's Pan for Gold	(907) 598-1808
Cooper Landing Community School	(907) 595-1244	Round Mountain Retreat	(907) 598-1333
Cooper Landing Emergency Services	(907) 595-1800	Salmon Run Lodge	(907) 595-2197
Cooper Landing Fish Camp	(907) 595-3474	Seramur Home Services	(907) 599-0019
Cooper Landing Rifle & Sportsman's Club	(907) 599-0004	Spruce Moose Chalets	(907) 677-7543
Cooper Landing Historical Society	(907) 598-1042	Stevenson Retreat	(907) 240-1113
Cooper Landing Senior Citizens Corp.	(907) 595-3000	Sharon Madison, GRI, Realtor	(928) 706-8901
Eagle Landing Resort	(907) 595-1213	Sunrise Inn & Café	(907) 595-1222
First National Bank Alaska (Soldotna)	(907) 260-6000	Talon Air Service, Inc. (Soldotna)	(907) 262-8899
Fish & Sons Kenai Charters	(907) 598-1065	Tanisha Walters, Lisc. Acupuncturist	(303) 482-7176
Grizzly Ridge	(907) 595-1260	The Hutch Bed & Breakfast	(907) 595-1270
Gwin's Lodge	(907) 595-1266	Upper Kenai Cabins	(907) 595-3055
Harbor 360 Hotel (Seward)	(888) 514-8687	Wildman TR Inc.	(907) 595-1456



June 2020

Cooper Landing **GEM**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 CLSCCI Board Mtg. (via conf.call) 1:30 pm	3 AK CARES Grant Program Presentation 3 pm @ Hutch B&B	4	5	6 Virtual Trail Run Photo Tag #CLWCP
7	8	9	10	11 Upper Kenai River Opens for Fishing	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 First Day of Summer
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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Now Available**

The latest Visitors Guide is now available.
Check it out online at:
issuu.com/upperkenaisitorguide

