



KENAI PENINSULA **Food For Thought**  
**Food Bank**

**SPRING FESTIVAL—FEATURING FRESH FOOD**

Kenai Peninsula Food Bank will be holding the **Annual Spring Festival** on **Saturday, May 2, 2020** from noon to 4pm. There will be a **bbq, sundaes, fun, games** and food information.

This community event sponsored by **Central Peninsula Hospital** and **Marathon**, will feature farms, fish and fresh food.

According to USDA's latest Census of Agriculture the number of farms in Alaska has increased 30 percent between 2012 and 2017. Compared to the 3.2 percent decline in the Lower 48, that's remarkable. **Alaska has the highest percentage of new and beginning farmers in the nation. The Kenai Peninsula has the most new farms and high tunnels in the state.**



WE WANT TO HELP YOU FIND FRESH FOOD, SUPPORT LOCAL GROWERS & MAKERS, and help the Peninsula economy thrive.



Stop by on your way to (or from) the Sports & Recreation Show, grab a plate of food and explore our many local fresh food options.

**Thanks for Brightening the Holidays!**

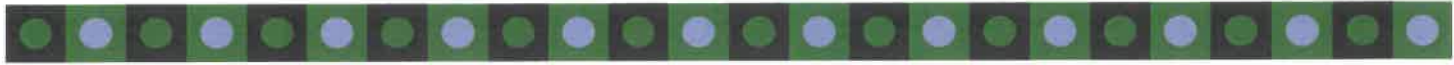
For Thanksgiving we distributed over 5,000 lbs of food, equaling food boxes to 141 families. Thanks to Lynden for delivering turkeys and all the businesses who had food drives for the holidays: Alaska Car Shop, AT&T (Force out Hunger), Aurora Borealis Charter School, Central Peninsula Hospital, Cook Inlet Academy, Crossfit Certitude, Diamond Dance Project, Hilcorp Alaska, LLC, Homer Electric Assoc, IDEA Student Council, Kenai Central High School, Kenai Peninsula Assoc. of Realtors,

Kenai Peninsula Harley Davidson, Kenai River Brown Bears, Kenai River Rotary, Marathon Oil, Midas of Soldotna, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Redemption MMA, Redoubt Elementary, River City Academy, Rotary Club of Soldotna, Safe & Sound, Safeway Buy-A-Bag, Skyview High & Middle schools, Soldotna Library (Food For Fines), Janie & Phil Stewart, Tsalteshi Trail Assoc, Walmart, World Tavern

Poker Clubs, Yo Taco, and all the other compassionate businesses and individuals who contributed food and services for the holiday season.



**B**ecause of you, the holidays were just a little brighter for our neighbors in



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### The days are getting longer.....

The Kenai Peninsula Food Bank Garden is a source of fresh produce for our guests in our Fireweed Diner and for our neighbors who come for food through our direct service program. It is a beautiful partnership between the Food Bank and community and provides opportunities for volunteers, education and healthy eating. The garden engages local garden clubs, the local Farmers Market Association, the University Extension Service, schools, Alaska Christian College, and service groups to work together, learn and provide healthy food. The garden is getting a face-lift through the efforts of an Eagle Scout project. There is also an active compost area that prevents food scraps from kitchen from going into the landfill.



**A BIG THANK YOU** to TOTE Maritime Alaska for their garden grant and James & Lydia Craycraft for supporting the Seed Money grant that supplied matching funds for garden projects.

## FARMERS FRESH MARKET

The Farmers Fresh Market welcomes all growers of farm, garden, and greenhouse products to participate in a weekly market. The Market's mission is to aid in the development of a sustainable, local agricultural community for the benefit of the Central Peninsula region by:



- Being an outlet for producers of small quantities of products
- Increasing food quality for all members of the community
- Raising awareness about nutritious local food
- Providing the consumer with a convenient opportunity to purchase excellent garden/farm fresh products

The Farmers Fresh Market is a collaborative effort by local growers, Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, Kenai Soil & Water Conservation District and UAF Cooperative Extension.

The Farmers Fresh Market will begin June 16, 2020 every Tuesday 3pm thru 6pm until the end of September.

If you have any questions and or concerns, please contact Linda Kendall at 262-3111 or email [lindak@kpfoodbank.org](mailto:lindak@kpfoodbank.org)



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**2 Round trip tickets to anywhere Alaska Airlines flies!**  
 Only \$100 a ticket and only 100 tickets to be sold!  
 Get your tickets NOW from a board member or stop by the office.



The 2019 lucky winner of the Polaris Side x Side was **Richard Bagley of Heat & Frost Insulation, Inc.!** Thanks to everyone who bought tickets, your support made a significant impact.

\$50 Tickets available at the Food Bank.

**Polaris XP 900**

- 68 HP ProStar high-output engine
- On-Demand All-Wheel Drive with Versa Trac Turf Mode
- Electric Power Steering/adjustable tilt wheel
- 1000 Pound Rear Dump Box with gas assist
- 1500 pound pay load capacity/1000-pound towing capacity
- Seating for three
- Front Hood Storage Rack
- Polaris Heavy Duty 4500-pound winch
- Retail value - \$15,638.98



**2019 SOUP SUPPER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS**

The 23rd Annual Soup Supper was super successful with over 250 supporters in attendance! Thanks again to generous sponsors and community members who donated cash and auction items, to all of the potters who contributed beautiful handmade bowls and the restaurants who made delicious soups, this major fundraiser couldn't happen without your support.



**AUGUST 22, 2020**  
 Be sure to mark your calendar and join the fun at the 24th Annual Soup Supper and Auction.

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**PENINSULA PICKLE PIE?**



Yep, that's right, pickle pie! Morganette is the creator of what has become the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank's signature pie. Debuting at the 2019 Harvest Moon Festival

where it impressed and won the Peoples' Choice Award, and at Picklefest, KDLL's fundraiser, taking the 1st place trophy of a yodeling pickle (and bragging rights, of course).

**Thanks to everyone who donated food at these businesses**



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| 907 Diesel                 | Hilcorp Alaska, LLC                     | STAMP OUT HUNGER           | Skyview Middle School     |
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| Borealis Charter School    | Kenai Peninsula Harley Davidson         | ReMax Of The Peninsula     | Tsalteshi Trail Assoc     |
| Auto Zone                  | Kenai River Brown Bears                 | River City Academy         | FROZEN FOOD SERIES        |
| Central Peninsula Hospital | FILL THE NET                            | Rotary Club of Soldotna    | Walmart                   |
| Christ Lutheran Church     | Kenai River Rotary Club                 | Safe & Sound, Inc          | World Tavern Poker Club   |
| Cook Inlet Academy         | Main Street Hotel Tap & Grill           | Safeway                    | CHIPS FOR FOOD            |
| Crossfit Certitude LLC     | Marathon Oil Company                    | Buy A Bag                  | Yo Taco                   |
| Dairy Queen                | Miles Metteer                           | Skyview High School        |                           |
| Diamond Dance Project      | Midas Soldotna                          |                            |                           |
| First National Bank Alaska | Nail Boutique                           |                            |                           |
| BARREL IN EVERY BRANCH     | National Assoc. of Letter Carriers      |                            |                           |

**We Feed People!**

We certainly appreciate your support of our mission to feed people through 2019. Your generosity helped us collect and distribute over 280,000 pounds of food to hungry neighbors throughout the Kenai Peninsula. **WOW!**