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Cordova's Old Time 4th of July Celebration Moves Forward After Uncertainty

June 8, 2026 (CORDOVA, ALASKA) — The Cordova Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that planning is moving forward for the 2026 Old Time 4th of July Celebration, thanks to the support of several key community partners who have stepped up to help keep this cherished tradition alive.

The 2026 celebration is planned for **Saturday, July 4** from **12:00 - 3:00 pm** at **Hollis Henrichs Park** (the grassy field near the hospital). Featuring food and activity booths, square dancing, Cordova's classic kids' games, and ceremonial elements including the Presentation of the Colors and the singing of the National Anthem; this year's event will follow the popular park-based format that has become a community favorite in recent years.

This year's celebration comes at a particularly challenging time for the Chamber. Following the loss of its annual municipal funding and while navigating ongoing staffing and financial constraints, there was significant uncertainty about whether the Chamber would be able to organize the event. In recent weeks, a core group of community partners including the Native Village of Eyak, Cordova Parks and Recreation Department, and Chugach Alaska Corporation have committed to offer key logistical and financial support to the Chamber for the event. The Chamber remains optimistic and excited to bring the community together once again for a day of family-friendly activities, local traditions, and hometown pride. At the same time, Chamber leaders hope this year's celebration will spark broader conversations about how the community can sustainably support the organizations and volunteers who make these beloved events possible.

"We are determined to bring the community together this year, and we're incredibly grateful to the partners who made that possible," said Cathy Renfeldt, Executive Director of the Cordova Chamber of Commerce. "This event has always belonged to the community," Renfeldt added. "We hope this year's celebration not only brings people together, but also helps us build a path forward so future generations can continue to enjoy it."

The Chamber is currently seeking approximately 20 additional volunteers to assist with event setup, operations, and cleanup. Financial contributions from local businesses, organizations, and community members are also welcome to help offset event expenses and ensure the celebration remains accessible to everyone. Visit www.cordovachamber.com/4thofjuly for details, donation information, and participation forms to [Sign up to volunteer](#), [Reserve a vendor, activity, or information booth](#) (free for Chamber members; \$25 for non-members), sign up to [Host a third-party activity](#) during the holiday weekend or to make a [donation](#) or become a cash [sponsor](#).

As always, this event is completely free to the community, supported by local businesses and volunteers, and is brought to you by Cordova Chamber of Commerce. The Cordova Chamber of Commerce is governed by a 16-member board of directors and comprises around 150 members. In addition to operating the Cordova Visitor Center, the Chamber's work is divided into four main program areas: quality of life enhancement, economic development, destination marketing and leadership development.

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