

## Plans underway for Chugach Annual Election and virtual Annual Meeting

April and May are busy months for Chugach and its members with the annual election and virtual annual meeting. The Board of Directors set April 1 as the date of record for this year's election. You must be a member by that date in order to vote.

On April 16, members with an email in our system will receive an email including a link to the election materials and instructions for voting, and paper ballots will be mailed to those who have requested them. Paper ballots and election materials are available upon request. To request a paper ballot or update your email with Chugach, you can email [service@chugachelectric.com](mailto:service@chugachelectric.com)

[chugachelectric.com](http://chugachelectric.com) or call 563-7366. Names of members who vote in the annual election go into a drawing for one free year of electricity (up to 10,000 kWh).

Three candidates are running for one open seat on the Chugach Board of Directors and there are four proposed bylaw amendments.



Leslie C. "Fritz" Krusen, III



Stuart Parks



Erin Whitney

## Virtual Annual Meeting - May 18

In order to comply with health and safety concerns and local emergency orders around large gatherings due to COVID-19, the 2021 Chugach Annual Meeting will be held through a virtual platform on Tuesday, May 18 beginning at 5:30 pm. Members interested in the virtual annual meeting can sign up on the Chugach website beginning Thursday, April 1. Results of the election will be announced during the virtual annual meeting which will be followed

by a special meeting of the Chugach Board of Directors where members will hear from the CEO, Board Chair, the Treasurer, and other updates. Those who sign up for the virtual annual meeting will be eligible to win one of ten \$100 gift certificates to a local business. Winners of the free year of electricity and the gift certificates will be announced during the special board meeting. Please save the link to the meetings when you sign up.

## Burn permits required starting April 1

Division of Forestry burn permits are required April 1 through August 31 to do any open debris burning on state, municipal and private lands statewide. This applies to any open debris burning, use of burn barrels and burning of lawns. {1113610}

State forestry burn permits are available for free at the local state forestry offices or you can go to the Division of Forestry website at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/burn> and print one off. You can also check your local volunteer fire department to see

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if they have any permits on hand. Permittees are required to read the safe burning guidelines listed on the permit, sign it and have it on hand when they are burning.

Permit holders are also required to call their local Division of Forestry office or go online at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/burn> to make sure burning is allowed on the day they want to burn.

### Safe Burning Guidelines

- Debris piles must be 10 feet in diameter or less and no more than 4 feet tall.
- Burn only one debris pile at a time and keep the pile small and manageable, feeding the pile as you burn.
- Construct a fire break 10 feet wide down to mineral soil around debris piles and at least 6 feet wide around burn barrels before lighting the fire.
- Don't burn during windy periods. Check your local area conditions by phone or go to <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn>

- Never leave a fire of any kind unattended. Have at least 1 adult attend the fire at all times until the fire is completely out.
- Have sufficient tools and water on site to control the fire and prevent it from spreading.
- Do not burn debris piles or burn barrels within 30 feet of structures or under utility lines.
- You are only allowed to burn paper, untreated wood, and organic debris in a burn barrel.
- Burn piles must contain only untreated, unpainted wood and organic material.
- If you plan on burning anything larger than a 10-foot diameter debris pile you must call the Alaska Division of Forestry to apply for a large-scale permit and a DOF prevention officer must inspect the pile before you burn.
- Call 911 immediately if there is a wildland fire emergency.



## In the community

Responding to requests for updates from the business community, Chugach CEO Lee Thibert gave two public presentations recently. Thibert gave an update to the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Make it Monday forum and to a meeting of Commonwealth North's energy policy study group.

Dozens of people tuned into the virtual meetings for an update on the



recent acquisition of ML&P by Chugach, information on electric vehicle charging programs, and progress on efforts to align Railbelt utilities.



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