



## Chugach response to Coronavirus

To ensure the safety of our employees, members, and the community at large, Chugach is taking several steps to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Following the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as well as state and local mandates, our lobby is closed to the public until further notice.

You can still do business with Chugach in a variety of ways:

- Call us.
  - Our main number in the Member Services department is (907) 563-7366 or toll free (800) 478-7494.
  - Our credit department number is (907) 563-5060.
- Use the on-line My Account member portal, where you can view and pay bills, track usage, and sign up for alerts.
- Pay your bill by phone by calling (907) 762-7803.
- Utilize our payment drop box outside of our building at 5601 Electron Drive.
- Follow Chugach activities on our website [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com) and on Facebook and Twitter.

## Annual Meeting planned for June

### *COVID-19 restrictions could alter plans*

Chugach is moving forward with plans for its Annual Meeting and Election. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2020 at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center. Registration is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

In the event the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is still impacting local gatherings and community restrictions or government mandates are in place, Chugach will revisit this decision and evaluate

In recognition of the significant impact the Coronavirus is having on our community, Chugach is temporarily suspending service disconnects for non-payment for members having a financial hardship associated with the COVID-19. Chugach is urging members who are having difficulty making payments due to financial hardships caused by the Coronavirus pandemic to contact our credit department at (907) 563-5060. The temporary moratorium on disconnections does not relieve a member's payment obligation to Chugach.

Chugach is taking several steps to keep employees safe and healthy including work-from-home, staggered shifts, alternate start times, and implementing the numerous hygiene protocols set out by the CDC. We will continue to follow state and local mandates and will make decisions on opening our lobby and other related activities based on those policies.

other options. Decisions will be communicated to members via this Outlet, email, social media, and other methods.

The Board of Directors set April 22 as the date of record for this year's election. You must be a member by that date to vote in the election. On May 15, paper ballots will be mailed to those who have requested them, and members with an email in our system will receive an email including a link to the election materials and instructions for voting. Paper ballots and election materials are available

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upon request. To update your email with Chugach, you can email [service@chugachelectric.com](mailto:service@chugachelectric.com) or call 563-7366 .

Four candidates have been approved by the Nominating Committee to run for two open seats on the Chugach Board of Directors. Additional candidates may be added as the deadline to run by petition is April 6. The four candidates approved are:

- Brad Authier – Semi-retired environmental consultant
- Sam Cason– Attorney
- Mitchell Roth – Professor Emeritus, computer science
- Mark Wiggin – Alaska natural resource consultant



Brad Authier




Samuel Cason



Mitchell Roth



Mark Wiggin



Did you know that Chugach members have the option to be notified via email or text message when there is an outage in their area? Sign up today in My Account.

To receive outage notifications:

- 1) Sign into My Account at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com).
- 2) Under the person icon in the top right hand corner, select "Communication Preferences."
- 3) Under "+Add Notification" select "Outage" and enter your desired contact method and information.

## Celebrating Earth Day

April 22 will mark the 50th celebration of Earth Day. Each year more than 190 countries participate in celebrating Earth Day. Join Chugach in celebrating this year's Earth Day theme of Climate Action. {1172066}

There are a number of earth friendly activities you can do from home and while maintaining social distancing guidelines.

- **Plant seed starts.** Plant, water and watch seeds sprout before your eyes. Plant vegetables, as well as flowers, because vitamin rich fruits and vegetables boost your immune system. Make it an activity with your family at home.
- **Embrace spring cleaning.** It's a perfect time to check off some of the cleaning you have put on hold. For instance, take a vacuum or cleaning brush to your refrigerator coils to make your refrigerator run more efficiently.

- **Take up composting.** Reduce food waste by saving leftovers and composting. Contact your local waste provider to see if they offer a composting option for your area. If not, you can compost in a sealed container and store it in the freezer or under the sink.
- **Read a book.** Instead of streaming a movie, which produces more carbon emissions than often realized, read a book. Contact your library for e-book options.
- **Get outside.** What better way to celebrate Earth Day than to get outside? Take a walk around your neighborhood or take a nature walk on a trail you haven't been on before.



Celebrate Earth Day this month by going paperless. Chugach members already signed up for paperless billing saving hundreds of trees each year.



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### Member number hide-n-seek

Find your member number (in brackets) in the Outlet and get a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Call Chugach's service center at 563-7366 to claim your prize.