

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2021 ALASKA DAY FESTIVAL and other activities of interest as of 10/4/2021

Alaska Day Festival annually commemorates the Transfer of Russian claim of Alaska to the United States of America at Sitka on October 18, 1867, and celebrates the diversity of cultures and historical perspectives of our people.

As we focus on the annual commemoration of Alaska Day, we hope to inspire a deeper exploration into the cultures and history of the 1867 era. We aim to stimulate the imaginations of our current generation, and to look beyond our own histories, and to better appreciate the experiences of others.

“Coming Together” is the focus theme chosen for 2021. Artwork for the 2021 commemorative button and merchandise will be created to coordinate with the 2021 theme.

2021 Festival Trustees are: Ted Allio (chairman), Marsha McCrehin (vice chairman), Mindy Lowrance (secretary), Carol Hitchcock (treasurer), Lisa Langenfeld, Joan Berge, Jen Houx & Justin Mullinex.

Festival Information including schedule of events will be posted at <https://www.alaskadayfestival.org>, on Facebook and advertised in the local newspaper and radio.

✓ indicates event is sponsored by Alaska Day Committee

Wednesday, October 6 thru Monday, October 18

✓ Festival event schedule available at Old Harbor Books, Facebook, and Alaska Day website (<https://www.alaskadayfestival.org>). (Contact: Mindy Lowrance @ 907-738-2418)

Wednesday, October 6

Noon Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce Fall Speaker Series. Program by Alaska Day Committee members plus Meilani Shijvens of Rain Coast Data will present SE By the Numbers 2021 (VIA [Zoom](#)) (Contact Rachel Roy @ 907-747-8604)

- ✓ Noon Swearing in of Keystone Kops at Sitka Pioneers' Home Lawn. With Alaska Public Safety Academy Officer. *(Contact: Carrie Driver @ 707-601.7380)*

Monday, October 11
Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration

Wednesday, October 13

Noon Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce Fall Speaker Series. Visit Sitka Marketing Program and opportunities with Laurie Booyse. Plus, Sitka Whalefest Predators & Prey- A delicate dance. Hear how you can attend this 3 day virtual symposium & this year's Sitka events. [\(VIA Zoom\)](#) *(Contact Rachel Roy @ 907-747-8604)*

Thursday, October 14

6:30 pm Sitka Historical Society Annual Meeting at Centennial Hall. Guest speaker TBD. *(Contact: Hal Spackman @ 907-738-3766)*

Saturday, October 16

- ✓ 11 am Paddle Board Races on Swan Lake. Paddle boards will be available, or bring your own. Dry suits recommended, but not necessary. *(Contact: Katina Wathen @ 907-738-5526)*

9 am – 2pm Swap Meet under the Crescent Harbor Shelter (“Net Shelter”). Do your Saturday Garage Sailing and Vendor Sale shopping all under one roof. *(Contact: Carrie Driver @ 707-601.7380)*

Sunday, October 17

3 pm Army Band Concert under the Crescent Harbor Shelter (“Net Shelter”). *(Contact Joan Berge @ 907-738-2640)*

Monday, October 18, ALASKA DAY

- ✓ 11 am Military Memorial Service by U.S. Army Chaplain at Sitka national Cemetery. Representation by all Military Services. Bugles and drums by 9th Army Band. Fly-over by U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Sitka. *(Contact Joan Berge @ 907-738-2640)*

11 am – 4 pm Sitka Lutheran Church Alaska Day Pie Sale
Whole pies will be for sale. The Church will not be open. Pie sales will be through the back door of the Church on Harbor Drive. Foot traffic only down the driveway. The driveway is next to The Raven's Hook craft store.

11 am – 2pm Russian Church Fish Pie and Fry Bread Sale.

- ✓ 12:30 pm Line up for parade along Lake Street. No registration fee. *(Contact Mindy Lowrance @ 907-738-2418 or Duane Vilandre @ 907-738-6645)*
- ✓ 1:30 pm Parade of bands, military and civilian marching units, decorated vehicles, classic cars, costumed individuals, and re-enactment groups. Parade Route starts at SJ Museum and ends at Totem Square. Fly-over by U.S. Air Station Sitka. Theme: "Coming Together". *(Contact Mindy Lowrance @ 907-738-2418 or Duane Vilandre @ 907-738-6645)*

Immediately following parade:

- ✓ Transfer Ceremony 1867 commemoration on Castle Hill. Lowering of Russian Flag and Raising of American Flag. Roll call of States as admitted to the Union with rifle salutes. Raising of Alaska Flag. Ceremonial band music. *(Contact Ted Allio @ 907-752-0556)*

Immediately following Transfer Re-enactment Ceremony

Air-sea Rescue Demonstration by U.S. Coast Guard Air Station and Coast Guard Auxiliary. Near O'Connell Bridge visitors' facility.

Immediately following Transfer Re-enactment Ceremony

Sitka Historical Society Annual Alaska Day Brew Fest and Brisket Cookoff. Live music provided by Triple Threat and the Army Band. *(Contact: Hal Spackman @ 907-738-3766)*