

October 17, 2018



29 Palms Chamber of Commerce

From: Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
Concerning: Pioneer Days 2018

The Board has voted and decided that there will be no reschedule of the 2018 Carnival in November, and instead has decided to immediately focus on the planning of Pioneer Days 2019 following an official review of this year's events. We have also decided to move all remaining Pioneer Days festivities to Friday October 19, 2018, to include Bouncy House attractions, DJ P Funk, live band Daniel Bonte and the Bona Fide, the Beer Garden, and all Festival vendors. The Pioneer Days Parade will go on as planned on Saturday October 20, 2018 at 10:00 am along 29 Palms Hwy in downtown 29.

All associated third-party events will continue as scheduled. These include all Alumni/Reunion events, the Chili Dinner, the Pet Parade, and the Kiwanis Lego Challenge.

We will be offering full refunds to all event vendors, as well as continuing to host them at the Pioneer Days this Friday. In addition, the 29 Palms Farmers' Market Director, Roger Thomas, has opened an invitation to all vendors for free participation in the Market on Saturday morning. We offer all this in recompense for not delivering the promised event, and we, as a Board, sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have on our vendor's businesses. The Chamber staff will be contacting all these businesses today to clarify any questions and carry out necessary changes.

To our event Sponsors, we once again thank you for sponsoring the 82nd Annual Pioneer Days, and we fully intend to fulfill all Sponsor benefits to the best of our ability. Please contact our staff if there are any questions or concerns.

As President and Executive Director, I, Jacob Smith, once again assume responsibility for this Pioneer Days—successes and disappointments alike. In effort of transparency, there was never a formally signed contract between the Chamber and this Carnival. There was a strong verbal affirmative including continuous promises of all necessary documents and supplies which were repeatedly given through many conversations and interactions. The City of Twentynine Palms and its officials have been informed and aware of all challenges since initiation of this agreement.

The Board and I offer our apologies to not only the families and community members of 29 but also to all our members and business owners. We realize that this progression of events has been a disappointment all around. We still ask that you come out to Luckie Park on Friday for this longtime tradition to support your community and all the vendors involved. The Little Miss and Master Pageant is this evening at the Elks Lodge at 6:00 pm for all those interested. This Pioneer Days can and will continue to be a fun, memorable event for our Desert Oasis.

Sincerely,

Your President and Board of Directors
Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce

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