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Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of June 16th, 2019

*reporting on events & issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska,
broadcasting on **Sundays, 8am & 6pm** on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM/kwrk.org Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska. Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?*
		<i>Advance Notice: Community News and Opportunities for Action will be on break June 23rd through July 14th</i>	
		The Alaska Legislature: "Dunleavy calls for round two in Wasilla after Alaska Legislature adjourns first special session" Gov. Mike Dunleavy has called the Alaska Legislature into a second special session to fund permanent fund dividends . The session will begin on July 8 in Wasilla. He issued the executive proclamation shortly after both chambers of the Legislature adjourned the first special session. READ MORE " from Alaska Public Media. . Contact legislators or their staff via their district offices (listed at the end of this news.)	
		<u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u>	<i>*All locations in Fbks unless noted.</i>
Sunday June 16	12-7pm	The Frozen Sisters are proud to bring you Fairybanks Pride Fest 2019! Free, all-ages fun - featuring fun activities, local performers, vendors, and an auction benefiting a new emergency fund for the Fairbanks queer community. Healthy food will be available for sale by a local restaurant, with a portion of proceeds benefitting the emergency fund. A detailed schedule of events and participants is at https://www.facebook.com/events/2269372079968227/ . Please e-mail pride@TheFrozenSisters.com if you'd like to perform, have a booth, or be a sponsor.	Ester Community Park
	1-4pm	Race Against Racism Alaska - the power of race unity - The Race: 5K and 10K footrace and community walk. Join us on at 2pm for registration and bib pick up, then get ready to start the race at 3:00. Tell your non-Facebook friends to check this website: RaceAgainstRacismAlaska.wordpress.com . Register: \$15 to participate at the race or online soon. Money covers race expenses and proceeds will go to the NAACP scholarship fund... The cultural benefit: The race course takes runners and walkers by Fairbanks landmarks that honor people of color who brought our community forward. Volunteers: We can use people for bib pick-up, water tables and finish line help on race day [and] for an hour or two the day before if you have time. Please call or text Race Director, Andy Harrington, at 907-699-1594, or Robyne, Assistant to the Race Director, at 699-1593.	JP Jones Center 2400 Rickert St
Wednesday June 19	5:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio (KWRK-LP 90.9 FM) volunteer training. info@kwrk.org	3535 College Rd, suite 203
Friday, June 21	5:30-8pm	Interior Alaska Food Network brings you a film night to discuss various issues in our food system... <i>Sustainable</i> discusses the environmental and economic impact of our food system and the agriculture issues faced by the current generation of farmers. Come watch the film and discuss it with us. Light refreshment may be served.	Noel Wien Library, Cowles St.

	3-5pm	Denaakk'e Dedeenee – Say it in Denaak'e! Free Summer Language Activity Series for Children and their Caregivers June 21 – Giving and taking directions / Simon says & charades July 12 – Chores / counting games August 16 – Colors & Beading / making necklaces Each event will be led by Doyon Foundation Language Revitalization Program Staff with guest appearances by language speakers. www.morristhompsoncenter.org/IYIL . [Part of International Year of Indigenous Languages series. Learn more at https://en.iyil2019.org/]	Elder's Hall at the Morris Thompson Center.
Saturday June 22	11am-4pm	:: CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS for Dragonfly Day. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service hosts an annual... Dragonfly Day. They are seeking volunteers to help with activity stations geared for youth ages baby to 12 years old. There are two time blocks available: 10:30 am-1:30 pm, 1:30 pm- 4:30 pm or the option of the entire day. No prior knowledge of dragonflies is needed but it's a great opportunity to learn! There will be nature walks and a variety of educational and craft activities. Please contact Alyssa Morris at 456-0224 or allyssa_morris@fws.gov if you're interested in getting involved.	Tanana Lakes Rec Area
	1-4pm	Molly of Denali” Premiere ‘sneak peak’... new PBS series based on the life of an Athabaskan child ... the first nationally distributed children’s series in the U.S. to feature an Alaska Native lead character, and is directed by Alaska Native advisors. nancy.kuac@alaska.edu .	University of Alaska Fairbanks
		<u>Next Week</u>	
Sunday June 23	12 noon - midnight	:: Midnight Sun Festival. Alaska's largest single day event! 30,000 people take over the streets of downtown Fairbanks in an annual celebration of summer solstice. [Northern Alaska Environmental Center] will be tabling from noon-midnight, and will be looking for volunteers to help us person the booth! Keep an eye out for more information if you want to join us.	
Thursday June 27	6 pm	Regular FNSB Assembly mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough)	Borough bldg,
		<u>Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week Events</u>	
Monday July 1	<u>DEAD-LINE EXTENDED TO JULY 1:</u>	:: Deadline to comment on the Army Corps of Engineers' <u>Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Pebble Mine.</u> In a press release, Alannah Hurley of United Tribes of Bristol Bay said “It completely omits local concerns and doesn’t take seriously many of the impacts that our people would feel from this project. It completely ignores collective impacts of any potential spills, or tailings failure. The fact that the Army Corps would even put this out, and call it a draft EIS at this point is so astounding, and insulting to the people of Bristol Bay.” Learn more about how to get involved from United Tribes of Bristol Bay and The Alaska Center .	
Friday July 5	Deadline to comment	LRDR/MILITARY [ENCROACHMENT on civilian air space] - proposed Long Range Discrimination Radar Special Use Airspace that could prevent commercial and private aircraft from flying below 32,000 ft altitude over public lands adjacent to Clear Air Force Station. Email:info@cleareis.comFax:907-644-2022 (attn.: Clear EIS)US Mail:Clear EISC/O HDR, Inc. 2525 C Street, Suite 500Anchorage, AK 99503Website: https://www.mda.mil/news/nepa_documents.html . Read their ad , and concerns: https://www.alaskapublic.org/.../moose-hunters-ried-over-new-restrictions-on-military...Aug. 16, 2018	
Saturday, July 6	11am-Noon	Babes in the Woods "MOSQUITOES on the Move!" for ages birth - 2, siblings and parents or caregivers. Enjoy a story, education information, song, craft, finger play, and a walk on the refuge to "feed" the Mosquitoes!! 452-5162	Creamer's Field 1300 College Rd
July 12-14		:: UAF Summer Session non-credit classes for adults. Adult Bug Camp, Instructor: Derek Sikes COURSE NO.: Biol F040-F01 (CRN 51544)Noncredits. Cost \$130 MEETS: July 12-14 Friday, 6–8:00 pm Saturday-Sunday, 1-6:15 pm Learn collection and processing methods needed to build an insect collection. For more information or to register, go to www.uaf.edu/summer , call 474-7021, or email summer@alaska.edu	UAF Campus

Saturday July 13	10am	Permafrost Walk - Margaret Rudolf will be leading the 10 AM walk and discuss permafrost. 452-5162	Creamer's Field 1300 College Rd
Sunday July 14		<u>23rd annual Run for the Refuge!</u> <u>Registration</u> is now open. We'll be at the UAF trails again this year. We are pleased to announce our featured artist for all events this year is <u>Apayo Moore</u> . We are thrilled to be able to collaborate with her and see her art on featured swag and event promotion this year! Quick links RSVP on Facebook Race Registration Volunteer sign-up	UAF Ski Hut S. Koyukuk Drive
July 24–28		2019 Northern Organizers Summit Follow Native Movement on Facebook to stay updated.	
Friday July 26		<u>:: Comment deadline on the Fairbanks PM2.5 Serious SIP released by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.</u> In the coming weeks we will have substantive talking points for commenting on the Serious SIP, but in the meantime, please note the following: You can comment on the proposed regulation changes by submitting written comments to Cindy Heil, Division of Air Quality, ADEC, 555 Cordova St, Anchorage AK 99501; or by facsimile at (907) 269-7508; or by e-mail to dec.air.comment@alaska.gov ; or by the electronic comment form here . <i>from erica@northern.org</i> >	

Good News category:

“Bolivia’s President Declares ‘Total Independence’ From World Bank And IMF

‘These organizations dictated the economic fate of Bolivia and the world. Today we can say that we have total independence of them.’ ... Bolivia’s popular uprising known as the The Cochabamba Water War in 2000 against United States-based Bechtel Corporation over water privatization and the associated World Bank policies shed light on some of the debt issues facing the region... The Morales administration made enormous transformations in the Andean nation. The figures speak for themselves: the nationalization of hydrocarbons, poverty reduction from 60% to less than 40%, a decrease in the rate of illiteracy from 13% to 3%, the tripling the GDP with an average growth of 5% annually, the quadrupling of the minimum wage, the increasing of state coverage on all fronts, and the development of infrastructure in communications, transportation, energy and industry.

And above all, stability, an unusual word in the troubled political history Bolivia... “

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“The entire country of **Canada will ban single-use plastics as early as 2021**, with items such as water bottles, plastic bags, straws, and cotton swabs among those being considered to be part of the ban.” *See the article in TheHill.com.*

“Since this program started, **you have been able to keep 103,000 aluminum cans and 204,000 plastic bottles out of the landfill!**

Sign up to be part of this awesomeness!... **The Midnight Sun Festival is June 23rd!** Get a free t-shirt for volunteering! Downtown Fairbanks' Midnight Sun Festival celebration is on Sunday June 23, 2019, from noon to midnight. Green Star will be hosting a booth and doing the recycling for the event and would love to have your help! Sign up by clicking on the link below to help with sorting and recycling or to work at the Green Star information booth talking recycling (note that your contact information will be filled in on a second secure form). Fill out the empty time slot when you want to help: [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER](#) “

Peace Justice Sustainability

“New Research Documents the U.S. Military’s Contribution to Climate Change... The [report](#) documents that between 2001 and 2017, the years for which data is available since the beginning of the war on terrorism with the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, the U.S. military emitted 1,200 million (or 1.2 billion) metric tons of greenhouse gases. For reference, this is equivalent to the annual emissions of 257 million passenger cars, more than double the amount the U.S. currently has on the road. If the Department of Defense were a country, its 2017 emissions alone would have made it the 55th largest greenhouse gas emitter in the world, greater than entire industrialized countries such as Portugal or Sweden... The largest portion of Pentagon fuel consumption is for military jets... This report highlights that current discussions of how to reduce and mitigate climate change must consider Pentagon fuel usage...” *To view the full report from Costs of War Project, click [here](#).*

“A new study has found that the **global average of microplastic ingestion could be as high as five grams a week per person**, which is the equivalent of eating a teaspoon of plastic — or a credit card — every week.” [Read the abc news report via this link.](#)

*More news from **Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition:***

“Rapid Re-Housing: My Place is the community formed RRH program housed at the Fairbanks Rescue Mission. When making referrals for this program please remember the referral is actually for a Coordinated Entry assessment not direct placement into the program and also RRH does not provide preventative services.

***My Place** is designed for people currently experiencing homelessness.*

“Fairbanks Rescue Mission is Hiring: FRM is hiring for a Woman’s Shelter Manager and a Construction Manager.

For more information please email admin@fairbanksrescuemission.org.

“HUD/VASH: The HUD/VASH program currently has 35 vouchers for homeless veterans. If you know of any vet that could use this service please contact Janet McDermott janet.mcdermott@va.gov

“NSCF: David Leslie is now serving as the North Star Community Foundation Summer Associate VISTA. David had several great ideas about using social media to conduct outreach. One of David’s ideas is for Fairbanks to develop an unifying hashtag for local resources to generate conversation around available or needed resources. David mentioned that Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram can all be linked so a post on one automatically goes to all three. Also, David offered to help out any organization that is interested in his assistance with social media.”

“Scores of dead ice seals found along Alaska’s northwest coasts..” *per [adn.com](#)*, “...NOAA Fisheries asked anyone who sees a sick or dead seal to immediately report it to the [regional contact for the area](#). “We are all concerned about the seals,” Okitkun said, “and also hearing on the news about the dead gray whales washing up has us wondering what is happening to our oceans... NOAA has launched an [official investigation](#) into the spike in gray whale deaths. So far this year, [seven gray whales](#) have been found dead in Alaska”

“...28 dead gray whales have washed ashore on Washington beaches this year, more than 40 on the West coast so far this year
... Officials say a gray whale that washed ashore in Everett died of starvation... *“from [Kiro7](#)*

“Cheerios, Nature Valley cereals contain Roundup ingredient, study finds

- 21 oat-based cereal and snack products such as Cheerios tested positive for traces of glyphosate.
- The chemical is the active ingredient in Roundup, which has been at the center of several trials alleging the weedkiller causes cancer.
- All but four of the products tested had glyphosate levels higher than what an environmental group considers safe for children...”

[Read or listen/watch the rest of the CBS report.](#)

Douglas A. Yates adds, “Glyphosate can edit genes once it enters your system. Through epigenetic expression it has the ability to harm you and your children’s children.”

Audio & Songs broadcast with this week's Community News and Opportunities:

-- This is the Asymmetric Moose, Rob Mulford, with the Asymmetric Moose Music Picks for the week of June 16, 2019. Today I will be featuring four more individuals and organizations who are working to make our community and earth, a better healthier place for all our relatives, the two legged, the four legged, the ones who soar or dart about on wing, the ones who swim in the water, and the indispensable creepy crawlies.

We'll start with, Project Citizen, a group of eighth graders who do research on those things that affect the health and well being of our community, and then become engaged advocating changes for the better. We'll then move on to Kids for Environmental Action, a group of young people who for a few years now have been at the forefront of air quality issues, and who are now addressing the problem of plastic shopping bags.

Then, Nana Paldi will speak on the effort to keep our wonderful Fox Spring providing us with delicious natural clean water, as well as efforts to clean up the toxins that are threatening our water table.

After Nana, Tonya Brown will speak on the importance of cleansing our bodies and bodies of water.

Finally I'll play a tune that I remember enjoying in 1970, when as a high school student I took part in the first earth day. The tune is by the band Spirit, Nature's Way.

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Have you seen our ad on borough bus #75 lately?

Alaska Peace Center has been paying for an ad on light blue background stating,

"3% of U.S. military spending could end starvation on earth.

www.alaskapeace.org

explanation: worldbeyondwar.org/explain"

Please let us know when you see this message!

And consider helping sponsor it...

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Donate online: **www.alaskapeace.org**

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- individually, in our community, and globally -
with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

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May Peace be with you!

Have a good week!

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Email Fairbanks City Council people (keep it polite, positive, and honest, and remember that any information you share about your identity and story is public record).

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OR call our City Council people (feel free to leave a message after 5PM if that's easier)

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Shoshana Kun - Seat A: (907) 590-8313

June Rogers - Seat B: (907) 451-0122

Valerie Therrin - Seat C:

(907) 388-0272

Kathryn Otterstein - Seat D: (907) 978-5461

Jerry Cleworth - Seat E: (907) 452-6461

David Pruhs - Seat F: (907) 750-2888

OR! leave a comment here: <https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/citycouncil/webform/contact-council>

Fbks Diversity Council (FDC) “...to provide a citizens forum, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan for the community. The FDC supports many different cultural and social activi-ties in our community...” FDC meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The FDC includes 15 public members (3 appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 12 appointed by the City of Fairbanks). The FDC comes together to discuss and work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. Contact info: cityclerk@fairbanks.us or 907-479-6702

North Pole City Council - <https://www.northpolealaska.com/citycouncil>

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Agendas & Minutes at <https://www.northpolealaska.com/meetings>

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Alaska State Legislature

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Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO) In Fbks: **452-4448**

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