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Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of July 21st, 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?*
		. Contacts for elected officials listed at the end of this news. The Alaska Legislature is in budget special session in Juneau. Their decisions will have enormous impact on everyone in Alaska.	
		<u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u>	<i>*All locations in Fbks unless noted.</i>
Sunday July 21	2pm	Creamer's Dairy History Day! Come celebrate Golden Days with a visit to Creamer's Field, and learn the history of Creamer's Dairy and our local refuge, Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge: from dairy farm to an amazing state refuge just two miles from downtown Fairbanks!	1300 College Rd
Monday July 22		‘ On this date in 1756 , the pacifist Religious Society of Friends in colonial Pennsylvania, commonly known as the Quakers, established “The Friendly Association for Regaining and Preserving Peace with the Indians by Pacific Measures.”’ <i>Read more Peace Almonac daily commemorations at https://worldbeyondwar.org/calendar7/.</i>	
	6:30pm	Fairbanks City Council Mtg Agendas and calendar at https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/ This page contains a link to live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Council Mtgs are aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio, and via audio stream (http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/)!	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St
Tuesday July 23	4pm	“ Nonviolent Cities Conference Call as we hear from organizers around the nation working on our <u>Nonviolent Cities Project</u> , <u>RSVP here</u> . Then on Thursday July 25 at [4pm Alaska Time] we have our next Action Week Conference Call to hear from those planning actions and events this September, <u>RSVP here</u> . Peace and all good, Ryan Hall” <u>Campaign Nonviolence</u>	
	5-6pm	Know Your Rights: Debt Collection - Stop the Systematic Abuses. from AKPIRG*: “Debt collectors call Americans one BILLION times per year. Come learn what your rights are when they call. <u>Learn More Here »</u> or via (907) 350-3386 *Alaska Public Interest Research Group	Bread Line 507 Gaffney Rd Fbks
Wednesday July 24	12:30pm	FNSB Health & Social Svcs Commission informal work session to come together with local agencies to discuss the potential changes to grant processes.	Fbks Community Food Bank, 725 26 th ave, ste 101
	5:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio (KWRK-LP 90.9 FM) volunteer training. info@kwrk.org	3535 College Rd, suite 203

Thursday July 25	1-2pm	Arctic Alliance for People mtg: (AAP) has compiled and organized an extensive community resource list and we need your help! The goal is to validate the master list and then categorize each listing in appropriate tabs (i.e. Children and Youth; Overcoming Addiction; Elderly; etc.) Please take a few moments to ensure your agency/programs (and any others you're familiar with) are listed correctly. Feel free to make changes and/or add anything that's missing. http://bit.ly/FairbanksResources .	Council Chambers of City Hall, 800 Cushman St
	6 pm	Regular FNSB Assembly mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough) Agenda includes Resolution 2019-29 (pp.436-438) "Establishing a Joint Climate Change Task Force to Develop a Plan to Address Climate Chnage Impacts on the Fbks NSBorough." If you cannot attend in person, you can send comments to assembly@fnsb.us Also, proposed new ordinance to prohibit smoking and vaping in borough parks.	Borough bldg,
Friday July 26		:: Comment deadline on the Fairbanks PM2.5 Serious SIP released by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. 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 . from erica@northern.org >	
		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 Faarmhouse?
		Deltana Fair and Music Festival, July 26-28	
Saturday July 27	9am-4pm	Tanana Valley Farmers Market - "Kids at the Market" In partnership with the Fairbanks Childrens Museum every 4th Saturday through the summer, all day there will be hands on heathy market kid activities.	College Rd & Caribour Way
	10am-2pm	Fairbanks Youth Advocates: The Closet Door program is an employment training service for local youth. Every month, they open the ' Closet Door ' at 122 Tenth Ave. to share from the abundance they're blessed with. At \$5.00 a grocery bag (FYA provides the bags) take home teen and young adult size clothing, shoes and outerwear. All proceeds benefit The Door's youth programs. "I believe it is the last Saturday of the month from 10-2, but I could be mistaken. Their number is (907) 374-5678. Hope this helps, Mike fairbankshomeless@gmail.com "	122 Tenth Ave
	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
		<u>Next Week</u>	
Friday-Sunday August 2-4	Friday 6-8pm; Sunday 8am-noon	UAF SummerSession non-credit classes for adults. Winged Wonders: Ecology & Conservation of Alaska's Migratory Birds INSTRUCTOR: Patricia Blak COURSE NO: NONC F045-F01 (CRN 51709)Noncredit. Cost \$130 MEETS: August 2-4 Birds connect Alaska to the world! Learn the fascinating ecology of both resident and migratory birds found in the Fairbanks area, including the most pressing conservation concerns facing these species. For more information or to register, go to www.uaf.edu/summer , call 474-7021, or email summer@alaska.edu	Creamer's Farmhouse
Friday Aug. 2 through Sunday Aug. 11	12 noon - 10pm daily	Tanana Valley State Fair - Please come visit the Alaska Peace Center booth in the Borealis Pavilion [E2]. Discuss issues of peace, find out about upcoming events, get bumper stickers and/or literature, show your solidartiy, donate. If you are able to help staff the booth for a few hours, please contact nfo@alaskapeace.org . Friends of Creamer's Field also need volunteers to help staff their booth. Contact adminassistant@friendsofcreamersfield.org	xx College Rd

Saturday August 3		Hiroshima Day	
	11-12:30pm 1-2:30pm	Babes in teh woods. For Children birth - 2y.o "Sneaky Squirrels!" Preschool Nature Discovery; For children 3-6 y.o: "Sneaky Squirrels!"	Creamers 1300 College Rd
		<u>Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week Events</u>	
Saturday August 10	3-6pm	4th Annual Wild Salmon Day celebration, hosted by The Alaska Center	Chena River State Recreation Site, 3530 Geraghty Ave
Tues Aug 13 - Sunday Aug. 18		<p>Veterans For Peace 34th Annual Convention in Spokane. Theme: Sacred Lands, Sacred Lives Visit the Veterans For Peace website for more information about the Convention and to register. For lodging, the special room rate will be available until Sunday, July 21st</p>	
Saturday August 17		<p>:: August 17: First Annual Northbound. SAVE THE DATE! Remember last year when songwriter Tim Easton proposed the start of a new music festival in our backyard? It's really happening! Details are in the works, but plan to join us for an afternoon and evening of music, art, and food in our backyard. We're excited to launch this new annual tradition with you!</p>	Northern Alaska Environmental Center, 830 College Rd.

Good News category:

Interior Alaska Green Star found a new home, a 7,000 square feet of warehouse and office space, complete with a fenced storage yard and two dock-high garage doors at [1101 Well St.](#)

"Madrid low [automobile] emission zone reinstated after protests" read the article and more good news at Pace e bene's [Nonviolence News..](#)

Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date

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Keep the War Machine Out of the Galapagos Islands

The government of Ecuador has recently agreed to allow the U.S. military to base aircraft and naval ships at one of the Galapagos Islands in violation of the Constitution of Ecuador. Sign the [petition to the government of Ecuador from the people of the world.](#)

The U.S. House recently passed a **National Defense Authorization Act of \$733 Billion**, 4.9 percent over Dept of Defense's (DoD) FY 2019; Trump wants \$750B despite [\\$21 Trillion that the Pentagon can't account for; It goes now to the Senate.](#)

“[W]ays the House bill would lead to more sensible and more moral military policies” include ends to the Authorizations for Use of Military Force from 2001 & 2002, end of support for Saudi Arabia’s bombing Yemen, and more.

The Washington Post reports that the Independence Day display will include Abrams tanks, which were earmarked nearly \$600 million that the Pentagon didn’t request in FY 2018, despite being continuously singled out as wasteful by lawmakers and government watchdogs. \$600 million is enough to provide a year of VA medical care for 58,073 military veterans, or healthcare for 253,089 children, according to our Trade-offs tool, per an article in National Priorities Project.

What is this incredible diversion of funds from pursuits of peace, justice, and sustainability for? The “2018 National Defense Strategy Requires adequate resources to position the United States for long-term competition with China and Russia•Guides DoD to support the National Security Strategy in order to:– Defend the homeland–

Remain the preeminent military power in the world– Ensure the balances of power in key regions remain in our favor– Advance an international order that is most conducive to our security and prosperity”

“**Poor People's Moral Budget: Everybody Has the Right to Live**” was published in June. Read about it at this link from National Priorities Project.

For some fun, see some Dr. Seuss cartoons from WWII:

https://www.nj.com/opinion/2017/03/dr_seuss_biting_political_cartoons_against_america.html?fbclid=IwAR2WIU5fqIIyb26Nw2AKUhSC0vfc589wC3v9f_oEDRobyOGF-b4kl7cffg

from *Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space*: “Hoping you can click this link and sign the **petition calling on US-Canada to stop weapons sales to Ukraine**.

People from any country can sign. Please share as well.

<https://diy.rootsaction.org/petitions/no-weapons-to-nazi-regime-in-ukraine?source=facebook-share-button&time=1562357620&fbclid=IwAR3BngK8gs9Tpjx5pfhTXpyiNgW0gfiHnuVw8A-j006CPxIk7PHT16bZYc>

ACLU of Alaska is suing Gov. Dunleavy (see KUAC am news 7-18-19)

from *Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks*: “The Social Justice Committee is **collecting bedding, towels, and basic kitchen necessities to support the successful transition of previously incarcerated community members** with assistance from the Fairbanks Reentry Coalition. The collection box is in the foyer. Contact Alison Carter at alisoncarter2@yahoo.com for more information.”

“**Nonviolence News: #CloseTheCamps - 7 Ways To Make Change**” including “1) Petition the hotel chains to stop acting as back up detention centers, like Marriott just did; 6) Get your state to ban private prisons like Illinois and five other states” and more”

“Your Agreement to sign closure petition for Denali wolves!!...

Please check out Rick Steiner’s Petition below for emergency closures for the taking of wayward Denali National Park Wolves in the area of the Stampede Trail.

It’s addressed to the ADF&G Commissioner and also the Alaska Board of Game.

May I please add your name to this petition? If you would like to pitch in I need your permission ASAP.....essentially right now. NOW.

All needed is your permission and your name and town will be added.

This formal request will likely be turned down.

However, it is an important statement over decades of an ongoing legal trashing of park wolves lured beyond the park northeastern boundary.

The request will be a reminder to the State of Alaska and will make its policy makers continue to be faced with and respond to remedy.

Please help make the case with a broad showing of support for the wolves of Denali National Park.

Your name please (add any other friends who will also support the cause).

Thank you. Jim kowalsky, Chair, Alaskans FOR Wildlife” jimkowalsky@yahoo.com or 488-2434.

UA restructures Natural Resources: As part of a university reorganization, academic programs in the School of Natural Resources and Extension will move July 1 to the College of Natural Science and Mathematics. Academic faculty and programs **will become known as the Department of Natural Resources and Environment**. All of the current degrees will continue to be offered through the new department. The Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station (AFES) and Extension will remain as one unit, and faculty with SNRE will continue to conduct research for AFES. With the changes, the School of Natural Resources and Extension will no longer exist but its components will... Extension will continue to be known as the University of Alaska Fairbanks Extension Service and AFES will continue to be known as the Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

[“Why we Eat What we Eat in Alaska and What it Means for our Health](#) - Do you know that 95% of the food eaten in Alaska doesn't even come from here? Or that city grocery store shelves would empty in about 3 days if food shipments stopped? Are you aware that one of the biggest challenges to agriculture in Alaska is the number of farmers, not the climate? Do you realize that 10 of the top 25 fastest growing industries in the US have to do with growing and selling food? Or that most Alaskans agree that they would like to eat more healthy, local food if they could?

Knowing how to grow food, eat smart, and share the information with others is in an invaluable skill set for so many reasons -- it can complement Traditional diets, expand access to healthy foods, promote good health through nutrition and activity, provide jobs and entrepreneurship opportunities, strengthen communities, and be fun! As a student in the “What's for Dinner? Why We Eat What We Eat in Alaska and What it Means for Our Health” module, you will gain hands-on experience in how to grow food, conduct research, influence food policy, and design healthy diets; learn about agriculture, food, and nutrition science and career opportunities; explore activity levels of the hunter/gatherer lifestyle in a cutting edge lab; and conduct research projects of your own. Join us to work in teams with your peers, shadow experts, and make connections between science and everyday choices that influence the health of your community! Let's eat!”

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

- *Ballad for Americans featuring Paul Robeson*
- *The Power and the Glory by Phil Ochs*
- *For America by Jackson Browne*
- *Alexandria Ocasio Ortiz re this country belongs to everyone (via nbcnews)*
- *Everything Possible, by Fred Small*
- *The Uranium War, by Buffy Sainte-Marie*
- *News, by Tom Paxton*

Will You Help Support Alaska Peace Center Activities? *

Annual Outreach Costs

Tanana Valley State Fair: \$800 for booth, pins and bumper stickers

Annual Newsletter: \$550 for 300 copies with postage

Alternatives to Violence Project: \$65 per workshop scholarship

Mail check to:

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Fairbanks AK 99709-3722

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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Feedback to, Corrections/Clarifications, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome. Email alaskapeacenews@gmail.com.

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)

Jim Matherly - Mayor: (907) 459-6793 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 activities 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>

Doug Isaacson - Term: 10/2016 – 10/2019; 1003 Shirley Turnaround, N Pole, AK 99705; Cell Phone: 322-3133; Email: doug.isaacson@northpolealaska.org
David Skipps - Term: 10/2018 - 10/2021; 2729 Perimeter Dr; Cell Phone: 750-5106; email: david.skipps@northpolealaska.org

Avery Thompson- Term: 10/2016 - 10/2019; 135 E 6th Ave (North Pole 99705); Cell Phone: 388-5351; Email: avery.thompson@northpolealaska.org

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Perry Walley - Term: 10/2018 - 10/2021; 659 W 5th Ave; Cell Phone: 347-0135; Email: perry.walley@northpolealaska.org

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

Fairbanks North Star Borough -

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Andrew M. Gray - *Seat C; agray@fnsb.us; 907-978-3517; term exp. 10/19*

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Liz Lyke - *seat F; llyke@fnsb.us; 907-378-3727; exp 10/21*

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Christopher Quist - *seat D - Finance Chair; cquist@fnsb.us; 907-687-5049; exp 10/20*

Marna Sanford - *seat A; msanford@fnsb.us; 907-546-7505; exp 10/21*

Shaun Tacke - *seat B; stacke@fnsb.us; 907-978-7647; exp 10/19*

Leah Berman Williams - *seat G; lbwilliams@fnsb.us; 907-347-4021; exp 10/21*

To contact the full Assembly you may either send an email to assembly@fnsb.us, use the [Contact Full Assembly](#) contact form, or mail to PO Box 71267, Fbks, AK 99707. Written communications to individual Assembly Members regarding current matters before the Assembly will be copied to the full Assembly.

Alaska State Legislature

Legislative schedule and links to related info at akleg.gov. Schedules often change. During the last week of the session, and in special sessions, the “24-hr-rule” applies, meaning little to no advance calendar notices.

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

Interior Alaska Legislators

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Sen. John Coghill (R) Distr B North Pole - Juneau office: 907-465-3719. Tollfree: 877-465-3719 Email: senator.john.coghill@akleg.gov

Sen. Scott Kawasaki - (D) Distr A Fbks - Juneau office: 907-465-3466. Tollfree: 866-465-3466 Email: senator.scott.kawasaki@akleg.gov

Rep. Steve Thompson, majority leader (R) Distr 2 Fbks- JNU office: 907-465-3004. Toll free: 877-465-3004 Email: representative.steve.thompson@akleg.gov

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Rep. Dave Talerico (R) District 6 Healy Juneau office: 907-465-4527 Tollfree: 800-491-4527 Email: representative.dave.talerico@akleg.gov

Rep. Tammie Wilson (R) District 3 North Pole Juneau office: 907-465-4797 Tollfree: 800-860-4797 Email: representative.tammie.wilson@akleg.gov

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Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov;

Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov

Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov

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