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## ***Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of July 28<sup>th</sup>, 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?*
		<p>. 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. Monday, July 29, they will vote on the capital budget. Says one legislator: <b><i>Please keep writing – and send your messages to all of us.</i></b> You can send Public Opinion Messages (POMs) via <a href="https://www.akleg.gov/poms/">https://www.akleg.gov/poms/</a>; after entering your information and ‘enter/return’ you will get additional prompts for recipients and message. Per Rep. Wool, “Please stay tuned and engaged. Your encouragement and support for <b><i>HB2002 (the capital budget) in the House makes a difference.</i></b> <i>In the Senate, your support of HB2001 (restoring funding to the budget) and HB2003 (PFD bill) is being heard as well.</i>”</p>	
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u></b></p>	<i>*All locations in Fbks unless noted.</i>
<b>Tuesday July 30</b>		KUAC radio, 89.9 FM, will be off air (though available via internet) this week for upgrades. Remember you can listen to 90.9FM, KWRK-LP for significant programming on issues of peace, justice, sustainability, and more that you won’t hear elsewhere! Or 89.1 FM, KRFF, Voice of Denali owned by Athabascan Fiddlers Association.	
<b>Wednesday July 31</b>	5:30pm	<b>Fairbanks Open Radio (KWRK-LP 90.9 FM) volunteer training.</b> <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a>	3535 College Rd, suite 203
<b>Thursday August 1</b>	10-11:30 a.m.	<b>Fairbanks Reentry Coalition mtg.</b> “Yulonda Candelario from the US Dept of Justice the Law Enforcement, Reentry and Community Outreach Coordinator coming to talk to us about holding a Community Reentry Simulation in October.”	City Hall, 800 Cushman St.
<b>Friday- Sunday August 2- 4</b>	Friday 6-8pm; Sunday 8am-noon	<b>Winged Wonders: Ecology &amp; Conservation of Alaska’s Migratory Birds</b> <a href="#">UAF SummerSession non-credit classes for adults</a> 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 <a href="http://www.uaf.edu/summer">www.uaf.edu/summer</a> , call 474-7021, or email <a href="mailto:summer@alaska.edu">summer@alaska.edu</a>	Creamer’s Farmhouse 1300 College Rd.
<b>Friday Aug. 2 through</b>	12 noon - 10pm daily	<b>Tanana Valley State Fair</b> - Please come visit the <b>Alaska Peace Center booth</b> in the Borealis Pavilion [E2]. Discuss issues of peace, find out about upcoming events, get bumper stickers and/or literature, show your solidartiy, donate. <b>If you are able to help staff the booth</b> for a few hours, please contact <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a> .	College Rd

<b>Sunday Aug. 11</b>		Friends of Creamer's Field also need volunteers to help staff their booth. Contact <a href="mailto:adminassistant@friendsofcreamersfield.org">adminassistant@friendsofcreamersfield.org</a> And... <b>Green Star will be collecting and sorting recycling for the entire 10-day event!</b> We are looking for volunteers to help during three two-hour shifts each day, and additional night shifts for the concerts on both Saturdays (August 3 and 10). You will receive a free day pass to the fair for each day you volunteer! <a href="#">CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER</a>	
<b>Saturday August 3</b>	11-12:30pm 1-2:30pm	<b>Babes in the woods. For Children birth - 2y.o "Sneaky Squirrels!"</b> <b>Preschool Nature Discovery; For children 3-6 y.o: "Sneaky Squirrels!"</b>	Creamers 1300 College Rd
		<a href="#">Next Week</a>	
<b>Monday August 5</b>	3:30-5:30 pm	<b>Fermenting Garden Vegetables</b> - "Fermented foods are healthy and delicious! Learn how to safely ferment a variety of garden vegetables. Each student takes home one pint of fermented vegetables. Cost: \$30 members, \$45 non-members* (*You can become a member by making an annual donation of any amount when you register! Members receive discounts on workshops and summer camps!) REGISTER: Call Calypso at 907-451-0691 or register online: <a href="https://calypsofarm.org/product/fermenting-garden-vegetables/">https://calypsofarm.org/product/fermenting-garden-vegetables/</a> "	Calypso Farm and Ecology Center, 4780 Old Nenana Hwy
<b>Tuesday August 6</b>		<b>Hiroshima Day</b> - On August 6, 1945 the United States dropped the world's first deployed atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima, Japan, instantly killing over 80,000 people; three days later, a second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, killing over 40,000. While the bombings effectively ended WWII by bringing about the surrender of Japan, the war's end came at a terrible price: Two cities were completely destroyed and over 200,000—mostly civilian—lives were lost, with tens of thousands succumbing to radiation-related injuries and illness in the aftermath of this devastation. In commemoration of these tragedies, Hiroshima Day serves as a day of remembrance and as a focus for anti-war and anti-nuclear discussions and demonstrations.	
<b>Thursday August 8</b>	6 pm	Regular FNSB Assembly mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough)	Borough bldg
<b>Friday August 9</b>		<b>74 years since the atomic bombing of Nagasaki.</b> <a href="#">"Testimonies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Women Speak Out for Peace"</a> is a powerful video testament of hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) who experienced the bombings of the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, in 1945. A DVD of the testimonies is available for free via <a href="#">People's Decade for Nuclear Abolition</a> .	July 2017: United Nations Adopted the Treaty to Ban Nuclear Weapons
<b>Saturday August 10</b>	3-6pm	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual Wild Salmon Day</b> celebration, hosted by The Alaska Center. Alaskan life would be very different without wild salmon. So much of our livelihood thrives on the rich culture and resources it provides. As the summer wraps up and salmon head back to the sea, the Alaska Center invites you to celebrate Alaska Wild Salmon Day!	Chena River State Recreation Site, 3530 Geraghty Ave
	Applications due	" <b>Alaska Women Ascend</b> is currently accepting applications to participate in an <b>eight-month "Get Elected" training</b> program designed for progressive women of all ages who are interested in learning more about running for public office, managing a campaign, or being a campaign treasurer. The trainings occur one Saturday per month and begin September 2019 and end April 2020. Applications are due August 10th.	<a href="https://www.akwo menascend.org/">https://www.akwo menascend.org/</a>
		<a href="#">Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week Events</a>	
<b>Sunday August 18</b>		<b>2019 Renewable Energy Fair</b>	Chena Hot Springs
<b>Monday August 19</b>	Comments Due	<b>“\$7,000 on a \$700 loan - Take Action against predatory debt collection!</b> The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has proposed a rule governing 3 <sup>rd</sup> -party debt collectors [which] adds some consumer protections but also weakens the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) by undermining its goals of stopping harassment, protecting consumer privacy, and preventing collection against the wrong person or in the wrong amount." See more at <a href="https://www.akpirg.org/debt-collection">https://www.akpirg.org/debt-collection</a> and submit a public comment at <a href="http://bit.ly/debtcollectcomment">http://bit.ly/debtcollectcomment</a> from Alaska Public Interest Research Group, <b>AKPIRG</b> .	

## Good News category:

### “Charlottesville Divests from Weapons and Fossil Fuels

On the evening of June 3, 2019, the City Council of Charlottesville, Va., voted to divest the funds in its operating budget from weapons dealers and fossil fuel producers. Here's the resolution as passed by the City Council: [PDF](#). The city has also committed to taking the same step with its retirement fund by this coming autumn.

The proposal to do this was brought to the city in March by a coalition of groups called Divest Cville, which attended and spoke at city council meetings (see [videos](#)), held [rallies](#), [wrote letters](#), made flyers, bought ads, produced [responses to possible objections](#), met with the City Treasurer, and presented a [petition](#)..."

*from pace e bene's nonviolence news:*

**Twitter restores Julian Assange support group's account after backlash from users.** [Read more >>](#)

**Maine governor signs Net Neutrality law protecting state Internet users.** [Read more >>](#)

**New York passes its Green New Deal.** [Read more >>](#)

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

### Peace | Justice | Sustainability

**The U.S. House of Representatives passed an amendment to the “National Defense Authorization Act” introduced by Congresswoman Ilhan Omar** requiring that the U.S. military provide Congress with the cost and the supposed national security benefits of every foreign military base or foreign military operation. World BEYOND War had flooded Congressional offices with [the demand](#) for Yes votes.

**Now, as the House and Senate reconcile their two versions of the bill, they need to know that we want this amendment left in it.**

**[CLICK HERE TO EMAIL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATORS.](#)**

The United States has more than 150,000 military troops deployed outside the United States on more than [800 bases](#) (some estimates are [more than 1000](#)) in 160 countries, and all 7 continents... There are two principal problems with foreign military bases:

1. All these facilities are integral to preparations for war, and as such undermine international peace and security. The bases serve to proliferate weapons, increase violence, and undermine international stability.
2. Bases cause social and environmental problems at a local level. Communities living around the bases often experience high levels of rapes committed by foreign soldiers, violent crimes, loss of land or livelihood, and pollution and health hazards caused by the testing of conventional or non-conventional weapons. In many countries the agreement that permitted the base stipulates that foreign soldiers who perpetrate crimes can not be held accountable..." *from WorldBEYONDWar*

***ON TOP OF THE NDAA< some \$16.5 Billion Nuclear weapons are funded through the Dept of Energy***  
*[Listen to an analysis with more detail, from Fareed Zakaria.](#)*

***“Back to School? #DIVEST YOUR TUITION \$\$ FROM WAR! Your college or university may be making a killing on killing. We're organizing campus campaigns all over the country to divest tuition money from the war machine. If you are interested in learning how to start a campaign to divest your university from weapons manufacturers, [fill out this form and an organizer will be in contact with you!](#) Join us today!”*** *from Divest from War Coalition Digest, July 2019.*

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[from ShadowProof July 11: "Invoking WikiLeaks And Torture Report, CIA Pushes For Expansion Of Secrecy Law To Stifle Public Criticism..."](#)

'Democratic Representative Adam Schiff, chairman of the House intelligence committee, is once again putting the interests of the intelligence agencies in concealing their misdeeds ahead of protecting the rights of ordinary Americans by criminalizing routine reporting by the press on national security issues and undermining congressional oversight in his Intelligence Authorization bill,' declared Daniel Schuman, who is the policy director for Demand Progress.

Schuman added, 'Schiff's expansion of the Intelligence Identities Protection Act beyond all reason will effectively muzzle reporting on torture, mass surveillance, and other crimes against the American people...'

Various groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union, Demand Progress, Human Rights Watch, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Physicians for Human Rights, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, and the Society of Professional Journalists, wrote a letter objecting to the proposed expansion that was sent to both intelligence committees.

"The provision would expand the definition of 'covert agent' for purposes of prosecution under the Intelligence Identities Protection Act (IIPA), in what appears to be a clear attempt to subvert transparency, oversight, and accountability," the groups assert.

The groups contend it would "harm congressional oversight of the intelligence community, making it much more difficult to obtain information about almost any individual's relationship to intelligence agencies and allowing the executive branch to avoid oversight through arbitrary classification. Additionally, it would potentially make it more difficult for intelligence community whistleblowers to approach Congress with reports of fraud, waste, and abuse..."

Former CIA case officer Philip Agee, who sought to reveal how the CIA was involved in "secretly intervening in country after country to corrupt politicians and to promote political repression," was the key inspiration for the CIA push to pass the IIPA."

**"Chelsea Manning's Daily Fines For Grand Jury Resistance Increase To \$1000," per an article in [Shadowproof.com](#).** The former soldier whistleblower accused of releasing secret materials [showing atrocities done by the U.S. military in the Middle East](#), she states, "I do the work I do for the same reason I do everything—because I want to make a difference. Now, my work has been totally interrupted by my incarceration. I definitely feel the costs of these sanctions, but I never expected to have a comfortable life, and I would rather be in debt forever than betray my principles." She is refusing to testify to a grand jury investigating WikiLeaks '...“She has no personal savings, an uncertain speaking career that has been abruptly halted by her incarceration, and is moving her few belongings into storage, as she can no longer afford to pay her rent.”

**Tell Congress** you support my legislation that would **allow the Department of Health and Human Services to negotiate with drugmakers for lower prices** and would allow for the importation of less expensive but safe and affordable drugs from other countries... This Sunday, we are going back to Canada with people with diabetes to purchase insulin at one-tenth of the price...’ *from [info@berniesanders.com](mailto:info@berniesanders.com)*

**“Nonviolence News:** This nonviolence stuff works... The more we know, the more we put the tools of nonviolence into action... I'm excited to announce that **Nonviolence News has a website**, [www.nonviolencenews.org/](http://www.nonviolencenews.org/)...

[One of many pieces in this week's Nonviolence News:]

Decolonize This Place, War Resisters League and others won the resignation of Warren Kanders (Safariland CEO) from his position as Vice Chairman of the Whitney Museum of Art's Board of Trustees. The campaign objected to the Kanders' role in producing tear gas, riot gear, and police and security officers' gear. [Read more >>](#)

from People for the American Way: **'Right now, the Trump administration is attempting to dismantle the Affordable Care Act in federal court.** If successful, their outrageous lawsuit would strip health care from over 20 MILLION Americans, and it would take away protections for people with pre-existing conditions....

**We need ... you to sign the petition today ... to DEMAND that Congress take action to protect affordable health care.**

[Add your name to the millions across the country who want important health care reforms protected from the GOP's unending attempts to dismantle the ACA>>](#)

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'PRESS RELEASE Thursday, July 25, 2019 contact: Rick Steiner, Professor (Univ. of Alaska, ret.); [richard.g.steiner@gmail.com](mailto:richard.g.steiner@gmail.com); 907-360-4503

**Denali National Park wolf viewing success plummets -- Alaskans request emergency closure of hunt scheduled to open Aug. 10**

As many feared earlier this summer, the success of wolf viewing for the hundreds of thousands of visitors to Denali National Park & Preserve has plummeted, possibly to historic lows, due in part to previous hunting/trapping kills of significant breeding individuals on state lands along the Park boundary.

A just-completed (July 18, 2019) survey of 43 Park bus drivers/employees (organized by 30-year Denali bus driver and wildlife observer Bill Watkins) reported that, for the 75-day (2.5 month) period from April 27, 2019 – July 10, 2019, only 15 wolf sightings (of 20 wolves) were reported. Two-thirds of the respondents (29 of the 43 bus drivers/employees) reported no wolf sightings at all so far this year. This represents a significant loss in the tourism value...

In response, today over 60 Alaskans (and others) submitted an Emergency Petition to the Alaska Board of Game and an Emergency Order request to the ADFG Commissioner requesting that they close a small area of state lands along the Park boundary to wolf hunting, before the season is scheduled to open Aug. 10 (attached). The ADFG Commissioner has twice before closed the area by Emergency Order at public request (2015 and 2018), but both closures came after hunting/trapping kills of significant breeding individuals from Park wolf groups, causing packs to disintegrate. Those emergency closures were too late to help, and petitioners want to avoid a similar loss of resource value this year.

The issue of hunting/trapping of Park wildlife along the northeast boundary of the Park has been contentious since the Park was first established in 1917. Petitioners feel that the precipitous decline in the Denali *wolf-viewing* resource this summer clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the State. Since the Board of Game removed the no-take Denali wolf buffer in 2010, three Denali wolf family groups (packs) have disintegrated due to the trapping/hunting take of significant breeding individuals on state lands along the northeast Park boundary: Grant Creek pack, 2012; East Fork pack, 2015/2016; Riley Creek pack, 2018.

And wolf-viewing success for the park's 600,000 annual visitors (including 70,000 Alaskans) has dropped precipitously. This decline in wildlife viewing success may be unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park System. And as noted by ADFG, 97.6% of Alaska is open to wolf hunting/trapping, leaving only 2.4% of Alaska permanently closed. The emergency petitions ask that a small wolf protection area on state lands adjacent to Denali be established, to prevent further erosion of this valuable tourism resource.

In 2018, Denali National Park & Preserve contributed over \$858 million and 7,300 jobs to the state economy. One of the primary reasons tourists come to Denali is to view wildlife, including wolves...

The petitions are self-explanatory, but please get in touch if you have questions. Rick Steiner.'

#### **'Tell the USDA: Protect Consumers, Not the Biotech Industry! - Organic Consumers Association - [Sign the Petition](#)**

[T]he U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)...wants to let companies like Monsanto-Bayer, DowDupont and Syngenta (now owned by ChemChina) "regulate" their own genetically engineered products... [calling] its new proposed rule for reviewing and approving GMOs "Sustainable, Ecological, Consistent, Uniform, Responsible, Efficient," or "SECURE" for short. If this new rule is allowed to take effect, biotech companies will ... be more secure—...to unleash any genetically engineered organism into the environment or into the food system—with no oversight, no independent testing and no accountability...

If passed, "SECURE" will also be a disaster for organic farmers, whose organic certification—and livelihoods—will be threatened even further by contamination of their non-GMO, organic crops when GMO seeds "drift" into their fields.

Under USDA's proposed "no-regulation rule," almost every GMO would be exempt from regulation.'

At their July 25, 2019, meeting, **the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly passed Resolution 2019-29, "A Resolution Establishing A Joint Climate Change Task Force To Develop A Plan To Address Climate Change Impacts On The Fairbanks North Star Borough."**

*Fill out the form at the hyperlink if you'd like to join the [FCAC\\* Policy & Politics Working Group](#) to stay plugged into this effort.*      \*Fbks Climate Action Coalition

**[:: AlaskaWorks Job Training Academy Upcoming Courses.](#)** AWP delivers services in partnership with Alaska's Building Trades unions, the Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development, the U.S. Department of Labor, and Nine Star Education & Employment Services. We also team with employers, communities, and regional organizations on targeted projects. The Anchorage, Mat-Su, and Fairbanks Construction Academies offer introductory training in several trades skills including; carpentry, welding, plumbing, electrical, weatherization and more.

-- A listener misunderstood a song played last week, *The Uranium War*, by *Buffy Sainte-Marie*, a Cree.

She became world famous in 1964 for her album *This Is My Way*, and the songs "Now That the Buffalo's Gone" and "Universal Soldier".

She has produced more than 20 albums since, and has always continued to innovate. She has won been awarded numerous prizes, including an Oscar.

*The Uranium War* is part of *Buffy Sainte-Marie's* 2015 album *Power In The Blood*, for which she was awarded the Polaris Prize.

In her own words, "A true story from within the American Indian movement. This is a prequel to my other song "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee,"

and I dedicate it to the family of the late Anna Mae Aquash whom I mention in both songs. A real tragedy."

You may want to check out "Carry It On Humans are vulnerable, governments come and go, and Nature is sacred, so take care of your link with Life and thrive.

This is my favorite song. Not sure how I got so lucky as to find it in my head, but it stabilizes me and inspires me no matter what else is going on. I really believe it."

Expect to hear more from *Buffy Sainte-Marie* on this program in the future.

Now Rob, our Asymmetric Moose, has prepared some music and commentary. Asymmetric Moose Music 07/28/19

Hello, welcome to the Asymmetric Moose's Music picks for the week of July 28th, 2019.

I like all the seasons, but I must admit this particular time of year is probably my favorite despite the rain. No... the rain actually is part of what makes it so special, cools my heels and hot head so to speak. The garden's looking good too. This year I'm finally getting enough zucchini. Letsss...see, stuffed zucchini, zucchini bread, zucchini fritters, zucchini pizza, zucchini and eggs, zucchini soup, Yea it's all good.

This is also Tanana Valley Fair time Fri. Aug 2ns to Sun. Aug 11th. I hope you can all stop by and pay a visit to the Alaska Peace Center booth while you're walking the fairgrounds enjoying your elephant ear or deep-fried Twinkie.

For me fair week also is a time for reflection, a little introspection for those of us who were raised with the notion that we, the United States, are the world's quintessential good guys, mom, the flag, apple pie, white hat and six-shooter in the service of the American way, Dee...ma...crassy! Yessir! Yer either with us or again us.

The dates Aug. 6th and 9th should bring that contradiction into focus if we take the time to look into it. On those dates in 1945 "our country" premeditatedly committed acts of terror that make those of Al-Qaeda and the Islamic State pale on comparison. The terror lives on, lurking in silos, on submarines, and maybe soon on those F-35s coming to the Golden Heart City.

The other day I heard Rick Smith, commentator that this station carries regularly, say, "The Russians attacked us in 2016." Maybe I'm just getting old and my sense of humor isn't what it used to be. At the height of the cold war, I would have shrugged this off as another right wing nut cake Dr. Strangelove; Slim Pickens riding his bomb out the chute. But Smith is a staunch defender of the rights of labor, how so very disappointing.

After learning that one of the reasons that some Republican Congressmen voted against the obscene \$733B war appropriations bill was their disappointment that it did not include money for equipping US submarines with "low yield" - read first strike - nuclear weapons, I can no longer shrug away an uncomfortable feeling impending doom. Language like Smith's - Play This whole Dang Island's under attack - is warmongering. And war mongering? Well... warmongering leads to war. It's long past time for those "progressives" among us, who are still braying about Russian-this or Russian-that to say good-bye to their mentor, Tail Gunner Joe, and fight against really existing fascism, like putting babies in cages, orchestrating coup d'états against democratically elected governments, and bomb poor countries.

In today's first tune, Josh Ritter dreams for those caged babies and their families - All Some Kind of Dream.

In the next tune David Rovics, in his usually no-holds-barred style, shares his definition of a Failed State.

Speaking of submarines, I hope the lovely folk tune that follows serves as a peace offering to those I may have offended in my Russian election meddling commentary. Theodore Bikel sings - What's My Sorrow, from Songs of a Russian Gypsy.

-- *Why We Build the Wall* by Anaës Mitchell, performed with Greg Brown

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*May Peace be with you!      Have a good week!*

### To Contact your Elected Public Officials

**Fairbanks City Council Mtg** (twice per month on Monday evenings\*) **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. Please click the Listen Live image below to start streaming the audio. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. Listen live on your iPhone! Mixlr now has an iPhone/iPad app (<http://bit.ly/163ZvLg>) via the iTunes Store. Once you get the app set up, you search for city\_of\_fairbanks and you will be able to follow our audio stream ([http://mixlr.com/city\\_of\\_fairbanks/live/](http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/))! Location: Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St.

**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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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](mailto:cityclerk@fairbanks.us) or 907-479-6702

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