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Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of October 13th, 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><u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u></i>	<i>*All locations in Fbks unless noted.</i>
Monday Oct 14	8-11am	Indigenous Peoples' Day 2019- 2 nd Mon in Oct, is an official state holiday --- Indigenous Peoples Day Coffee Social -Public · Hosted by Fairbanks Native Association 's Youth and Young Adult Services... There will be coffee and donuts for community members to enjoy, as well as information about suicide prevention.	Sadler's Home Furnishings parking lot.
	10:30-4pm	---Resiliency: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow hosted by College of Rural and Community Development... community celebration... hosting panels that honor Alaska Native people, culture and Indigenous knowledge. All events are free & open to the public. Schedule and details at www.uaf.edu/rural/events/indigenous-peoples-day/	UAF CRCD, 4th fl Brooks Bldg
	6-7pm	Monthly IWW Fairbanks Mtg: "Fellow Workers - please join us for the monthly Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Fairbanks meeting at the Bread Line Inc.'s Stone Soup Cafe at 6pm on the second Monday of each month. All Wobblies (and recruit prospects) are welcome and encouraged to come." Info: iwwfbx@gmail.com	507 Gaffney Rd
	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. Mtgs include citizens' comments.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 Oct 15	1:00 pm	:: Tuesdays and Thursdays through October: Guided Nature Walks at Creamers Field. Meet at the farmhouse, and take a nature walk with volunteer naturalist Bud Marschner and learn about the Boreal Forest as we head into winter.	Creamer's Field College Rd
	3:45-5:15pm	Our Common Languages to Protect our Land, Water, and Food - Hosted by Alaska Community Action on Toxics and Native Movement "Join us for a panel discussion ACAT and Native Movement are hosting during Elders and Youth this year. The panel will connect Indigenous languages with Indigenous worldviews of our relation to the land and our values around stewardship..."	Carlson Center 2010 2 nd ave, Fbks
	6:30-8pm	"Join the newly launching FbksClimateActionCoalition Welcoming Team! This new team is oriented towards bringing new community members into FCAC and helping them get oriented and plugged into the roles they are most excited to play. This is a highly social & community-focused role, focused on creating opportunities for entry-level engagement with FCAC's work and on direct relationship building with interested recruits to connect them to needs within the Coalition."	Native Movement Conference Room 1327 Hayes Ave

Wednesday October 16	3:00-3:30 pm	“Investigations” KWRK-LP 90.9FM radio show: Birch Pavelsky will start a series reading, “5G Cell Phone Radiation: Battle to Impose 5G Against the Will of the People,” from Global Research.	90.9FM or kwrk.org
	5:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio training- Have you ever tried to tune in to this station, 90.9FM only to find dead air? Programmers are all volunteers and are stretched thin. We need more volunteers to help with programming, shows, fund-raising... “Fairbanks Open Radio is presently looking for folks willing to kick down an hour or so weekly to help program the broadcast. No radio experience is necessary, although basic computer skills are almost essential for this particular task “ Please contact info@kwrk.org or 374-0577, or show up at the Wednesday meetings!	3535 College Rd, suite 203
Thursday Oct 17	7pm	Gender Pack Parents Group: A support group for parents of transgender, non-binary, or gender non-conforming kids meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month... a space where parents and guardians can find ways to support their children, as well as to express the sometimes complicated feelings that can arise from having a gender expansive child. For more information contact genderpackparents@gmail.com	downstairs room at UUFF
Friday Oct 18		Alaska Day , a legal holiday in Alaska. “It is a paid holiday for state employees... Alaska Day is protested ^[5] by Alaska Native people who view the holiday as an uncritical celebration of the violence used to take their land away ^{[6][7]} and a confirmation of colonial aggression. ^[8] ” <i>per wikipedia</i>	
	12 - 7:30pm	Electronics Garage Sale - If you are looking for monitors, keyboards, mice, parts for a computer upgrade, antiques, or cords of any sort, stop by. All proceeds support our non-profit mission to reduce waste and increase recycling in Fairbanks. Prices are by donation. Ring the GREEN doorbell at the top of the wheel chair access ramp to be let in.	<u>Green Star of Interior Alaska</u> 1101 Well St
Saturday Oct 19	12-5pm	33rd Annual Fairbanks International Friendship Day - Free Admission; stage performances, Cultural Displays, Food & Gift Items for Sale. Here is the organizer’s message: 1. We are giving an open invitation FREE OF CHARGE to people in Fairbanks of all ages. 2. Over 20 different groups from our own community will perform and entertain throughout the afternoon. Native dancers and drummers, Japanese Taiko drummers, Hawaiian dancers, and dancers of Russia, China, Thailand, Philippines, Mongolia, Spain, and South America, and our beloved Youth Symphony Orchestra, Lathrop High Swing Dancers, and many more will all be there to share their talents. 3. Fairbanks Grand Rendezvous! Come and sample foods from different cultures while you watch the colorful performances. Foods such as Jambalaya, egg rolls, steamed bun, chicken adobo, Japanese and Scandinavian goodies will entice us all. There are also display booths featuring items from different cultures and countries for you to browse.	Pioneer Park Civic Center, 2300 Airport Way
Sun Sat		<u>Next Week</u>	
Monday Oct 21	5:30-6:30	Join the new FCAC Communications Team for their kickoff meeting! This will be an opportunity to use your expertise in social media, design, writing, or other forms of communication to help amplify the message of FCAC’s campaigns and efforts. Location is TBA, contact FCAC Communications Fellow, Stephen Greenlaw, for more details at stephen@fbxclimateaction.org	tba
Thursday Oct 24	6 pm 10/24, 11/14, 12/12	Regular FNSB Assembly mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough); http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Calendar.aspx?Category=Municipal%20Election%20Day/Regular%20Assembly%20Meeting&mm=1&yy=2019 http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx <u>FNSB Assembly</u>	Assembly Chambers, Borough bldg, 907 Terminal St.
		<u>Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week Events</u>	
Tuesday Oct 29	Deadline to comment	“The Bureau of Land Management’s Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed private mining road, which has been met with local opposition, is available for public comment until October 29. <u>Learn more here</u> , and contact Clean Water & Mining Manager Solaris Gillispie at solaris@northern.org with questions.”	

“Willow Master Development Plan - This DEIS comment period has been extended two weeks, to October 29, which is still shorter than what the Village of Nuiqsut, the North Slope Borough, and environmental groups requested... [Northern Alaska Environmental Center] will be sharing more background on this in the coming days on northern.org. For now, **these are our talking points** from the public hearings earlier this fall. Contact Lisa at lisa@northern.org if you have questions.”

Good News category:

“**University of Alaska Fairbanks professor emeritus and ecologist Terry Chapin** has been named the 2019 recipient of the Volvo **Environment Prize**... recogniz[ing] one person worldwide for outstanding scientific discoveries in the areas of environmental science and sustainable development... In 2001, he founded a new graduate program at UAF — the Resilience and Adaptation Program — which aimed to train future scientists to take an interdisciplinary approach to studying global change.... Chapin said. “What I have tried to do is systematically consider the kinds of things that individual citizens can do to try to turn around the relationship between humans and nature.” ...His newest book, “Grassroots Stewardship: Sustainability within Our Reach,” expands on the concept and offers achievable action for the average person. The book will be released in early 2020.” *from [UAF news](#), where you can read the rest of the article and check out a video link.*

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

Peace Justice Sustainability

from winwithoutwar: “**Can you call and ask Representative Don Young right now to sponsor H. Res. 152 to end the Korean war now?**”

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from Friends Committee on National Legislation: “**Congressional Negotiations Could End or Prevent 3 Wars** - Right now, we have a unique opportunity to end two wars and prevent a new one from starting. House and Senate negotiators are currently negotiating a final policy bill that will direct the Pentagon’s efforts over the next year. We need your Representative and Senators to ensure the final bill contains three key House provisions that would prevent war with Iran, end U.S. support for the war in Yemen, and end the authorization for war with Iraq. Your representative can insist that this language must remain in the final NDAA, but only if they hear from you. Act now for peace!... “ *You can use this link to have FCNL send a message to our members of Congress, or call their offices locally or in D.C., or write a one-page letter and fax or deliver it to their offices.*

Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210/ Fax (907)456-0279; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov; 100 Cushman St. Suite 307, Key Bank Building, Fbks 99701

Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax (877) 857-0322; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov- Courthouse Square,250 Cushman St, Suite 2D, Fbks 99701

Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov - Federal Building, 101 12th Avenue, Suite 328, Fbks 99701

“The **Department of Housing and Urban Development**, led by Secretary Ben Carson, **is gutting anti-discrimination protections** that for decades have prohibited unfair treatment by banks and landlords toward people of color, people with disabilities, survivors of domestic violence, families with children, low-income communities, and others. **We have until October 18** to tell HUD what we think about this new rule – so we need to act now. **Submit your public comment against the proposed HUD rule gutting anti-discrimination protections in housing.**” *from American Civil Liberties Union*

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- *Report from 9/30/19 Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition, continued from last week's news:* “**Fairbanks Reentry Coalition:**

Reentry Case Management: Marsha Oss has a new office space at 802 23rd Avenue. The new office has limited laundry services and a kitchen. Marsha can only accept referrals through a Parole Officer and only for medium to high risk clients. All other referrals must go through the Bridge. In the last year, there have been many new programs developed for Returning Citizens. One of these that Marsha is especially proud of is the Beyond Violence for Women course, which is about to graduate another 10 female Returning Citizens. The next course about to begin is Exploring Trauma, which begins on October 2nd and will last for six weeks. For more information please contact Marsha at reentrycasemanager@iacnvl.org.

The Bridge: The Employment Training and Peer Support programs through the Bridge are having a huge positive impact. Giles Hawthorne's employment training classes at FCC are well received and Giles has noticed that many students are very engaged, consistent, and they are following up at the Bridge after release. Great work Giles!!!

Reentry Simulator: The Fairbanks Reentry Coalition, in partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, would like to give you an opportunity to learn more about the real-life challenges associated with reentry and invite you to participate in a Reentry Simulation. The simulation will be Thursday, October 3rd from 9:30-11:30 am at the JP Jones Center. For more information contact Linda at reentry@iacnvl.org or 907-987-6045.

[more of the FHHC report next week...]

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from Common Cause: “**ALEC** is the acronym for the benign-sounding [American Legislative Exchange Council](#)... **lobbyists funded by big corporations**, working to ram far-right legislation through state legislatures. ALEC is responsible for some of the most extreme, ultra-conservative laws passed in the last decade: “Stand Your Ground” gun legislation, racially discriminatory and overly strict voter photo ID laws, rollbacks of environmental protections, and blocking the Affordable Care Act at the state level, among others... ALEC is getting ready for the 2020 legislative sessions in the states -- **and eyeing even more extreme legislation in states across the country**. Stifling the right to peaceful protest. Advancing a dangerous Article V Constitutional Convention. Making it easier than ever to pollute our environment... But in the past few years, peoples' groups like Common Cause have **exposed ALEC for what it is** -- and put MAJOR pressure on companies to cut ties with them. Just this year, three of ALEC's biggest funders -- AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon -- responded to our demands by canceling their ALEC membership. They joined Google, Coca-Cola, and other major companies in a sweeping exodus from ALEC's toxic brand.”

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from govtrack.us: “Want to know how impeachment works? Need help keeping track of the inquiry's status and its findings? We have a new website for you. Check out: [Impeachment.guide](#) The information on impeachment.guide is compiled from Congressional Research Services research reports, United States law, and key documents...”
[“Disclosing Official Spending at Presidential Businesses Act would make public all federal agency...”](#) How much money is the government spending to profit Trump's personal businesses?” *Open the link to find out more.*

“**The [Raise the Age Act](#) [H.R. 717] would increase the minimum age to purchase a semi-automatic assault rifle** from the current 18 up to 21, nationally... Under current law, one has to be 21 to purchase a handgun, but only 18 to purchase a semi-automatic assault rifle. This discrepancy was highlighted when last year's 19-year-old Parkland, Florida high school shooter [legally purchased the semi-automatic weapon](#) he used to carry out the shooting... The bill has 55 bipartisan House cosponsors...”

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“**Crime: The Hidden Cost of Air Pollution** <https://wakeup-world.com/2019/10/10/crime-the-hidden-cost-of-air-pollution/>

What would it cost to plot domestic assault location and incident to bad-air days in Fairbanks/North Pole? Would such a study be useful in forming policy? Educating the public and police? Gaining additional funds to learn more?” *submitted by Douglas A. Yates <dayates@mosquitonet.com>, t. 479-8300*

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from CODEPINK: “Join CODEPINK in Washington D.C. [every] Friday, with special emphasis on November 8th to make the connection between war and climate change... [If you can't make it to Washington D.C. will you sign here to ask all presidential candidates to commit to cutting \\$350 billion from the Pentagon Budget and invest that money in a Green New Deal?](#) ”

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“**Alaska's government has a duty to protect our future** Sinnok vs. Alaska, the case of 16 Alaska youth suing the state for failing to protect their future, was heard [Oct.9] in the Alaska Supreme Court in Anchorage” *Anchorage Daily News via erica@northern.org*

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

-- *Moose Picks 101319*

Play List:

1. *War Is A Racket, Smedley Darlington Butler, Maj. General USMC Ret., Chapter 3, Who Pays the Bills?*
2. *Kids Prayer, Dan Bern, Songs From Sing Out! magazine, Vol. 55, No. 2, Winter 2013, track 2, from an unreleased live recording*
3. *Universal Soldier, Buffy Sainte-Marie, CD – Medicine Songs, track 2, track artist – Buffy Sainte-Marie, (11-10-2017), ISRC = CAT241700104, True North Records.*
4. *G.I. Rights Hotline, short PSA*

-- *One Thing I Know, by Tony Tengs, on Juneau VFP's album Wounded Dove*
-- *How Excellent and Civilized Are We, by The Preserves, on the same album*

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

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Email Fairbanks City Council people*Results of Oct. 1 election pending

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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 Therrien - 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> ***Results of Oct. 1 election pending**

Doug Isaacson - Term: 10/2016 – 10/2019*; 1003 Shirley Turnaround, N Pole, AK 99705; Cell Phone: 322-3133; Email: doug.isaacson@northpolealaska.org

David Skippis - Term: 10/2018 - 10/2021; 2729 Perimeter Dr; Cell Phone: 750-5106; email: david.skippis@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

Aino Welch - Term: 10/2017 - 10/2020; 934 Les Rogers Turnaround; Home Phone: 488-5834; Email: aino.welch@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 - (updated summer 2019- ***Results of Oct. 1 election pending**)

Matt Cooper, Presiding Officer - Seat I -; mcooper@fnsb.us; (907) 978-7143; Term Expires: 10/19*

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

Mindy O-Neall - Seat C - mindy.oneall@fnsb.us; 907-727-3887; term exp. 10/19*

Geoffrey B. Wildridge - seat E - geoffry.wildridge@fnsb.us; 907-378-5842; exp 10/19*

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

Aaron Lojewski - seat H; alojewski@fnsb.us; 907-978-1766; exp 10/20

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

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

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

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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

Sen. Click Bishop - (R) District C Fbks - Juneau office: 907-465-2327. Tollfree: 800-336-7383 Email: senator.click.bishop@akleg.gov

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

Rep. Grier Hopkins (D) District 4 Fairbanks Juneau office: 907-465-4457 Toll free: 800-928-4457 Email: representative.grier.hopkins@akleg.gov

Rep. Bart LeBon (R) District 1 Fairbanks Juneau office: 907-465-3709 Toll free: 877-665-3709 Email: representative.bart.lebon@akleg.gov

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

Rep. Adam Wool (D) District 5 Fairbanks Juneau office: 907-465-4976 Tollfree: 866-465-4976 Email: representative.adam.wool@akleg.gov

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