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Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of December 22nd, 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?*
		<u><i>This Week Opportunities for Action</i></u>	<i>*All locations in Fbks unless noted.</i>
Sunday Dec. 22		Both North Pole & Fairbanks non-attainment Zones: Stage 2 Air Quality Alert - Dec 20 at 2pm until Dec 23, 12pm. When the 24-hr rolling average monitored concentration is 35 micrograms per cubic meter or above, NO use of solid-fuel burning devices w/o a NOASH (No Other Adequate Source of Heat) waiver. For info call 451-2132 or visit dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair	
Monday Dec. 23	11am	XRA - Extinction Rebellion General Assembly mtg (possibly also a Friday for the Future 6-8pm on Friday as well. Find out more via https://www.facebook.com/XRAAlaska/?eid=ARC_bHd-Ga1HZ1zZqoZon3pvQ67SnZn1BJ9dKnrpnoFTwkBu-OY2oVAoc6XrYUuKXAZAT0COvfU9yexr	
	6-9pm	Night of Hope annual celebration hosted by No Limits Inc. “share Christmas Eve with us. We will be serving dinner... There will be music and dancers to celebrate and bring Christmas Cheer to Fairbanks Homeless. 451-9650.”	JP Jones Center 2400 Rickert St
Tuesday Dec. 24	Deadline to select Lend-a-Hand recipients	Alaska Peace Center*# & Fairbanks Open Radio* are among the choices: “It’s time for [Fbks Co-op Market & Deli] Owners to select the local nonprofits that will receive our Lend a Hand register round-ups in 2020... We invite our Owners to select 11 of these nonprofits for our monthly round-ups. Please review the applications linked below before completing the Lend a Hand selection survey . *Asterisks indicate organizations that have not previously benefited from Lend a Hand.” *Alaska Peace Center will use donations for Earth Week 2020 events, if selected and received in time.	
		FNSB Central Recycling Facility Holiday Hours Tuesday, December 24: 12-5:30 PM Wednesday, December 25: CLOSED Tuesday, December 31: 12-5:30PM Wednesday, January 1: CLOSED	
Thursday Dec 26	12-1pm	Next FHHC Mtg: will be December 26 th from noon to one in the Council Chambers. Yup the day after Christmas! Don’t worry we’ll come up with something fun for the folks that make it to the meeting!	City Hall, 800 Cushman Street

Friday Dec 27	6pm	Potluck and Community - Alaska Peace Center invites you to join us for peaceful fellowship and sharing. All Welcome; bring some food to share, or just yourself and a friend! Non-disposable dishes provided. info@alaskapeace.org	3535 College Rd suite 203
Saturday Dec 28	10am-4pm	“Green Star is Recycling Electronics Every Saturday! - You can sign up here to come in and help out!”	1101 Well St.
Sun Sat 12/29-1/4/20		<u>Next Week</u>	
Tues. Dec. 31, 2019	deadline for discount	<u>Campaign Nonviolence National Conference August 6-9, 2020</u> - Featuring Martin Sheen, Dolores Huerta, Richard Rohr, John Dear, Erica Chenoweth, Rev. Lennox Yearwood, Jr., Roshi Joan Halifax, Ira Helfand, Frida Berrigan And Others. Hosted by Pace e Bene’s Kit Evans-Ford and George Martin. <u>Purchase tickets by Dec. 31, 2019 to receive discount.</u>	Albuquerque, NM
		2020 marks the centennial of Women’s Suffrage (right to vote) in the United States	
Wednesday January 1st	2020	<u>John Dear’s Peace Podcast</u> : a new monthly podcast. On the first day of each month, Pace e Bene will post a free, new podcast featuring Fr. John Dear reflecting on some aspect of nonviolence.	internet, free
	10 am- 12 noon	<u>National Coalition Building Institute training</u> : The Fairbanks Coalition Builders and Fairbanks North Star Borough School District are offering free diversity, equity & inclusion skills training. . This event is geared toward the Fbks Housing & Homeless Coalition, but is free and open to the public. Feel free to invite anybody that would benefit from the training. The training is a series of incremental, experiential activities that guide the participant on an introspective journey about diversity. For more information: https://ncbi.org/ .	Council Chambers of City Hall 800 Cushman St
Thursday January 2	5:30pm	Alaska Peace Center mtg : Come help plan campaigns and events of Peace, Justice, and sustainability. All Welcome. Contact info@alaskapeace.org for more information.	3535 College Rd suite 203
	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 January 3		The 4-H program is offering Unleash Your Wild Side, a STEM and healthy living camp Jan. 3 in Fairbanks. The holiday break camp is for youth ages 7-13. Young scientists will go on safari, learn about jungles and other ecosystems, play games and cook healthy foods inspired by the safari. See details and registration .	
		<u>Events After Next Week to Put in Your Calendar</u>	
Monday, January 6	7-8:30pm	Solarize Goldstream mtg : Terry Chapin is organizing businesses and homeowners to solarize Goldstream Valley. This is your chance to learn more and sign-up for solar. If you live in or near Goldstream, please contact Terry at fschapiniii@alaska.edu or stop by the meeting! <i>from NAEC</i>	Ken Kunkel Center, Goldstream Rd

Good News category:

“Due in great part to SDA members’ efforts, this year’s **National Defense Authorization Act includes a provision for real-time jet noise monitoring.**

The intention is to measure just how loud military jets really are and to make that information public.
This is an essential step to solving the regional public health crisis of Growler jet noise.” from info@sounddefensealliance.org

“Registration is open for the **15th annual Alaska Sustainable Agriculture Conference, Feb. 20-22** at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage....

It will feature a plenary session and technical sessions on Feb. 20, followed by two days of technical sessions and workshops Feb. 21-22. A flat fee of \$100 covers all events. Abstracts are sought by Jan. 24 for individuals interested in presenting. The conference... emphasizes innovation and education about sustainable agricultural practices appropriate for Alaska. More details about the sessions will be posted in January.”

“**AFES research database is live** - Check out Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station's new publications and research database at <http://afesresearch.uaf.edu>.

One may search by publication type, author or by subject.

Publication types include circulars, bulletins, Agroborealis, variety trials, research reports, books, miscellaneous reports, annual reports, etc.”

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

Peace Justice Sustainability

“The **Juneau Chapter of Veterans For Peace is nominating Dan O’Neill* for an Honorary Doctorate** from the University of Alaska this year, for his service to Alaska as an author, historian, activist, and teacher. [*Author of ‘a number of books about Alaska, including The Firecracker Boys, Last Giant of Beringia: The Mystery of the Bering Land Bridge, and A Land Gone Lonesome: An Inland Voyage Along the Yukon River’ and active with Project Jukebox

Individuals who support Dan’s nomination can submit letters of support expressing the reasons why they believe he deserves an Honorary Degree. We need to collect as many letters of support as possible, and the **deadline for submission is January 31st**.

Do you have time to write a letter of support for Dan’s nomination? If so, please send your letter of support addressed to the Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor:

Anupma Prakash, Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks

P.O. Box 757580

Fairbanks, AK 99775-7580

Or by fax 907-474-1836

Please let us know if you do send a letter, so that we can keep track of how many letters have been submitted. We need a minimum of four letters – but we are aiming for more!”
<shelbysurdyk@gmail.com>

from *Veterans For Peace (VFP)*: “□ **2019-20 Ballot Results - Resolution 2019-01 VFP Global Warming Response Resolution**...Whereas, to control the world's oil and gas, the U.S. empire maintains over 450 military bases in the U.S., 800 more around the world and wages war at will in multiple nations, resulting in a U.S. military carbon footprint of one million barrels of oil per day or 5 percent of current global warming emissions...We need to combat the politics of wealth preservation and promote politics that preserve the planet..”.[Read the whole resolution at the link above] Other Resolutions recently passed include Stop Military Encroachment On The Environment, Cease and Desist from Overthrowing The Elected Government of Venezuela, Veterans For Peace **endorses the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** and urge Chapters to encourage their local municipal governments to take the ICAN Cities Appeal Pledge, and several other worthy resolutions.

“...The Desert National Wildlife Refuge (DNWR) is located next to the Nevada Test and Training Range. **The United States Air Force is attempting to take over and reduce access to over a million acres of the Refuge** [in addition to 2.9 million acres it controls the Nevada Test and Training Range] for bombing and combat training...
Stop the Military from taking over the Desert National Wildlife Refuge - Sign now.

“**Veterans Demand Accountability for Revelations in Afghanistan Papers** - [which last] week has laid out in clear detail the failed policy and the catastrophic level of malfeasance that reach the highest levels of the U.S. government... misleading the American public and for creating the conditions in which an unchecked military operates

without accountability. ([Read full statement](#)) [Sign on to the Statement!](#)

Veterans For Peace and About Face: Veterans Against the War gathered veterans who served in the U.S. War in Afghanistan to write the above statement. **If you are a veteran of the U.S. war in Afghanistan [sign up here](#) to join a call in January to strategize on next steps.**

“People Over Pentagon - Veterans For Peace has endorsed the most recent collaboration of a wide swath of organizations to reduce military spending. It’s time to stop misdirecting hundreds of billions of dollars away from domestic and human needs to pad unnecessary budget lines for endless wars, failed weapons and the Pentagon’s corporate handouts. Doing so will make our country stronger and more just. Pentagon spending should be reduced by at least \$200 billion immediately, which would free up \$2 trillion or more over the next decade for domestic & international human needs priorities. [Read more](#) and [sign the petition!](#)

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“About Face: Veterans Against the War is proud to present our first ever DecolonizeU FREE ONLINE COURSE. The first iteration of our new course **"Militarism On Turtle Island" will begin January 13th!** [Register now](#) to kick your new year off as part of this **3 week study on the historic and ongoing relationship between indigenous resistance and militarization in North America.”**

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“Items Needed at The Door [Sheltering At-Risk Teens in Our Community] See current needs on our website - the Needs List tab. <https://www.fairbanksyouthadvocates.org/needs-list/>.”

“State to register wood stoves - Air Pollution plan, other new rules start Jan.8... the plan involves a wood stove registry, bans on installing coal-fired heaters and outdoor hydronic heaters along with a prohibition on the sale of wet or unseasoned firewood... in ...the nonattainment area, which includes the cities of Fairbanks and North Pole along with the populated outskirts,such as around Badger Rd. Lower thresholds for state-declared burn bans also start Jan. 8... This ...2nd clean-air plan the state has produced for the EPA... required after the portions of the borough were out of attainment with the Clean Air Act... A 3rd, more-stringent...will be put out for public comment in late spring 2020...”
from Fbks Daily News-Miner 12-14-19. Some requirements have been delayed and/or relaxed.

“Invitation to Bid” is out for Moose Creek Water Expansion for City of North Pole, until Jan. 10, 2020: “Upgrades to well pumps, capacity upgrades at the City’s Water Treatment Plant, a 6-mile water transmission water main between North Pole and Moose Creek, and water distribution loops, 220 water services, a pump house, and a 410K gallon water storage tank... In order to assist small and minority businesses and women’s business enterprises Contractors and Suppliers, where feasible, will divide items of work into smaller tasks or quantities and establish delivery schedules which will permit maximum participation of disadvantaged businesses...” *from NewsMiner 12-19-19*

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*New Periodical from Veterans For Peace: “**Peace and Planet News** is a supplement to **Peace in Our Times**, the quarterly newspaper of Veterans For Peace To donate, subscribe, or order, visit peacinourtimes.org or send a check to Veterans For Peace, 1404 North Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102.”*

In an article by Mindy Weisberger, a senior writer for *Live Science*: **Sonar Can Literally Scare Whales to Death, Study Finds** - Naval sonar has been linked to mass strandings of otherwise healthy whales for nearly two decades... new research explains how sonar in certain frequencies disorients and terrifies some beaked whales so much that the experience overrides an important adaptation for deep diving...accelerates a whale’s heart rate, which can lead to decompression sickness; the intense pain of this condition incapacitates the whales, so they strand on beaches and eventually die... In Sept. 2002, when 41 beaked whales stranded in the Canary Islands during a NATO naval exercise, veterinary pathologists discovered lesions in the animals that were ‘consistent with a decompression sickness,’... In 2004, Spain banned sonar in Canary Islands, a mass-strandings hotspot. No mass strandings have taken place since the ban was enacted...” [Kodiak residents voiced environmental concerns in spring 2019 about the planned biennial [Northern Edge exercise in the Gulf of Alaska](#) ... [Dahr Jamail had written in 2016: “Navy Allowed to Kill or Injure Nearly 12 Million Whales, Dolphins, Other Marine Mammals in Pacific”\]](#)

In another article in Peace and Planet News, **“A Call to Put Down Arms,”** VFP member Dud Hendriik writes, “It is not hyperbole to argue, as does Bary Sanders, auarhor of *The Green Zone: The Environmental Costs of Militarims*, that the **U.S. military, ‘as the largest consumer of fossil fuels and greatest [institutional] producer of greenhouse gasses, places the entire globe with all its inhabitants in the most imminent danger of extinction.’** ...I spent the summer of 1962 [Hendriik writes] on board the **aircraft carrier U.S.S. Independence.** I’ve since learned that this vessel **consumed 100,000 gallons of fuel per day. Every 4 days it took on 1 million gallons** of fuel, half of which was consumed by its aircraft... If we are not war tax resisters, we are paying taxes to support the degradation of our planet...”

Existential Threat: “It Could Extinguish 'Essentially All Life on Earth' -The U.S. Air Force’s nuclear command says it’s about to undergo a major reorganization as it prepares to field new bombs, missiles, bombers and rockets,” [per national interest 11-29-19](#).

“Our Children's Trust is thrilled to announce the release of ***Making the Case for Science-based Climate Action***, a first-of-its-kind free curriculum centered around [Juliana v U.S.](#), the landmark youth-led, scientist-backed, constitutional climate lawsuit currently working its way through the federal courts.

Built by and for educators, this five-day lesson plan provides high school teachers with content and activities to engage students in lessons on civics, climate science, the law, current events, and youth-led movements. The curriculum is available for free download [here](#).

With lecture notes, slides, and custom-made worksheets, this curriculum makes it easy for any teacher to bring the *Juliana* lawsuit into their classroom – no matter if its a civics, science, or history class. This curriculum allows students to take part in an empowering research-based, role play simulation, learning how to think critically about the intersection of science, politics, and the law...

- If you are a teacher, download our free five-lesson curriculum for use in your classroom. If you are a student, ask your teacher to add this curriculum to your class.
- If you are a parent, ask your children’s teachers and local administrators in your district to teach these lessons.

Teachers: Want to introduce your class to *Juliana* but don’t have five free days in your teaching schedule? No problem. *Making the Case* includes plenty of stand-alone activities and lessons that can fit any schedule. [Review and download the curriculum](#) ... Questions? Contact us at education@ourchildrenstrust.org”

from Defend Bristol Bay: “CNN broke the [news \[Thursday\]](#) that **Governor Dunleavy has been coached by Pebble Partnership lobbyists** on how to talk to the Trump Administration, used Pebble’s hired guns to ghost write letters from Alaska to the EPA and utilized Pebble’s hand crafted talking points to lobby politicians and the public... [Please take the time to send a message to your Governor and let him know that you’re disappointed and angry with his recent actions regarding the Pebble Mine.](#) ...that we as constituents will not tolerate this and that we demand our elected officials to represent us and what is best for Alaska...”

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center: “**Celebrate the Return of the Sun and Solarize Fairbanks!** [Solarize Fairbanks](#) and the Northern Center are ... dreaming and planning – and welcome you to join us! Solarize Fairbanks is recruiting Fairbanks neighborhoods, organizations, and businesses interested in going solar in 2020! We're asking communities to register by January 30, 2020. To learn more about the campaign, steps to take, how to register your area’s interest, and which areas are already organizing, visit [Solarize Fairbanks on Facebook](#). Solarize Fairbanks is a volunteer-led campaign of community members and organizations that aim to make it easier and more affordable to go solar in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Organizational support is from the Alaska Center for Energy and Power, Cold Climate Housing Research Center, Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition, Information Insights, Native Movement, The Alaska Center, and the Northern Alaska Environmental Center.

“The Northern Center is excited to announce that we are planning to improve our energy efficiency and **solarize our building in 2020** AND organize our community (that means YOU!) to join us as part of the 2020 Solarize+ Campaign!

“:: On December 15 multinational investment bank Goldman Sachs announced an updated energy policy that rules out financing for new oil drilling or exploration in the Arctic, including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. In recent months, leaders from the Gwich’in Steering Committee and the Sierra Club have met with representatives from Goldman Sachs and other major banks to discuss the threats fossil fuel operations pose to the Arctic Refuge and why action by the financial industry is necessary.

“Drilling in the Arctic Refuge would permanently destroy the primary food source of the Gwich’in people, our culture, and our way of life,” said Bernadette Demientieff, Executive Director of the Gwich’in Steering Committee. “The Trump administration may have made up their minds about selling off this sacred place, but the fight is far from over. We’re glad to see Goldman Sachs recognize that the Arctic Refuge is no place for drilling and we hope that other banks, and the oil companies they fund, will follow their lead.” [The Northern Center will be sharing our several media stories about this decision. Keep an eye on our Twitter feed for more updates.](#) “

Helpful tips to reduce your holiday waste *from Interior Alaska Green Star -*

“Did you know that the average American household increases its waste by 25% during the holiday season? Here are a few tips to help you avoid waste during your festivities:

[Rather than disposable wrapping,] Look around your house for creative ways to [wrap] your gifts - [here are a few ideas to get you started](#)

As you open gifts, separate the packaging into a few piles: packaging in good condition that can be used to wrap future gifts, packaging that can be recycled, and packaging that needs to be thrown in the landfill. Store your reusable packaging for the next time you need it, and stack your recyclable packaging by the door so you’re all set to drop it off at the Central Recycling Facility on December 26th! (See CRF Holiday Hours below for more details.)

[Guestimator tool](#) from Save The Food and [tips](#) for reducing your food waste

Try these six steps to go plastic-free (or close to it). Or resolve to embark on a [Year of No Shopping](#).

from AK Sen Elvi:: “The 23rd annual Alaska Points of Light Youth Leadership Institute training for students in grades 8-12 is now accepting applications for the March 9-13, 2020 Alaska PYLI training in Anchorage. The \$ 100 registration fee and application is due As Soon As Possible and no later than February 28. For more information visit www.Alaskapyli.org and the Facebook page for Friends of Alaska PYLI. “

Spotlight

“**The Effects and Consequences of Congress’ Endless Permissions for War**” by VFP and Senior Fellow with the Center for International Policy Matthew Hoh 12/9/19, references the now-passed “ [National Defense Authorization Act \(NDAA**\)](#)...a Space Force the Pentagon doesn’t want,” the 2001 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force (AUMF), which “has far exceeded its original purpose and has been used to justify [military strikes and operations](#) in close to twenty countries in the Middle East, [Africa](#) and Asia, often against nations, organizations, and individuals who had nothing to do with 9/11. It was even cited by President Obama, and then President Trump, as the authority to extra-constitutionally [execute an American citizen and his teenage children](#), without trial, by drones and commandos....” and continues:

“**What Have the AUMFs Accomplished?** Based on [FBI](#) and [journalist](#) investigations, al Qaeda’s strength was between 200 and 400 members worldwide in September of 2001. Al Qaeda now has affiliates in every corner of the world, their [forces measure](#) in the tens of thousands of fighters, and they control territory in Yemen, Syria and Africa. Per [Brett McGurk](#), the former US envoy for combating al Qaeda and ISIS, Idlib Province in Syria is the largest single location of al Qaeda fighters ever assembled in the world. In Afghanistan, [the Taliban are stronger](#) than at any point since 2001, and, with regards to international terrorism, where there was one international terror group in Afghanistan in 2001, now the Pentagon [reports twenty groups](#), the largest gathering of such groups in the world...

“**...ISIS ... came into being due to the invasion and occupation of Iraq by the United States...** [leaked US intelligence documents](#), comments by [American](#) and [foreign](#) officials, and multiple [journalist](#) and [academic](#) reports, [show] that ISIS’ success in Syria and Iraq in the first half of this decade was due to the direct and indirect military, logistic and financial support to ISIS by the US and it allies...

“The 9/11 hijackers, the murderers who give reason for these AUMFs, offered the following [three motives](#) for their attack:

1. the US sanctions and bombings of Iraq through the 1990s,
2. the US support for Israel against the Palestinians,
3. the stationing of the US military in Saudi Arabia.

Rather than executing a response to that act of terror which would directly pursue the perpetrators while ameliorating the conditions that gave rise to the attacks, the US chose a path that inflamed anti-US sentiments and assisted terrorist recruiting by opening wars against Muslims across the world, [including in the US](#). The result should not be surprising: US [military, intelligence](#) agencies, [journalists](#) and other [international organizations](#) continually report the reasons people join such groups is not out of ideology or religious devotion, but out of resistance to invasion and occupation, and in response to the death of family, friends and neighbors by foreign and corrupt government forces.

“**What Have the AUMFs Cost?** [More than 7,000 US service members have been killed and more than 50,000 wounded](#) in the wars since 9/11. Of the 2.5 million troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan it is estimated [as many as 20%](#) are afflicted with PTSD, while [20% more](#) may have traumatic brain injury. Based on US Veterans Administration (VA) data, Afghan and Iraq veterans have [rates of suicide 4-10 times higher](#) than their civilian peers...

The cost to the people overseas to whom we have brought these wars is hard to realize. [Between one and four million people](#) have been killed, directly and indirectly, while tens of millions have been wounded or psychologically traumatized, and tens of millions more made homeless...

“**Brutality, Stupidity, Futility...** The majority of Americans, including Afghan and Iraq war veterans, believe the wars to [have not been worth fighting...](#)”

You can watch Matthew Hoh being interviewed on *Rising Up With Sonali* (which plays daily on KWRK-LP/kwrk.org at 5-6pm)

and addressing **What the Afghanistan Papers Reveal About the Longest War** [at this link](#).

**The recently-passed U.S. Defense Appropriations bill - now law - is a record-breaking \$736 Billion, and does not include all military spending.

Per a 9-14-19 News-Miner article, “The bill contains a series of appropriations specifically for **Alaska-based military projects**, including

- **\$960 million for the continued effort** to bring a series of F-35 fighter jet squadrons to Eielson Air Force Base.
- \$14.3 million for Innovative Readiness Training that will be held **in a number of remote areas** across the state.
 - \$15 million for improved **combat training ranges**.
 - \$17 million for Alaska’s Civil Air Patrol.
 - \$10 million for **spaceport stations** to assist with orbital or suborbital launches.
- **\$4 million for the U.S Army Corps of Engineers Permafrost Tunnel** near Fox for additional research development.
- **\$32.7 million** for heated enclosures **to store Stryker vehicles** out of the weather.
 - Unnamed amounts for improved Army cold weather gear.”

You can go to <https://www.nationalpriorities.org/interactive-data/trade-offs/?state=02&program=14> to find how what improvements in health, education, environment,

and/or other priorities could have been invested in instead.

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

-- *Zamen El Salaam - Time for Peace, by Yuval Ron Ensemble*

-- *Christmas Truce by John McCutcheon*

-- **Not in Our Town** by Fred Small

When the Klan came to Montana, they made no grand parade.
No hooded knights on horseback, no banners boldly raised.
Spray paint and bomb threats, a voice on the telephone line:
Kill the niggers, kill the homos, Jew bitch die.

Five-year-old Isaac woke screaming in the gloom.
Mommy, there's a man at my window, looking into my room.
Son, there's nothing out there but the shadows branches make.
The little boy went back to sleep, his parents lay awake.

For Isaac's bedroom window showed their faith for all to see
The candles of the menorah stood for hope and memory.
The next night, out of the darkness, a cinder block was hurled.
It shattered Isaac's window, and the boundaries of his world.

[Chorus]

One moment of conviction, one voice quiet and clear,
One act of compassion, it all begins here.
No safety now in silence, we've got to stand our ground.
No hate. No violence. Not in our town.

The cop was not unfriendly. He said, Ma'am, if I were you,
I'd take down that menorah, the Star of David, too.
Isaac's mother Tammy said, I'm sure that's good advice.
But how then could I ever look my children in the eye?

Then at their doorway a little girl did stand
A gift for her schoolmate in her outstretched hand.
A menorah drawn in crayon, from a Gentile to a Jew
It read, To Isaac, From Rebecca, I'm sorry this happened to you.

[Chorus]

Have you seen the paper? Did you hear the news?
What kind of people are we? We thought we knew.
Can children primed in prejudice in peace together dwell?
If we look out through this shattered glass, do we see ourselves?

Margaret McDonald called her pastor on the phone.
This time the Jews will not face their foes alone.
We'll make paper menorahs, display them from our homes.
We'll show the bigots there are more of us than they have stones.

Volunteers printed up menorahs by the score.
Children in their Sunday schools colored hundreds more.
Grocers and dry cleaners gave out the design, singing:
What's a little broken glass when freedom's on the line?

Now in the town of Billings live not 100 Jews,
But menorahs now were everywhere, on every avenue.
Thousands upon thousands, in windows rich and poor.
When a neighbor stands in danger, we will not close our door.

Through the drifting snow, Tammy drove her children round
To see all the menorahs in the windows of the town.
Are all those people Jewish? asked Isaac as they went.
No, his mother answered, they are your friends.

[Chorus]

No hate. No violence. Not in our town.
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with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

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to which the expanded news brief with active hyperlinks is sent; also see our [Facebook page](#).*

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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/163ZyLg>) 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/)! Location: Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St.

Contact 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).

Fax 907-459-6710 cityclerk@fairbanks.us council@fairbanks.us dpruhs@fairbanks.us jcleworth@fairbanks.us
jrogers@fairbanks.us skun@fairbanks.us ytherrien@fairbanks.us agibson@fairbanks.us

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 or 907-479-6702

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

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Frank Tomaszewski - seat B; stacke@fnsb.us; 907-347-2968; exp 10/22

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Mayor: Bryce Ward 10/18-10/2021; t.459-1300; fax 459-1102; email via [link](#)

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