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Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of December 1st, 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>
Sunday December 1	?	FNA's 3.1 Residential Treatment Center Grand Opening: This new facility will offer a 30 day transition from treatment.	
		<u>John Dear's Peace Podcast</u> : monthly podcast. On the first day of each month, Pace e Bene posts a free, new podcast featuring Fr. John Dear reflecting on some aspect of nonviolence. You can also access past podcasts via the link.	internet, free
		Start of “Nationwide Vigils & Events to #EndGunViolence” : Dec 14, 2019, marks the 7-yr anniversary of the Sandy Hook tragedy. By this December, over 700,000 Americans will have been killed or injured by guns since the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy. We urge you to join the gun violence prevention community in our collective effort to continue to shine a light on the devastating epidemic of gun violence in our nation until Congress takes meaningful action to reduce gun deaths and injuries in our nation.”	plan a vigil
Monday Dec 2	deadline for action	“For the 3rd time just this year, the Administration is attacking low income families with a proposal to undermine the food stamps program . Please submit your personal comment. ” from <i>Center for Science in the Public Interest</i> .	
	11am	XRA Extinction Rebellion Alaska General Assembly mtg each Monday	Raven Landing 1222 Cowles st.
Tuesday December 3		#GivingTuesday is coming up on Tuesday, December 3. As a response to the consumerism of "Black Friday" in the U.S., #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving back to support the causes that are most dear to us. Millions of people participate in this global movement, which transcends borders and ideologies. In today's increasingly divided world, #GivingTuesday brings people together in the spirit of generosity and giving.	
	6pm	Interior Alaska Land Trust Annual Mtg This event is open to the public; we invite community members to come learn about our current projects, recent easements, land acquisitions, fundraising efforts and more. Bring any questions or concerns you have regarding land conservation! In the conference room: first room on the right you enter though the main doors, but before you walk into the main library. https://interioraklandtrust.org/ Msg ph:907-322-3462. Monthly board meetings are on the first Monday of the month with a public session 6-7pm at 1427 Gillam Way in the basement.	Noel Wien Public Library, Cowles St.

	8pm	Energy for All Alaska Task Force mtg. The guests will be Jamie Hansen and David Pelunis-Messier, here to brief the Task Force on Solarize+ Fairbanks, an initiative aimed at increasing installed solar PV capacity and energy efficient technology, and providing a way for FNSB residents to transition to clean energy. Those wishing to participate remotely may do so <u>by clicking HERE</u> or by calling (669) 900 6833, PIN 964 514 325	FEDC Offices, 330 Wendell Ave, Suite E (top floor HoppnerLawBldg)
Wednesday Dec 4	5:30pm	No Fairbanks Open Radio/KWRK-LP meetings until January 15, unless announced- To volunteer to help with programming, shows, fund-raising, please contact info@kwrk.org or 374-0577	3535 College Rd suite 203
Thursday Dec 5	6-8:30pm	Delta Harvest Wrap-up forum In addition to discussing this year's harvest, the wrap-up will include reports on local agricultural projects and research needs. For more information, contact Phil Kaspari at 895-4215 or pnkaspari@alaska.edu . from Cooperative extension from snre-enews@alaska.edu .	Delta Career Advancement Center
	7-8pm	:: December 5: Zero Waste Fairbanks Talk. The Folk School is hosting a free talk by Zero Waste Fairbanks. Katja will discuss simple ways we can all reduce environmental impacts, she will have examples to show, and will talk about some ways we can reduce the amount of holiday trash we produce. Contact: Kerri Hamos; kerri@folk.school	Pioneer Park - Cabin 66 - Front Room
	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 Dec. 6	6-8pm	Love INC Cookie Exchange Fundraiser	at their 609 3 rd Street location
Fri-Sat-Sun Dec 6-8	5:30-9pm 9am-5pm 8am-4pm	CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS - ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE - BASIC WORKSHOP (3 days) - This beginning basic training will present conflict resolution skills through experiential learning exercises and practice with the goal of helping Direct Service providers and community members to think about and make choices to reduce conflicts in work and everyday settings. There will be 18 Contact Hours associated with this training. Contact: Carrie Farr 907-750-1049. <i>AKTC/Hands of Peace Conflict Resolution Skills/AVP workshops are not affiliated with LEAP Alternatives to Violence program.</i> For more information and to register: https://www.aktclms.org/Training/Class/103254 <i>The Alternatives to Violence Project - USA: Our workshops use the shared experience of both participants and facilitators to examine how injustice, prejudice, frustration and anger can lead to aggressive behavior and violence. We explore our innate power to respond in new and creative ways. Transform Conflict - Click here for more information about Alternatives to Violence: www.avpusa.org/</i>	Fairbanks Reentry Coalition Conference Room 400 Cushman Street
Saturday Dec 7	10am-4pm	“Green Star is Recycling Electronics Every Saturday! - You can <u>sign up here</u> to come in and help out!"	1101 Well St.
Sun Sat Dec.8-15		<u>Next Week</u>	
Monday Dec 9	11am	XRA Extinction Rebellion Alaska General Assembly mtg each Monday	Raven Landing 1222 Cowles st.
	6-7pm	Monthly IWW Fairbanks Mtg: Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) at the Bread Line Inc.'s Stone Soup Cafe on the 2 nd Monday of each month. All Wobblies (and recruit prospects) are welcome and encouraged to come." Info: iwffb@ gmail.com	507 Gaffney Rd
Tuesday Dec 10	5:30 -7pm	Fbks Diversity Council Mtg "...to provide a citizens forum... The FDC comes together to discuss & work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. Contact info: cyclerk@fairbanks.us or 907-479-6702	Fbks City Hall, 800 Cushman St

		FNSB Sustainability Commission mtg Agenda includes Citizens' Comments, Public Hearing on approving the annual report, disbanding Special Events and Zero Waste subcommittees, and commission liaisons; teleconferencing See how we are doing on our sustainability goals via this link .	Borough Bld, Assembly chambers
Wednesday Dec. 11		WRAP Training: The Bridge will be hosting Wellness Recovery Action Plan training from IONIA on December 11-13. Please RSVP as soon as possible. For more info contact Brynn at Brynnbu@iacnvl.org	
	10 am- 12 noon	National Coalition Building Institute training: 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
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Thursday Dec 12	2-5pm	Arctic Alliance for People: "We are thinking about what AAP's annual luncheon will look like this year, and would love some [5-min] input from local nonprofits. https://form.jotform.com/93110679167158 Additionally, Pete Pinney is offering a free Introduction to Grant Writing overview for Arctic Alliance member agency employees, board members and volunteers on Thursday, 12/12 from 2 pm - 5 pm. Thrivalaska is hosting. RSVP by 12/10/19 to beccafaitbrado@gmail.com . If you're unsure whether or not your agency is currently a member please email p.pinney@nscfundalaska.org . To join AAP and gain access to this free class, visit https://www.nscfundalaska.org/AAP (\$25 annual dues for small nonprofits and \$50 for large).	Carol Brice Family Center 1949 Gillam Way
	5:30 pm	Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg - All welcome! (Date change this month due to board member availability.) Contact info@alaskapeace.org	3535 College Rd, suite 203
	6 pm	Regular FNSB Assembly mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough); includes Citizens' Comments; PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance #xx "xx;" and Resolution #xx 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	Assembly Chambers, Borough bldg, 907 Terminal St.
Friday Dec. 13		'DEADLINE EXTENDED: December 13: Comment on transfer of BP assets to Hilcorp. [Northern Alaska Environmental Center] urge you to submit comments, contact your representatives, and write letters to the editor asking ... to consider what this major change would mean for our state's economy, health, and climate future. Hilcorp's record of environmental damage, worker safety violations, and secretive business practices should raise red flags for all of us. Read FCAC's Renewable Energy campaigner Phil Wight's letter to the editor here . Dermot Cole wrote a followup here . ADN reported on the federal aspects of the trade . AKPIRG shares more information here . Phil Wight's powerful response to John Shively, former commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources and current chairman of the Pebble Mine project, asserting why it is so important to have a public charter with Hilcorp.	
		<u>Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week Events</u>	
Dec. 31, 2019	deadline for discount	Campaign Nonviolence National Conference August 6-9, 2020 - 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. Purchase tickets by Dec. 31, 2019 to receive discount .	Albuquerque, NM

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

Peace Justice Sustainability

“Schools of Mass Destruction... Institutions of higher learning are involved... Nuclear weapons are morally equivalent to chemical and biological weapons...U.S. will spend \$100,000 per minute to upgrade nuclear arsenal... **call on these schools to drop their involvement.”** Watch the 4.25-min/ [video from ican and global network](#). ICAN Report: <https://universities.icanw.org/school...> Common Dreams article: <https://www.commondreams.org/news/201...>

“Where We Fight” map of US global engagement - [\[At this link\]](#)”please find a copy of a map that was handed out at the recent annual meeting of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, FCNL. It shows in which countries the US military is active, including non-classified training, exercises, combat, air and drone strikes, and selected military bases. Source: <https://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/papers/2019/where-we-fight-us-counterterror-war-locations-2017-2018>

The following web page, which was not part of FCNL presentations, identifies more US military bases:
<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2015/06/us-military-bases-around-the-world-119321>” from Maia

“ACLU analyzes alarming prison overcrowding records from Alaska Department of Corrections” *Read the [article from ACLU AK](#).*

“Following spill, American Petroleum Institute issues demand to White House to gut environmental review process - They're demanding a total gut job on the National Environmental Policy Act — a bedrock environmental law that requires the federal government to study the environmental impacts of projects and consider public input before they can proceed. This is just weeks after the Keystone Pipeline burst in North Dakota, spilling more than 383,000 gallons of oil into nearby wetlands. ” from LCV (League of Conservation Voters)
Alaska's Congressional delegation: Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121

Regenerative Farms - “If you'd like to support your local organic and regenerative farmers more, but just don't have the time to do the research to determine which ones are farming in line with your values, you're in luck. [Our team spent countless hours, days, weeks and months doing the research for you. Check out the map!](#)

Want to help us make the map better? [If we've missed* a regenerative farm in your area, please let us know by filling out this form.](#)
Not sure if your local farm is regenerative? Check out the definition [here](#). Still not sure? Call us: 952-777-3239.” from Organic Consumers Association
(The only Interior Alaska Regenerative Farm listed is [Calypso Farm](#).)

*from Alaska Public Media 11-27-19: “What's it like to find a hidden camera in your room? A Dillingham reporter found out.” and...
[Alaska Hire law declared unconstitutional.](#)*

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

-- Excerpts from 2 articles in Peace & Planet News, a supplement to Peace in Our Times, the quarterly newspaper of Veterans For Peace (at peaceinourtimes.org); from *A Call to Put Down Arms* by Did Hendrick, and from *Sonar Can Literally Scare Whales to Death, Study Finds*, by Mindy Weisberger.

-- *Peace Is*, by Fred Small
-- *Where I'm Bound*, by Robin Dale Ford
-- *Stand Up for Love*, by Susan Grace
-- *One Thing I Know*, by Tony Tengs
-- *Your Flag Decal Won't Get You Into Heaven Anymore*, by John Prine
-- *Know When to Quit-Rich Man's War*, from Wounded Dove
-- *Peace Salaam Shalom*, by Emma's Revolution
-- *Peace Train*, by Cat Stevens
-- *Song of the Arctic*, by Susan Grace
-- *Which Way Are You Goin'?* by Jim Croce

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

Potluck Presentations, Peace Feast and Special Events

Facility use fees for events: \$15-\$250 rental, plus insurance if required
Guest speakers or musicians: \$600-\$2,500 per guest, can include airfare, stipend or compensation, lodging, local transportation and meals
Sound Engineering if needed: \$250-\$750
Advertising: \$75+ per event for printing flyers; \$250 - \$500 banner ad, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner; \$2000 for 1/3 page ad

Ongoing Expenses: \$225 monthly office rent; \$30-\$50 monthly utilities and supplies

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

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

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/)! 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 vtherrien@fairbanks.us agibson@fairbanks.us

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

Shoshana Kun - Seat A: (907) 590-8313 June Rogers - Seat B: (907) 451-0122 Valerie Therrien - Seat C: (907) 388-0272 Aaron Gibson - Seat D: (907) 978-3058 Jerry Cleworth - Seat E: (907) 452-6461 David Pruhs - Seat F: 750-2888 Jim Matherly, Mayor: 459-6793, jmatherly@fairbanks.us

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

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

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

Mayor: Michael Welch - Term: 10/2019 – 10/2021; 125 Snowman Lane, N Pole, AK 99705; Phone: 907-488-8584; Email: michael.welch@northpolealaska.org

David Skipps - Term: 10/2018 - 10/2021; 2729 Perimeter Dr; Cell Phone: 750-5106; email: david.skipps@northpolealaska.org

Thomas McGhee - Term 10/2019-10/2022; 1152 North Star Dr, North Pole 99705; c.455-0010; thomas.mcghee@northpolealaska.org

Santa Claus - term 10/2019-10/2022; PO Box 55122, N Pole AK 99705; santa.claus@northpolealaska.org

Aino Welch - Term: 10/2017 - 10/2020; 934 Les Rogers Turnaround; Home Phone: 488-5834; Email: aino.welch@northpolealaska.org

DeJohn Cromer - Term: 10/2018 - 10/2020; 815 Marquette Loop; Cell Phone: 347-2808; Email: dejohn.cromer@northpolealaska.org

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

Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly-

Matt Cooper - *Seat I - Presiding Officer; mcooper@fnsb.us; (907) 978-7143; Term Expires: 10/24/22*

Mindy O'Neal - *Seat C; mindy.oneall@fnsb.us; 907-727-3887; term exp. 10/22*

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*

Jimi Cash - *seat E; Jimi.Cash@fnsb.us; 907-799-2692; exp 10/20*

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*

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

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.

Regular Assembly Mtgs are broadcast live over KUAC 89.9 FM/kuac.org; [Assembly Meeting Documents and Audio](#) at this link.

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

Alaska State Legislature

Regular Session starts January 21, 2020. Legislative schedule and links to related info at akleg.gov. [1/21-1/28-20](#). Schedules often change.

Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO) In Fbks: [452-4448](#)

Interior Alaska Legislators [Senate](#); [House](#)

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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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 Avenue, 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

A reminder! Today and often: visit, call, email, write your legislators, congresspersons and city and borough assemblies and write letters to the editor about issues being acted on and affecting peace, justice, and sustainability.

“True peace is not merely the absence of tension. It is the presence of justice.” Martin Luther King, Jr.