

*Alaska Peace Center **Community News and Opportunities for Action***
on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM radio (or via kwrk.org livestream) in Fairbanks, Alaska, Sundays, 8am & 6pm,
*reporting on events of **Peace**, **Justice**, and **Sustainability** that affect us and future generations in Alaska.*
Week of March 29th, 2020 Be ready for opportunities to participate!

For the latest information on Alaska's response to COVID-19, please visit <http://coronavirus.alaska.gov>.
New in this past week: • [Mandate 011 and 012: March 27, 2020](#)

“...Given the increasing concern for new cases of COVID-19 being transmitted via community spread within the state, Governor Dunleavy and the State of Alaska are issuing the following mandate to **go into effect March 28, 2020 at 8:00 am and will be reevaluated by April 11, 2020...**

“Health Mandate 012 – Intrastate Travel – **Limiting travel between communities to critical infrastructure or critical personal needs.** Effective 8 am March 28, 2020... to avoid introducing new COVID-19 cases into Alaska communities and slow the spread of the virus in state. It is imperative that Alaskans heed these guidelines.

“Health Mandate 011 – **Social Distancing** - Effective 5 p.m. March 28, 2020: **All persons in Alaska, except for those engaged in essential health care services, public government services, and essential business activities, are mandated to remain at their place of residence and practice social distancing...** six feet or greater from any individuals with whom you do not currently reside... cease participation in public or private gatherings that include non-household members, regardless of the number of people involved.

The Governor orders the closure of non-essential businesses. Critical infrastructure includes those items listed in “[Alaska’s Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure](#)” (formerly Attachment A) [Lists Healthcare Operations, Essential Infrastructure, Financial services sector, First Responders, Essential Government Functions, Essential Business (20 categories, ending with “businesses that can maintain Social Distancing Requirements and ...no more than 10 people in the business at a time(including employees).”

“ADOPTION OF FEDERAL GUIDANCE.a.This Order incorporates:

- A. [Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#)
- B. [Memorandum for Defense Industrial Base](#)

“A violation of a State COVID-19 Mandate may subject a business or organization to an order to cease operations and/or a civil fine of up to \$1,000 per violation....”

- [Mandate 010: March 23, 2020](#)
- [Mandate 009: March 23, 2020](#) [[gatherings](#) where people are within 6ft of each other must stop... [no gatherings](#) of more than 10 people may take place; health care excluded]
[includes “shall... remain in full force until the Governor... rescinds or modifies”]

“**FNSB** (Fairbanks North Star Borough) operational **closures...** are effective **until May 1, 2020** or unless revised” **except** FNSB Assessing Department has made some changes and the counters are OPEN!
We thank you for your patience as some counter modifications... [\(read more\)](#)”

New Online Tool to check for COVID-19 SYMPTOMS at <https://c19check.com/start>.

From Friends of Creamer’s Field: “All **programs and events are cancelled through April 30.** Please contact Lissa Hughes at director@friendsofcreamersfield.org or Bennett Wong at camphabitat@gmail.com regarding cancellations. **2020 Camp Habitat Registration is now Open!** <https://friendsofcreamersfield.org/camp-habitat/> “

From Calypso Farm and Ecology Center: “**New Community Food Relief Plan:** Over the next several months, our focus will be on food production for our Fairbanks community. In addition to 50% off to Food Stamp users, we are launching a “Pay What You Can” system on all vegetables this summer... In partnership with other community organizations, we will be offering food deliveries this summer to those most vulnerable and... providing regular deliveries to the Bread Line throughout the seasons... [but] We’ll need your help. **If you can help** support our food relief efforts, please consider making a donation calypsofarm.org/donate or by mail: PO Box 106, Ester, AK 99725.

per Coronavirus Stays in Aerosols for Hours, on Surfaces for Days - Medscape - Mar 17, 2020, research on the Persistence of Coronaviruses on Surfaces shows 3 or more hours in the air, 4 hours on copper, 24 hours on cardboard, and 2-3 days on plastic and stainless steel.

***Best creative fun all week!** Sent by Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks: Click on [this link](#) to watch "**I Am the Very Model of Effective Social Distancing**," sung by Cam (six feet apart from) Lisa, with piano by Marsha. Parody lyrics by Eliza Rubenstein"*

***March is National Professional Social Work Month**♥*

IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

Sunday, March 29

11:30am AK time – Virtual Rally to demand a #PeoplesBailout that puts people, instead of corporations and profiteers, first. - About Face members are organizing efforts to address the [militarized pandemic response](#), support mutual aid efforts and to continue lifting up the connections between war and other crises while in quarantine. **Wear green, make a poster, and livestream through our [Facebook page](#) at the start time!** Organized by About Face,:Veterans Against the War. More below.

Monday, March 30

CANCELED Fairbanks City Council Mtg [Agendas](#) and calendar at fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/
6:30pm GVEA (Golden Valley Electric Association [member-owned co-operative]) **board of directors' mtg.**
Only open via telephone: 1-800-315-6338; access code: 44279. Agenda at gvea.com/boardmeetings
9:30-11pm Independent Lens “One Child Nation” re China’s one-child policy, on KUAC TV ch.9. Repeats.

Tuesday, March 31 – Transgender Day of Visibility and Seward's Day –“a paid holiday for all state employees, all state, county and city government offices close, along with most schools and libraries. Private businesses can close at their discretion. The US Post Office will be open as will most banks and public transport will operate on nearly normal schedules.” *Per officeholidays.com.* Local **libraries will be closed.**(*Though Seward’s Day is elsewhere listed as the last Monday of March*)

Deadline to apply for a dividend from Alaska’s Permanent Fund - [2020 PFD Online Application](#)

10am DISCLOSE, DIVEST, REINVEST AT PITZER COLLEGE: students talk about their latest divestment campaign. The students are calling on the university to Divest from BlackRock, and Invest in their Core Values! [RSVP HERE](#).

12:30-1:30pm - virtual legislative session update with The Alaska Center’s Louie Flora, Government Affairs Director, and Political and Campaigns Director, Jenny-Marie Stryker. This call will be conducted virtually via ZOOM. [Register in advance for this meeting here >>](#)

6-7pm – Alaska Center hosting an online Zoom 101 Training. Zoom is a platform that allows you to move your classes, business meetings, and hangouts online through video chat. Learn how to make your online engagements productive, and fun with this free class ...

[RSVP to attend this online training, and learn more about the event >>](#)

6:30-7:30pm Women In Conservation Leadership Tele-Town Hall. three powerful leaders in the world of conservation — Executive Director of the Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission Tis Peterman, SEACC Executive Director Meredith Trainor and SEACC Environmental Policy Analyst Sally Schlichting — will share their insights, knowledge and experiences and be available for questions from callers.

8-9pm Nature – Cuba’s protected habitat. Ch.9

10-11pm Frontline – “Plastic Wars” the fight over the future of plastics, KUAC TV ch. 9. Repeats +www.

Wednesday, April 1

[John Dear’s Peace Podcast](#) On the first day of each month, Pace e Bene posts a free, new podcast reflecting on some aspect of nonviolence. Accessible any time of day.

5:30 pm– Fairbanks Open Radio KWRK-LP 90.9 FM meeting via internet. Contact info@kwrk.org.

If your work or studies have been interrupted, please consider volunteering 30 minutes or more a week to keep our all-volunteer station running; Free trainings based on demand. Check KWRK.org and the Fairbanks Open Radio FB page for more information.

6pm Every Wednesday, Apr 1 - May 13. [Sharing Nature and History at Creamer's Field Course](#)
To register call 459-7301 or email mark.ross@alaska.gov Register soon! class limit 25 participants
(Due to the COVID-19, we will be in touch if regional closures will affect the course schedule.)

Thursday, April 2

- 4pm – by zoom – **Earth Day planning mtg.** “working on a live stream from communities around the country”
Plus numerous other, local activities... Contact blackdog@ptialaska.net to get involved.
- 5:30pm – **FNSB Assembly Finance Committee mtg** will include appropriation of federal grant funding for 3 years of **vehicle plug-ins** at Carlson Center & the Big Dipper. ‘For more information on how to participate telephonically visit the webpage [STAY CONNECTED WITH THE ASSEMBLY](#) or call the Borough Clerk's Office 459-1401. During the COVID-19 outbreak, it is allowed and encouraged for assembly-members and the public to participate at this and future meetings telephonically. In person participation is still available while using social distancing practices, however, written comments and telephonic participation is encouraged. “

CANCELLED - Alaska Peace Center mtg –Contact info@alaskapeace.org for updates.

Saturday, April 4

- 8am AK time: **Peace Alliance Hope Story Circle #2**
- <https://peacealliance.org/invitation-peace-alliance-hope-story-circles/>

NEXT WEEK:

Monday, April 6

- 11 am - About Face, Veterans Against the War digital town hall** with a coalition of grassroots communities called “Racial Justice Has No Borders: A Discussion on War and Militarization in a Time of Pandemic.”
[Register here. https://medium.com/@VetsAboutFace/the-militarization-of-us-government-response-to-covid-19-and-what-we-can-do-about-it-77bd2d68de46](https://medium.com/@VetsAboutFace/the-militarization-of-us-government-response-to-covid-19-and-what-we-can-do-about-it-77bd2d68de46)

Tuesday, April 7

- Free Webinar: David Swanson on **Ending War** - [Click here to RSVP.](#)
- 9am - **BLACKROCK'S ROLE IN AMAZON DESTRUCTION** Join Pendle Marshall-Hallmark — climate campaigner at Amazon Watch — for a discussion about BlackRock's role in Amazon destruction.
[RSVP HERE.](#)

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OTHER News and Opportunities for Action:

from “Bread Line, Inc., a local nonprofit operating the **Stone Soup Cafe** which is a soup kitchen. We are **still open and serving the hungry** in our community (while following CDC COVID-19 guidelines). I am **asking for donations of food, to go containers or large gloves** from local restaurants. If you have anything you wish to donate, please feel free to drop them off at 507 Gaffney from 8am to 2pm Mondays thru Fridays. If you need us to pick up for you, please PM me and we can make arrangements. Thank you so much!”

Also **Fairbanks Little Free Pantries** are still putting out food for folks and are always open. Check them out on Facebook, or call 907-371-4550, or email fbkslittlefreepantries@gmail.com about how to help out.

Some local **grocery stores** have instituted special hours specially for elders and deliveries, plus delivery services can bring food from restaurants.

Many other people and groups and businesses are doing what they can to help our neighbors in these challenging times.

From Native Movement: “Friends and Relatives,

This grave pandemic demands a comprehensive and all-encompassing response from us all. **Our elected leaders in the Alaska Legislature are meeting right now to take important legislative steps with HB308, HB310 and SB24.** It is critical to ensure that bailout dollars go directly to working people and not corporations.

The scale of needed assistance is likely to be massive and matched only by a few other dire historical events, and it calls for exceptional action. [Please review our policy recommendations](#) in this letter and send to your representatives TODAY.

If you'd like to provide direct testimony on [HB308](#), [HB310](#) or [SB24](#) you can e-mail directly to hlac@akleg.gov
[Send a Letter](#) “

from Louie Flora, AK Center Government Affairs Director, on Friday, 3/27/20 at 4:50pm:* "...the state operating budget and supplemental budget being negotiated today contain \$100 million in COVID-19 response funds to Alaska. **House Minority Republicans blocked over \$100 million in funds in the FY 19 supplemental budget designated to cover unanticipated 2019 costs from the wildfire season, Medicaid, and additional monies added for COVID-19 aid. They did so by withholding the necessary $\frac{3}{4}$ vote to access the Constitutional Budget Reserve, a strange move considering the urgent need for funding in this public health emergency that is mangling our economy. The Governor will now have to cut the already slim state government by \$100 million to cover the shortfall.

"SB 241 - the comprehensive COVID-19 emergency response package passed This bill puts requirements on state agency functions during the public health emergency. [You can read the full list here.](#) One significant provision of this bill is a direction to the Division of Elections to hold upcoming Primary and any Special election votes by mail.

"SB 242 is an act that extends deadlines for actions by state agencies. It modifies income determinations for specific public assistance programs and pauses action against borrowers who owe money on state loans. SB 242 establishes a temporary moratorium on certain mortgage foreclosures, certain evictions from rental properties, and disconnection of residential utilities. SB 242 is in the Senate Finance Committee. Some provisions of this bill are contained in two bills under consideration in the House - HB 310, which is in the House Labor and Commerce Committee. HB 310 and SB 242 will likely be reconciled into a single consumer protection package.

"HB 308 is legislation... that waives the standard one-week waiting requirement to begin receiving Unemployment Insurance benefits and increases the weekly per-dependent benefit from \$25 to \$75. This would provide some relief for families who have lost childcare and income simultaneously. This critical bill flew through the legislative process and was signed into law on March 23. [MORE LEG WITH LOUIE](#)"

from About Face, Veterans Against the War: "All over the country, **About Face members are organizing efforts to address the [militarized pandemic response](#), support mutual aid efforts and to continue lifting up the connections between war and other crises while in quarantine.** About Face has joined with Working Families Party, Mijente, The Rising Majority and many others to host a **virtual rally this Sunday at 3:30pm ET** to demand a #PeoplesBailout that puts people, instead of corporations and profiteers, first. **Will you join us?** This is a way for us to come together, build alignment around demands and remind each other of our power together!

There will be many ways to get and stay engaged in the coming weeks. We hope you will stay connected, stay tuned and take good care in these difficult times. In solidarity, Brittany Ramos DeBarros, *Organizing Director*

US legislation to allow PFAS alternatives in airport firefighting foams.

<https://pfasproject.com/2018/11/11/us-legislation-to-allow-pfas-alternatives-in-airport-firefighting-foams/>

From Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition: "Updates for March 27 - Our local housing/homelessness services continue to function while taking appropriate COVID-19 precautions. Our shelters remain open and have implemented COVID-19 protocols..."

"Fairbanks Rescue Mission ... After following the CDC's six-foot guidelines, FRM has 73 beds available for men, and 42 for women and children. So far we have no positive cases of COVID-19 at our shelter and we are working to keep it that way... **Warming Center(s):** With so many public places closed for CoVID-19, No Limits' Warming Center was facing a large spike in attendance. This was making social distancing problematic, so our awesome local organizations came together to establish a second warming center... The hours of the second warming center are designed to serve as backup for No Limits' busiest hours then go on to ensure guests get supper. Now people can get breakfast at Stone Soup Cafe, lunch at No Limits Warming Center, and dinner at the Encampment Outreach Warming Center. The Bridge Warming Center at JP Jones Center, 2400 Rickert St, use the back entrance, beginning Tues, March 31, Mon-Fri 1-6pm until further notice; Charge cell phones, get needed supplies, eat a warm meal 4-6pm, case management & peer support, sew a facemask for yourself or someone else, learn about community resources during the Covid19 crisis. We will be using social distancing (6' apart). We encourage all to wash your hands when you enter the building and avoid personal contact and touching your face. If you are ill we ask that you call before entering the building, 907-799-5270."

"In its depiction of radical activism undertaken by those who have been the most mistreated and overlooked in civil society, this inspiring and uplifting documentary should be required watching for every American. **'Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution'**" *per Tribune News Service in Lat65, 3/26/20.*

from *Fbks Daily News-Miner* 3-20-20: “The Families First Coronavirus Response Act approved [3-18-20]... In addition to nutrition provisions within the bill, **Alaska’s recently implemented work requirements** for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – often referred to as Food stamps – is **waived** until further notice...”

“Public Notice Application for Bond Release Poker Flats Mine, Healy, Alaska... based on Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc, completing the revegetation requirements... UCM has requested a release of \$22,764 of their \$967,512 reclamation bond... Land affected ...is owned by the State of Alaska... Any person with a valid legal interest...may submit written comments... and... a public hearing... [Send] to AK Dept of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 West 7th ave, suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577, [attn] Russell Kirkham... or by email to coalprogram@alaska.gov with the subject “Poker Flats Mine Bond Release” The deadline is 5pm April 27, 2020.”

Now **available on DVD** in Fairbanks: ***Dark Waters*** <https://slate.com/culture/2019/11/dark-waters-accuracy-fact-vs-fiction-teflon-dupont.html> the true story of how DuPont developed PFAS/PFOA, found out that it can be deadly, but has fought taking responsibility. Available from FNSB libraries* via a local hold, and from [ETZ Video](#), 368 Old Chena Pump Rd, open daily 12-10:30pm; 479-8169.

Doctrine of Discovery has been purchased by our local library, but is not yet available; also, the 2019 book ***Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery***, by Mark Charles, is on order; place a hold on it via https://jlc-web.uaa.alaska.edu/client/en_US/fnsb/search/results?qu=doctrine%20of%20discovery.

* *Update from FNSB Noel Wien Library*: Fairbanks’s North Star **Borough Libraries** are closed to the public until May 1st ‘or unless revised,’ but will continue services via a **Parking Lot Bookmobile at Noel Wien Library** M-F 11-5:30pm + Sat. 11-3pm: Place a hold via the website <https://fnsblibrary.org> or by calling 459-1020 x 2 Reference Desk, or 488-6101 for North Pole Branch. ‘Patrons will receive a phone call from library staff then their items are ready for pickup.’ Temporary library cards are available just for e-materials. There are many tutorials free [at the website](#), which has been updated and includes a new readers’ guide.

From *Veterans For Peace newsletter Winter 2020*: “**Veterans demand accountability for Afghanistan Papers** – [with] About Face: Veterans Against War have convened a working group made up of veterans of the war on Afghanistan to continue to bring attention to the gross incompetence and ongoing war U.S. crimes revealed in the “Afghanistan Papers” published by the Washington Post in December... The statement makes these demands for accountability:

- Immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops;
- Immediate release by the military of all the names of those 300 personnel quoted in the Afghanistan Papers;
- Congressional hearings that include perjury trials for all those officials who knowingly lied in official Congressional testimony, including closed-door session of the Armed Forces Committee;
- A special Congressional committee to investigate fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement for the war in Afghanistan;
- A Congressional tribunal allowing Afghanistan veterans to testify about their experiences;
- Repeal of the AUMF (Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Terrorists)-and requirement that any subsequent AUMF have a sunset clause;
- Recognition of “moral injury” as a legitimate diagnosis;
- Reparations to each Afghanistan family who has lost a family member.”

MUST-HEAR 3-26-20 podcast: “[Veterans for Peace Chapter 89 : Ralph Hutchinson Discusses our Nuclear Nightmare](#) “ Veterans For Peace Nashville produce a weekly show heard on KWRK-LP 90.9FM on Fridays 11am-12noon and Saturdays 8-9 pm.

from a political campaign: “Due to the coronavirus crisis, the **Alaska [Democratic*] primary will now only vote by mail.** .. If you [want] to still register to vote as a Democrat, complete the voter registration form included in the downloadable ballot. [Use this link to double-check your voter registration status.](#) **You Can Download Your Ballot and Mail It In Well Before April 10: [DOWNLOAD MY BALLOT](#)**”

*” Due to President Trump running as the incumbent Republican, some state Republican party organizations have decided to cancel their state primary or caucus even though there are announced [Republican challengers](#).” [The Republican Party has cancelled the Republican primary in Alaska and 6 other states, per “Election Central”]

All who are registered as Non-partisan, Undeclared, Green, or other non-Republican non-Democrat cannot vote in the primary nowadays.

Su Chon adds: “Alaska Democratic Presidential Primaries are being held by rank choice voting [You can find out more on rank choice voting here.](#)”

from [Brave New Films](#): “[Watch] [Suppressed: The Fight To Vote](#). Voter suppression continues to threaten our democracy. But now with COVID-19, many voters will be fearful, sick or unwilling to go out to the polls to vote. As some states across the country took steps this week to make voting easier in light of the coronavirus, the Republican-controlled legislature in Kentucky quietly tightened and approved a new photo ID requirement that would make it harder to vote. We must make it EASIER for all citizens to vote by demanding Universal Vote By Mail and Early Voting for the November election. Sign the petition [here](#) ...and please register for your absentee ballot [here](#).”

from info@endslaverynow.org: “**Social Workers and Human Trafficking** - Social workers are often the first people human trafficking survivors come into contact with. Learn how you can support them today. If you know a social worker, be sure and thank them for all of their hard work! [Learn More](#)

“**The Truth About Child Abduction** Those of us with young people in our lives want to keep them safe. Unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation out there about kidnapping and child trafficking. Click below to learn more! [Learn More](#). Copyright © 2020 National Underground Railroad Freedom Center,”

from *National Lawyers Guild (NLG)*: “**Prison Legal Advocacy Network**: “It is deplorable that many prison systems have suspended legal visits at the very moment that prisoners arguably need access to legal counsel the most, as with the [Federal Bureau of Prisons’ \(FBOP\) 30-day suspension](#). FBOP is notorious for depriving prisoners of auditory confidentiality during legal calls, and attorneys should not need to argue for special exceptions in order to engage in confidential in-person communications with their clients. While pre-trial detainees’ trials are being suspended, health services are reportedly inadequate, and prisoners are being forced to live and work in conditions that are inconsistent with CDC COVID-19 guidelines.” —Stanley Holdorf, PLAN Supervising Attorney
Historically, states of emergency, mandatory quarantines, and curfews have often been used to expand state control over political and civil freedom. Emergency powers often criminalize movement, freedom of expression, protest, and marginalized communities. We believe that we can build safer communities and respond to COVID-19 without expanding the police or medical surveillance. Please read & share this guide, [Know Your Rights During COVID-19](#)

“Below are some responses to the COVID-19 pandemic by NLG committees that illustrate the the intersectionality of our struggles and our work: [Labor and Employment Committee... Disability Justice Committee... Housing and Homelessness Committee... International Committee...](#)” See the NLG Statement on COVID-19: [Solidarity in Times of Crisis at this link.](#)” *The National Lawyers Guild, whose membership includes lawyers, legal workers, jailhouse lawyers, and law students, was formed in 1937 as the United States’ first racially-integrated bar association to advocate for the protection of constitutional, human and civil rights.*

from *Sen. Dan Sullivan*: “The U.S. Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service announced today that taxpayers will have [another three months to file their taxes](#). The [guidance](#) enables individual and other non-corporate tax filers to defer up to \$1 million of federal income tax to July 15 without facing penalties or interest.

From *Democracy Now!* “[Meet 17-Year-Old Avi Schiffmann Who Runs Coronavirus Tracking Website Used by 40+ Million Globally](#)” site: <https://ncov2019.live/>

“**Bernie Sanders Campaign Mobilizes Donors for Coronavirus Relief and Raises \$2 Million in two days...** According to the campaign, there will be more efforts to raise money for the least fortunate affected by the crisis, in the coming days.” from *Common Dreams*

From *fcac* on 3-19-20: [Resources for how to continue working on projects when public meetings are out of the question](#)

Facilitating Online Meeting Guide: Here’s a quick guide for how to put together & facilitate a web meeting!

Keep this close for quick reference. [Read it here.](#)

Free Online Facilitating Training: Sign up for one of Training for Change’s free Online Facilitation 101 trainings in the coming weeks – you can [look into them here.](#)

Read up on "How to change an in-person event to online" – [read here](#).

Read up on "Virtual Conferences: Engaging People Remotely" – [read here](#).

[Video] "Coronavirus Capitalism – and How to Beat It" – Naomi Klein has taken her incredible reporting on the tendency for the wealthy and corrupt to exploit crises for their benefit to offer a video warning of how this may play out in the context of the Coronavirus crisis. But more than that, it is also an opportunity to advance the kind of vision for the world that can make our society more empathetic, sustainable, and equitable. [Watch the video here](#).

[Podcast] "On the Land" – Deenaalee Hodgdon's new podcast has launched with a first episode on the Just Transition Summit. Listen to the voices and stories of this year's Summit with the vision to help us move towards the next economy for Alaska, particularly relevant in this time of crisis. And subscribe for future episodes as she brings you the voices of Indigenous People in this time of political and climate insecurity. The podcast will tackle difficult discussions on who has access to land, water, and air and offer a contemporary understanding of what it means to be Indigenous and live in relation to what is often known as the "outdoors" or "the wild." [Listen here](#).

audio & music played with this week's broadcast:

-- "Hello this is The Asymmetric Moose, Rob Mulford with picks of the week of March 29, 2020:

Back in November of 2016, on my second night at Oceti Sakowin camp, Standing Rock, North Dakota, I was standing in line with other Water

Protectors awaiting the opening of the mess tent for our evening meal, when we were asked to form a circle and share our stories:

Who were we?

Why were we there?

What were our thoughts and prayers?

As the stories progressed counter clockwise, and each participant shared their relative news, intelligence, mindful observation, and heartfelt prayer, the collective power of the stories grew with the circle's circumference. The experience went on that way for my entire stay. I must admit that my contribution paled in comparison to what I brought home with me. The whole concept that direct-action could be, at the same time, prayerful, celebratory, and effective was renewing and invigorating. But skies have continued to darken since the fall of 2016. We, the United States that is, may very soon come face to face with the returns from our mis-ordered priorities of investment. Can we face these directly, with prayerful celebration, mutual aid and respect?

"Talk about your country; there's really no such thing for me. The whole world, the whole world is one big family." Santana sing life's a game of ***Give And Take***. [ISRC # USSM17400550]

I make a vow that some time, somehow; I'll have a meeting; Invite everyone you know; I'll pass out buttons to The ones who come to show; Beautiful people; Never have to be alone 'Cause there'll always be someone With the same button on as you;

Include him in everything you do; He may be sitting right next to you; He may be beautiful people too; And if you take care of him; Maybe I'll take care of you. Melanie sings, ***Beautiful People***. [ISRC # NLG620409234]

And this is for all you beautiful people out there, buttons or no, "Wake now, discover that you are the song that the morning brings; Wake up to find out that you are the eyes of the world; The Grateful Dead sing, ***Eyes Of The World***. [ISRC # Y99980001869]"

"The Alaska Peace Center (APC) has completed a full year contract with Last Frontier Mediactive, LLC, (LFM) to display the following World BEYOND War message on the back of Fairbanks area Bus #75:

"3% of US military spending could end starvation on earth."

APC has decided to continue sponsoring a message on the back of Bus #75 for another year.

The cost for this message space is \$120/month, and APC is currently requesting donations to help pay for it.

Donations can be made on the APC website, <http://www.alaskapeace.org/> or by sending a check to:

The Alaska Peace Center
3535 College Rd., Suite 203
Fairbanks AK 99709-3722

Notes about the expiring contract: For about five months in 2019, Bus #75 did not circulate on any routes due to mechanical problems. To compensate for that lack of circulation, LFM provided an additional copy of the APC message on a second bus, #71, to run for seven months at no charge, and also radio air time for an APC message. APC is grateful for these significant and generous compensations, and believes that LFM has definitely indicated good faith regarding their contract(s) with APC.

APC also welcomes suggestions for other messages to display on the bus. They should be 10 words or fewer, and relate to positive directions to improve peace, justice and/or the environment.

Thank you for your support!"

Alaska Peace Center works for peace, justice, and sustainability - individually, in our community, and globally - with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.

You can contact Alaska Peace Center volunteers via email at info@alaskapeace.org

Visit our website: www.alaskapeace.org for more information and details, or to get on our email list, to which the expanded news brief is sent with active hyperlinks; also see Alaska Peace Center Facebook.

Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome via
alaskapeacenews@gmail.com.

Please include "for news" in the subject line.

May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

To Contact your Elected Pubic 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.

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).

cityclerk@fairbanks.us

dpruhs@fairbanks.us

jcleworth@fairbanks.us

jmatherly@fairbanks.us

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vtherrien@fairbanks.us

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

Jim Matherly - Mayor: (907) 459-6793

Shoshana Kun - Seat A: (907) 590-8313

June Rogers - Seat B: (907) 451-0122

Valerie Therrin - Seat C: (907) 388-0272

Aaron Gibson - Seat D: (907) 978-3058

Jerry Cleworth - Seat E: (907) 452-6461

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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 11 public members (1 appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 10 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

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