

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 April 5th, 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:

Updates from Alaska Public Media:

3-30-20: UAA study: To prevent deaths, Alaska will need strict interventions for many months

A new academic study of the coronavirus's likely impacts on Alaska is clear: to prevent thousands of deaths, strict interventions will be necessary for months. In no uncertain terms, the study's authors recommend maintaining firm "shelter in place." [READ MORE](#)

4-1-20: Gov. Mike Dunleavy's administration has **ordered** **dine-in** service at restaurants and bars statewide to remain **shutdown indefinitely**... also ...theaters, gyms and fitness centers ... bowling alleys and bingo halls.

State-operated libraries, archives and museums [will also remain closed](#) until further notice...

Alaska's public and private schools are currently closed [through at least May 1](#), with teachers delivering lessons remotely. [There will be no] statewide standardized tests this spring..

Amid coronavirus restrictions, extension to file for dividend - before midnight on April 30 [READ MORE](#)

4-3-20: State medical officer encourages Alaskans to wear homemade masks reporter Robyne: "After the press conference, they said a home-made mask doesn't have to be a full-on sewn jobbie, but can be a bandana, a Buff, or a scarf. The idea is to protect the other people from us. [Then they said don't forget to wash the mask to prevent a buildup of virus on the mask.](#)"

Recycling: "If you have the space, store your recycling, including your electronics, until the CRF is able to reopen."

Clear explanations of impacts of federal & Alaska COVID-19-related legislation were sent 4/2 by Sen Click Bishop
Help from Uncle Sam –

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act – Senate Bill 3548 (U.S. Senate);

\$1.25 billion in direct aid to Alaska

Stimulus payments to individuals who qualify

Extends unemployment insurance benefits

Creates a new program called Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

Families First Coronavirus Response Act – House of Representatives Bill 6021 (U.S. House)

- Helps affected individuals with paid sick and emergency leave
- Creates tax credits for affected employers
- Expands food and nutrition services
- Allows for emergency state unemployment insurance grants
- Increases Medicaid funding to states
- Consult [this chart](#) on whether you qualify for paid leave

More federal relief

tax filing deadline extension

Student loan debt deferment

Small business help

Real ID Deadline Extension - from October 1, 2020, to **October 1, 2021**.

Help from the State of Alaska

Senate Bill 241 – Economic Relief - The governor has until April 17, 2020, to sign or veto the bill

- Extends the governor's public health disaster declaration until November 15, 2020
- Allows the governor to spend up to \$10 million in response to the pandemic from the state disaster relief fund
- Empowers the state chief medical officer to issue standing orders relating to coronavirus

- Establishes moratoriums during this health crisis on evictions, home foreclosures, vehicle repossession, utility cut-offs due to hardship caused by coronavirus
- Allows state grants to small businesses
- Bans price-gouging
- Allows by-mail voting
- Extends state tax filing deadlines

House Bill 308 – Unemployment Benefits - The governor signed this bill into law on March 25, 2020. If you have been affected by COVID-19-related closures and lost work, access the state unemployment insurance program online at my.alaska.gov. Click on “Unemployment Insurance Benefits.” For assistance, call In Fairbanks: 451-2871.

Budget bills: House Bill 205, House Bill 206, and House Bill 234 - The governor signed **HB 206** into law on March 16, 2020 and has until April 17, 2020, to sign, veto, or partially veto **HB 205** and **HB 234** or let them become law without his signature

Other state relief - Small business help, Public assistance, Supplemental Nutritional Assistance (SNAP) benefits, Medicaid

Permanent Fund Dividend Application deadline Extension - from March 31 to 11:59 p.m., **April 30, 2020**.

More to come - Legislators expect to meet again later this year, after assessing...

This information and details are available at <https://www.alaskasenate.org/2020/priorities/corona-virus-response/>

IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

Sunday, April 5

Please consider having your organization sign on to [An Open United Against Nuclear War Letter on COVID-19](#) before Monday, April 6th, at 9am ET (more details below; or just follow the link.)

10am CodePINK Webinar: Peace with IRAN- to hear directly from Iranian Americans about how [the covid19] crisis is affecting their families and what we can do. [RSVP now!](#)

2pm – Indigenous Womxn’s Gatherings ONLINE... Bring your sewing or beading project and build community together. Zoom Meeting<https://zoom.us/j/140098983>

8pm “**World on Fire**” on Masterpiece KUAC TV channel 9

9-11:30pm “**The Windmere Children**” young Holocaust survivors helped; then in their own words. KUAC TV

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)

3:30-5:30pm “**Platoon**” award-winning movie on Showtime TV

9-10pm POV “**Farmsteaders**” on TV ch. 9.2

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](#).

[All About Seeds & Starts](#) April 7th @ 4pm from Calypso Farm, via zoom

5-7pm **Solve Climate by 2030 Alaska Virtual Teach-in.** 5-7pm, via Zoom.. In all 50 states, discussions on local climate solutions will be occurring simultaneously. The University of Alaska Fairbanks will host the Alaska discussion following a panel of leading thinkers on climate solutions for Alaska. [PLEASE REGISTER HERE](#) to watch the webinar live, or if you would like to be e-mailed a link to the recording. For more info, contact seeuskirchen@alaska.edu

7-8pm American Experience “**Influenza 1918**” on TV ch.9

10-11pm Frontline - **China’s mass imprisonment of Muslims** on TV ch. 9

Wednesday, April 8

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

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.)

7:30pm **Ecosense for Living** on TV ch.9

Thursday, April 9

1-2pm **Interior Alaska Food Network mtg** – “We are hoping to get your input on some alternatives to Alaska Agriculture Day which we have put on hold. Join Zoom Meeting<https://alaska.zoom.us/j/163942079>

Friday, April 10

7-11am. Good Friday Service ONLINE: **Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab** with Ken Butigan... normally at the gates of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Livermore has designed 50% of the US nuclear arsenal. Ken was a member of the group that organized the first service in 1983. For the Healing of the Nations a& the Peaceful Conversion of Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory. Learn more at <http://epicalc.org/> or call (510) 990-0374.

4pm **Beginning Organic Gardening** April 10th @ 4pm from Calypso Farm, via zoom

Saturday, April 11

April 13-May 24, 2020: **War Abolition 201 online course** brings together activists, advocates, and change-makers to engage in learning specific to establishing a just and sustainable peace... explores questions such as: With what do we replace the war system? What truly makes us secure? What actions and strategies might we pursue in building a peace system? [Register now](#).

11am **Drip Irrigation Basics** from Calypso Farm, via zoom

3pm **Steele Creek Webinars** of Solarize Fairbanks. [Click on the webinar link for more information and to register.](#)

NEXT WEEK:

Monday, April 13

6pm **Goldstream & Ester Webinars** of Solarize Fairbanks. [Click on the link for more information and to register.](#)
6pm? IWW Fairbanks mtg. contact iwwfbx@gmail.com if interested.

10pm “**Bedlam**” on [Independent Lens](#), KUAC TV ch. 9. Examines the mental health crisis through intimate stories of people in-and-out of ERs, jails and homeless camps.

Tuesday, April 14

5:30pm **Continuous: A Digital Conversation on Culture and Gender**. Participate in a digital conversation, exploring how culture shapes gender and sexuality. This conversation is designed in collaboration with photographer Jenny Irene Miller. [Register via Zoom.](#)

Wednesday, April 15

Deadline to submit entries: “Create a poem or artwork on the theme of Why you care about the Earth!

In this uncertain time of COVID-19, we can still celebrate the Earth... We are hosting a poetry walk through Creamer's Field during the week of April 19-26 for everyone to enjoy while practicing social distancing and staying six feet apart. Email entries to programs@friendsofcreamersfield.org or drop off at Creamer's Field Farmhouse Entryway; please include fullname/age or grade/teacher's name & school. For more info contact Susan Grace 699-0780.” [See the poster here](#). facebook.org/fairbanksearthweek

Internal Revenue Service tax filing deadline extension Extended until July 15, 2020

Friday, April 17

Deadline for **Gov. Dunleavy** to take action on the budget bill passed by the Legislature. From Louie Flora of the AK Center: “**He needs to hear from you** that you value essential state services, and you want a budget signed now with no vetoes. [You can take action here >>](#) [For further reading – Our friends at Save Our State put together a helpful analysis of the Budgets that recently passed the Legislature >>](#)”

Monday, April 20

2-4pm Earth Day in a Time of Crisis & Rising Fascism: Alaska Voices on Environmental Justice

Join a conversation that unpacks the legacy of the Earth Day in a shifting landscape of Environmental Justice Movements and builds towards our collective response to crisis.

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OTHER News and Opportunities for Action:

From Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition: “The United Way is working hard securing resources and volunteers for the community! One of the ways they are doing this is through the **COVID-19 Response Fund**. The Response Fund supports members of our Interior Community who are struggling in the economic fallout from the pandemic. Donations will rapidly be deployed to **nonprofit agencies working to provide food, shelter, and other basic human necessities throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic**. For more information: <https://unitedwaytv.com/> “

Calling all bakers! The Bread Line is in need of BAKED GOODS! *They have specifically requested individually wrapped home baked goods because these are permitted donations under current health guidelines.* Cookies or bars can be individually wrapped or wrapped in packs of 2-3, and any pan or loaf cakes can be sliced and wrapped. The idea is to have the treats ready to hand out with sandwiches. Please deliver to 508 Gaffney (across from the Co-op Grocery on Gaffney) between 10:30 and 4 pm weekdays. For more information call Ellen Weiser (**907 450 9336**).

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center: “Last week, dozens of Alaskans from communities around the state called in to two Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) “emergency” board meetings with less than two days notice, and shared powerful testimony about the need to stand together in this crisis to support each other’s health, safety, and security, NOT to use the crisis as an opportunity to expedite Outside industry’s agenda... **They did it anyway.** After hours of testimony and discussion, the board voted Friday night to make the \$35 million transfer - money that could have been used to directly support small Alaska businesses - to a fund created to support the controversial Ambler road. Also on Friday, as expected, the BLM released the **Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)** for the road. **TAKE ACTION: The next step is to make sure the legislature is paying attention! We recommend sending an email to your representative, senator, and the finance committees: Find your representatives here** And include the House Finance Committee: Senate.Finance@akleg.gov and the Senate Finance Committee: House.Finance@akleg.gov

“As the oil economy flails, DOI pushes for more oil infrastructure - Just [Wednes]day, [BLM] released dates for online meetings beginning April 16 [about the **Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)** on the proposed Willow Master Development Plan for public comment], despite the technological challenges of holding meetings remotely in the communities who will face the most impact create further barriers to participation... We do not believe it’s appropriate for BLM to conduct this process in the midst of a global pandemic. We’ve **submitted two letters to administration officials this week; one to the Department of Interior** requesting suspension of public processes until the crisis has passed and people can fully participate, along with an additional letter specifically addressing the Willow SEIS. If you choose to submit comments, we encourage you to address these issues as well. And ...**the issues we raised last fall still stand**,..

“Don’t forget, you can stay up to date on Solarize Fairbanks, webinars, and more at our **website** and on our **Facebook** page. “

from info@calypsofarm.org: “Since we’ve had to cancel or postpone all of our on-farm education programs for the time being... we are doing our best to creatively bring them to you - at home! **Facebook** & **Instagram** Live videos! ... you’ll find all of our other social-distance-approved programs, including online gardening workshops, our first virtual knit-night, and our NEW mail-order Farm Discovery Kits!! All of these programs will be available on a “Pay What You Can” system, just like our CSA Shares!

ONLINE WORKSHOPS ... we still encourage you to register as we’ll be emailing out the recording after the workshop ends to everyone who has signed up!

We cannot say thank you enough to everyone who has donated so far to our new **Community Food Relief Fund**. We have a lofty goal of raising \$40,000 to help support the members of our community who have been most impacted by the COVID-19 emergency, whether through job loss, healthcare costs, etc... If you would like to help support our efforts, **please click here.**”

From Native Movement: “**BREAKING NEWS: The Environmental Protection Agency announced a sweeping and indefinite suspension of environmental rules.** [Read a legal review and op-ed to the EPA rule suspension from Earth Justice here.](#)”

from winwithoutwar: “**Join the Movement: Sign up now to learn more about the Mass Poor People’s Assembly and how you can be involved in the largest digital gathering in U.S. history!**

From Innocence Project : “Get a first look at [the film] **The Innocence Files**! Watch the brand-new trailer now, then share it on Twitter and Facebook with the hashtag **#TheInnocenceFiles**, the documentary series inspired by the Innocence Project and the Innocence Network, coming to **Netflix** on April 15. Add your name to become an insider: <https://bit.ly/3aFq78z>”

“The **Social Justice Book Club** will discuss **Being the Change: Live Well and Spark a Climate Revolution** by Peter Kalmus on Thursday, May 14, 2020 @ 7–9 p.m. This book is refreshing and empowering with real-life solutions; not guilt-ridden, doom-and-gloom. Written with joy, infectious curiosity, and a hopeful enthusiasm. A few books have been pre-purchased. \$18. To get a book email EricMuehling@gmail.com.”

from FairVote: “Due to Covid-19, the Alaska Democratic party has cancelled all in-person voting. You can vote by absentee ballot until April 10 and votes will be counted in the following days. Downloadable ranked choice ballots available on the Alaska Democratic Party Website. To Download your ballot, click here www.AlaskaDemocrats.org.

The Alaska GOP will not hold a primary election in 2020. To learn more, go to AlaskaGOP.net.”

“April 3, 2020 - The U.S. Peace Council denounces the continuing aggression by the Trump administration against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. We call on the Trump administration to immediately stop the illegal sanctions, to dismiss the false charges brought against Venezuela’s leaders, and to withdraw the U.S. war ships from the coast of Venezuela. We call on Congress to strongly oppose this latest attack by the Trump administration on Venezuela.”

from the United Against Nuclear War coalition: “**Please consider signing on: An Open United Against Nuclear War Letter on COVID-19** - The United States is currently faced with a public health crisis the magnitude of which no one in living memory has experienced. The COVID-19 virus has already infected hundreds of thousands... We encourage the public to take all responsible precautions [link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>] to keep themselves and others healthy during the outbreak. We also encourage people to support one another to help mitigate the worst effects of this virus.

“COVID-19 carries special health risk for many members of radiation and chemically exposed communities because individuals and communities impacted by the development, testing, and production of nuclear weapons often have so many underlying factors which magnify their risks, including these exposures, air and water pollution, poverty, poor nutrition and institutionalized racism, etc. These factors can result in weakened immune systems in veterans and civilians exposed to radiation through above-ground nuclear testing, civilians and workers exposed at or downwind of nuclear weapons production sites, uranium miners and their families, and people living near abandoned mines and waste sites. Compounding the problem, these exposed populations are disproportionately from indigenous communities, communities of color, low-income, or rural communities, and often face significant barriers to receiving adequate health care... Find out more from communities who are impacted here. [link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1k3YtayLG6yoBgg64X30pzJBD14CEnuVt15pF6dzkiWw/edit?usp=sharing>]

“As a nation, we must put the needs of people first. This outbreak starkly highlights our misplaced national funding priorities. This Administration’s spending includes nearly \$49 billion for nuclear weapons for the coming year. [link: <https://armscontrolcenter.org/white-house-budget-request-for-fiscal-year-2021-nuclear-weapons-spending/>] By comparison, that would be enough money to provide 300,000 ICU beds, 35,000 ventilators, and pay the salaries of 150,000 nurses and 75,000 doctors. [link: https://www.icanw.org/healthcare_costs] Even after that, there would still be \$14 billion left over to produce face masks and other protective equipment to offset the shortage being felt by many hospitals... It’s time to refocus our national priorities on preventing and treating real threats, like the COVID-19, not in creating new ones.

“...Instead of funding weapons of mass destruction that only increase the risk of another crisis, America’s leaders need to shift that money toward protecting the health of Americans and bolstering our nation’s ability to cope with such emergencies in the future...”

From CodePINK: “**Call the Treasury Department to echo the letter AOC-Sanders letter: SANCTIONS ON IRAN MUST BE LIFTED.** “Rather than continue to invoke new sanctions in the Iranian people’s hour of need,” the letter from AOC, Sanders and others read, “we urge you to substantially suspend sanctions on Iran during this global public health emergency in a humanitarian gesture to the Iranian people to better enable them to fight the virus.”

from Friends Committee on National Legislation (fcnl): “[We’ve put together a guide](#) to help you organize virtual lobby visits, and if you [register here](#), an FCNL staff member will reach out and connect you with the tools and resources to make a difference.”

from [Green Star of Interior Alaska](#): “The folks at [Beyond Plastics](#) have curated a series of **five films about the plastic pollution crisis that you can watch from home**. Check it out and share what you learn with your friends and family (from a safe distance!). <https://beyondplastics.org/a.../plastic-pollution-film-series/>”

from *World BEYOND War*: “First, some good news: CANSEC 2020 has been officially cancelled! Only after massive public pressure from our [coalition](#), [7,700+ letters](#) sent, and 19 days after a pandemic was declared, CADSI (**Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries**) **cancelled the massive weapons show**. [You can read the WBW press statement here about the victory](#).

“In light of the victory and continuing concerns about the coronavirus, we will postpone our conference and actions ...Please stay tuned very shortly for more info about collaborating with us on some virtual #NoWar2020 events at the end of May, in place of our in-person conference.

#NoWar2021 will take place June 1-6, 2021... We have begun ... updating the conference [website](#)...”

Release of film 'From Balfour to Banksy; Divisions and Visions in Palestine' from Miranda.Pinch@gmail.com
“From Balfour to Banksy is a non-profit documentary that began life in 2017 with the aim to discover the long term-effects of the British Empire's colonialist enterprises in the modern day region of Israel and Palestine and its role in creating the legacy of division that remains there today. If you would like to know any more about the project then please do explore our website and/or contact me... The film is on the front of the website and all you need to do is to click on it! [1hr 12min]. Please feel free to share widely. <https://www.balfourtobanksy.com/>”

from *Stop the War Machine* blog: FW: ‘Zoom is malware’: why experts worry about the video conferencing platform. Alfredo Lopez is a long-time Puerto Rican activist and the founder of MayFirst, which provides communications software that is very safe and was developed for use by the left (it just became a cooperative). In this article, he explains why Zoom does not protect your privacy, and gives some alternatives. Things we should ALL consider! <https://nonprofitquarterly.org/protecting-privacy-in-the-age-of-coronavirus-digital-tools-for-nonprofits/>

“Alternative to ‘Zoom’: Jitsi is a collection of free and open-source multiplatform voice, videoconferencing and instant messaging applications for the web platform, Windows, Linux, Mac OS X and Android. The Jitsi project began with the Jitsi Desktop. With the growth of WebRTC, the project team focus shifted to the Jitsi Video Bridge for... [Read more](#)”

[Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution](#) 1h 46m Documentaries A groundbreaking summer **camp** galvanizes a group of teens with **disabilities** to help build a movement,...

From *Alaska Public Media* 3-30-20: “[Despite backlash over coronavirus timing, Alaska’s investment arm puts \\$35M into fund for Ambler Road](#) The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority board received overwhelming critical public testimony at a board meeting Friday in light of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The backlash didn’t stop the board from putting \$35 million toward the controversial Ambler Road project. [READ MORE](#)” “[Why Alaska’s Rep. Don Young opposed ‘socialist’ coronavirus aid bill but would likely vote for it now](#) On March 13, in a speech in Palmer, U.S. Rep. Don Young complained then that a House bill intended to help families and workers cope with the economic hardship was stuffed with “socialist” ideas. But on Monday, Young offered a different perspective when asked what he’d do if he were given a second chance to vote on Families First. [READ MORE](#)”

Here are some great foreign films recommended by CodePINK staff 3/23/20:

The Salesman: Now is a good time to learn more about Iran, which has so many great films! CODEPINK co-founder **Medea Benjamin** suggests this drama from 2016 about a young Iranian couple living in Tehran. You can see it on Amazon Prime.

The Reports on Sarah and Saleem: If you are looking for a taut, compelling drama that intertwines the personal with the political, CODEPINK co-director **Ariel Gold** suggests that you check out this one. It will take you on a journey through Jerusalem’s fraught atmosphere of racism, occupation, and surveillance state. Available on Amazon Prime.

Ballad of a Soldier and The Innocents: "In 1960 when I was in high school I went to a local arts theater to see a Russian film, 'Ballad of a Soldier.' It was the first anti-war film that led me onto my path. A more recent film I would recommend is 'The Innocents,'" says **DC CODEPINK House coordinator, Paki Wieland.** **The Innocents is on Netflix**

CODEPINK cofounder Jodie Evans recommends a number of films: "**A Separation**," (available on Amazon Prime) a beautiful film that reveals a lot about Persian life, the graphic novel brought to life that takes place in Iran, "**Persepolis**" (on Amazon Prime and iTunes), "**Offsides**" (on Amazon Prime) about women obtaining the right to go to a soccer stadium in Iran, "**A Time of Drunken Horses**," a documentary about kids on the Iraq/Iran border, and "**Shadow World**" (on iTunes and Google Play) to learn more about the dangers of militarism.

"One of my favorites and a particularly relevant film at this moment is "**No**" about the Chilean people protesting for a new post-dictatorship Constitution, says **CODEPINK Latin America campaigner Teri Matson.** It chronicles how in 1988, international pressure came to bear on Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet, forcing him to call for a referendum on his presidency. The country will vote either yes or no on extending Pinochet's rule for another eight years. Available on Amazon Prime, VuDu and YouTube.

audio & music played with this week's broadcast:

-- "Hello this is The Asymmetric Moose, Rob Mulford with picks of the week of April 5th, 2020:

The following is a message from the Poor Peoples Campaign:

*The Mass Poor People's Assembly & Moral March on Washington is going digital! **On June 20th, we will hold the largest digital and social media gathering of poor and low-wealth people, moral and religious leaders, advocates, and people of conscience in this nation's history.** A global pandemic is exposing even more the already existing crisis of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, the war economy and militarism, and the distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism. On June 20, the 140 million poor and low-wealth people across this nation will be heard!*

On June 20, 2020, Win Without War will join the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, militarism, and ecological devastation in the United States at the Mass Poor People's Assembly.

To confront these challenges, and to create lasting transformative political change, we must build a truly grassroots movement of the people. **In this moment of global crisis, we will demand a system that puts human needs first.**

The Poor People's Campaign recognizes that the failures of U.S. foreign policy — endless war, an out-of-control Pentagon budget — and the failures of U.S. domestic policy — from rising inequality to xenophobia — are two intertwined facets of the same systems of oppression.

53 years ago *today*, Martin Luther King, Jr. made a similar assertion. In his "Beyond Vietnam speech," Dr. King described that war's devastating effects on both poor people in the United States and peasants in Vietnam. The relevance of that speech has sadly lived beyond Dr. King. In 2020, "Vietnam" could be replaced with Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Kenya, Somalia, or any of the other 80 nations where the United States is currently engaged in endless war.

The United States has spent *years* building up an out-of-control military force based on the assumption that our biggest existential threats would come guns blazing and could be solved with our own guns blazing back. *The coronavirus pandemic shows unequivocally they're not.*

How did we get here? How did we end up with a country that has too many fighter jets and not enough face masks and ventilators?

This pandemic has laid bare the deep flaws of the status quo and the existing crisis of poverty in the United States. And if the evil of militarism was the poison, King saw a "radical revolution of values" — driven forward by people-power — as the antidote.

We do too. This June's Mass Poor People's Assembly is part of that cure. Check your favored search engine for Poor Peoples Campaign for details on how to get involved. Or follow the link in our newsletter. Join the Movement: Sign up now to learn more about the Mass Poor People's Assembly and how you can be involved in the largest digital gathering in U.S. history!

My first tune today is in honor our poor and often vilified – by the U.S. ruling class, that is – island neighbor to the south, Cuba. While the U.S. pushes its weight around the earth with military force, Cuba supplies doctors and medicine to the stricken. I have visited Cuba's Medical University in Havana and met students from around the earth studying to be doctors. The only price they pay is a couple years performing the afore mentioned service for the stricken. Although Che Guevara was Argentine not Cuban, he was a medical doctor, and a crucial leader in Cuba's revolution.

Continue with your work, continue with your talk
You have it in your hands to own your life to own your land
There is no one who can show you the road you should be on
They only tell you they can show you and then tomorrow they are gone

Judy Collins sings: *Che* [ISRC USEE10001987]

And at the shore she waves her son goodbye
Like the man she did before
Mother's pride
Just a boy
His country's eyes
He's a soldier waving at the shore
And in her heart the time has come
To lose a son
And all the husbands, all the sons, all the lovers gone
They make no difference
No difference in the end
Still hear the woman say your father died a hero
In the name of God and man

George Michael sings: *Mothers Pride* [ISRC GBBM9000018]"

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 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.

Email Fairbanks City Council people (keep it polite, positive, and honest, and remember that any information you share about your identity and story is public record).

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jrogers@fairbanks.us agibson@fairbanks.us
skun@fairbanks.us 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
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 11 public members (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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