



Alaska Peace Center

*Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of May 3, 2020,*

*reporting on events & issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability affecting us & future generations in Alaska,*

*broadcasting on Sundays, 8am & 6pm on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska. Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

For the latest information on Alaska's response to COVID-19, please visit <http://coronavirus.alaska.gov>.

"For general questions and assistance, please call 2-1-1." No new mandates in Alaska this past week.

An outline of current guidelines as presented by Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson will be after calendar events.

Covid-19 Community updates related to peace, justice, and sustainability:

-- [May 2:] "Effective immediately, **all UAF Cooperative Extension Service offices are closed to the public until further notice** as a precaution in light of the coronavirus. Clients may make inquiries by phone or email as employees will continue to work. Agents and staff will continue to offer some programs by distance delivery during this time. Check with the agent or office offering the program. See our [directory for contact information](#). You can also find a wealth of information and publications on our website: [www.uaf.edu/ces...](http://www.uaf.edu/ces...)"

--from Native Movement: **IMPORTANT COVID19 RESOURCES:**

1. **Alaska Law Help**—hosted by Alaska Legal Services Corporation—has a robust and constantly updated [COVID-19 Resource page located HERE](#). Please note that information re: their twice weekly Landlord/Tenant Hotline is located on the right side of the page plus how clients can apply for services through [Alaska Legal Services Corporation](#).
2. [Alaska Free Legal Answers](#) is a free online legal clinic. Clients go through a brief eligibility screening and once approved are able to ask up to now five civil legal questions per year. Volunteer attorneys review the questions and answer via the online portal. There are seven COVID-19 specific categories.
3. **Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault** offers the following for COVID-19 assistance: <https://andvs.org/find-help/legal-resources/>  
Share this email with your friends, family, and community! [Sign up to Volunteer](#)

Alaska Legislature meets via teleconference - [See the legislative schedule & links to related info here: 5/3-5/17/20](#) \*Schedules often change.

Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO). In Fbks: 452-4448

Local, state, & national elected officials' contacts listed at the end of this newsletter.

IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

**Sunday, May 3**

[World Press Freedom Day](#) - celebrations around the world, some in the form of online debates and workshops. UNESCO is launching a [global campaign](#) on media and social media channels, with a focus on "**Journalism without Fear or Favour**" ... More about this below.

11 am - "[We Began to Sing": Film, Song & Conversation](#) documentary [livestream premier](#) depicts the work of [Annie Patterson & Peter Blood](#), song leaders and creators of the ["Rise Up Singing" and "Rise Again" songbooks](#), in celebration of [Pete Seeger's](#) birthday. Followed by "online conversation with Annie & Peter, [filmmaker Polly Wells](#), songwriter activist [Billy Bragg](#) and songwriter, storyteller and lecturer, [Reggie Harris](#), to talk about how Pete influenced the work we all do."

2-4 pm **Indigenous Womxn's Gathering** Join us for monthly gatherings **ONLINE**. Bring your sewing or beading project and build community together. Children are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there! [Join the ZOOM Meeting Here](#)

## Monday, May 4

4 pm - **Divest from the War Machine Webinar:** Addressing Divestment Myths/Organizing in the Time of Coronavirus featuring CODEPINK Co-Founder Jodie Evans and Roberta Giordano, campaigner with BlackRock's Big Problem network. [RSVP here](#).

## Tuesday, May 5

### MMIWG Awareness Day - #MMIWGAlaska

12-1pm Tuesdays, April 21 - May 26 **New Gardener Q&A** - Sign on at: [alaska.zoom.us/j/798249718](https://alaska.zoom.us/j/798249718)

Or dial: 1-669-900-6833 or if busy, 1-346-248-7799. Meeting ID: 798 249 718 Host Julie Riley.

**2:30 pm - FNSB Economic Development Commission mtg** - by teleconference (call 459-1401) Agenda includes Review of comments for, and approval of Draft Economic Impact and Recovery Plan and timeline and report from local economic development organizations"

## Wednesday, May 6

**Deadline to sign up:** ["The Story of Plastic](#) is an explosive new documentary about the rising plastic pollution crisis around the globe, featuring experts and activists across three continents. The film was created by [The Story of Stuff Project](#), and the filmmakers are making it available to watch through virtual community screenings free of charge. Would you be interested in attending a virtual streaming of The Story of Plastic, hosted by Green Star? Let us know through our [Facebook poll!](#) The poll closes Wednesday, May 6, so be sure to complete the poll by that date!

11:30am - 1pm - **Responding with Care in a Time of Change webinar**, second in the Alaska Just Transition series from Native Movement. [RSVP](#).

- [Watch the recording of the first session of the Alaska Just Transition Webinar Series](#)
- [Check out the Alaska Just Transition Framework in our illustrated 40-page booklet](#)

1 pm- **Legislature's House & Senate** Budget & Audit Committees meet jointly - **Teleconferenced & Streamed Live on AKL.tv**.

5:30 pm- **Fairbanks Open Radio KWRK-LP 90.9 FM** meeting via zoom *dependent on facilitator's work schedule*. Contact [admin@kwrk.org](mailto:admin@kwrk.org).

## Thursday, May 7

April 23- May 19: **Divest from the War Machine: 5-Part Webinar Series** - ... how to organize to divest funds from weapons manufacturers, military contractors, and war profiteers. We'll feature activists and organizers who have run successful divestment campaigns, to share strategies and tactics about how to replicate these successes in your community. [RSVP for all 5 Webinars here](#)

1-2:30pm - **Intensive, Small Space Vegetable Gardening** - FREE online classes to gear up for gardening this spring! Join Julie Riley, horticulture agent, via Zoom using your computer, smartphone, iPad or tablet; dial in by telephone, but you will only be able to hear, not see, the presentations. The focus ... will be Interior Alaska. Each online class includes a PowerPoint presentation and time to ask questions. Preregister at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gearupgarden>. On the day of your class, watch your email for the Zoom link and any class handouts.

6pm - **Fairbanks North Star Borough Regular Assembly Mtg** - with public hearing on marijuana licenses, new Code section for meetings during disasters, and budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2020. Call the Clerk's office at 459-1401 to contact or testify.

7:30 pm. **Alaska Peace Center mtg**, probably via [Jitsi](#). Details to be announced ... Email [info@alaskapeace.org](mailto:info@alaskapeace.org) or see [alaskapeace.org](http://alaskapeace.org) or [fb](#).

## Friday, May 8

7-8:30pm Fridays, April 17 – May 22; - **VegHeads Virtual Garden Hour** May 8: **Organic nutrients**; starts with a 15-20 minute presentation by Extension then opens up for Q&A and discussion. No registration required. Sign on at: <https://alaska.zoom.us/j/499097562>  
Or dial: 1-669-900-6833 or if busy, 1-346-248-7799. Meeting ID: 499 097 562

## NEXT WEEK:

### Sunday, May 10

"Learn an Emma's Revolution Song" - We'll learn ["We Are One"](#). Stay tuned for downloadable [lyrics and chords](#)

## Monday, May 11

1-2:30 pm - **Earthworms in Alaska** —FREE online classes to gear up for gardening this spring! Join Julie Riley, horticulture agent, via Zoom using your computer, smartphone, iPad or tablet;... dial in by telephone, but you will only be able to hear the presentations, not see them. The focus ... will be Interior Alaska. Each online class includes a PowerPoint presentation and time to ask questions. Preregister at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gearupgarden>. On the day of your class, watch your email for the Zoom link and any class handouts. --[May 18 Planting Trees & Shrubs "Celebrate Alaska Arbor Day! Brian Atkinson of Fairbanks Soil & Water Conservation District will join us online." To find out more about what your Tanana District Extension Office has to offer, please visit our web page at <https://www.uaf.edu/ces/districts/tanana/> and check back often for updates. Thank you!

## Thursday, May 14

7-9 pm The **Social Justice Book Club** will discuss ***Being the Change: Live Well and Spark a Climate Revolution*** by Peter Kalmus "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](mailto:EricMuehling@gmail.com).

ZOOM LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/233660893> or CALL IN: dial 669 900 9128, meeting ID#233660893"

7-8:30 p.m. - **Fruit Crops for Interior Alaska** FREE online class. Preregister at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gearupgarden>. On the day of class, watch your email for the Zoom link and any class handouts.

## Friday, May 15

**The Value of Conscientious Objection - May 15th is International Conscientious Objectors Day** - a perfect opportunity to take some time to contemplate and appreciate the value of conscientious objection (CO). The very process of applying for status as a conscientious objector challenges the institution of war. Center on Conscience & War | 202-483-2220 | 1830 Connecticut Ave. NW | Washington, DC 20009 |

<http://www.centeronconscience.org/pubs/articles/252-value-of-co.html>. [ccw@centeronconscience.org](mailto:ccw@centeronconscience.org).

7-8:30pm Fridays, through May 22; - **VegHeads Virtual Garden Hour** - May 15, **Planting outside now** starts with a 15-20 minute presentation by Extension then opens up for Q&A and discussion. No registration required. Sign on at: <https://alaska.zoom.us/j/499097562>  
Or dial: 1-669-900-6833 or if busy, 1-346-248-7799. Meeting ID: 499 097 562 May 22, Indispensable gardening tools.

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## OTHER News and Opportunities for Action:

from Native Movement: "Join Native Movement and **AKPIRG** in protecting economic stimulus payments for People not profit! [Click the link to send a letter to your legislators, it's fast and makes a difference>>>](#) Right now, predatory lenders, debt collectors, and banks are garnishing the economic stimulus checks during the coronavirus pandemic. That funding is meant to cover families' basic needs, not bolster corporate profit. [Send a letter to our congressional delegation through the link below](#), and tell our elected officials to put a freeze on debt collection/garnishment of economic impact payments! #PeoplesBailOut #ProtectWorkingPeople"

"May 3 is **World Press Freedom Day** - celebrations around the world, some in the form of online debates and workshops. UNESCO is launching a [global campaign](#) on media and social media channels, with a focus on "**Journalism without Fear or Favour**" ... The sub-themes are:

- Safety of Women and Men Journalists and Media Workers
- Independent and Professional Journalism free from Political and Commercial Influence
- Gender Equality in All Aspect of the Media

May 3 acts as a reminder to governments of the need to respect their commitment to press freedom. It is also a day of reflection among media professionals about issues of press freedom and professional ethics. It is an opportunity to:

- celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom;
- assess the state of press freedom throughout the world;
- defend the media from attacks on their independence;
- and pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

World Press Freedom Conference 2020 [got re-scheduled to] 18 to 20 Oct 18-20 ... a joint celebration of World Press Freedom Day and the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (2 November)... During WPFC 2020, all [Youth Newsroom](#) reporters will work as professional journalists. ..." ..."press independent from governmental, political, or economic control..." See [Resources at this link](#), and #JournalismUnfiltered."

*from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks:* "**Garden Stuff Needed-** The UUFF garden will be expanding this summer to grow veggies **to help our community families in need.** We need donations of soil, wood for a new bed, and plants. Let Molly know if you can help with a donation and she'll arrange with you to make the exchange. Email Molly at [dre@uuff.org](mailto:dre@uuff.org)."

*from Green Star of Interior Alaska:* "We have an amazing, dedicated team of volunteers who have helped keep over **2 million pounds of electronics** out of the Fairbanks landfill since 2006. **That's 2,000,000 pounds of toxic material recycled** "

**"Notice of Herbicide Use on the Alaska Railroad Rail System** - ...For more info: [AlaskaRailroad.com](#)>CORPORATE>Safety>Vegetation Management Contact [public\\_comment@akrr.com](mailto:public_comment@akrr.com) or ph. 907-265-2671". *printed in Fbks Daily News-Miner*

"Notice of Planned Undertakings - **Eight Proposed Telecommunication Towers** - Alaska Communications (AC)... 85-155-ft Monopoles... If any member of the public believes that the planned undertakings may have an effect on historic properties, submit comments to AC's cultural resource consultant, Stephen R. Braund & Ass: [info@srbak.com](mailto:info@srbak.com) or fax 907-276-6117 or ph 902-276-8222." *printed in Fbks Daily News-Miner*

*from Pace e Bene:* "Ken Butigan was recently interviewed by the Raven Foundation about his thoughts around COVID-19 and nonviolence. They released an incredible video featuring Ken that is worth checking out. [Watch "Flattening the Curve of Violent Conflict".](#)

*from winwithoutwar:* "**Right now**, behind closed doors, **defense lobbyists are quietly using every ounce of their influence to get billions and billions more of our tax dollars for the Pentagon's already gigantic budget.** They're trying to use a global health crisis to boost their record profits even higher... Last week, Senator Tom Cotton — who has received tens of thousands in campaign contributions from the arms industry — introduced a bill proposing at least \$14 BILLION in additional funds to boost the bottom line of weapons dealers... and BILLIONS more for an unrelated new weapons wishlist.

"The Pentagon **ALREADY** gets nearly a trillion dollars each year — 15 times annual U.S. contributions to the World Health Organization and the budgets of the Centers for Disease Control and National Institutes of Health, *combined*. And unlike other industries, only a minuscule number of arms manufacturers have paused production.

"If we don't seize the moment, already bloated and corrupt arms dealers will receive EVEN MORE funds — **funds that are being denied to frontline health workers, undocumented communities, and families struggling to make rent and get food on the table.**

"Just this week Congress found \$545 MILLION DOLLARS to go towards Trump's racist border wall from Pentagon-funded projects. That's half a billion dollars NOT going towards ventilators, state and local budgets, and keeping paychecks flowing.

"Boeing — which receives a THIRD of its income from the Pentagon (and your tax dollars) — ALREADY got a pseudo bailout of \$882 million to restart a paused contract for refueling planes that, just a month ago, were slammed as not working by the Air Force's top General.

[Just Friday], a key decision-maker on Pentagon spending, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Adam Smith, told reporters that he would not support additional COVID money for the Pentagon, noting that the Pentagon should use the money in its existing budget to cover pandemic response needs. **Powerful leaders are hearing us, and starting to echo our call — and we just HAVE to ride this momentum!"**

from CodePink: "Should your \$\$ bail out weapons companies? This May Day, the stakes are higher than ever: 26 million Americans have filed for unemployment, 9.2 million have lost their health insurance, and we're facing a global pandemic with a crumbling healthcare infrastructure. **We may not be in the streets, but you can still join the movement calling for a #PeoplesBailout and tell Congress: Bailout People, not the Pentagon!"**

*Alaska's Congressional delegation: Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121*

*Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210/fax 456-0279; Email via web site: [donyoung.house.gov](http://donyoung.house.gov); Fairbanks office: Key Bank Bldg suite 307, 100 Cushman St.*

*Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: [murkowski.senate.gov](http://murkowski.senate.gov). Fbks office: Courthouse Square suite 2D, 250 Cushman St.*

*Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: [sullivan.senate.gov](http://sullivan.senate.gov) Fairbanks office: Federal Bldg, suite 328, 101 12<sup>th</sup> ave*

*from UAF Cooperative Extension Service: "Extension Tribes Educator Heidi Rader has started a **gardening blog, It Grows In Alaska**. She will post garden columns and on other topics, including making a garden plan, greenhouses, hardiness zones and more. The blog is available at [itgrowsinalaska.community.uaf.edu](http://itgrowsinalaska.community.uaf.edu).*

*"In the midst of this pandemic, Alaska teachers are adapting quickly and working overtime on emergency education plans, while an online Florida school accused of ethics violations is getting a half million dollars in federal money that should have gone to Alaska schools." from [info@recalldunleavy.org](mailto:info@recalldunleavy.org)*

*An outline of current COVID-19 guidelines as presented by Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson on 4-29-20:*

**Some Statewide COVID-19 Restrictions Lifted**

- Travel to communities on the road system is now allowed for any purpose for members of the same household. (Includes recreation or sightseeing)
- Travelers should wear a mask when interacting with vendors at stores or gas stations.

The State of Alaska is allowing some non-essential businesses to reopen if they follow the new guidelines.

**Restaurants can open for limited in-person dining. ... with reservations and at only 25% capacity.**

- Walk-ins prohibited.
- Must have hand sanitizer available.
- 10 feet between tables.
- Only household members allowed at a table.
- All employees must wear fabric face coverings.
- All restaurants are still allowed to remain open for delivery and curbside takeout service.

**Limited in-store shopping is permitted at retail stores.**

- No more than 20 customers or 25% of the building's maximum occupancy.
- Maintain a social distance of at least six feet between customers.
- All employees and customers must wear fabric face coverings.
- Businesses that provide personal services can open for limited services. (Includes barbers, nail salons, and hairdressers)
- Appointments are required.
- No walk-in customers.
- One customer per staff member.

-Customers must be screened ahead of their appointment for COVID-19 symptoms and recent travel.

-Workstations must be cleaned after each customer.

**Governor Dunleavy extended the health mandate governing international and interstate travel until May 19.**

-All visitors to Alaska are required to self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor for symptoms of COVID-19.

-Travelers are required to sign a [form](#) with their contact information and the address where they will self-quarantine.

-Violators are subject to a \$25,000 fine or jail time.

The **social distancing** requirements in Alaska have been **extended until further notice**.

**Health Care Services Can Resume**

-Health care providers are now allowed to resume services that don't require the use of personal protective equipment. (*Includes physicals, routine exams, and minimal procedures*)

-Providers must screen all patients for recent illness, travel, fever, or recent exposure to COVID-19. (*Test all patients for COVID-19, if possible*)

-The order applies to: Athletic trainers. Chiropractors. Dentists. Hearing aid dealers. Marital and family therapists.

Massage therapists. Midwives. Naturopaths. Physical therapists. Professional counselors. Veterinarians.

-Starting on May 4, health care providers can resume non-urgent and elective services.

- All patients should be tested for COVID-19 within 48 hours.
- No visitors except for end of life visits, a parent of a minor, and one spouse or caregiver.
- Patients should have a plan in place for returning to their home community if travel restrictions are in place.
- State health officials believe the State has enough protective medical equipment and hospital capacity to allow elective procedures to resume.

The State of Alaska is requiring health insurers to waive cost-sharing for COVID-19 testing.

-- Insurers are required to liberalize telehealth benefits.

**Fishing in Alaska**

- Alaska's subsistence, sport, and personal use fisheries will open this year despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The ADF&G commissioner stressed that the dept is developing plans to protect employees, fishermen, &fishing communities.

- **Anyone coming from out-of-state must self-quarantine for 14 days. (*Quarantining onboard is allowed*)**
- Staff will be encouraged to wear face coverings when interacting with the public.
- The department is developing plans to medevac staff who display COVID-19 symptoms.
- Rapid testing machines are being deployed to fishing communities.

[Health Mandate 17](#) puts in place protective measures for independent commercial fishing vessels. (*Covers vessels not fishing under a fleet-wide workforce protective plan*)

- Captains must keep a COVID-19 log certifying that crew members have been screened and completed the mandatory self-quarantine.
- Prior to fishing, captains must provide a signed copy of the vessel's "[Acknowledgement Form](#)" to a tender or processor.
- All crewmembers must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and travel to areas with widespread COVID-19 transmission.
- Crewmembers must wear a cloth face covering while in transit.
- Crewmembers need documentation from their captain or employer indicating that they are essential "Critical Infrastructure Worker."
- All captains, crew members, processing workers, and others arriving in Alaska must self-quarantine for 14 days. (*Temperature taken twice*)
- All face-to-face interaction between crew and shore-based workers must be kept to an absolute minimum.

- Health Mandate 17 includes a series of best practices for life onboard vessels.

Several state and federal fisheries are currently underway. Participants in fisheries are being asked to take precautions to prevent getting sick.

- Fish as close to home as possible; -Practice social distancing; - Use a mask while fishing.

There is growing concern about how to handle many of Alaska's commercial fisheries... concerned that outside fishermen and processors could bring COVID-19 to previously uninfected areas.

Commercial fishing has been labeled an essential industry by the State of Alaska."

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audio & music played with this week's broadcast:

-- "Hello this is The Asymmetric Moose, Rob Mulford with picks of the week of May 3, 2020. Today I'm going to touch upon the subject of bullying.

According to the US Government website StopBullying.gov, bullying is “unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems... Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength—to control or harm others... Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once... Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.”

But bullying is not an antisocial malady limited to children. In fact it has been a staple of US policy, perhaps since the founding of the republic. Consider the following from an article by Kate Linthicum, Wendy Fry, and Gabriela Minjares, writing for the April 30 L.A. Times.

“Even as COVID-19 deaths soar at factories in Mexico, the United States is sending a clear message: It’s time for plants that have stopped production to get back to work.

“The U.S. government has mounted a campaign to persuade Mexico to reopen many factories that were closed because of the country’s social distancing guidelines, warning that the supply chain of the North American free-trade zone could be permanently crippled if factories don’t resume production soon.

““The destruction of the economy is also a health threat,” Christopher Landau, U.S. ambassador to Mexico, tweeted last week. “There are risks everywhere, but we don’t all stay at home for fear we are going to get in a car accident.”

“Pressure has also come from American corporate chief executives — more than 300 of whom sent a [letter](#) to Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador saying they were “deeply concerned” about the closing of factories — and from the U.S. Department of Defense, which has implored Mexico to reopen plants that make parts for defense contractors.

“Mexican officials have begun to cave, despite warnings from health authorities here that reopening factories too soon could lead to widespread death.

“Businesses deemed nonessential have been [ordered closed](#) in Mexico and in the U.S., but the two countries have different definitions of what is considered essential, with Mexico embracing a more restrictive set of criteria... the push has sparked anger in Mexico, especially in large foreign-owned factories along the northern border known as maquiladoras, whose finished products are all for export.

Workers at multiple plants have held protests in recent weeks over a rise in outbreaks and worker deaths.

“They are criminals who are only interested in their capital,” said a worker at a factory owned by Wisconsin-based Regal Beloit Corp. that has been closed since employees walked off the job April 15 after several of their colleagues died.

An April 18 letter from the company to employees confirmed three suspected COVID-19 deaths at the Juarez factory. Workers say five others have died since.

“They don’t care about us,” said the worker, who did not give his name because he was not authorized to speak to the media. The company, which produces motors for appliances, ignored signs of an outbreak for weeks, he said, and failed to provide even basic protective material such as sanitizing gel.

A spokesman for Regal Beloit lamented “the passing of our associates” but said the company does not know whether they contracted the disease at its plant.”

According to a recent article in Business insider other US companies involved include military contractors, General Electric, Honeywell, and Lockheed Martin. This brings us to another aspect of the bully’s threat making, its attacking other nations, physically or verbally, and excluding them from participating in trade. Known as economic sanctions. These bullying behaviors devalue and inflate other country’s currencies and tank their International credit by pressuring other countries to stop doing business with the bullied country. The first sectors affected are generally medicines, food, power, water treatment, and other essential needs. Sanctions are war crimes in that they target civilians. U.S. sanctions have been responsible for millions of deaths around the world.

Just as Mexico and the US disagree on what is an essential enterprise, Cuba has its own way of seeing itself in the world, as an international medical service provider, and for this, especially their generous humanitarian efforts around the earth to combat COVID-19, Cuba has recently been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

“I’m a truthful man from the land of the palm tree. Before I die I want to share these verses of my soul. I cultivate a white rose, in July the same as in January, for the true friend who offers me his hand in friendship. And, for the cruel one who tears out the heart by which I live, I cultivate neither thorns nor bitter leaves; I cultivate a white rose. With the poor people of the earth, I want to cast my fate.” Playing For Change | Song Around The World sing, *Guantanamera*.

“This could be a teachable moment.” Next, David Rovics sings, “*Once This Pandemic Is Over.*”

--*Old Time Religion, adapted and sung by Pete Seeger*  
-- *Sailin' Up, Sailin' Down, written & sung by Pete Seeger*

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***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](mailto:info@alaskapeace.org)

**Visit our website:** [www.alaskapeace.org](http://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.

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*Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome via [alaskapeacenews@gmail.com](mailto:alaskapeacenews@gmail.com).*

*Please include "for news" in the subject line.*

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*May Peace be with you!      Have a good week!*

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**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/](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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[agibson@fairbanks.us](mailto:agibson@fairbanks.us)      [skun@fairbanks.us](mailto:skun@fairbanks.us)      [vtherrien@fairbanks.us](mailto:vtherrien@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

Aaron Gibson - Seat D: (907) 978-3058      Jerry Cleworth - Seat E: (907) 452-6461

Jim Matherly - Mayor: (907) 459-6793

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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:cityclerk@fairbanks.us) or 907-479-6702

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