



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of June 7, 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 questions and assistance, call 2-1-1."

Fbks Memorial Hospital COVID-19 hotline for questions regarding symptoms or other virus-related inquiries: 907-458-2888

"Interior Alaska COVID-19 Economic Impact and Recovery Plan" is now [available at this link](#)".

IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

Sunday, June 7

12 noon - "[Learn an Emma's Revolution Song: Our People Gonna Rise](#)", with guest artist, [Reggie Harris](#) as part of a Unitarian Universalist service in support of the [Poor People's Campaign](#) and their upcoming [Virtual March on Washington, June 20 2020](#). And in support of [#JusticeforFloyd](#) and campaigns to end police violence and white supremacy. Join on Zoom, watch via simultaneous livestream on [our Facebook page](#) or watch the post-session video on [our YouTube channel](#). Zoom invite is below and no reservations are required. A slide show has been put to the song Ferguson.

12, 1, 2, 3pm **Power Trip: The Story of Energy - Water #101; Food; Transportation; Wealth.** (2 episodes repeat Monday evening.) ch. 9

2pm **Standing On Sacred Ground -Pilgrims & Tourists #101** on UATV 9.4 "A look at how indigenous communities stand in the way of government megaprojects around the world." Website: <http://standingonsacredground.org>

Monday, June 8

9:30-11pm [Independent Lens: Acorn and the Firestorm #1918](#) on KUAC TV ch. 9.1- The politically charged battle to take down the community-organizing group ACORN is explored.

11am, 2, 3, & 6pm June 8-12 **Statewide Extension Week offers community classes** - From The intersection of agriculture and health care to cooking with beans, 20 community classes Register for the free Zoom classes at [https:// bit.ly/statewideextensionevents](https://bit.ly/statewideextensionevents).

For more information, contact Extension at 877-520-5211.

Tuesday, June 9

"[Deadline to vote in GVEA board election districts 1, 2, & 3](#). If you live in Districts 1, 2, or 3, you should have received both a paper ballot and online voting information in the mail. Information on how to vote and on each of the candidates running can be found [here](#). We are not endorsing candidates, but we encourage you to do your research, and vote for someone who's committed to sustainable energy solutions. " (NAEC)

11-5 Mon-Sat. **North Pole Branch library begins curbside (materials) pick ups.** Call 488-6101 or visit www.fnsblibrary.org/np/ for more information.

7 pm Power Trip: The Story of Energy: Cities #105 on KUAC TV ch 9

9:30 - 11pm [Stonewall Uprising: American Experience](#) on KUAC TV ch. 9 - "Explores the violent protests and street demonstrations that launched a worldwide movement in 1969." Repeats on 6/12 & 6/13

Wednesday, June 10

10am, 12/2/4pm - FNSB Libraries progress towards a safe staged reopening, ...expanding offerings ... Noel Wien Library will institute a

reservation system for... appointments for a 1 hour and 45-minute computer session (via Reference desk), or a shorter appointment to get a library card or clear up card issues (via Circulation). Call 459-1020 . See more information after calendar events listing.

5:30 -kwrk

7pm "Alaska's Changing Environment: Where We've Been, Where We're Going." at KUAC UATV 9.4, 474-7021

8 - 10pm **The Talk - Race In America** on World TV ch 9.2 - "Learn how black and Hispanic families counsel their kids to stay safe if they are stopped by police." Repeats 7/31, 10am.

10pm **Frontline: Policing the Police** on World TV ch. 9.2 - "...Newark Police Department, one of many troubled forces ordered to reform."
[Many Frontline episodes are available via the internet link.]

Thursday, June 11

5pm **FAST Planning Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee mtg.** To participate via computer, app, or telephone, on the day of the meeting go to www.fastplanning.us/keepup/zoom

6pm **Fbks North Star Borough Regular Assembly mtg** via teleconference. Agenda items of peace, justice, or sustainability include Citizens' Comments, calendaring of Cares Act distributions including waiving code regarding prior approval of contracts, & of Add Early Voting and Expanding Eligibility for Absentee Voting, and of Local Matching Funds for Eielson Air Force Base Realignment - Implementation 2 Project. "LIVE Webcasts of Borough Assembly, Planning Commission, & Platting Board meetings available on our website"

Friday, June 12

9am, **discussion on achieving an Arctic Nuclear Weapon Free Zone**, with Canadian Pugwash activist Adele Buckley, sponsored by Juneau, Alaska, Veterans For Peace chapter 100. Check this link for an update on Monday: <https://www.akhopecongress.org/global-nuclear-testing>

Next Week Scheduled Events:

Sunday, June 14

12am - **POV: Call Her Ganda** - World TV ch. 9.2 "3women pursue justice for a Filipina transgender woman murdered by a U.S. Marine."

12 noon - **Learn an Emma's Revolution Song!**

Monday, June 15

"Call to action: Net metering is under attack. Comment by June 15. Net metering is how a utility determines billing for a customer's retail electric service, taking into account electricity generated (e.g., thru rooftop solar PV)...There is currently a **petition** before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) asking it to assume federal control over ALL state net metering programs, invalidate all state net metering statutes and regulations, and cap the value... would end net metering as we know it across 40-plus states, including Alaska. For GVEA SNAP-Plus producers, this would cut the value of solar PV produced power by half.

Submit comments to FERC on **Docket EL20-42** . Tell them to deny this petition and retain state jurisdiction over net metering.

Comment thru **eFiling**, which requires creating an account, or by snail mail at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

This is a confusing issue and comment process. If you want more information, contact Lisa at lisa@northern.org.

Co-op Market New Hours start: 8 am - 8 pm Monday thru Saturday; 10am - 7 pm SSun; continuing to reserve 8 - 9am Monday -Saturday for elders and medically vulnerable shoppers. for everyone's safety Please wear a face covering! [p.s. The June Lend a Hand round up for your change goes to **Friends of Creamer's Field**, help[ing] provide guided nature walks and other opportunities to learn about the natural ecology of the refuge and the history of Creamer's Dairy – free of charge to the public.

6pm - **Co-op Market Grocery & Deli Board of Directors mtg** via teleconference. Email [Hilary Shook](mailto:Hilary.Shook), board chair, or [click here](#) for more info.

Tuesday, June 16

9am - 1pm "**Alaska Electric Vehicle Workshop, June 16-17, 2020 (Virtual)** co-hosted by the Alaska Center for Energy and Power and the U.S. Arctic Research Commission. The goal of the workshop is to connect stakeholders and help develop a clearer vision of electric vehicle research and policy priorities for Alaska and the Arctic. Local, national, and international speakers will engage with each other, as well as audience members, on topics including vehicle charging behavior, cold weather performance, electrical grid impacts and policy opportunities. Registration and workshop details can be found at [here](#). "

Wednesday, June 17

8am - 5pm - UAF Cooperative Extension Service **food safety management training** via videoconference. **June 8 is the deadline to sign up and receive a study guide before the class.** Registration at <http://bit.ly/ces-workshops>. The \$200 fee includes class, study guide and one proctored exam. For additional information... contact the instructor, Julie Cascio, at 907-745-3677 or jmcascio@alaska.edu.

Friday, June 19

June 19-20 Juneteenth Celebration Join in the [Juneteenth Virtual Gatherings](#)! **"This is Your NAACP"** presentations. Friday, June 19, from 7:00-8:00pm for music, poetry, and words of liberation. [Register Here](#)

Saturday, June 20

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!... [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!](#)

11:30am - 1pm **Juneteenth Mini-workshops** On staying healthy during Covid times, organizing ourselves for stronger community, and wisdom from our youth. Email NAACP Fairbanks if you'd like tech assistance ahead of time: fairbanks.juneteenth@gmail.com.

12-2pm - **Composting Workshop (Online)** via Zoom. If you are unable to attend the live meeting, we still encourage you to register as we'll be emailing out the recording after the workshop ends to everyone who has signed up! *An email with instructions on how to join the Zoom workshop will be emailed to you the before before the workshop.* \$20 or Pay What You Can. (907) 451-0691 info@calypsofarm.org

Notice: After the June 14 edition, Alaska Peace Center's Community News and Opportunities for Action will take a 4-week break, resuming July 19. If you would like any interim events listed, please send them to alaskapeacenews@gmail.com prior to Saturday, June 13, 2020. Thank you.

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OTHER *News and Opportunities for Action:*

from Native Movement: "...to do more to get engaged in ending systemic racism in Fairbanks [here's a list of a few things you can do right now:](#) •
Call our Borough and City Mayors - Ask them to make a statement opposing white-supremacist harassment and "white-power" rhetoric.
If you don't know how to talk about this to your elected officials, TRY.

- **Email the City Council to work with the FPD Chief of Police and require Mandatory De-Escalation, Decolonization, Cultural Inclusion, Mental Health and Awareness, and Safe Communal Presence training for all FPD officers and personnel.** City Council: council@fairbanks.us

- **Email the FNSB School Board** to require Decolonization, White Supremacy, Cultural Inclusion, Mental Health and Awareness training for all district employees. schoolboard@k12northstar.org

- **Email the FNSB Curriculum Committee** to advocate for Black and Indigenous Studies for grades k-12. -
 - Jennifer Morgan, Material Development Specialist: jennifer.morgan@k12northstar.org
 - Melanie Hadaway, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning. melanie.hadaway@k12northstar.org

- **Contact your Representative** to advocate for the reversal of 'Stand Your Ground' legislation, and to support Non-Discrimination protections statewide
 - **Educate yourself!** And advocate for Reparations and Sovereignty to Black & Indigenous communities

Alaska • Donate and Support Black-led Alaska Organizing

- [Anchorage Poor People's Campaign](#) • [NAACP Fairbanks Branch](#) • NAACP Anchorage Branch • [Alaska Black Business Directory](#)

Support Minneapolis Organizing • Donate to the 'Official George Floyd Memorial Fund':

- Donate to post bail for Protesters:** • MINNESOTA FREEDOM FUND: www.minnesotafreedomfund.org
- BLACK VISION COLLECTIVE & RECLAIM THE BLOCK • Minnesota ACLU: www.aclu-mn.org/en/donate
- Louisville Community Bail Fund: actionnetwork.org/fundraising/louisville-community-bail-fund/

Keep Pressure on the MLPS Courts to charge the 3 other three officers with murder.

Support NAACP National in their policy and legal support: naacp.org/campaigns/we-are-done-dying/

Nationally • Support Movement for Black Lives

GET INVOLVED

Share this email with your friends, family, and community! [Sign up to Volunteer"](#)

[Another site: <https://blacklivesmatter.com/>]

"US Army plans massive recruiting drive for summer... to launch...between June 30 and July 2... The nation's soaring unemployment numbers could play to the advantage, according to the Army Times... Times of high unemployment reportedly make military service a more tempting option for some..."
excerpted from Fbks Daily News-Miner 5-24-20.

from Green Star of Interior Alaska: **"Job posting** for hiring our new Program Director: <https://iagreenstar.org/were-hiring-a-program-director/>
Applicants can send their resumé and cover letter to info@iagreenstar.org. To ensure consideration for this position, they need to apply by 11:59 pm on June 17, 2020. Application review will begin on June 18, 2020. The position will remain open until filled."

[Also see Green Star's **new interactive recycling guide** at <https://iagreenstar.org/recycling/>]

from Fbks North Star Borough: "new **Library services** [listed at June 9 & 10] are in addition to those **we have currently been offering:**

- Curbside Pickup: via the Bookmobile at the Noel Wien Library parking lot – simply place your selections on hold via the catalog, by phone, email or chat.
- Virtual Programming: ongoing online programming for kids and adults – check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NoelWienLibrary/>
- Summer Reading Program for kids and teens! Sign up on our website: <https://fnsblibrary.org/srp/>
- Book-a-Librarian: We are here to help you with research – call 459-1020 or visit our website: <https://fnsblibrary.org>
- Personalized Book Selection Service: We will browse the collection for you. Pick up items from the Bookmobile or at North Pole Branch.

- Children's Grab and Go Book Sets: Request a book bundle for your kids by calling 459-1052.
 - Tech Help via Zoom: need help setting up your apps? Zoom appointments are available. 459-1048.
- Visit <https://fnsblibrary.org/> for complete information!"

from CodePink: "On May 29th, just following the murder of George Floyd, the city of Minneapolis looked like a war zone. Heavily armored military vehicles rolled down the streets, police lined up in riot gear, and **drones buzzed overhead**. Did you know that the Minnesota State Board of Investments holds around 10,000 shares, worth a whopping \$1.2 million, in **Israel's largest weapons company, Elbit Systems — the world's largest exporter of drones?** [Contact Governor Tim Walz and urge him to divest his state's public retirement funds from Elbit Systems.](#)

from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks: "**Garden Supplies 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 veggie plant starts. 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.

"**Calling all bakers!** The Bread Line is still welcoming baked goods! Wrap 1-3 cookies, bars, or slices of loaf cake per serving. Deliver to 508 Gaffney, near Literacy Council office and bookstore between 10:30 and 2:00 weekdays. Dessert to serve with the sandwiches will be greatly appreciated! Call Ellen Weiser for more information (450-9336)"

from lakotalaw.org: "**Salute Standing Rock on DAPL [Dakota Access Pipeline] Legal Win - [DAPL Permit REVOKED](#)** - Send a message of solidarity to Standing Rock after the tribe's big court win. Federal permits for DAPL have been revoked! Thank you for all you are doing to aid this struggle. The [Tribe will now submit legal briefs in an effort to stop the flow of oil.](#)"

from WorldBEYONDWar: "**Global Skills Exchange in support of abolishing war** - Are you an artist, musician, chef, or world-renowned bridge player — or just someone who likes to paint, strum a guitar, cook family recipes, or play cards — We're not asking you to donate money. We're asking you to **donate your time with a skill lesson, performance, coaching session, or other online service via video**. Then someone else will donate to World BEYOND War in order to enjoy what you're offering. [See more](#) "

"**The World BEYOND War [Peace Almanac](#) is now available in [audio](#)** consisting of 365 two-minute segments, one for each day of the year, free to radio stations, podcasts, and everyone else..."

"The Internal Revenue Service is letting **[879,415] high-income individuals [avoid paying taxes, \$45.7 BILLION 2014-2016, found]** the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration..." *Read the article in the June 6, 2020, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner (FDNM).*

from Sound Defense Alliance: "An example of the impact that we have had by working together is the **inclusion of "[real time noise monitoring](#)" in the National Defense Authorization Act**. This requires the Navy to work with local elected officials to conduct a study of the actual noise created by the Growlers -- rather than the models they have been allowed to use in the past. This is a huge win to show the real time impacts of jet noise..."

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center: "**We're hiring...** Director of Administration & Finance; Arctic Program Coordinator; Arctic Refuge Advocacy Film Tour Coordinator; Events & Development Coordinator; on-call graphic designer. [reach out to Elisabeth at \[dabney@northern.org\]\(mailto:dabney@northern.org\)](#) "

"The **Alaska Quiet Rights Coalition (AQRC) invites new board members**. AQRC is a non profit organization that has worked with land management agencies for 25 years to protect the natural soundscape. Protecting the soundscape from motorized noise does far more than just preserve the ability to hear natural sounds. Doing so allows wildlife a better chance to survive, protects the landscape and waterways from damage, enables those recreating without motors to have a high quality outdoor experience and preserves the wilderness character of Alaska's public lands. The soundscape is a critical resource that needs to be fully recognized and protected for the value it contributes to Alaska's wildlands, residents, visitors and wildlife. To carry on our work AQRC

needs board members. Please consider joining the AQRC board of directors. Check out the website www.alaskaquietrights.org and contact Brian Okonek at: president@alaskaquietrights.org"

"Vote-by-mail deadlines leave states just weeks to get ready... people may not receive ballots in time... long lines... counting could be marred... Trump... threatened to withhold federal grants from Michigan and Nevada if they send out absentee ballots... For the Nov. 3 general election, the overseas mailing deadline is Sept. 19..." *from fdnm 5-31-20*

from Friends Committee on National Legislation: "The **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)** will be getting marked up in both chambers in the coming weeks. Please **lobby your members of Congress to include provisions to prevent war with Iran.**

"Ask your members of Congress to **support a Humanitarian General License.** Fact sheet coming soon." [vs sanctions applied to not-for-profit humanitarian activities]

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; 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. Fbks office: Courthouse Square suite 2D, 250 Cushman St.

Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov Fairbanks office: Federal Bldg, suite 328, 101 12th ave

"Washington - **States have less say in issuing Clean Water Act permits** under an EPA rule finalized Monday as the Trump administration and conservative lawmakers seek to speed energy projects. The rule limits the scope of environmental reviews that states conduct... and creates a one-year deadline... [S]tates typically consider a wider range of impacts beyond the concentration of pollutants in water. They sometimes also take into consideration water levels, potential damage to aquatic life from dredge and fill activities, downstream impacts and climate change." *Read the article at FDNM 6/2/20.*

from FDNM 5-31-20: "Better Business Bureau sees **sharp rise in price-gouging reports...** [especially] PPE masks, toilet paper & paper towels, hand sanitizer, eggs, milk & bottled water... In Alaska the attorney general is already going after persons... 'always check for complaints on bbb.org... Consumers are urged to report price gouging at BBB.org/AdTruth.."

from [Can't Go Out and Protest? Here's How to Help From Home](#) in Wired magazine (via Emma's Revolution):

"... advice to minimize your risk while protesting :

- Wear a mask, eye protection, and heat-resistant gloves
- Do not yell, because it can spread droplets. Choose signs, drums, or similar noisemakers instead.
- Stick with a buddy group to keep your number of unknown contacts low.
- Carry water, hand sanitizer, and bandages. Keep your hands as clean as possible.
- Self-quarantine and avoid the elderly, if possible, for 14 days after hitting the streets.
- "Covid is a problem and so is racism," said Murray. "We need to be fighting both."

*from Co-op Market Grocery & Deli: "**Black Lives Matter.** .. we recognized that too many people in our own community are hurting. We grieve with them, but that is not enough. We are donating \$300 each to the [Fairbanks chapter](#) of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and [Native Movement](#), a local grassroots organization addressing critical issues facing our indigenous community. However, money alone cannot solve such deep-rooted problems. As a food co-op, we know that in a just and equitable society, everyone has access to good, healthy food. We are committed to working with these groups and others to find meaningful, concrete ways to address food justice and food insecurity here, where we live... We also want to challenge our Owners and shoppers to take action... We challenge*

you to spend your money in a way that reflects your values: Support those businesses that build your community in a just and sustainable way, and actively support those that are black- and indigenous-owned..."

Submitted by a listener: "This incredibly important and informative video from "Beau of the Fifth Column," an extremely well spoken former Army NCO, cites a video made by Michael Grinston, **the** Sgt. Major of the Army (no small cheese) saying that the Army is rife with racial injustice and what is going on in DC is very wrong... It's been censored by YouTube but I found it here: <https://thefifthcolumnnews.com/2020/06/lets-talk-about-the-generals/>"

from Representative Don Young on 6-5-20: "...Discussions about future COVID-19 legislation continue. I encourage you to stay engaged and let me know what you'd like to see in future bills. As always, click [here](#) to contact me..."

"Safe, clean water and sanitary sewer infrastructure are essential to protecting public health... I recently introduced bipartisan legislation with Rep. Tom O'Halleran to allocate funding to construct and improve critical sanitation projects in Alaska's Native communities and Native communities around the country. To learn more, click [here](#)..."

"I cosponsored the Stopping the Mental Health Pandemic Act to help get mental health resources into the hands of the health care providers and individuals who need them most... Click [here](#) to read more..."

from Senator Dan Sullivan on Friday 6-5-20: "... Among other provisions, the [just-signed-into-law Paycheck Protection Program] **PPP Flexibility Act** increases the loan forgiveness period from 8 to 24 weeks, **reduces the required percent of loan funds that must be used for payroll expenses** in order to be forgiven from the current 75 percent down to just 60 percent, increases the loan repayment period from two to five years, allows PPP recipients to **defer payroll taxes** this year, **and extends the deadline to rehire employees** without a forgiveness penalty..."

"the [Visit America Act](#), which would set a visitation goal of 116 million annual international travelers to the United States by 2028, and create a high-ranking position within the U.S. Department of Commerce focused on bolstering America's travel and tourism industry and coordinating a strategy across multiple federal agencies..."

"A deep-draft Arctic port in Nome, as the **first in what is to be a series of Arctic ports**, is positioned to play a critical role in ensuring the United States is a leader in the Arctic region in terms of national security, international trade, and geopolitical influence. Last week, the Army Corps of Engineers [announced it completed a major feasibility study](#), making the project eligible for congressional authorization and funding.

"...Senate's unanimous passage of **S. 1380, the Due Process Protections Act**, legislation they introduced earlier this Congress to reinforce the constitutional right of defendants to access favorable and potentially exculpatory evidence obtained by prosecutors..."

from Veterans For Peace: "We have made a strong **call for our military and National Guard to #StandDownForBlackLives**

Since then we are receiving calls from service members looking for options, resources, advice and encouragement to deny orders to mobilize against their own communities. We are in the early stages of organizing peer support advocates and trying to build out our network of educators.

[Veterans Condemn Deployment of Troops](#)

[Veterans Call on the Minnesota National Guard to Stand Down "](#)

"[Courage to Resist](#) is **assisting members of the National Guard who resisted** Trump's orders to violently attack people on the streets of Washington DC lawfully protesting racial injustice. Other guards-persons are questioning deployments in other states. Trump is also threatening to unleash active duty military on protesters nationwide. Objectors need your help with legal expenses and logistical support going forward as they resolve their situations with the military. [Read more](#)" [per American Friends Service Committee, • "President Trump threatened that if governors did not deploy National Guard troops to "dominate the streets ... I will deploy the United States military and quickly solve the problem for them," raising the possibility of invoking the Insurrection Act. • [62,000 National Guard soldiers and airmen](#) deployed to protests in 24 states and the District of Columbia... [We All need to stand up for protesters--and say NO to Trump's militarized response](#)"]

from *VoteVets.org*: "Senator Brian Schatz announced he intends to introduce an **amendment to the National Defense Authorization Action to put a stop to the transfer of military weapons and machinery to local police departments**. We've seen how these weapons and systems can escalate and instigate violence when in the wrong hands, so we're asking you to sign on as a citizen co-sponsor of Sen. Schatz's amendment and join VoteVets in calling for the end of this program. [Will you sign on today?](#)"

from *American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)*: "**Police are using violence and threats against protesters and press... We cannot let that happen. So we're suing** – starting with Minnesota... When journalists can't do their job, law enforcement and other officials act with impunity – endangering everyone who advocates for change...
"Dissent is Patriotic. [Know your rights while protesting police brutality.](#)"

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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 June 7, 2020.*
"This week I'll touch a little on the newly instituted 6th branch of the U.S. Military, The United States Space Force.

Play clips of U.S. Space Force recruiting video.

"Maybe your purpose on this planet isn't on this planet"; "I see my country finding new horizons out there, and I see giant leaps making a comeback"; sounds romantic doesn't it, kinda like a very popular TV series, deep space adventure, with the purpose of seeking out other life forms, and the lofty prime directive, "Do not interfere"?

Play Star Trek clip.

But those first two clips were of U.S. Space Force recruiting videos and recruiters have a different take on truth in advertising; "Be All You Can Be", and "An Army Of One", for instance. The following article sheds a little light on that reality.

"A Space Force in Times of Economic & Health Crisis"
By Karl Grossman – Spring Summer 2020 issue Space Alert.

[Read article----]

We already have spying eyes in space. Officially making the heavens a war zone where the U.S. military seeks to achieve full spectrum dominance is frightening indeed. No one will be secure in their right to privacy or their right to life, liberty, and happiness.

I hope you find some levity in the little tune I'm going out with, *Space Force Official Theme Song* by Gregory Brothers"

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.

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

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If you shop from "amazon", you can do so via "AmazonSmile" which likewise donates 0.5% to go to Alaska Peace Center.

And/Or you can...

Mail a check to: **Alaska Peace Center**
3535 College Rd Ste 203
Fairbanks AK 99709-3722

or Donate online: **www.alaskapeace.org**

THANK YOU!

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

To Contact your Elected Public Officials

Fairbanks City Council Mtg (twice per month on Monday evenings*) **Agendas and calendar** at

<https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/> "This page contains a link to live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Please click the Listen Live image below to start streaming the audio. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. Listen live on your iPhone! Mixlr now has an iPhone/iPad app (<http://bit.ly/163ZyLg>) via the iTunes Store. Once you get the app set up, you search for city_of_fairbanks and you will be able to follow our audio stream http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/!" Location: Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St.

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

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)

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 activi-ties 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

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

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