



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of September 20, 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/kwrk.org Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska. Be ready for opportunities to participate!

[COVID-19 resources have been moved to the end section of this news brief.]

Day, Date	Time	<u><i>This Week Opportunities for Action</i></u>	Where?
Sunday Sept 20		Black Alaskan Art Matters exhibit by Perseverance Theatre featuring artist interviews and curator panel, runs until Oct. 18. Visit www.ptalaska.org/home-2/baam for more info on the exhibit and www.ptalaska.org for more info on the theater.	
		A good day to check your own voter information, to be sure it is current*: at https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/ * "At least 17 million Americans were purged from U.S. voter rolls between 2016 and 2018, with particularly dramatic increases in states with a history of racial discrimination, according to a new report by the Brennan Center for Justice.. The number of names eliminated by election officials has surged since the Supreme Court in 2013 significantly weakened protections of the Voting Rights Act"	
	8 10am, 12noon	PEACE IN, WITH INSPIRING SPEAKERS - Why Peacebuilding and A Department of Peacebuilding (Rep. Barbara Lee, Dennis Kucinich, Rita Marie Johnson); A Beloved Community & Peacebuilding; What the World Needs Now: Infrastructures for Peace	Click here to Register! full event flyer
	3-4pm	RBG: Honor Her Legacy; Fight to Protect It - with special guest Senator Mazie Hirono, along with our partners Women's March and SuperMajority. Together we will honor RBG's legacy and discuss the fight ahead to ensure we uphold her final ask, "My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed."	RSVP here »
Monday Sept. 21		International Day of Peace - observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. 2020 Theme: Shaping Peace Together. This year, it has been clearer than ever that we are not each other's enemies. Rather, our common enemy is a tireless virus... Celebrate the day by spreading compassion, kindness and hope in the face of the pandemic. Stand together with the UN against attempts to use the virus to promote discrimination or hatred. Join us so that we can shape peace together.	<i>Listen to/ watch</i> <u>Peace Through All People on You Tube</u> , <i>featuring people around the world singing Peace, Salaam, Shalom together.</i>

	<p>PEACE OUT WITH CONGRESS 9/21 -22/20 - 'This is your chance to let your voice be heard in Congress! Attend Congressional Zoom meetings, contact your member of Congress, call potential DoP [Dept. of Peace bill] cosponsors, thank current DoP cosponsors! For details on these Congressional actions click here. '</p>	<p>To register and attend a sampling of Congressional Zoom meetings on 9/21/20 and 9/22/20, click here.</p>
8am-5pm	<p>Early Voting - for Oct. 6 municipal elections; opened Sept. 16; continues through Oct. 5 at 5 pm. See municipal election "Important Dates and Deadlines," as well as Information for Voters and for Candidates, Official Candidate List, and FNSB Proposition 1 at http://www.fnsb.us/bc/Pages/elections.aspx</p> <p>9 am Early Voting Begins -Shopper's Forum Mall 1255 Airport Way, Fairbanks</p> <p>ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) provides these useful quick links for "Your AK Voting Plan Guide"</p>	<p>-DRIVE THROUGH ONLY Borough Clerk's Office at 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks -City of Fairbanks Clerk's Office at 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks -City of North Pole Clerk's Office at 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole</p>
10 am	<p>Global Peace Film Festival September 21 – October 4 here. You can also hold [a household] bell ringing ceremony (everyone everywhere at 10 a.m.)</p>	
1-2:30 pm	<p>Defund War. Climate Justice Now! An International Peace Day Webinar with Aliénor Rougeot, the Toronto coordinator of Fridays for Future, a worldwide youth movement bringing over 13 million students together in massive coordinated strikes to demand bold climate action, and John Foster, energy economist with more than 40 years' experience in issues of petroleum and global conflict.</p>	<p>Register.</p>
2 pm	<p>Discussion on Zoom: Obstacles to Nuclear Abolition: Telling the Truth About the Relationship between the United States and Russia: A conversation with Alice Slater and David Swanson.</p>	
3 pm	<p>"We hold up half of the sky" - Anti-militarist Female Voices - 'The increasing push for global militarization directly impacts billions of women around the world each day. Women's voices, experiences and perspectives are often silenced when approaching solutions to this crisis. Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) and InterReligious Task Force on Central America (IRTF) will partner to bring several powerful voices together for a conversation on anti-militarism.'</p>	<p>Webinar Registration</p>
4 pm	<p>Join Veterans For Peace for the world premiere of We Are Many! - a unique live-streamed event marking International Day of Peace. Support us by purchasing a ticket through our custom link ... The movie tells the story behind the 2003 anti-Iraq War protests - the largest demonstration in history - and how it inspired the next generation of activists.</p>	<p>Watch the trailer here! Visit the We Are Many website</p>
7 pm	<p>North Pole City Council mtg Agendas & Minutes</p>	

Tuesday Sept. 22	12 noon	Political Forums: Sept 22 - Borough Assembly; Oct 6 & 13 - State Legislature; Oct. 27 - U.S. House & Senate. Hosted by greater Fbks chamber of commerce.	Live stream at fairbankschamber.org.
	3-3:30 pm	<u>Talk Nation Radio</u> broadcast...."interviews ...on a wide range of topics but with a particular focus on peace, justice, and political action. Guests have included authors, artists, activists, and elected officials..." This episode, <u>Tunde Osazua* on the U.S. Militarization of Africa</u> , gives clear information about U.S. military reach around the globe, and its impacts, with a focus on Africa. [*a member of the Black Alliance for Peace's Africa Team and the coordinator of the U.S. Out of Africa Network, which is the organizational arm of the Black Alliance for Peace's campaign to shut down AFRICOM and end the U.S. invasion and occupation of Africa.]	KWRK-LP 90.9 FM/ kwrk.org New episodes Sat 9am. All past shows are available on the website.
Wednesday Sept. 23	6:30pm	KWRK-LP mtg via Zoom; email info@kwrk.org if you are interested in participating.	
Thursday Sept. 24		National Voter Registration Day! First launched by the League and partner organizations in 2012, National Voter Registration Day has become a nationwide, multi-sector, all-hands-on-deck day to register as many voters as possible.	
	12-1pm	Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition September Meeting	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86277335804 Mtg ID: 862 7733 5804
		September 24: <u>Register Here Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) - LWVUS webinars</u> This LWV webinar will explore microaggressions, how they form, how to recognize them, and how to prevent them.	<u>Register Here</u>
Friday Sept 25		Native American Day	
		All out for strikes Friday Sept 25 or Sept 26 to stop the climate destruction! Check out a larger listing of events, continuously updated, here . Or check out our amazing shoestrikes . • Sept. 25 Global Day of Action , including for #ClimateJustice. Register here . • Sept. 26 Shoestrike . Register in a simple way here . Describe, publicize, register your own event here .	fridaysforfuture.org (FFF)
Saturday Sept 26		United Nations declared Sept 26th as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Monday Sept. 28	6-8pm	Virtual Vegetable Gardening Class Mondays for 8 weeks- Terry Reichardt believes it is time to start planning next year's vegetable garden. She will cover tips on growing vegetables successfully in the	Zoom. Sign up by calling the

		Interior, as well as cooking and storing them. The class is sponsored by the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service and the Northern Alaska Environmental Center. The fee is \$20.	First Presbyterian Church at 452-2406.
	6:30 pm	<u>Fairbanks City Council Mtg Agendas</u> 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. Mtgs include citizens' comments. Council Mtgs are aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio, and via audio stream (http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/)!"	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St
Tuesday Sept. 29	5 pm	-Deadline to apply for Absentee Ballot for voting absentee by mail in the Oct. 6 Municipal Elections	absentee ballot from the Borough
Thursday Oct. 1		<u>John Dear's Peace Podcast</u> On the first day of each month, Peace e Bene posts a free, new podcast reflecting on some aspect of nonviolence. Accessible any time of day.	
	12-3pm	De-escalation Training. Learn some of the skills needed to safely de-escalate situations and people so that everyone can be safer, avoid violence, and help encourage and build the peaceful society we all want to be a part of together. Learn more and register here.	
	4:30-6:30 pm	Challenging Corporate Rule and Fighting for Democracy in the Age of Coronavirus and Climate Collapse - Discover why abolishing corporate constitutional rights is directly connected to reforming campaign finance laws, access to safe food, providing affordable health care, strengthening worker rights, protecting the environment, and so much more.... CONTACT · milly@movetoamend.org · {Related:] <u>Senate letter-writing campaign -- demanding that they support a 28th Amendment to the Constitution that would make clear that corporations are not people, and money is not free speech!</u>	RSVP: www.movetoamend.org/challenging_corp_rule 916-318-8040
	6 pm	Fbks North Star Borough Assembly Regular mtg. Agenda. items related to Peace, Justice, or Sustainability include: Calendar New Business RESOLUTION NO. 2020-37. A Resolution Supporting The Alaska Department Of Environmental Conservation's Proposed Changes To Regulations On Air Quality And To The Serious State Implementation Plan (SIP) For The Fairbanks North Star Borough Nonattainment Area. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward). (Refer to the Air Pollution Control Commission on October 7, 2020; Advance to October 8, 2020 for Public Hearing)	
	7 pm	Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg - All welcome! (First Thursday of a month) Contact info@alaskapeace.org	via zoom
Friday Oct. 2		"All stoves 25 years old or older with a particulate matter emission rating of more than 2 grams per hour are required to be removed before the sale or lease of a building," <i>per news-miner 9-12-20</i>	
		Important Dates for the Municipal (Local) Election FNSB 907 Terminal St. Fairbanks If you want to vote absentee in the local election (Oct. 6), you must apply for an absentee ballot from	

the Borough - This is **IN ADDITION TO** your application to vote absentee in the State of Alaska elections (Primary happened on Aug.18 and the General Election will be on Nov. 3)
 Sept. 29, 2020 5:00 pm - deadline for vote By-Mail Absentee Ballot Applications
 Oct. 5, 2020 Noon - deadline for vote by Electronic Absentee Ballot Applications
 Sept. 21, 2020 8:00 am - **Absentee In-Person Voting begins**
 Oct. 5, 2020 5:00 pm - Absentee In-Person Voting ends
 Oct. 6, 2020 7:00 am - 8:00 pm - **Regular Municipal Election Day**

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

Peace

"New Study: Intensified Police Militarization is a Direct Consequence of U.S. Post-9/11 Wars

The report analyzes how the United States' militarized response to 9/11 included a new mandate and new resources for local law enforcement based on the premise that they would be on the front lines in a domestic war against terrorism. This had the effect of intensifying the militarization of police through an influx of military weapons and equipment, ramped-up surveillance and intelligence-sharing, and increased hiring of combat veterans as officers.

"The report reveals that the Department of Defense's 1033 Program has transferred at least \$1.6 billion worth of equipment to law enforcement agencies since 9/11, including at least 1,114 mine-resistant vehicles and more than 1,000 robot items...

"The study's author, Jessica Katzenstein, says, 'Police militarization comes at a high cost: it is expensive, it works against the stated goals of law enforcement, and, most significantly, it normalizes racialized violence on communities at home and abroad.'

Justice

"Vote-at-Home for Our Health -

Despite Senate Bill 241 (passed by the Alaska Legislature in late March and signed into law by Gov. Dunleavy on April 10, 2020) which provides that for the duration of the coronavirus emergency declaration, "the director of the division elections may conduct all elections ... by mail," the Lt. Governor's team has not used the power of his office to protect the rights of all eligible Alaskans to vote this year. The Division of Elections announced six last-minute polling place closures on Primary Election Day, disenfranchising 1000+ Alaskans who could not access an absentee-in-person ballot that day.

"We urge you to share a unique comment to the Lt. Governor and his staff urging them to adopt safe & secure regulations for this year's elections and move quickly to fully inform the public of this change well before the November election. [[Click here for online form.](#)]

"...The Lt. Gov can:

- Guarantee the delivery of every absentee ballot returned in the mail by covering the cost of all ballots sent without postage and removing the requirement for witness signatures

"Orphaned Coffee Mug Drive" from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks (UUFF)

"All you have to do is look in your kitchen cupboard for any extra, unloved coffee mugs that have been collecting there. (Any design will be great!) Bring them to the back porch of UUFF, and then let me know (email lesporleder@alaska.edu, text 378-7768, or call 479-5102) to come pick them up. ...Here's the way it works: I stuff each of those unloved, orphaned coffee mugs with a packet of gourmet cocoa, a candy cane, and wrapped chocolates. It gets put in a gift bag and tied with a festive bow. In mid-December, I take all those lovely mugs to the Food Bank. The good folks at the Food Bank divvy them up into the Christmas food boxes for a small, unexpected gift for food recipients that has at least a little something for everyone."

"Forest Service revives Prince of Wales timber sale blocked by court The U.S. Forest Service wants a do-over for an old-growth timber sale that was halted by a federal court. The Prince of Wales Island areas are being re-

[\[Click here to watch a panel discussion\]](#)
[Read more](#); [Read the full report](#); and/or
[Read an overview of the Costs of War](#)
[Project's findings](#)"
from costsofwar@brown.edu

"#WeThePeoples2020 is a coalition of civil society organisations cooperating to promote UN and UN-focused events from the International Day of Peace (Sep 21) until International Day for Non-violence (Oct 2). It includes:

- Sep 21: [UN Day for Peace and the UN 75th Anniversary High Level Event](#)
 - Sep 21-24: [Sustainable Development Summit](#)
 - Sep 21-27: [UN Climate Week](#)
 - Sep 26: [UN Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons](#)
 - Sep 30 [UN Summit on Biodiversity](#)
 - Oct 1. [High Level Meeting on Women](#)
- Oct 2: [UN Day of Nonviolence](#)"

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center:
"You can help: **Seeking board of directors and issues committee members** - ...Now more than ever, we need committed Board volunteers and committee members to help keep arctic Alaska off-limits to exploitative and damaging fossil fuel and massive mineral e. For more information check out the [recruitment page on our website](#). and contact board president Lois Barger at lois.rundell@gmail.com with questions.

"...[NPR and PBS reported on months of research showing that plastic was never](#)

- Mail an absentee ballot request form to every registered voter
- Distribute translations of election materials in Alaska Native languages, and translate materials into additional languages
- Open early vote centers for a full three weeks before the election, and train enough poll workers so that every community has in-person voting on Election Day
- Install a secure ballot box in every community..."

from The Alaska Center

From ACLU 9-8-20: "[O]n behalf of the Arctic Village Council, League of Women Voters of Alaska, and individuals... **Voting rights advocates filed a lawsuit ... challenging an absentee ballot witness requirement ...**

"[filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of Alaska, Native American Rights Fund, and Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law... It seeks to waive a provision of state law, for the upcoming November general election, that requires voters who submit a mail-in absentee ballot to have a witness sign their ballot return envelope, even in the midst of a highly contagious and deadly pandemic...

- ☐ To learn more about your voting rights generally visit our [Know Your Voting Rights page](#).
- ☐ If you have problems voting or have additional questions, please call the national, non-partisan Election Protection hotline:
 - English: 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)..." [Other languages also available.]"

"Legislation seeks to move Census deadline

analyzed in an effort by the federal agency to bring the timber to market. [READ MORE](#)"
from Alaska Public Media 9-17-20.

"Notice of Proposed Changes on Air Quality Control in the Regulations of the Alaska Dept of Environmental Conservation

...and the Fairbanks North Star Borough Non-Attainment Area... **proposed revisions to the State Air Quality Control Plan... re PM 2.5 Fine Particulate Matter ...[revising the] Serious State Implementation Plan (SIP)...**

Copies are available at

<http://dec.alaska.gov/air/anpms/communities/fbk-s-pm2-5-proposed-regulations/>;

Comment deadline is Oct. 29, 2020...

Public Hearing via teleconference

Thurs, Oct. 15 6-7:30pm by calling the Legislative Information Office: 844-586-9085...

Questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period...

To sign up for updates:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Home/Index/>. (No phone # given)

Excerpted from News-Miner 9/10/20.

Fort Wainwright Public Notice: Fifth 5-Year Review... of the environmental remedies implemented at [6 separate areas]... required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as the Superfund, and the National Contingency Plan... Drum Burial Site...Salvage Yard and Oil Water Separator... groundwater and soil... Landfill Plume and Power Plant Coal Storage Yard... Open Burning/Open Detonation Area,

intended to be recyclable - and the industry knew it."

"Law Enforcement **agencies must obtain a warrant before using a telephoto lens** to conduct aerial surveillance in Alaska, according to a recently released Alaska Court of Appeals ruling."

More about it in Daily News-Miner 9-10-20.

back to end of October

Alaska Representative Don Young introduced legislation that would restore the Census deadline to Oct. 31. Young said "billions" in federal funding is at risk if census-takers are unable to provide a thorough and accurate census count in Alaska. READ MORE"

from Alaska Public Media/Alaska News Nightly

Former...Fueling System... [This] Report will be completed Set. 29, 2021... [&] will be available for public review at Noel Wien Public Library and FtWW CERCLA Library... [For] questions or comments... please contact Brian Adams, Remedial Project Manager at 907-361-3001, brian.m.adams18.civ@mail.mil, or [others]..."

*from small-print notice in
Daily News-Miner 9-13-20.*

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

"Moose Picks ... Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of September 20, 2020.

Thank you, Heather, for another invaluable contribution to your insightful and comprehensive weekly presentation of the news as it relates to issues of peace, justice and sustainability, how they effect our community and those opportunities we have to affect the just, healthy, and peaceful world we so desperately need and desire.

Hello this is the Asymmetric Moose, Rob Mulford, with picks for the week of September 20, 2020. I have come to find it a bit strange and more than a little disconcerting that most of our local media (this station being the notable exception) takes announcements of the further militarization of our community as an invitation to breakout the Champaign and party poppers. As often is the case, I have picked a couple articles out of recent issues of the Fairbanks Daily News Miner as the catalyst of my musical picks of the week. The two that I have picked for this week fall into that celebration-come-darkly motif.

The first - appearing in the Sunday, September 13th edition titled ***"New wing commander says Eielson is on track to get all 54 F-35s by the end of 2021"*** is a congratulatory piece celebrating U.S. Air Force Col. David Berkland getting his ***"number one pick for wing command"***, **Wing Commander for the 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson Air Force Base**, with the exuberantly smiling colonel saying, "I knew that the flying up here was fantastic, the training was amazing, the landscape was beautiful, *[discounting possibly that part of the landscape that has been burned by bombing]* the people were friendly and super supportive." But, what really tickled his fancy was the challenge of his assignment; turning the training wing into a combat mission. As Col. Berkland explains it, "What comes along with that is really a change in mentality too, from a garrison mentality to a warfighting mentality and it's any commanders main job to establish the culture of an organization, which I am excited to do."

The second article was an editorial piece by the Washington Post's David Ignatius declaring: ***"In this election, the US military has our backs"***. Applauding the "U.S. Cyber Command's quiet pushing ahead with efforts it started two years ago to "defend forward" *[a sample of doublespeak that rings like War is Peace, Freedom is Slavery, Ignorance is Strength, and 2 + 2 = 5]* against Russian influence operations, which means getting inside Russian cybernetworks to detect and disrupt attacks." Efforts that Ignatius says will make it ""virtually impossible" for Russians or anyone else to

penetrate voting systems in the roughly 8,000 jurisdictions around the country.” Among the vague and unsubstantiated threats promulgated in the piece was this little gem of a perfunctory disclaimer, “Measuring Cyber Command’s success is impossible. We don’t know what the Russians or others are planning this year, or whether they’ve been deterred.”

From 2010 to 2013 I attended a series of conferences held by the Institute for Defense and Government Advancement, spanning a gamut of issues ranging from Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, to Special Operations, to Nontraditional Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance. Most of the presentations in these meetings were screened to remove the presence of media unaffiliated with the war industry. One of these, the Special Operations Summit, held in Tampa, Florida, Dec. 12th to the 14th 2011, centered largely on, guess what, *surprise*: the use of Social Media in the influence of populations to suit a Commanders Intent in the carrying out of U.S. Military operations. Consider carefully the following comments made by U.S. Marine Col. Michael Lewis at that conference,

“An Eastern European officer [*and I*] talked about radicalization and assimilation up in Dearborn, Michigan... We talked about the challenges of the Muslim faith assimilating into American culture. This officer said, ‘This is very interesting. I think it’s very important but it’s not my job. This what the civilians do and this what they think about and I just work for the civilians. So as a military officer it’s not my problem.’” Colonel Lewis continued, “Well, my first response to that was, ‘well that’s nice’. But then as I thought a little bit more, that’s a luxury that he as that we don’t have! Our military is going to be and will be involved in all aspects of preventing, resolving, and conducting conflict.”

And

“Another opportunity that I have in my position is taking a look at our future leaders in Washington. This is something if you’re from the DC area, you been there often you’ve seen a lot of our current leaders don’t have time to think. We’re they’re at if focused right now on problems of national policy. That will be it. No time to think. It’s a process that just continue roll. But we take guys off the train. We sit them down and we force them to think a little....”

Or take the following quote from SOC Commander Lieutenant General Bradley Heithold that I recorded at the ISR conference. After thanking Lockheed Martin and other corporations for providing him with technology that afforded him the power to hunt and kill people, he was asked what kept him awake at night. His reply was:

“terrorism and narco-terrorism” and “I can do a real good job hunting outside the continental United States but right now the law ties my hands, Congress ties my hands. I can’t do as good a job hunting here.”

Please take the time to think critically here, if indeed there exists an external threat to what remains of our “democracy” where is it most likely to reside: in that scary bear that our former part-time Governor Sarah Palin could see from her porch in Wasilla, or the entity that plans on stationing 54 nuclear weapon equipped F-35s at Eielson Air Force Base.

Colonel Berkland, like Major General Smedley Butler warned us 85 years ago, your operation is a racket. The indefatigable defender of human rights and dignity, *Buffy Sainte Marie agrees, in The War Racket.*

A few years ago I was visiting a friend of mine living at the Fairbanks Pioneers Home. Izzy was a Veteran suffering the late stages of Parkinson’s Disease and Non Hodgkin’s Lymphoma caused by his exposure to the defoliant Agent Orange in Vietnam. I had just pinned a ribbon on his shirt calling for justice for US service member and Vietnamese victims of Agent Orange when he started to shake and cry, holding onto my arm, he leaded please, please, please drop your gun young fella. I don’t want to run my bayonet through you, please! I stayed with Izzy until he calmed and fell asleep.

However, that was the last time that I got to speak with Izzy for he died a few days later. The next song is dedicated to Izzy Israel. *Kate Wolf sings Agent Orange.*

Today's last tune resonates in so many many ways. *Martha Scott Stey sings Ashes and Dreams.*

This is the Asymmetric Moose saying thank you for listening to the Alaska Peace Center's News and Opportunities for Action, worker's radio KWRK-LP 90.9 FM, and reminding you active duty service members and reservists: "experiencing trouble with your enlistment, considering conscientious objector status, or just in need of counseling from professionals trained in the UCMJ? (this includes you brother Berkland) Call the GI Rights Hotline at 877-447-4487 again that is the GI Rights Hotline at 877-447-4487.

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with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

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

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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...

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

THANK YOU!

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

VOTING INFORMATION. <https://www.elections.alaska.gov> <https://www.vote411.org/alaska>

Check your Alaska voter registration status - make sure you are registered where you think you are - at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/>
"Notice of Polling Place Changes - 2020 Primary Election, August 18. [INTERIOR ALASKA]

Temporary Polling Place Changes for District 01-465, Fbks #2: at Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center, 101 Dunkel St.

Distr 03-135, Chena Lakes: at North Pole Plaza 301 N Santa Claus Lane

Permanent changes for ALL future elections for. Distr 01-475, Fbks #4: to Ruth Burnett Sport Fish Hatchery, 1150 Wilbur St, Fbks

Distr. 06-170, Steele Creek: to Weller Elementary School, 635 Elementary Drive

Polling place hours... 7am - 8pm [election days] **Region III Elections Office:** 675 7th Ave, suite H3, Fbks, AK 99701... 907-451-2835."

Absentee voting is available and no excuse is required. The last day to request an absentee ballot is 10 days before the election. Voted ballots must be postmarked by Election Day in order to be counted.

If you are unable to vote in Alaska on Election Day, you can vote absentee:

- In person (available 15 days before an election)
- By mail (deadline for applying is 10 days before an election)
 - By fax (available 15 days before an election)
 - Online (available 15 days before an election)
- By personal representative (available 15 days before an election)

To get absentee ballots:

For State & Federal Elections: www.elections.alaska.gov, or akabsentee@alaska.gov, or call 877-375-6508 (toll-free in U.S.)

For Municipal Elections in Fairbanks North Star Borough, City of Fairbanks, & City of North Pole:

Fill out the application at <http://www.fnsb.us/bc/TempElectionDocuments/Absentee%20Ballot%20Application%20-%20fillable.pdf> by noon the day before the election, or 7 days prior if by mail; call the Borough Clerk for more information: 459-1401.

Covid-19 PandemicResources

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

Community COVID-19 Testing ...on Tuesdays, and Thursdays by APPOINTMENT ONLY.

You must call Public Health at 452-1776 for complete details and to schedule an appointment.

COVID-19 Hotline -(844-263-1849) - providing free legal help for COVID-related issues - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings from 6-8 pm

Covid information in Alaska Native languages from Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (in partnership with Native Peoples Action and AKPIRG).

<https://www.facebook.com/ANTHCtoday/videos/987691668341475/>

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).

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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

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

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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 (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>

Thomas McGhee - Term: 10/2019-10/2022; 1152 North Star Drive, N Pole, AK 99705; Cell Ph: 455-0010; Email: thomas.mcgee@northpolealaska.org

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

Santa Claus - Term: 10/2019 - 10/2022; PO Box 55122 (North Pole 99705); Email: santa.claus@northpolealaska.org

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

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

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

Mayor Michael Welch - Term 10/20018-10/2021. 125 Snowman Lane; t. 488-8584; fax 907-488-3002; michael.welch@northpolealaska.org

Agendas & Minutes at <https://www.northpolealaska.com/meetings>

Fairbanks North Star Borough -

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

Mindy O'Neill - Seat C; Mindy.Oneall@fnsb.us; 907-727-3887; term exp. 10/22

Aaron Lojewski - seat H; Aaron.Lojewski@fnsb.us; 907-978-1766; exp 10/20

Liz Lyke - seat F; Liz.Lyke@fnsb.us; 907-378-3727; exp 10/21

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

Christopher Quist - seat D - Deputy Presiding Officer; Christopher.Quist@fnsb.us; 907-687-5049; exp 10/20

Marna Sanford - seat A; msanford@fnsb.us; 907-546-7505; exp 10/21

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

Leah Berman Williams - seat G; Leah.Williams@fnsb.us; 907-347-4021; exp 10/21

To contact the full Assembly you may either send an email to assembly@fnsb.us, use the **Contact Full Assembly** contact form, or mail to

PO Box 71267, Fbks, AK 99707 99707

Written communications to individual Assembly Members regarding current matters before the Assembly

will be copied to the full Assembly.

Alaska State Legislature

legislative schedule and links to related at AKleg.gov: 5/3-5/17/20 Schedules often change.

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

'Chat with Legislative Information Staff – Monday-Friday between 8:30am and 4pm you will find a new chat interface in the lower right corner of AKLeg.gov. The LIO staff can help answer questions about finding things on the legislature's website, tracking legislation, and contacting legislators. Let us know how we can help you.'

Interior Alaska Legislators

Sen. Click Bishop - (R)Fairbanks District C - Juneau office: 907-465-2327. Tollfree: 800-336-7383 Email: senator.click.bishop@akleg.gov

Sen. John Coghill (R) North Pole Distr B - Juneau office: 907-465-3719. Tollfree: 877-465-3719 Email: senator.john.coghill@akleg.gov

Sen. Scott Kawasaki - (D) Fbks Distr A - Juneau office: 907-465-3466. Tollfree: 866-465-3466 Email: senator.scott.kawasaki@akleg.gov

Rep. Steve Thompson, majority leader (R)Fbks Distr 2 - JNU office: 907-465-3004. Toll free: 877-465-3004 Email: representative.steve.thompson@akleg.gov

Rep. Grier Hopkins (D) District 4 Fairbanks JNU office: 907-465-4457 Toll free: 800-928-4457 Email: representative.grier.hopkins@akleg.gov

Rep. Bart LeBon (R)Fbks Distr 1 - JNU office: 907-465-3709 Toll free: 877-665-3709. Email: representative.bart.lebon@akleg.gov

Rep. Dave Talerico (R)Healy Distr 6- JNU office: 907-465-4527 Tollfree: 800-491-4527 Email: representative.dave.talerico@akleg.gov

Rep. Mike Prax (R) North Pole Distr 3- Juneau office: 907-465-4797 Tollfree: 800-860-4797 Email: representative.mike.prax@akleg.gov

Rep. Adam Wool (D)Fnks Distr 5 - Juneau office: 907-465-4976 Tollfree: 866-465-4976 Email: representative.adam.wool@akleg.gov

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To leave comments for the President, call the **White House at 1-202-456-1111**.

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

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call Eielson Public Affairs, Active Duty at 907-377-2116, ext. 4, at which you will be asked questions on a form that the airman {airperson?} answering sends 'up line' and to which you are supposed to get a response. Duty Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Or go to <https://www.eielson.af.mil/About-Us/Units/Public-Affairs/> for updated email addresses, currently listed as:

Community relations: 354aw.pa.communityrelations@us.af.mil or Public Affairs Org. inbox: 354fw.pa.publicaffairs@us.af.mil