



## *Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of October 11, 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!*

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

Day, Date	Time	<u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u>	Where?
		<p><b>"October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Help raise awareness by learning about forced marriage, a form of domestic violence and human trafficking. Forced marriage is not the same as arranged marriage, where both spouses have the option of accepting or rejecting the arrangement. Forced marriages typically center on controlling unwanted behavior and female sexuality. This often leads to elevated levels of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse within these kinds of marriages," per End Slavery Now; "Click <a href="#">here</a> to learn more about the intersections between human trafficking and domestic violence more generally. If you or a loved one is currently enduring domestic violence, call <a href="tel:1-800-799-7233">1-800-799-7233 (SAFE)</a>."</b></p> <p><b>"October is Fair Trade Month! <a href="#">learn more!</a>"</b></p>	
<b>Sunday Oct. 11</b>	2-4pm	<b>LGBTQ+ Youth Summit! National Coming Out Day Open Mic. Free</b>	Register and Join <a href="https://bit.ly/2YFnOcG">https://bit.ly/2YFnOcG</a>
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Indigenous Peoples' Day State Holiday</b>	
<b>Oct. 12</b>	11 am	<p><b><a href="#">The University of Alaska Fairbanks Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration</a></b> ...to honor Alaska Native people, culture and knowledge. This year's theme is "Resiliency Through Hope and Love".</p> <p>More below, under "Justice"</p>	online at <a href="http://media.uaf.edu">media.uaf.edu</a> .
	12-1	<p><b><a href="#">Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration and Virtual Rally</a></b> Hosted by <a href="#">Defend the Sacred AK</a> and <a href="#">Native Movement</a> with special musical guests and discussions from Indigenous protectors across Alaska on topics of Land, Water, Food Justice; Gender Justice &amp; Healing; Police Brutality &amp; Systemic Racism.</p>	RSVP for the Event on Facebook Live
	5-6pm	<p><b>No Borders On Stolen Land Opening Reception</b> - International Juried Art Exhibition. Native Movement, Out North, Sol de Medianoche, and the Anchorage Democratic Socialists of America invited artists to respond to the ongoing humanitarian crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border and how the colonial construct of land borders has historically negatively impacted Indigenous groups on an international scale. Due to our current climate this exhibition is scheduled to be held entirely online. Selected artists will have the opportunity to give artist talks via online discussion platforms such as Zoom and Facebook Live.</p>	Online Event <a href="https://zoom.us/j/96460038098">https://zoom.us/j/96460038098</a> For more information... visit our website:

		Entries will be juried and selected based on technical application, originality and relevance to the theme of the show. Finalists will be invited to show their work in a four week online exhibition from October 12 - November 15, 2020... prizes will be awarded...	<a href="http://nbstolenland.com">nbstolenland.com</a>
	5 pm	<b>FNSB <u>TRAILS ADVISORY COMMISSION</u></b> Dial 888-475-4499 Webinar ID 923 1994 6839 or join <a href="#">via zoom</a>	<a href="#">via zoom</a>
	6-7pm	<b>Monthly IWW Fairbanks Mtg:</b> "Fellow Workers - please join us for the monthly Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Fairbanks meeting... All Wobblies (and recruit prospects) are welcome and encouraged to come." Info: <a href="mailto:iwwfbx@gmail.com">iwwfbx@gmail.com</a>	
	6:30 p	Fairbanks <a href="#"><u>City Council Meeting</u></a>	
<b>Tuesday Oct. 13</b>	12 noon	<b>Political Forums: Oct 6 &amp; 13 - State Legislature;</b> Oct. 27 - U.S. House & Senate. Hosted by greater Fbks chamber of commerce.	Live stream at <a href="http://fairbankschamber.org">fairbankschamber.org</a> .
	4-5 pm	<b>Can the Green New Deal help end factory farming?</b> Join the discussion! [via] panel discussion about the Green New Deal as a solution to the Big Meat problem. <a href="#">[Organic Consumers Association]</a> panelists will help you learn about the potential of a Green New Deal to transform our climate-destructive, corporate-controlled, factory farm system into an equitable family farm-based, regenerative system of farming and ranching. <a href="#">Can't join live? Register here anyway, and we'll send you a link you can watch anytime</a> <a href="#">Petition: It's Time for Radical Reform: No More Factory Farms!</a>	<a href="#">Register here to join via Zoom</a> or <a href="#">via Facebook</a>
	5 pm	<a href="#"><u>Peace Alliance Podcasts</u></a>	
	5:30pm	<a href="#"><u>Fbks Diversity Council Mtg</u></a>	
<b>Wednesday Oct. 14</b>	11:30a - 1 pm	<b>Arctic Resilience Forum - Food Security.</b> The online series seeks to engage a broad audience in conversations about how to build the resilience of Arctic communities and ecosystems across a variety of focus areas	<a href="#">Register here</a>
	7-9pm	<b>Alaska Common Ground Ballot Measure 2 Debate</b> ...featuring an overview of the important reforms in Ballot Measure 2, and panelists from both sides of the issue.	<a href="#">Register Now</a>
	8:50-10 am	<b>Global Network panel on “Campaigning to Keep Space for Peace”,</b> introduced and chaired by Professor Dave Webb (UK) with Professor Karl Grossman (US), Tamara Lorincz (Canada), Dr Aruna Kammila (India) and Bruce Gagnon (US). <a href="#">More details.</a>	
<b>Thursday Oct. 15</b>	6 -7:30 pm <i>Call before 6 pm</i>	Alaska Dept of Environmental Conservation <b>Public Hearing on Proposed Changes on Air Quality Control Regulations and Serious State Implementation Plan for the Fbks North Star Borough nonattainment area...</b> to demonstrate that the SIP will meet the annual 5% reduction in federal emission requirements identified in the Clean Air Act. See <a href="#"><u>2020 DEC Proposed Regulations &amp; SIP - Fairbanks North Star Borough Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) 2020 Amendment</u></a> Written questions much be received by Monday, Oct. 19. Comments must be received by Thurs, Oct. 29, 2020.	Call Legislative Information Office 1-844-586-9085.

		Contact Person: Rebecca Smith 907-465-5121 (in Juneau).	
<b>Oct. 15 &amp;16</b>		<b><u>Alaska Federation of Natives 2020 Convention "Good Government, Alaskans Decide"</u></b> - All Virtual -- TV, Radio, Livestream	
<b>Friday Oct 16</b>	7 pm; 8 pm	<b>Interior Alaska Senate &amp; House Candidate Forum</b> of <u>League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley</u> Up to 15 can attend at FNSB Assembly Chambers, 907 Terminal St; Masks & distancing required	livestreamed on KUAC FM 89.9
<b>Saturday Oct. 17</b>	10 am-12 pm	<b><u>Climate Action in 2020.</u></b> Hosted by Fairbank Climate Action Coalition. Semiannual gathering on Zoom.	
	11:30 am - 1 pm	<b><u>Greater Fairbanks NAACP General Membership Meeting</u></b> "We are now meeting online, please email us for details. "	
		<b>34<sup>th</sup> Annual Fairbanks International Friendship Day</b> virtual performances, and traditional food and clothing video. Will post the YouTube link <u>here</u> and hopefully it will appear in the Fairbanks Daily Newsminer in an article. For information call Rosalind Kan 474-0928.	YouTube post by Oct. 15
		<b>A21 Global Freedom Summit</b> - The global anti-trafficking organization A21 is hosting a one day virtual summit featuring thousands of modern-day abolitionists around the globe! Save the date. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about this meaningful event.	
		<b><u>After This Week</u></b>	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Alaska Day</b>	
<b>Oct. 18</b>	7-8pm	<b><u>Community Conversations: Intergenerational Trauma: The Impact on BIPOC* Communities</u></b> hosted by Alaska Black Caucus *Black, Indigenous, and People Of Color	online: <a href="https://forms.gle/ffRoAPx7EmZguhk9">https://forms.gle/ffRoAPx7EmZguhk9</a>
<b>Monday Oct. 19</b>		<b>Alaska Day Observed</b> - state holiday, a day off for the general population, and schools and most businesses are closed.	
		<b>Absentee In Person, EV, electronic transmission and Special Needs voting begins.</b> - <a href="https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/electiondatesandhours.php">https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/electiondatesandhours.php</a> For key election dates and times, visit the <u>Election Dates and Hours</u> webpage.	<u>Early and In-Person Absentee Voting Locations</u>
<b>Tuesday Oct.20</b>	8 am to 5 pm	<b>"Certified Food Protection Manager Training...</b> [to become] knowledgeable about food safety practices and uses this knowledge to provide consumers with safe food, protect public health and prevent foodborne illnesses. Alaska regulations require food establishments to have at least one CFPM on staff... offered by videoconference in Bethel, Fairbanks, Juneau, Palmer, Sitka, Unalaska and Valdez. The \$200 registration fee includes class, study guide and one proctored test. <b>Register ...by Oct. 9 so that there is sufficient time</b>	Registration link: <a href="https://bit.ly/30s1zwT">https://bit.ly/30s1zwT</a>

		<b>to mail your study guide to you.</b> Studying the book before class begins is encouraged so that you become familiar with the material and it helps to prepare for the exam. <b>Information:</b> Julie Cascio, Mat-Su/Copper River District Cooperative Extension Service Office, 907-745-3677 or <a href="mailto:jmcascio@alaska.edu">jmcascio@alaska.edu</a> "	
<b>Wednesday Oct. 21</b>	11:30a - 1 pm	<b>Arctic Resilience Conference - Renewable Energy.</b> The online series seeks to engage a broad audience in conversations about how to build the resilience of Arctic communities and ecosystems across a variety of focus areas	<a href="#">Register here</a>
	6:30 pm	<b>KWRK -LP 90.9FM weekly mtg</b> - Join us to find out about helping with programming, or to contribute material, short spots, or even have your own show, or just to voice your support for this all-volunteer radio station providing important news, views, and more not heard on corporate media!	contact <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a> for Zoom link,
<b>Thursday Oct. 22</b>	1 pm	<b>Climate, Care, and Community: Voting for a Just Transition</b> - 'Please join us as we talk about the history of voting and climate policy in our state. '	Zoom Meeting ID: 837 6979 7723
	3 pm	<b>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion webinar of LWWUS.</b> <a href="#">Register for upcoming webinars and listen to earlier discussions</a>	
	7 pm	<b>The Color of Money: A Discussion on Dark Money (the movie) and Lessons for Alaskans.</b> An open discussion facilitated by Bill Hall, <i>Alaska Common Ground</i> . DARK MONEY is an award-winning documentary "examining one of the greatest present threats to American democracy: the influence of untraceable corporate money on our elections and elected officials. The film takes viewers to Montana—a frontline in the fight to preserve fair elections nationwide—to follow an intrepid local journalist working to expose the real-life impacts of the US Supreme Court's Citizens United decision. Through this gripping story, DARK MONEY uncovers the ...vital truth of how American elections are bought and sold." Please preview the film. You can ... see it any time at <a href="https://www.darkmoneyfilm.com/personal-use">https://www.darkmoneyfilm.com/personal-use</a> .	To participate in the discussion, click on the link here: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtcCsqTorH9wKuMRCsWxQlQuW4DtU_R7r">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtcCsqTorH9wKuMRCsWxQlQuW4DtU_R7r</a>
<b>Saturday Oct.23</b>	Deadline	<b>Open Call for all Artists to Defend the Sacred</b> - <a href="#">Learn How to Participate and Share Everywhere!</a>	

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

Peace	Justice	Sustainability
<p><b>[Proposed]UN Resolution – Establishment of Ministries or Departments and other National Infrastructures for Peace...</b> As a collaborative initiative, <u>For Peace</u> is dedicated to an inclusive and participatory drafting</p>	<p><b>The University of Alaska Fairbanks Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration</b> will take place Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, at 11 a.m...to honor Alaska Native people, culture and knowledge. This year's theme is "Resiliency Through Hope and</p>	<p><b>Equinox Outages Affect KUAC FM &amp; TV</b> The autumnal equinox satellite sun fade outages will arrive in Alaska Oct. 8 and last until about Oct. 18. For 5 or 6 days in that window, KUAC's satellite dish antenna will experience brief mid-</p>

process and to consulting with diverse peacebuilding stake-holder groups. We aim to hear as many different voices as possible and to ensure that their experience, expertise, and knowledge informs the drafting and negotiation process of the resolution. Therefore, we welcome and appreciate your feedback, reflections, and concrete suggestions particularly on the issues related to your field of expertise. **Please also let us know if you and/or your organization supports the resolution.**"

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*from the Los Alamos Reporter*"The Los Alamos Study Group [last week held] an open-air citizens hearing on the planned expansion of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), including the new mission of industrial plutonium warhead core ("pit") manufacturing, and alternatives for the region ... For more information, visit <https://www.lasg.org/>"

*...where there are many links about nuclear weapons history and concerns, including:*  
**" • Safety Board finds LANL nuclear waste storage unsafe; safety bases of four nuclear facilities need revision; At least 2,000 containers of transuranic waste stored in fabric tents are unfit for WIPP,** press release, Oct 9, 2020"

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**"Dr. HELEN CALDICOTT: Small modular reactors — the next big thing?** Politicians debating nuclear power as an energy source, know little of the facts that make small modular reactors a bad idea..." *Read the analysis.*

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Love". We hope to continue to:  
---Share how the interconnectedness of Indigenous people, land and spirit — the love and the hope of a sustainable future — is what drives us to work together.  
---Spread public awareness of the histories, experiences and resilience of Indigenous peoples.  
"Alaska Native rights attorney, Heather Kendall-Miller will give the keynote address..."  
**"We need to hear you and see you!** Let's come together - students, staff, faculty, community members across the state - share with us!"

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**"Become an Election Defender** - With ...voter suppression already more rampant than ever, ...we are depending on you to ensure people are able to vote freely and safely.

[Sign up to be an Election Defender here.](#)

"Unlike traditional poll watchers, Election Defenders will be working to provide safe supports for voting (such as PPE and water), election & voter defense, de-escalating right-wing intimidation tactics, and signalling to a network of groups and lawyers if and where trouble breaks out."

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ACLU has an excellent "[Voting in the era of COVID-19... checklist.](#)"

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**"The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports Ballot Measure 2 and we encourage Alaskans to vote Yes on 2 this November.**

"... Ballot Measure 2 aligns well with the League's support for electoral methods that do the following:  
---Encourage voter participation and voter engagement  
---Encourage those with minority opinions to

day outages that occur as the satellite passes in front of the sun and the signal is momentarily lost. There could possibly be outages for several minutes in the early afternoons on some KUAC TV channels. For KUAC FM programming, the effects expected are during Tuesday, Oct. 13's Talk of Alaska [10-11 a.m.] and Wednesday, Oct. 14's Line One live broadcast shows from Alaska Public Media."

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**"NASA has chosen a smaller-scale clean-up of radioactive waste** at the site of an old San Fernando Valley nuclear testing lab...

'NASA now plans to walk away from cleaning up the great majority of the contamination, leaving it to migrate offsite," according to a statement from Rocketdyne Cleanup Coalition, which said it would leave 84% of the contamination untouched while half a million people live within 10 miles...

"In 1959, a nuclear reactor partially melted down..."

"NASA agreed [to a] binding deal... to clean the soil... to the most stringent standard... by 2017..." *Read the Ryan Carter/Tribune News Service article in the Oct. 5, 2020, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.*

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*from Northern Alaska Environmental Center:*  
**"Second lawsuit filed over Ambler road decision** - This week, five tribal governments and the Tanana Chiefs Conference filed a lawsuit challenging the Trump administration's recent go-ahead for the Ambler road project. "The decision whether to construct the Ambler road has huge implications for the people in the region as it could lead to multiple mining

*from Our Children's Trust:* "With [Supreme Court] confirmation hearings looming, you can contact your legislators today and ask them to ensure any nominee will uphold the constitutional rights of children. We ask that you reach out to Senate Judiciary Committee members and urge them to ask the judicial nominee questions on children's rights and the nominee's commitment to protecting our children and future generations. With just a few minutes of your time, you can help to ensure that important questions pertaining to the rights of our children are prioritized!"

**"Download our Supreme Court Nominee Action Toolkit [here](#) to get started."**

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#### ["Fact Sheet: Unlawful Militias in Alaska ...Is it legal to act as a private militia in Alaska?"](#)

No. All 50 states prohibit private, unauthorized militias and military units from engaging in activities reserved for the state militia, including law enforcement activities. The Alaska Constitution forbids private military units from operating outside state authority, providing that, "[t]he military shall be in strict subordination to the civil power." Alaska Const. art. I, § 20.

#### **"Does the Second Amendment protect private militias?"**

No. In fact, the Supreme Court decided in 1886—and repeated in 2008—that the Second Amendment “does not prevent the prohibition of private paramilitary organizations.” *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570, 621 (2008) (citing *Presser v. Illinois*, 116 U.S. 252 (1886)). *“from Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection, Georgetown Law,*

participate, including under-represented communities  
---Are verifiable and auditable  
---Promote access to voting  
---Maximize effective votes/minimize wasted votes  
**---Promote sincere voting over strategic voting**  
---Implement alternatives to plurality voting  
---Are compatible with acceptable ballot-casting methods, including vote-by-mail"

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*from Alaska Just Transition Collective:* "Use The Alaska Center's [My Plan to Vote Worksheet](#) [& [Alaska Get Out The Native Vote Toolkit](#)]"

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**"Will Anyone Help Save America's Small Businesses?** When COVID-19 hit...it looked like the government's Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) would help them through this. Thousands of small businesses applied for loans. But ... Companies tied to the president's relatives and associates (e.g., private jet companies, country clubs, even Kanye West) got bailed out with millions in government loans. Mom and pop businesses? They got turned down and were told that there was just not enough money left.

"Do you know someone who works at, or runs a small business? [Send them this video](#) and make sure that everyone you know is registered and has a plan to vote safely and early!"

*from Brave New Films*

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**Ballot Measure #1, Alaska's Fair Share Act:** A recent [debate](#) in an [online event hosted by Alaska Common Ground](#), are available at these links. Also ["Background Information on Ballot Measure 1."](#)

projects in the area which could harm the health of the people and wildlife resources, and potentially open the entire country to easy access from the road system," said Victor Joseph, chief of Tanana Chiefs Conference, [quoted in Anchorage Daily News](#). "The concerns about these issues were not addressed by any of the government entities involved in the decision to approve the road."

"This is the second lawsuit aiming to reverse this irresponsible and rushed decision, joining the one The Northern Center filed in August. [Read more about this and our other current litigation here.](#)"

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#### **Job Opportunities**

The Alaska Center is looking for a **Youth Civic Engagement Coordinator** to start in January

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**Northern Alaska Environmental Center** search is underway for **Executive Director** candidates, and we're asking for your help sharing with your networks. [Read more here, and pass on to anyone you think might be a good fit!](#)

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**The Interior Alaska Land Trust is hiring a Conservation Coordinator**

[interioroaklandtrust@gmail.com](mailto:interioroaklandtrust@gmail.com)  
[www.interioroaklandtrust.org](http://www.interioroaklandtrust.org)

**:: Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition job openings.** FCAC is hiring an Interfaith Organizer, a Communications Coordinator, and a Renewable Energy Organizer. [See full job descriptions here.](#)

which also produced "a [toolkit](#) discussing legal principles, best practices, and creative solutions upon which local jurisdictions may draw to protect public safety while respecting constitutional rights during rallies, protests, and other public events."

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**"Be A Poll Worker"** Go to [this link](#) to find out what it takes.

**.. Green Star Hiring Executive Director.**  
Applicants can send their resumé and cover letter to [art@iagreenstar.org](mailto:art@iagreenstar.org). . The position will remain open until filled.

### *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 October 11, 2020:***

*If your constitution is anything like mine, you may recently have found yourself: hesitating before opening the door to your US Postal Service incoming mail receptacle, for the dread of being caught in an explosive onslaught of menacing looking of 8 x 11 inch glossy cardstock; or reluctant to consume what could be a course of thoughtful critical discourse, for fear that you may yet again fall prey to a like ambush, this time coming from some expensive piece of real estate in your local paper. These fusillades generally consist of a series of trigger-word bombs evoking, directly or indirectly, capital's favorite bugbear, that scary s-word, "Socialism". Oh, oh, there I said it, Socialism, and it isn't even safe harbor hours, oh my! Trouble is, folks that are often attacked for being socialists, say Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer, Al Gross, or Alyse Galvin are not even socialists. Take it from someone who has carried his red party membership card for over a decade now, yours truly. Also, after having taken the effort to forgo trigger words, and actually digest what the socialist are saying, you may find yourself joining on the bandwagon.*

*The next tune was written a couple Presidential elections ago, when those same purveyors of deception were bombarding us with yet another barrage of glossy cardstock. David Rovics sings about it in, If Only It Was True.*

*Speaking of perusing the pages of our local paper for critical content and thoughtful discourse, a Community Perspective appearing in this past Friday's Daily News Miner, by Professor Herb Schroeder might seem to fill the bill. In the piece Dr. Schroeder states,*

*"The Alaska Native and Science and Engineering Program has been guiding Alaska Native People and other Alaskans to success in our state's resource development industry for 25-plus years... the support that ANSEP has received from the oil and gas industry has been unwavering.*

*The industry's commitment to Alaskans is something we can count on. Unfortunately, the industry hasn't received the same consistency when it comes to Alaska's tax structure. Their future investment in the state is in question as Alaskans vote this November on whether to change the oil tax structure yet again...*

*...Alaska's resource industries have provided financial support as well as internships opportunities for the ANSEP students for more than 25 years.*

*ExxonMobil is also the founding partner for the ANSEP Acceleration Academy, where students graduate from high school with two years or more of college completed, thereby saving the state and families thousands of dollars per student. Acceleration academy is a model we can adopt for every student in Alaska to reduce costs for the state and dramatically improve outcomes. This is transformational. What parent does not want their student to leave high school with years of college completed? Over the last decade, thousands of new students joined the ANSEP community as part of these*

industry-supported components...

... If you work hard, there are top-tier companies waiting to hire you so you can guide our state's future. Our partner companies provide learning opportunities for ANSEP students now and the promise of economic stability for the future...

... To put the future of the industry in jeopardy is to do the same to these students futures. That is why I am voting no on Ballot Measure 1 – it is how we vote for a bright future for our state and our young people. ”

I have just a few questions to interject at this juncture.

If indeed the industry has been providing such “unwavering” support for our education system for 25 years – a support I might venture that is specifically geared toward that industry and its profits – how is it that they were able to contribute this fine bit of selfless commitment for the two decades that preceding the passage of the Oil Tax Giveaway SB21?

If the “Acceleration Academy is a model we can adopt for every student in Alaska to reduce costs for the state and dramatically improve outcomes”, who is going to foot the bill, the oil companies, have the footed the entire costs of said programs to date? Will they cover all disciplines, the Humanities, the Arts inclusive?

If the oil industry has been such a godsend to our education system, how is it that we are haggling over the legalities of taking out bonds to cover the giveaways / credits already promised these wondrous benefactors whilst we struggle to foot the costs of providing the educational needs for our K through 12 grades and University?

Maybe we should recover those loses that we suffered at the passage of SB21 and invest some of our just revenues toward education, K through Ph.D. Let those smart young folks on the hill find us a path through the storms and conflagrations of global climate change, thus putting to rest the connivances of the fossil fuel oligarchs.

You know I gotta admit, it sucks just how topical this song remains since its release 10 years ago. Next Steve Forbert sings, *The Oil Song*

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 out there: “Are you experiencing trouble with your enlistment, considering conscientious objector status, or just in need of counseling from professionals trained in the Uniform Code of Military Justice? Call the GI Rights Hotline at 877-447-4487 again that is the GI Rights Hotline at 877-447-4487. The call may save you a lot of grief, might even save your life.

Wage Peace.”

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-- theme music clips from *Peace, Salaam, Shalom* by Emma's Revolution; and from *Peace Is* by Fred Small  
--*Stop Children, What's That Sound*, sung by Buffalo Springfield  
-- *Give the People the Right to Vote* by Sweat Honey in the Rock

***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.

*Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome via [alaskapeacenews@gmail.com](mailto:alaskapeacenews@gmail.com). Inclusion in this newsletter does not necessarily constitute endorsement by Alaska Peace Center..*

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If you shop at Fred Meyer, you can choose for fredmeyer donations equal to 1% of what you spend, to go to Alaska Peace Center;

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](http://www.alaskapeace.org)

**THANK YOU!**

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

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### **VOTING INFORMATION.** <https://www.elections.alaska.gov> <https://www.vote411.org/alaska> [Your Vote Matters](#)

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.elections.alaska.gov), or [akabsentee@alaska.gov](mailto: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/>

**COVID-19: Mental Health Help** - The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services plans to distribute \$750,000 in Federal relief funding to respond to the increased need for mental health services during the COVID-19 pandemic. The money will be used to:

- Prevent suicide and substance abuse;
- Expand access to the statewide crisis call center;
- Train behavioral health providers;
- Facilitate community planning and training.

**The Alaska Legal Service Corporation's COVID-19 Small Business/Nonprofit Legal Clinic** is an opportunity for Alaska's small businesses and nonprofits with 50 or fewer employees impacted by the COVID-19 crisis to receive free legal advice during a 45-minute remote consultation with a volunteer attorney.

A link for small businesses to register for a free consultation can be found [here](https://www.alsc-law.org/covid-small-business-clinic/) (<https://www.alsc-law.org/covid-small-business-clinic/>).

*from Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson*

Fun video about how N95 masks work: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAdanPfQdCA>

**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).*

[cityclerk@fairbanks.us](mailto:cityclerk@fairbanks.us)

[dpruhs@fairbanks.us](mailto:dpruhs@fairbanks.us)

[jcleworth@fairbanks.us](mailto:jcleworth@fairbanks.us)

[jmatherly@fairbanks.us](mailto:jmatherly@fairbanks.us)

[jrogers@fairbanks.us](mailto:jrogers@fairbanks.us)

[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 Therrien - 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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#### **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.mcghee@northpolealaska.org](mailto:thomas.mcghee@northpolealaska.org)

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

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

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

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

**Perry Walley** - Term: 10/2018 - 10/2021; 659 W 5th Ave; Cell Phone: 347-0135; Email: [perry.walley@northpolealaska.org](mailto: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](mailto:michael.welch@northpolealaska.org)

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

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#### **Fairbanks North Star Borough -**

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

**Mindy O'Neal** - Seat C; [Mindy.Oneall@fnsb.us](mailto:Mindy.Oneall@fnsb.us); 907-727-3887; term exp. 10/22

**Aaron Lojewski** - seat H; [Aaron.Lojewski@fnsb.us](mailto:Aaron.Lojewski@fnsb.us); 907-978-1766; exp 10/20

**Liz Lyke** - seat F; [Liz.Lyke@fnsb.us](mailto:Liz.Lyke@fnsb.us); 907-378-3727; exp 10/21

**Jimi Cash** - seat E - [Jimi.Cash@fnsb.us](mailto:Jimi.Cash@fnsb.us); 907-799-2692; exp 10/20

**Christopher Quist** - seat D - Deputy Presiding Officer; [Christopher.Quist@fnsb.us](mailto:Christopher.Quist@fnsb.us); 907-687-5049; exp 10/20

**Marna Sanford** - seat A; [msanford@fnsb.us](mailto:msanford@fnsb.us); 907-546-7505; exp 10/21

**Frank Tomaszewski** - seat B; [Frank.Tomaszewski@fnsb.us](mailto:Frank.Tomaszewski@fnsb.us); 907-347-2968; exp 10/22

**Leah Berman Williams** - seat G; [Leah.Williams@fnsb.us](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:representative.adam.wool@akleg.gov)

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To express your preferences on issues to any of Alaska's **Congressional delegation**, you can call the Capitol switchboard at **1-202-224-3121**.

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](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

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### **MILITARY NOISE - Interior Alaska Concerned Residents with noise complaints are encouraged to contact:**

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](mailto:354aw.pa.communityrelations@us.af.mil) or Public Affairs Org. inbox: [354fw.pa.publicaffairs@us.af.mil](mailto:354fw.pa.publicaffairs@us.af.mil)