



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of October 25, 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.]

"The first **free and open-to-anyone COVID-19 testing station** is open and operational in Fairbanks.

The **drive-thru** station is located in an ATCO unit in the [long-term] **parking lot of the Fairbanks International Airport ...**

Open **without the need for an appointment or referral seven days a week from 10 am to 4 pm** and will be running for the next month at least...

The patient will ...administer the nasal swab themselves..." reported by Erin McGroarty/[News-Miner 10-14-20](#)

Day, Date	Time	<u><i>This Week Opportunities for Action</i></u>	Where?
		<p>"October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. "If you or a loved one is currently enduring domestic violence, call 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE)." "How can we rethink our strategies on justice?" Read more at this link.</p> <p>"October is Fair Trade Month! learn more! "</p>	Traveler Information Page.
Sunday Oct. 25	9 am	Ralph Nader Radio Hour features Greg Palast, investigative reporter, reports on hundreds of thousands of voters wrongly purged and other hundreds of thousands of votes wrongly disqualified. Check your voter registration; reregister at myvoterinformation.alaska.gov . Repeats on Monday at 2pm & Tuesday 1 am	KWRK-LP 90.9FM or kwrk.org .
	12-2pm	<u>Rooted in Spirit for Right Action— Nonviolence and Social Change Workshop</u> This workshop will cover ways participants can prepare and respond to the many challenges surrounding the upcoming US elections, including de-escalation skills and active bystander basics.	via zoom REGISTER HERE
	4:30pm	Counterspin provides an excellent, concise description of ' fracking ' and the issues that surround it, with Food & Water Watch's Mitch Jones; plus analysis of the "war on drugs" roots of the murder of Breonna Taylor. <i>Counterspin</i> is produced by the national media watch-group FAIR - Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting, Inc. It also broadcasts on Wednesdays at 7:30am, Fridays at 6:30pm, and Saturdays at 10:30am.	KWRK-LP 90.9FM or kwrk.org Also any time at https://fair.org/
Monday Oct. 26	4 pm	<u>Do Whales Judge Us?</u> Virtual presentation Dr. Bathsheba Demuth, Assistant Professor of Environment and Society & History at Brown University, will be speaking (remotely) at the invitation of the Honors College and the Climate Scholar Program to UAF. Dr. Demuth's research integrates natural and social/cultural histories of Arctic peoples and their relationship to their environments. Her remarkable book, <i>Floating Coast: An Environmental History of the Bering Strait</i> , has won countless awards...	RSVP here.

	4 - 5pm	University of Alaska Board of Regents will hear Public Testimony via statewide audio teleconference. For info: http://www.alaska.edu/bor/public-testimony/	
	6 pm	Get Out The Vote Bingo Night! - In 2018, Alaska's voter turnout was just 49.8%. Now more than ever, we must make sure all Alaskans are heard in our political process. Join Fireweed Collective and The Alaska Center Education Fund and make sure Alaska turns out to vote by November 3. We will be offering a variety of activities (texting friends, social media posts, phone banking) to encourage our communities to vote. To spice it up, we will be playing phone bank bingo: Make a friend on the phones? Mark off a square. Get talked at for over 15 mins? Mark off a square. "Unprecedented times?" Points for you. There will be prizes for bingo winners, as well as a door prize raffle for all participants.	Register now to join us on Zoom >>
	6:30 pm	Golden Valley Electric Association (co-operative) monthly board mtg - open to the public via Microsoft Teams and/or telephone. Agenda is posted at gvea.com/boardmeetings . As a courtesy, management asks members interested in attending to notify the co-op's executive admin assistant at 907-458-5721 prior to the meeting.	(see instructions) t. 1(833)851-7240 access code:591-168-256#
	6:30 pm	Fairbanks City Council Meeting Agenda includes Citizens' Comments, Certification of 2020 Regular Election Results and Seating of Newly Elected Council Members, written communications from... Fbks Diversity Council Mtg. minutes... Police & IBEW Labor Negotiation Strategies in executive session. how to provide testimony and stay connected with the City Council during the COVID-19 pandemic	
	9:30pm	"Represent" on Independent Lens: Three women attempt to reshape politics	KUAC TV ch.9
Tuesday Oct.27	9am-12 noon	Invasive Species Workshop - panel discussion highlights science, management, planning, identifying emerging issues statewide. free. Info: Gina G at 907-786-6315 or gagraziano@alaska.edu .	www.uaf.edu/ces/invasives/conference .
	12 noon	Political Forums: Oct. 27 - U.S. House & Senate. Hosted by greater Fbks chamber of commerce. Live stream at	fairbankschamber.org .
	1 pm	Energy Awareness for Alaskans —FREE CLASSES Oct. 27-30 <i>Tuesday, 10/27, noon - 1 p.m.</i> Save energy, save money and stay comfortable this winter with proven methods to unlock energy savings in the home and on the road. <i>Wednesday, 10/28, noon - 1 p.m.</i> - Weatherization of your home is one of the most cost-effective ways to save you money in winter and summer! Learn what you can do to keep your home cozy. <i>Thursday, 10/29, noon - 1 p.m.</i> Learn to generate your own heat and power to supplement your lighting and space heating use. <i>Friday, 10/30, noon - 1 p.m.</i> - Storing electricity is becoming easier with off-the-shelf battery systems, and storing heat with thermal mass has been used effectively for centuries. Join us to find out if these systems will work for you! Disability accommodation requests should be made 5 business days in advance alnashjr@alaska.edu .	Register once and attend any or all classes in this free series: http://bit.ly/EnergyAwareness2020
	3-4pm	Defending the Elections with Nonviolence Find out how 6,000+ Election Defenders have trained in nonviolent de-escalation and active bystander skills to deal with any intimidation at the polls. Hear how	via zoom REGISTER

		Choose Democracy, Hold the Line, and many others are working together ... Free	
	3:30-5:30pm	<u>Prepare and breathe: Bystander intervention and de-escalation training:</u> One way to help keep our communities safe is by having lots of people around the country showing up to the polls, protests, and other public places with skills in bystander intervention and de-escalation tactics. Join AFSC for a training on proven techniques for countering violence, whether it comes from a single person or a group of people.	
	5-6:30 pm	Jim Kowalsky, a founder and first executive director of the Fairbanks Environmental Center, now known as the Northern Alaska Environmental Center, will be honored with this year's <u>Lifetime Achievement Award by the Alaska Conservation Foundation.</u>	<u>tune in and join the award ceremony</u>
	4-5:50 pm	Join for the regular meeting of the FCAC Interfaith Working Group! Email working group liaison, Charley Basham at charley.basham@gmail.com for the zoom link to join and to get regular updates.	
	6-7:30 pm	<u>Policy and Politics Working Group Mtg</u> - Researching & advocating for policy solutions to climate change at a local, state, & national level. Focused now on a policy platform for climate justice in Alaska!	
Wednesday Oct. 28	5:30-7:30pm	<u>Keep It In the Ground Working Group mtg</u>	zoom link
	7:30 -9 am	<u>Human Health and Pandemics</u> - Arctic Resilience Forum online series will engage the broadest audience possible in conversations about how to build the resilience of Arctic communities and ecosystems	<input type="checkbox"/> RSVP to event
	6:30-7:30pm	Interior Alaska Land Trust (IALT) Annual mtg. - "We will be sharing what we have been up to, as well as sharing some future plans. This is open to all, and we encourage you to stop by! If you'd like to attend, please send us a message and we will provide you the info you need to join/listen." t.907-322-3462	zoom
Thursday Oct. 29	9 - 11am 1-3pm	University of Alaska Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents will hear Public Testimony via statewide audio teleconference. The committee will review and recommend items to the full board for approval during its Nov 5-6, 2020, meeting. The Facilities and Land Management Committee ...will review and recommend... These mtgs are open to the public (except exec sessions)... Agendas will be at www.alaska.edu/bor/ . For more info or if reasonable accommodations are needed please contact Ms Brandi Berg, Board of Regents' Office, 9070450-8010 or ua-bor@alaska.edu .	
	deadline	Comments are due [on The Serious Air Quality SIP] and you can find information about how to <u>comment here</u> . If you want to submit comments via email, you can send them to <u>dec.air.comment@alaska.gov</u> . If you are preparing written comments, please send them to Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Conservation, P.O. Box 111800, Juneau, Alaska 99811-1800 Attn: Rebecca Smith	more below under "Sustainability"
	5 -7 pm	(Fbks area surface transportation) <u>FAST Planning Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Web Conference</u> Main Agenda Items Include: *Non-Motorized Plan Update; *5 th Avenue Reconstruction Project Update; *Lacey Street Reconstruction Stakeholder Meetings Update; *Election of Chair and Vice Chair; *Bicycles and Lane Use in Alaska – Guest Presentation by DOT&PF; *New NCHRP "Guidance	www.fastplanning.us/keepup/zoom

		to Improve Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety at Intersections'; *Winter Maintenance of Non-Motorized Paths	
Friday Oct 30		UAF Cooperative Extension Service is looking at options for possibly offering the Master Gardener course virtually . We'd like to solicit input from folks (statewide) to see what the interest level and feedback is to that end. Please consider taking the short survey at the link below. Feedback is requested by Oct. 30. Questions: DeShana York Phone: 907-786-6330	http://bit.ly/UAFMasterGardenerClassSurvey
		<u><i>After This Week</i></u>	
Sunday Nov. 1		<u><i>John Dear's Peace Podcast</i></u> On the first day of each month, Peace Bene posts a free, new podcast reflecting on some aspect of nonviolence. Accessible any time. Free.	internet: John Dear's Peace Podcast
		<u><i>Application Deadline for Sky Blue Leadership Programmes.</i></u> Sky Blue is an online leadership programme for people who are working on our environmental challenges...	
Monday Nov. 2	5:50pm	Renewable Energy working group mtg	zoom link 'to follow'
Tuesday	Nov. 3	Election Day!	
Friday Nov. 6		<u>Folk School Fall Fundraiser and Online Auction Nov. 6-14</u> at https://folk.scool . Virtual kickoff event on Saturday, November 7th with special live demo (more information coming soon). We are currently seeking local artists to submit auction items for this event! Please submit your work by October 30th. Questions? Contact Kerri Hamos: kerri@folk.school or 907-457-1219	

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

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Absentee EARLY* and In-Person Voting Locations & Times in Interior Alaska:

***Region III Elections Office (STATE OFFICE BLDG, FAIRBANKS), 675 7th AVE SUITEA2:**

8-5 M-F 10/19-11/3, 10-4 Sat 10/24 & 10/31, 12-4 Sun 10/25 & 11/1, 7a-8p T 11/3

***UAF WOOD CENTER** 811 Yukon Dr: 8-5 M 11/2, 7a-8p T 11/3

FAI - Fbks Internat'l Airport 6450 Airport Way, by baggage claim: 7a-8p T 11/3

Allakaket Tribal Office: 1-5p M-F 10/19-11/2; Arctic Village Tribal Office 9-5 M-F 10/19-11/2; Beaver Tribal Council 8-5 10/19-11/3
Bettles Fire Station M-F 10/19-11/3 as needed; Chalkyitsik Village Council Office 8-5 10/19-11/3; Circle Tribal Office 4-7 as needed 10/20-11/2

Delta church at 1760 Richardson Hwy 1-6p Tues & Thurs 10/19-11/2; Eagle Tribal Office 1-4 T-Th 10/19-11/2;

Fort Yukon City Office 9-5 M-F 10/20-11/2; Galena City Office 8-5 M-F 11/19-11/2; Denali Borough Clerk's Office 9-4 M-Th 10/19-11/2

Hughes City Office 8-5 M-F 10/19-11/2; Huslia City Office 8-5 M-F 10/19-11/2; Kaltag City Office 9-5 M-F 10/19-11/2

Koyukuk City Office 8-5 M-F 10/20-11/2; McGrath City Office 8-5 M-F 10/20-11/2; Nenana City Office 723 A St 10-5 T-F 10/19-11/2

Nikolai City Office 8-5 M-F 10/19-11/2; Northway Council Office 8-4 M-F 10/19-11/2; Rampart Council Office 10/19-11/3 as needed

Ruby City Office 9-5 M-F 10/20-11/2; Takotna Council Office 8-5 M-F 10/19-11/2; Tanana City Office 10-4 M-F 10/19-11/2

Tok Library 12-4 Th-Sun 10/19-11/2; Venetie - at Alberta Erick's 12-5 M-F 10/19-11/2

Peace

"The U.S. post-9/11 wars have forced at least 37 million people to flee their homes," per David Vine & the "20 Years of War" research series, which also found that 800,000 civilians and combatants have been killed directly, and 3-4 million indirect deaths have been caused, per conservative estimates. #creatingrefugees
You can watch his seminar Creating Refugees: Displacement Caused by the Post-9/11 Wars
It also includes the Smithsonian map of "Where we fight" - 80 countries around the world where U.S. is at war.

from WinWithoutWar.org "The D.C. Metropolitan Police Department has reportedly been stockpiling long-range tear-gas projectiles and pepper spray since June, in 'preparations for possible civil disturbance for the rest of the year.'[1]

"Let's be clear: *tear gas is a chemical weapon* — it causes immediate, intense pain and longer term effects include chemical burns, blindness, and even death due to the resulting asphyxiation. That's why the Chemical Weapons Convention and Geneva Protocol BANNED the use of tear gas in warfare. But these agreements have a critical, gaping exception: they don't apply to domestic law enforcement.

"If tear gas is too dangerous for the battlefield, there is NO justification for police using it against people exercising their constitutional right to assemble in our cities.

"Tell Representative Young: Support a ban on the use of tear gas by domestic law enforcement!"

Justice

4 items from Native Movement 10-23-20:

"Urgent Action Needed TODAY - Send your Letters to Senators Sullivan & Murkowski

Four years ago, Sen. Sullivan spoke against President Obama's nomination of Judge Merrick Garland: "The decision to withhold advancement of Mr. Garland's nomination isn't about the individual, it's about the principle. Alaskans, like all Americans, are in the midst of an important national election. The next Supreme Court justice could fundamentally change the direction of the Court for years to come. Alaskans deserve to have a voice in that direction through their vote, and we will ensure that they have one."

"Senator Murkowski stated only a few weeks ago that she would not would not support a confirmation vote to fill the current Supreme Court vacancy before the November 3rd election.

"Alaskans need our Senators to stand by their word and principles: Vote No on confirming Judge Barrett to the United States Supreme Court.

**"Banner Drops Across the Continent This Week
Sacred Lands Not For Sale • Stop Arctic Oil
Extraction**

"This week in London, Washington D.C, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Phoenix, Houston, Dallas, Los Angeles, Seattle, Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks, Indigenous rights groups, leaders and allies unveiled large banners in solidarity with our fight to #ProtectTheArctic

"Follow @defendthesacredak for more photos from the day of action and get involved TODAY // follow and support @silainuat @ourarcticrefuge #InupiatGwichinSolidarity.

"Take Action to Protect The Arctic"

"The THRIVE Agenda, supported by 200 grassroots organizations (including Native Movement) and 83 members of Congress, is a

Sustainability

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center:
"Together we can clean up our Fairbanks air

Current modeling shows that Fairbanks PM2.5 pollution can be cut in half by 2024 if we all continue to make good choices when it comes to burning wood. We need to continue to avoid burning on bad air days and seriously consider switching from No. 2 to No. 1 heating fuel.

"The State's Serious SIP (State Implementation Plan) is again open for comment with a single proposed change: **if PM2.5 levels are not headed in the right direction, the new proposed contingency measure lowers the threshold for burn bans from 30 to 25 micrograms of PM2.5 per cubic meter.**"

"Alaska Department of Fish and Game and The Conservation Fund announced that **530 acres has been acquired for anticipated addition to the Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl State Game Refuge** in Fairbanks, Alaska. As part of the State Refuge System, the property provides wetland habitat for waterfowl and wildlife, and access to the public for recreational hunting, birdwatching, skiing and dog mushing." from Friends of Creamer's Field.

from Our Children's Trust: "After a hotly contested nearly decade-long battle, the Oregon Supreme Court today ruled against Ollie Chernaik and Kelsey Juliana, youth plaintiffs in Chernaik v. Brown. Writing in a powerful dissent, Chief Justice Martha Walters of the Oregon Supreme Court recognized the "ravages of climate change" and affirmed **"the judicial branch has an important constitutional role to play and should declare the governing law."**

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"The big moment is finally here: the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) just reached the 50 ratifications needed for entry into force! Just now, Honduras ratified the treaty - only one day after Jamaica and Nauru submitted their ratifications - bringing about a historic milestone. **In 90 days the TPNW will enter into force and become binding international law!**

Celebrate the news with us! Let the entire world know nuclear weapons are illegal now!

[Share on Twitter](#) [Share on Whatsapp](#)

[Share on Facebook](#) [Share by email](#)

from International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

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Tell the Defense Secretary and Joint Chiefs of Staff: Refuse Any Order by Trump to Interfere with the Election - President Trump has made it clear that he will not accept losing the election. As commander in chief at the top of the chain of command, he could attack democracy by ordering some form of interference. Please... sign this petition:

To: Secretary of Defense Mark Esper and the Joint Chiefs of Staff

You have a legal, constitutional, and moral responsibility to refuse to comply with any and all attempts by President Trump to interfere with the 2020 presidential election."
from WorldBEYONDWar

"Will voters have a chance to correct a

roadmap to a just recovery from the climate crisis, racial injustice, and a global pandemic.
#TimeToThrive

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"#AKVotes Election Protector - Volunteer Interest Form - [APPLY HERE](#) - **Election Protectors are registered Alaskan voters who will be working to support a safe and fair election process for all Alaskans.**

As an Election Protector you will:

- Provide safe assistance for voting (such as PPE and water)
- Witness and record irregularities occurring at polling places and counting centers
- Alert the election protection team if any issues prevent folks from voting
- Offer assistance to voters who have questions about their voting rights

Election Protectors are required to attend a 2-hour online training. Election Protectors will receive a \$125 stipend per day for up to 4 days. These volunteer roles are only open to registered Alaska voters.

This is a collaboration by Alaska Public Interest Research Group, Alaska Community Action on Toxics, Native Peoples Action Community Fund, and The Alaska Center Education Fund"

"Some Alaskans are refusing to quarantine because they won't get paid if they don't work

The issue is raising concern among state and local public health leaders, who say the issue threatens their ability to contain the spread of the virus amidst surging cases. [READ MORE"](#)

from Alaska Public Media

"Campaign to unseat Alaska Supreme Court justice gets \$10K donation from Outside

A campaign to unseat Alaska Supreme Court Justice Susan Carney is being pushed by conservative Christian voices in Anchorage who disagree with the justice's opinions on abortion, the Permanent Fund dividend, and due process rights.

"Current Status: The case is currently pending in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, awaiting a ruling on the plaintiffs' en banc petition for rehearing."

""YOUTH v GOV", the film about the incredible 21 youth plaintiffs in *Juliana v. United States*, will have its world premiere online at the prestigious DOC NYC Film Festival on November 11, 2020 and tickets are going quickly! "

"Notice of Proposed Issuance of an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit to Discharge To Waters of the U.S... from Large and Small Construction Activities... The ADEC [AK Dept of Environmental Conservation] proposes to reissue ...the permit... [which] sets conditions on the discharge of pollutants from construction projects to waters of the United States. In order to ensure protection of water quality and human health, the permit describes control measures that must be used to control the types and amounts of pollutants that can be discharged from construction activities.

Mixing Zone: None...

"Public Comments: Written comments or requests for a public hearing... must be submitted **[by Nov. 16, 2020]**....

"[Information is] available for public review at the ADEC offices... in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Soldotna, and Wasilla. Please contact the office of your choice to arrange for... the documents to be available for your review... 610 University Ave, Fairbanks: 451-2100...

"...also from the website <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater>. .."
from news-miner 10-16-20 Public Notices

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mistake if they fail to sign and provide an identifier on their envelope?

No... An Anchorage Superior Court judge recently rejected a request that the state quickly notify voters if they fail to sign or provide identifying information on their mailed ballots, saying that wouldn't follow state law.

"Voters will be notified if their absentee ballot was rejected within 60 days of the certification of elections results. Since the target for certifying the results is Nov. 25, this will be in late January.

"What's the deadline for mailing an absentee ballot? The envelope must be postmarked by Election Day, Nov. 3. Voters can ask at their post office for their envelopes to be postmarked in person. If they don't do this, the U.S. Postal Service sends mail across Alaska to Anchorage to be postmarked. So on Election Day, or the day before it, voters should ask a postal clerk to postmark the envelope. "
from Alaska Public Media 10/22/20

Recent disclosures show that most of the campaign's funding comes from outside the state. [READ MORE](#) *from Alaska Public Media*

"Why some people appear to vote twice in Alaska's election data

A "data hobbyist" says he found scores of examples of people voting more than once. But the Division of Elections says none of those votes were counted and there is no credible evidence of voter fraud. [READ MORE](#)
from Alaska Public Media 10-19-20

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"please, learn the critical local races in this election cycle, share that knowledge with your friends, and if you haven't already, vote like your rights depend on it."

from ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)

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"The Division of Retirement and Benefits **proposes to adopt changes to the AlaskaCare Defined Benefit Retiree Health Plan and the AlaskaCare Defined Contribution Health Plan** effective for the 2021 plan year. [see] <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/> **Public comments** will be accepted through 4:30pm on Nov. 23, 2020."

"An **Application** package for an **Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan...**(State c=Contingency Plan # 20-CP-5256) has been received by DEC,, [from] Accumulate Energy Alaska, Inc... Anchorage... for a realistic maximum discharge from the operations of the Peregrine Exploration Program. This facility intends to conduct hydrocarbon exploration activities on teh North Slope of Alaska, 91 Miles SSW of Deadhorse... A potential risk exists of oil spills entering the lands or waters of the state as a result of this operation...

" The Public Comment period... ends on 11/13/20

"[For info: colin.taylor@alaska.gov or 451-2327" *from news-miner 10-15-20 Public Notices*

Job Opportunities

Co-op Market Grocery & Deli is hiring: Know someone who would be an awesome cooperater? Please let them know we're hiring! [Learn More](#)
We currently have openings for [four] positions

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The Alaska State Redistricting Board is recruiting for an Executive Director... (\$103k/yr)... deadline Nov. 3, 2020. Info at Workplace Alaska: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska>.

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

interioraklandtrust@gmail.com

www.interioraklandtrust.org

Green Star Hiring Executive Director - go to [tps://iagreenstar.org/were-hiring-an-executive-director/](https://iagreenstar.org/were-hiring-an-executive-director/)

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Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition is Hiring: Interfaith Organizer [Click here](#) for more info and apply. Energy Justice Organizer... [Click here](#)

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

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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:

That was Solomon Burke singing None Of Us Are Free

Since the George W. Bush administration launched its so-called "global war on terror", a designation in-itself that is a gross deception dressed in jingoistic propaganda, following Al Qaeda's September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, the U.S. military has waged war continuously for almost two decades. In that time, U.S. forces have fought in wars or participated in other combat operations in at least 24 countries. The destruction inflicted by warfare in these countries has been incalculable for civilians and combatants, for U.S. military personnel and their family members, and for entire societies. Deaths and injuries number in the millions.

Like other wars throughout history, the U.S. post-9/11 wars have caused millions of people—the vast majority, civilians—to fear for their lives and flee in search of safety. Millions have fled air strikes, bombings, artillery fire, drone attacks, gun battles, and rape. People have fled the destruction of their homes, neighborhoods, hospitals, schools, jobs, and local food and water sources. They have escaped forced evictions, death threats, and large-scale ethnic cleansing set off by the U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq in particular.

*A report released by Brown University's Watson Institute of International Affairs titled "**Creating Refugees: Displacement Caused by the United States' Post-9/11 Wars**" exposes truths that should be a cornerstones to any critical thought on the subject of US international relations. Some of the reports major findings include:*

*Post-9/11 U.S. wars have forcibly displaced **at least 37 million people** in and from Afghanistan (5.3Million), Iraq (9.2Million), Pakistan (3.7Million), Yemen (4.4Million), Somalia (4.2Million), the Philippines (1.7Million), Libya (1.2Million), and Syria (7.1 Million).*

This total exceeds those displaced by every war since 1900, except World War II. Thirty seven million is a very conservative estimate. The total displaced by the U.S. post-9/11 wars could be closer to 48–59 million.

Although twenty-five point 3 million people have returned after being displaced, their return does not erase the trauma of displacement or mean that those displaced have returned to their original homes or to a secure life.

Any number is limited in what it can convey about displacement's damage. The people behind the numbers can be difficult to see, and numbers cannot communicate how it might feel to lose one's home, belongings, community, and much more.

Displacement has caused incalculable harm to individuals, families, towns, cities, regions, and entire countries physically, socially, emotionally, and economically.

We, as citizens of the United States of America, by failing to take the findings of this report into serious behavior changing consideration, do so at our own peril, for it is representative of an increasing numbers mirror images of how the world sees us. We can no more ill afford to continue ignoring these images, while avoiding those atonements we need to make for our transgressions they represent, than we can go on ignoring the insults and injuries we commit against the planet. Either or both lead to the same dystopia. A link to the Watson Institute report can be found in the online print version of this broadcast.

<https://www.bu.edu/pardee/2020/09/18/upcoming-events-three-seminars-in-the-20-years-of-war-research-series/#RSVP>

*Next **Gregory Porter, Common, Keyon Harrold and Andrea Pizziconi** sing: **Running (Refugee Song)***

Today I received my seventh phone call from a political campaign volunteer requesting the status of my election ballot. Two of the calls have been from Republicans, one representing the campaign of Alaska House District 5 candidate Kevin McKinley, the other representing the campaign of US Senate candidate Dan Sullivan. Four of the calls have come from campaigners representing the Democratic nominee for US Senate, Dr. Al Gross. One caller represented Democratic nominee Alyse Galvin.

OK I get it. It's a contentious election, and there's a lot at stake this election; say health care and reproductive rights, both of which, however, may take their most serious blows this Monday, should the Republicans bring the Orange POTUS's candidate for the Supreme Court up for confirmation. Police brutality and militarization are considerations as well, but does anyone really believe that, left to their own actions, old "tough on crime Middle Class Joe", one of those responsible for laws that have disproportionately imprisoned people of color, and his District Attorney running mate Kamala Harris will achieve anything approaching justice in these matters. And then there's the matter of this nation's imperial wars of aggression. Not much being said there by the candidates, by any of the so-called electables, ones that you can believe anyway.

*Yes do vote. It's critical, at least in the very immediate. We need to retire the fascist on Pennsylvania Avenue and stop the Alaskan oiligarchy theft of our public funds in any case. I have a feeling, though, that in the very near future, the exercise of shoe leather democracy may become more necessary than it has ever before been. On that note, **David Rovics** sings "**The Death Threats and the Lawn Signs**"*

*Last but not least, **Bob Marley** sings **Get Up Stand Up***

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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with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.

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

Visit our website: www.alaskapeace.org for more information and details, or to get on our email list, to which the expanded news brief is sent with active hyperlinks; also see Alaska Peace Center Facebook.

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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**

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> **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 7th Ave, suite H3, Fairbanks, 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.)

Covid-19 Pandemic Resources

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."

"[Since] Oct. 16, 2020... travelers arriving into Alaska from another state or country must follow new protocols.

Read the **new rules at the Traveler Information Page.**

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 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/>

Updated Travel Information is at the [Traveler Information Page.](#)

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/>).

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

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/!" 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 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 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.mcghee@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’Neall - 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 10/23

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 10/23

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

*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; 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*

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 or Public Affairs Org. inbox: 354fw.pa.publicaffairs@us.af.mil