



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of November 8, 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.]

COVID Testing Sites Locator is at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/testing.aspx>.
7 locations are listed for Fairbanks, with drop-down additional information.

"Misdemeanor jury trials suspended until Dec. 1...in Fairbanks and other courts in the Fourth Judicial District... due to an increase in COVID-19 cases... The suspension of grand jury trials ...has been extended from Oct. 31 to Nov. 13. A special order allowing grand jury proceedings to be done via videoconferencing was issued... Monday. All other jury trials remain suspended until at least Jan. 4, 2021, though a presiding judge may allow a felony or civil trial to proceed in exceptional circumstances." *Reported in more detail in Fairbanks Daily News-Miner (FDNM) 11-4-20*

FNSB MACS Transit announces that the **Yellow, Grey and Orange [bus] Lines will be moving to ON DEMAND SERVICE** beginning **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020**. This is a *temporary* operational change due to limited staffing and will continue until further notice.

We sincerely apologize for the late notice of this change and for the inconvenience that this will cause.

To schedule a ride for one of these routes please call 459-1011.

Please help us by sharing this update far and wide.

The borough's Central Recycling Facility located on Marika Road is closed until further notice. as of [Oct. 21].

This is due to another COVID-19 exposure via the operations contractor.

We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and will provide an update on a reopening date soon.

We ask for your patience as we work with the operations contractor to keep everyone safe.

Please monitor the [borough's website](#) and social media for any updates.

Day, Date	Time	<u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u>	Where?
		<p>November is Native Heritage Month</p> <p>"Native American communities are at extremely high risk of modern-day enslavement. Honor this time by learning about the epidemic of missing and murdered Native American women. Share what you learn and post on social media with the hashtags #MMIW and #MMIWG. Learn More"</p> <p>:: November 6-15: Livestreamed Theatre: The Spirit of the Valley. ...This show is fun for the whole family and asks the important question, "What can you do to protect the magnificent land and nature that surrounds</p>	For Nov. 8: Critical Media Week last week per Project Censored

		<p>you?" Perseverance Theatre... available around the state, the country, and the world! <i>Following the 11/13 performance, Northern Center staff will participate in a panel discussion about how we can protect our planet.</i></p>	
Sunday Nov. 8	12 noon	<u>Learn an Emma's Revolution Song</u> - new song, "Our Dignity", which we wrote on Friday, when all was still hanging in the balance. Lyrics and audio track will be available shortly, here .	Zoom & Facebook Live
	12 noon	virtual <u>Festival of Hope</u> for <u>Kings Bay Plowshares</u> members, Mark Colville, Clare Grady, Martha Hennessy, and Carmen Trotta, as they prepare to be sentenced for Trident Disarmament Action Against Nuclear Weapons...	click the link to join the webinar
	7pm	Virtual Nights for the North - <u>The Northern Center film premiere of Love is the Way</u> bringing together voices speaking in defense of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, highlighting the generations of stewardship by Gwich'in and Iñupiaq people... explores the friendships, values, and stories shaped by the place, and the strong commitments to its protection. ... this film reminds us of the sacred connections between us, and the ways that a place can teach us how to live with respect and compassion.	Register for the virtual film screening here (free, with donation options).
		Raven Art Show , the 2020 exhibition, presented by Alaska Songbird Institute, runs through Nov. 9	aksongbird.org
Monday Nov. 9	3 pm	<u>"Song News Network Presents"</u> - We'll be joining our friends, activist musician David Rovics and radical historian Paula de Angelis, for a conversation and more about this moment!	on Facebook
	5 pm	Deadline to comment on Donlin Pipeline - Email your comments: spco.records@alaska.gov . OR click here to submit comments online .	
	5 -7 pm	Online open house TELEPHONE PUBLIC MEETING <u>Draft EIS Telephone Public Meeting on heat and Electrical Upgrades at Ft. Wainwright</u> . Copies of the Draft EIS are available here . Submit comments to usarmy.wainwright.id-pacific.mbx.heu-eis@mail.mil . For more information, go here . Comment by Dec.9.	:Dial toll-free 855-756-7520 and use access code 65742
	6 pm	Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee mtg - to discuss topics for upcoming Board of Game mtg on Nov. 18 at 9am. More info at www.adfg.alaska.gov or call 907-459-7263	
	6:30	Fairbanks City Council Mtg. <u>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	* <u>how to provide testimony and stay connected with the City Council during the covid pandemic</u> **
Tuesday Nov. 10		Peace Alliance Podcasts - Join our Free Monthly National Action Call at 9pm eastern/6pm pacific on the <i>2nd Tuesday each month</i> , featuring inspiring guest speakers from all areas of Peacebuilding, legislative updates, reports of grassroots victories from around the nation, and coaching on the actions that are advancing this important work in our world.	See the Calendar for the link to join the calls .

6-7:30 am	What About World War II? This free webinar, open to all, will feature discussion of the “What about WWII?” question so popular among supporters of military spending -- the subject of my new book <i>Leaving World War II Behind</i> . Participants will be able to ask questions via chat and by clicking the “raise hand” button for a turn to speak. All perspectives are welcomed and encouraged.	Register
8 am	Daily Antidote of Song: Racial Justice Week ...singing community, brought together by the organizers of the Washington DC Revels! "Be there as we energize our day with the inspiration and connection of singing together!"	Zoom and Facebook Live
10 am ends Nov. 18	Indigenous Women & Girls Virtual Gathering & Leadership Training - A dialogue about Environmental Racism & Violence, Gender Justice, and a Just Transition. Some topics that will be discussed are: Environmental Racism & Violence, Decolonizing Healthcare, Gender Justice, Generational Trauma, Food Sovereignty, and much more. <i>Please note: this event is for Indigenous people who identify as women, non-binary, or two-spirit.</i> Check out the Facebook event>> Hosted by Alaska Community Action on Toxics& Native Movement	Online Event Register here!>>
1 pm	Veterans For Peace will be posting a video on Armistice Day and we want YOU to share it! We are going to be doing a Social Media BEGINNER'S Training , so if you want help on learning basic skills like posting pictures, tagging people in your images, hashtags and tips on creative captions, this is for you! '	Register for the Social Media training
5:30- 7 pm	Fbks Diversity Council Mtg "...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 ...[and] comes together to discuss & work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. Contact info: cityclerk@fairbanks.us or 907-479-6702"	zoom link or City Hall, 800 Cushman St
7pm	Love is the Way Panel Discussion The Northern Center presents a panel of guests for a discussion of our film <i>Love is the Way</i> . Learn more about what is at stake regarding the potential development of the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, what actions you can take to affect its future, and get a peek into how the film was made last winter.	Register here.
9 & 10pm	Rise of the Nazis Frontline: China's Mass imprisonment of Muslims	KUAC TV ch 9
Wednesday Nov. 11	Armistice Day	
10 am	Reclaim Armistice Day: Multi-Chapter VFP Event - Veterans For Peace honors and remembers the original emphasis of Armistice Day, and we invite you to join us in reclaiming that meaning.	Register for Zoom event
11 - 11:30 am	Ring in Armistice Day with Bells for Peace! Outdoor socially-distanced event. 'Join us to reclaim the original meaning of November 11—Armistice Day, marking the end of the First World War at "the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" in 1918 and a remembrance of those who died in that war. '	Veterans' Memorial Park, 700 Cushman St.
11:30a	Arctic Resilience Conference - Broadband Connectivity The online series seeks to engage a broad	Register here

	- 1 pm	audience in conversations about how to build the resilience of Arctic communities and ecosystems across a variety of focus areas	
Thursday Nov. 12	12 pm	Applying Meditation for Nonviolent Living - 6 Week Course. ..to offer an experiential introduction to the practice of meditation drawing from different spiritual traditions yet free of jargon, dogma or doctrine. Meditation is an act of love that nourishes the core of nonviolent living and being.	Learn more and register here.
	1 pm	next installment of Climate, Care, and Community: Conversations for Change.	register
	6-7:30 pm	Earth Stewardship: Energy Efficiency for Churches and Nonprofit Organizations. - How you can make your building more sustainable. This virtual event is sponsored by the Interfaith Working Group of the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition. For more information, call Susan Grace at 479-0780.	Register at Bit.ly/FBXstewards .
	6 pm	Regular <u>FNSB Assembly</u> mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough); includes Citizens' Comments; Other agenda items of peace, justice, and/or sustainability impact include Consideration of Calendar on Resolution # 2020-46, Identifying and Supporting Legislative Priorities, which include (agenda p 160-161, lines 14-18 & 37-42] Title 29 PILT Exemptions 15 Properties that meet certain criteria may negotiate a payment in lieu of taxes agreement 16 with the taxing jurisdiction for up to 20 years. [several categories, including] 18 <i>military support businesses in Military Facility Zone</i> ;... 37 Creation of A Legislatively Authorized Military Affairs Commission 38 Create a commission to provide advice, counsel and recommendation to the Governor, 39 the Alaska Legislature and State agencies on initiatives, programs, and legislation that 40 continue and increase the role that Alaska's military installations, the National Guard and 41 Reserve play in America's defense strategy and the economic health and vitality of the State. (Emphasis added) <u>PARTICIPATING IN ASSEMBLY MEETINGS DURING COVID-19.</u> Quick Take: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>All Regular Assembly meetings and Committee meetings are currently being conducted VIA ZOOM ONLY.</u> • <u>Sign up for in person or telephonic participation at Regular and Special Assembly meetings is available by completing the form on this webpage. Sign ups for Assembly Regional Emergency Services Advisory Committee and the Assembly Road Service Area Committee must be done by calling the Clerk's Office no later than 5 p.m. the day of the meeting.</u> • <u>THESE PROCEDURES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK THIS PAGE OFTEN AND PRIOR TO ATTENDING AN ASSEMBLY MEETING OR WORKSESSION.</u> 	link to join the 11/12 mtg webinar Telephone & other information Visit the STAY CONNECTED TO THE ASSEMBLY webpage for more information on how to participate at meetings in person, telephonically, or via the internet.
	7 pm	Artist Talk with Cherissa Dukelow , [the Northern Alaska Environmental Center's] featured artist [who] will talk about her creative process in making three works of art for the Northern Center. Buy prints of the paintings ... and bid on the featured artwork throughout the week.	Register here.
Friday Nov. 13		"Resolved: The United States should adopt a declaratory nuclear policy of no first use" is the topic for the Nov. 13-15 Alaska Debate, Drama, and Forensics debate tournament	held virtually.
		World Kindness Day , "to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of <u>kindness</u> which binds us...a fundamental part of the <u>human condition</u> which bridges the	

		divides of race, religion, politics, gender and zip codes...[It] is an international observance ... introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement, a coalition of nations' kindness NGOs. It is observed in many countries... Read more	
	7-9pm	" Light Up the Town for Homeless youth " benefiting The Door homeless youth shelter in Fbks This live event will include information about the shelter, a virtual tour (COVID depending), optional candlelight vigil, and tutorial for an aurora borealis painting" <i>from FDNM</i>	www.fairbanksyoungadvocates.org/light-up-the-night .
Saturday Nov. 14		"Storytelling to Transform Our Nuclear Legacy" Women Transforming Our Nuclear Legacy Mentoring Session Three	Click Here to Register
	10-11:30a	Book Discussion Group: Fascism: A Warning , by Madeline Albright. hosted by League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley. Email for the link: donnansimon@gmail.com or akjbear@gmail.com .	
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Monday Nov. 16	5:30 - 6:30pm	Co-op Market Board of Directors meets on the third Monday of the month Email Hilary Shook , board chair, or click here for more info.	
	7 pm	North Pole City Council mtg 1 st & 3 rd Mondays except if a holiday: Agendas & Minutes	
Tuesday Nov. 17	2 - 4 pm	From Confusion to Clarity: Finding Your Way Forward with Kingian Nonviolence. Learn to align the six principles of Kingian Nonviolence with phases of spirituality and spiritual development.	Learn more and register here.
		FNSB Service Area Annexation Elections	
	6-7 pm	Food Security in Uncertain Times - A free, online class series every Tuesday evening through Dec. 22 that addresses food security concerns in Alaska and explores ways your family can prepare for potential food shortages. Class topics: Nov. 17 — The Rotating Pantry Nov. 24 — Exploring Home Freeze Drying Dec. 1 — Chicken University Dec. 8 — Gardening and Food Security Dec. 15 — Smart Grocery Shopping Dec. 22 — Home Food Preservation Overview. For more information on the series, please contact the event coordinator Gina Dionne at 907-786-6313 or gddionne@alaska.edu .	Info & registration: http://bit.ly/AKFoodSecurity2020 Register once and attend any or all classes in this free series.
Wednesday Nov. 18	7-8am	<i>The "Camo Economy": The Economic & Political Camouflage of Military Contracting</i> - part of the <i>"20 Years of War"</i> research series , a two-year collaboration with the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University to expand the ongoing Costs of War project. The "20 Years of War" research series explores the human, financial, environmental, social, and political costs of the post-9/11 wars and illustrates how the impacts of the wars will ripple into the future.	
	10 am	Webinar: New Scorecards on S&P250 Workplace Equity and Racial Justice -To address the underlying injustice embedded in corporate policies and practices, <i>As You Sow</i> gathered research on the 250 largest companies in the S&P on their racial justice and workplace equity programs, policies, and disclosures.	REGISTER

		<u>Invest Your Values</u> Sites: Fossil Free, Gender Equality, Deforestation Free, Weapon Free, Tobacco Free, & Gun Free funds.	
	11:30a - 1 pm	Arctic Resilience Conference - Gender 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. Nov. 25: Socio-Ecological Resilience; Dec. 9: Infrastructure; Dec. 16: Respecting Traditional Indigenous Knowledge Systems	Register here
Thursday Nov. 19	12-1pm	Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition November mtg. via Go To Meeting:	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/564271533
	7 pm	Campaign Finance, States Rights and the Constitution: where are we and how did we get here? A panel discussion with Jim Rubens, former New Hampshire state senator and GOP platform committee chair, current board member for American Promise and New England chair of Take Back Our Republic; Democratic Alaska state senator Scott Kawasaki, sponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 16; and Joe Geldhof, Alaska attorney and a founder of the Permanent Fund Defenders.	
Friday Nov. 20	1-3 pm	Land Acknowledgment Training. "In a conversation-based facilitation, the workshop will explore the simple and complex components of acknowledgement from both an institutional and Indigenous perspective."	register
	6-8 pm	Book Discussion Group -Join Rev. Leslie for a Discussion of " <i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i> " by Robin Wall Kimmerer. "Drawing on her life as an indigenous scientist, a mother, and a woman, Kimmerer shows how other living beings—asters and goldenrod, strawberries and squash, salamanders, algae, and sweetgrass—offer us gifts and lessons, even if we've forgotten how to hear their voices. .. Available at most bookstores, copies will be ordered to Fairbanks Barnes & Noble. For info: minister@uuff.org or call 907-451-8838	Zoom link Join by Phone: +1 253 215 8782 Meeting ID: 830 9286 2784
	6-9pm	Transgender Day of Remembrance We gather together virtually to honor the transgender and gender expansive people whose lives were lost through violence this past year. We will broadcast the readings and tributes... Online Event Hosted by Native Movement , The Alaska Center and 3 others	https://identityalaska.org/event/transgender-day-of-remembrance-2020/
Tuesday, Dec. 1 or sooner if needed	8am – 6pm	Protect the Vote mobilization - if Trump tries to steal the election or prevent every vote from being counted, the Protect the Results will activate nationwide mobilizations to demand that all the votes are counted and for the peaceful transition of power. Join us to honor the valid results of the 2020 election, ensure that every vote is counted, and show up to demand the peaceful transition of power.	Wasilla ... or Host Your Own Event

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

Peace
"Resource from About Face Veterans

Justice

Sustainability

Against the War!

About Face Veterans Against the War's secure **form that members of the military can use** to report concerning incidents or conditions, as well as request peer or legal support to explore their **options in the event they have concerns about the moral, ethical, and/or legal implications of their situation.**

Please forward this secure form to military members." from *Veterans For Peace*.

per winwithoutwar: "the newly elected House has more progressive anti-war lawmakers than ever before — with new members Mondaire Jones, Jamaal Bowman, and Cori Bush joining champions like Barbara Lee, Ro Khanna, Jim McGovern, and every member of "The Squad" in 2021.

"This means we'll have a once in a lifetime opportunity to push for a bold, transformative foreign policy agenda. And to do that, we're organizing NOW so we're ready to put the anti-war movement out front across ALL our issues — from ENDING U.S. complicity for human rights abuses in Yemen to REPEALING the 2001 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force that allow for endless war...

Combined with Biden-Harris administration pledges to re-enter the Paris Climate Agreement, re-join the Iran nuclear deal, to extend the New START treaty, and to prioritize tackling the existential threats we face — we will have a **HUGE** opportunity to turn the United States fundamentally away from endless war, astronomical defense spending, and rampant militarism..."

from WorldBEYONDWar: Did you know that

Choose Democracy ...Nonviolent mass protests have stopped coups in other places, and we may have to do the same in this country.

November 6: Update on where things stand...
=Election Day infrastructure was relatively incident-free. Thanks to groups like Election Defenders...

=Vote counting has proceeded...

=The courts have refused to stop the count or show interest in throwing out ballots...

=Recounts are normal...

=State legislatures have made no moves to send alternate slates of electors. ..

Because institutions keep doing the right thing — and Trump has shown no ability to stop them — we do not believe what we are seeing right now is a coup.

We do see signs that suggest violence might escalate in the streets. Here are four quick tips if you're going into the street:

Go in large numbers...

Don't stay out late. ..

It's okay to leave the streets. ..

Truly have fun. Our favorite images from yesterday were people dancing in the streets, hula-hooping, and generally expressing love and positive energy...

We think there's a lot to be proud of in this moment—our democratic institutions have passed an important test. Over the coming days and weeks we will keep monitoring to make sure they do not backslide.

We will let you know right away if and when it happens with info on what you can do. [Sign Up.](#)

The Alaska Center provides a New Election Timeline including:

Nov. 10 Division of Elections BEGINS counting absentee ballots and early votes cast and received after October 29.

Nov. 18 ...Nov. 25 Target Date for State elections

Both North Pole & Fairbanks Air Quality non-attainment Zones have had a number of Stage 1 and 2 Air Quality Alerts this early winter - ...

When the 24-hr rolling average monitored concentration is 35 micrograms per cubic meter or above, NO use of solid-fuel burning devices w/o a NOASH (No Other Adequate Source of Heat) waiver. For info call 451-2132 or visit dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair

Public Notices

Relative Risk Site Evaluations for Eielson Air Force Base (AFB) and Clear Air Station (AS). As part of the Air Force's on-going response to possible PFOS/PFOA releases from past mission activities... where PFOS/PFOA has been released. This process supports sequencing environmental restoration work... in relation to other sites... greater potential risk to public safety, human health, or the environment before sites posing a lesser potential risk.

At Eielson AFB, 15 restoration sites were evaluated... scored as fifteen High Relative Risk sites. At Clear AS, 5 sites evaluated... scored as Medium Relative Risk.

... In accordance with the DoD Defense Environmental Restoration Program, these evaluations are available for public review for 30 days from this notice (11-5-20), and can be found at ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil; at page bottom, click "continue to site" then select "Active Duty", scroll down the Installation List and click on "Eielson AFB AK" or "Clear AFS,AK" then enter 599704 or 599837 in teh "AR#" field. Then click "search" at page bottom and the spy glass to view the document.

For more info or to submit written comments, please contact roy.willis@us.af.mil, 1800-222-4137 or steven.mattson@us.af.mil, same #.

the U.S. military has 29 military bases in 15 countries across Africa? The U.S. military established AFRICOM in 2008, despite the majority of African nations rejecting it. Under a false guise of providing security, the U.S. uses its military force to impose control of African land, resources, and labor to serve the needs of U.S. multi-national corporations.

"On [Friday] December 4 at [10 am Alaska Time] (GMT-5), we'll be co-hosting a webinar on AFRICOM and Human Rights in Africa, featuring first-hand reports about AFRICOM's impact. Free. Register here for the Zoom info. Invite your friends and share it on Facebook!"

"Song News Network: All the news that's fit to sing! ... There are 3 types of songs on the network: new songs related to current events, songs related to "this date in history," and songs related to various holidays and such.

"Songs welcome! ..." See details and listen to news put to music at <https://www.facebook.com/songnewsnetwork/>.

certification of results
Dec. 14 State Electors..
Jan 6: National Results..."

"#BoycottDriscoll's [Berries, available in Alaska stores] \$6 a day for 12-15 hours of work is exploitation. Help us achieve a union contract. #SanQuintin." ..."child labor is still rampant. They say workers are subject to wage theft and are not provided health insurance despite regular exposure to harmful chemicals. Female workers report sexual harassment by field managers...

[After years of conflict,] on Sept 12, 77% of Sakuma [a Washington state berry farm that supplies Driscoll's] workers opted for union representation with the FUJ [Familias por la Justicia].

"Ramon Torres, president of the FUJ, ... credits "actions in the fields, legal actions and, of course, the consumers who supported us with their decision not to buy certain brands" with the progress that has been made.

"FUJ has officially called off its boycott of Sakuma Brothers and Driscoll's. But **farmworkers south of the border have redoubled their efforts to let consumers know that, from their perspective, the Driscoll's boycott is still very much in effect..."** excerpted from *The people who pick your berries in Washington will now be represented by a union, By Natasha Varner in The World, 10-19-20.*

Job Opportunities

Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition: Hey Fairbanks! We are looking for people to **help plan out the establishment of a local Intensive Case management team**, a client centered behavioral health delivery model that meets the client where they are at... [to] make it possible for the community to house people with extraordinarily high barriers to housing. Let's figure out how to establish this program in Fairbanks! To join the Planning Committee please sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4BACAF2AA0FC1-intensive>

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Co-op Market Grocery & Deli is hiring: Learn More

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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 <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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Northern Alaska Environmental Center - Executive Director- [Read more here, and pass on to anyone you think might be a good fit!](#)

"Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of November 8, 2020:

This Wednesday the 11th of November is Armistice Day, a day set aside for the celebration of world peace. It signifies the relief and joy felt around the world when the armistice was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. Bells were rung throughout the world to celebrate peace and the end of four years of World War I that killed or wounded more than 30 million people. In the wake of so much carnage, it was then clear to millions of people that wars were not about valor or romantic ideals, but about empire, which benefits a few at the expense of many. In 1954 President Eisenhower changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day by presidential proclamation, admonishing us to “reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.” However, in contrast to Eisenhower's intention, rebranding Armistice Day as Veterans Day has led to a change from celebrating peace to celebrating the military and glorifying war. Armistice Day has been flipped from a day for peace into a day for displays of militarism.

The Alaska Peace Center, along with Veterans For Peace nationally and locally, celebrates the original intent of November 11th – as a day for peace. Peace, not war, is the best way to honor the sacrifices of veterans. We want generations after us to never know the destruction war has wrought on people and the earth. Please join us this Wednesday at Veterans Memorial Park down town Fairbanks, at 11 AM as we celebrate peace and call out, once again, for the abolishment of war.

During the past six years I have been engaging myself in a literary struggle of sorts; trying to chronicle, the experience of a very special group of workers of whom, forty years ago, I had the honor of sharing a very difficult work environment, some 7,500 feet into the bowels of Huntsman Ridge, Colorado. The mines in which we worked contained the highest quality coking coal west of the Missouri River. For the most part, we only had two customers; both being “war baby” steel mills, constructed by the Federal Government, to supply the steel needed in the construction of the United States’ Fleet of Battle Ships in the Pacific. One of these, the Geneva Works in Provo, Utah, was “purchased” from the government at the close of WWII for thirty cents on the dollar. In the process of telling the story I have come to recognize, permeating those seams of coal, some of the insanities of war making, a realization that a friend and fellow miner recalled saying, “Rob, working down there, did you ever notice how the demons were so thick you could cut them with a knife.” Similar to the way the hijacking of Armistice Day by Veterans Day, replaced the celebration of peace with the glorification of militarism and the making war – including its consequent tragedies of lost and broken lives – they told us we were the world greatest coal miners while simultaneously encouraging us to engage in insane rates of production that prevented the exercise of those safety measures legislated to protect our lives. The ways of war run deep into our culture and economy. May we find the strength and courage to retire them to their proper place, the historical rendering which warns us to never repeat those errors.

My first selection is excerpted from a 1945 newsreel concerning the WWII steel mills of Youngstown, Ohio, the commentator’s remarks at the end are particularly perceptive. It’s a shame they were not incorporated into our country’s worldview following the war. If only we could learn to live together. *Steel Town.*

The army recruiters in the parking lot
Hustling the kids there jugglin' pot
"Listen young man, listen to my plan,
Gonna make you money, gonna make you a man"

So come on, come on
Sign up, come on
This one's nothing like Vietnam
Except for the bullets, except for the bombs

Except for the youth that's gone

Next *Michael Franti and Spearhead* sing "*Light Up Ya Lighter*"

Last but not least *Yoko Ono gets thousands ringing 'bells for peace' at the 2019 Manchester International festival*. We won't have thousands, but please join us for the same at 11AM, November 11, at Veterans Park, Downtown Fairbanks.
Wage Peace."

-- Solomon Burke singing *None Of Us Are Free*

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

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.

*Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome via alaskapeacenews@gmail.com.
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You Can Help Support Alaska Peace Center Activities!

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!

**The Alaska Peace Center is a non-profit charitable and human rights organization incorporated in Alaska under IRS 501(c)3.*

May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

Check your ballot status - whether your ballot was received and registered - at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/>

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."

"[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 ...free and open-to-anyone drive-thru station is located in an ATCO unit in the [long-term] parking lot of the Fairbanks International Airport ... without the need for an appointment or referral seven days a week from 10 am to 4 pm [through mid-Nov. at least...]

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

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).

Fax 907-459-6710 cityclerk@fairbanks.us council@fairbanks.us jclark@fairbanks.us lmarney@fairbanks.us

jrogers@fairbanks.us skun@fairbanks.us vtherrien@fairbanks.us agibson@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 Valerie Therrien - Seat C: (907) 388-0272 Aaron Gibson -
Seat D: (907) 978-3058 Lonny Marney - Seat E: (907) 371-5130 Jim Clark - Seat F: 347-5726

Jim Matherly, Mayor: 459-6793, jmatherly@fairbanks.us

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: cyclerk@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: 10/2020 - 10/2023; 934 Les Rogers Turnaround; Home Phone: 488-5834; Email: aino.welch@northpolealaska.org

DeJohn Cromer - Term: 10/2020 - 10/2023; 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 10/23

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

Tammie Wilson - seat D - Tammie.Wilson@fnsb.us; 907-590-7602; exp 10/23

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](https://www.akleg.gov/legislative-schedule) 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](https://www.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.'

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