



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of November 15, 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.]

**Learn About the Various Ways You Can DONATE, VOLUNTEER, MAKE MASKS, or
MAKE REQUESTS to Support Health Care Facilities, Organizations, Neighbors and Friends** at fairbanksacc.org
Another internet resource: **COVID-19 HUB for Interior Alaska - CLICK HERE (Information, Maps, & Resources)**

Nov. 6, 2020, Governor Dunleavy issues a new 30-day Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration for COVID-19.

Governor Dunleavy Urges Alaskans to Take Immediate Action to Slow COVID-19:

<https://gov.alaska.gov/newsroom/2020/11/12/governor-dunleavy-urges-alaskans-to-take-immediate-action-to-slow-covid-19/>

Governor Dunleavy is taking the following executive actions:

- On Monday, November 16 at 12:01 a.m. his new 30-day COVID-19 disaster declaration takes effect.
 - Effective immediately all State employees are to work from home whenever feasible.
- Face masks and social distancing are now mandatory at State work sites for both employees and visitors.

Governor Dunleavy and Alaska's public health officials are now asking all businesses, organizations, and local governments to take the following actions through the end this month:

- Businesses, organizations, and local governments that can operate remotely are urged to send their employees home as soon as possible.
 - Businesses and organizations that can offer food and supplies online with curbside pickup are urged to do so.

Distance remains the primary tool in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

In order to keep hospitals, health care facilities, and businesses operating, all Alaskans are urged to:

- Maintain a distance of six feet apart from all non-household members.
- If a distance of six feet apart is not possible, wear a mask or face covering.

Interior Alaska COVID-19 testing sites currently include

Drive-Through testing at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital (referral needed, costs \$240 or insurance)

Fairbanks International Airport long-term parking lot (10-4pm seven days a week, free, no referral needed)

Fairbanks Public Health Center (no referral needed, free, call 452-1776)

Interior Community Health Center (no referral needed; appointment only; free test but charge for assessment)

Medphysicals Plus, LLC (no referral, varied cost depending on type of test, by appointment)

Steese Medical Care (no referral, appointment needed, \$335)

North Pole Drive-Thru testing (no appointment nor referral needed, free, North Pole Plaza parking lot M,W,Sat 12-6pm)

Tanana Valley Clinic (appointments; cost; no referral needed)

Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center (IHS & established VA patients only, by appointment, 451-6682 ext.1)

Bassett Army Hospital (military & dependents only; results within 24 hrs)

Day, Date	Time	<h3 style="text-align: center;"><u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u></h3>	Where?
		<p style="text-align: center;">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>	
Sunday Nov. 15	Sat eve to Sun. 2pm	<p>Both North Pole & Fairbanks non-attainment Zones: Stage 1 Air Quality Alert - MANDATORY ACTION REQUIRED BY RESIDENTS: All solid fuel-fired devices must cease operation, within three hours of the effective time of alert, unless the exceptions above apply. All WAIVER HOLDERS are still required to meet the 20% visible emission or opacity limit during any air quality episodes/alert. Residents should rely instead on their home's cleaner source of heat (such as a gas or fuel oil fired furnace or boiler or electric baseboard heaters) until the Stage 1 alert is canceled.</p> <p>FORECAST: Partly cloudy skies and cold temperatures will allow an inversion to set up in the evening, except poor dispersion during the forecast period. We are forecasting air quality to remain Moderate with periods of Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or worse, with 24hr average PM_{2.5} values greater than 20ug/m³ but less than 30ug/m³ for the next 24 hours. People with heart or lung disease, the elderly and children should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion.</p> <p>This does not apply during a power outage.</p> <p>ALL OPEN BURNING IS PROHIBITED in the PM2.5 Nonattainment area from Nov. 1st - March 31st, including the use of burn barrels. This does not include recreational fires such as bonfires, campfires, or ceremonial fires.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL Voluntary Actions: Plug In at 20 degrees or colder, ride the bus, or car pool</p>	<p>For information regarding this alert, please contact us at fnsbair@alaska.gov. For more information on the DEC alert and curtailment program, and how to apply for a NOASH waiver, visit http://fnsbair.dec.alaska.gov</p>
	12:01 am	Gov. Dunleavy's new 30-day COVID-19 disaster declaration takes effect: See above.	
	10-11 pm	<p><u>Circus Without Borders</u> "a documentary about ...best friends and world-class acrobats from remote corners of the globe who share the same dream: To bring hope and change to their struggling communities through circus. Their dream unfolds in the Canadian Arctic and Guinea, West Africa...a gorgeous film that introduces heavy subject matter like suicide and depression, in communities a world apart, but does so through the magic of the circus... a film full of hope, tenderness, spirit..." View Additional Airings</p>	UATV ch. 9.4
Monday Nov. 16	com- ment dead- line	<p>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</p>	<p>610 University Ave, Fairbanks: 451-2100... "...also from the website</p>

		<p>control the types and amounts of pollutants that can be discharged from construction activities.</p> <p>Mixing Zone: None... "Public Comments: Written comments or requests for a public hearing... must be submitted [by Nov. 16, 2020]....</p> <p>"[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... <i>from news-miner 10-16-20 Public Notices</i></p>	http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater..
	9 am poll closes	Regenerative Economy Working Group "We have a tremendous opportunity now to build a new and <i>regenerative</i> economy in Alaska." If interested and not yet involved, please follow this link to learn more and to sign up" as this group plans future meetings and activities.	
	12-1pm	Intersectional Indigenous Identities - Navigating Diverse Identities - The Togetherings are conversations presented in a series of three episodes, each series focusing on a different theme, exploring big ideas from an Alaskan perspective. Two people kick off the conversation starting with some questions. Then, the radio audience is invited to join in the conversation by calling KONR at (907) 222-1061. Native Movement is proud to partner on this important program with the Alaska Humanities Forum	<i>KONR-LP106.1FM</i> or http://www.outnorthradio.com/
	1pm AKST (10pm GMT)	Youth Voices - "In this free weekly webinar series, the aim is to elicit reflection, discussion, and action specific to the role of young people in peacebuilding and positive changemaking. We'll hear from young people interested in, and/or working toward, the prevention of war and advancement of peace..." hosted by Rotarian Action Group for Peace & World BEYOND War	Sign In
	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	12-1pm	Intersectional Indigenous Identities - Urban & Rural Life - Second in this Togetherings series. The radio audience is invited to join in the conversation by calling KONR at (907) 222-1061. Native Movement is proud to partner on this important program with the Alaska Humanities Forum	<i>KONR-LP106.1FM</i> http://www.outnorthradio.com/
	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	<p>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.</p> <p>For more information on the series, please contact the event coordinator Gina Dionne at 907-786-6313 or gddionne@alaska.edu.</p>	Info & registration: http://bit.ly/AKFoodSecurity2020 Register once and attend any or all classes in this free series.

	9-10pm	Unspoken: America's Native American ... looks at a dark chapter of American history, the federal Indian boarding school system. The goal was total assimilation... Rise of the Nazis - The First Six Months In Power #102 -The harsh measures that Chancellor Hitler takes to dismantle the German state are chronicled. View Additional Airings	World TV ch. 9.2 KUAC TV/HD 9.1
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" research series</i> , 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. Invest Your Values Sites: Fossil Free, Gender Equality, Deforestation Free, Weapon Free, Tobacco Free, & Gun Free funds.	REGISTER
	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.	Register here
	12-1pm	Intersectional Indigenous Identities - Two Spirit Experiences - Third in this Togetherings series. ... join in the conversation by calling KONR at (907) 222-1061. Native Movement is proud to partner on this important program with the Alaska Humanities Forum	<i>KONR-LP106.1FM</i> http://www.outnorthradio.com/
Thursday Nov. 19	12-1pm	Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition November mtg. via Go To Meeting:	https://global.gotomeeting.g.com/join/564271533
	3:30-5pm	Nonviolent Action Lab with the Pace e Bene Team - As we gear up to use nonviolent action if needed to defend democracy in the wake of the November 3 election, people throughout the Pace e Bene/Campaign Nonviolence, and Nonviolent Cities network are organizing nonviolent actions. Everyone is welcome from beginners to long-time activists.	REGISTER for these free sessions ON ZOOM HERE
	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.	To register and participate, click on the link here: http://bit.ly/apl_Civics
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/
		<u>After This Week</u>	
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Wednesday Nov. 25	11:30a - 1 pm	Arctic Resilience Conference - Socio-Ecological Resilience 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 December 9: Infrastructure December 16: Respecting Traditional Indigenous Knowledge Systems	Register here

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

Peace	Justice	Sustainability
Alaska Peace Center and North Star Veterans for Peace sponsored a joyous Armistice Day ringing of bells at Fairbanks's Veterans' Memorial Park, at 11am on 11/11/20. We naturally wore masks and honored social distancing. Here is a link to excellent photos taken by Ananda Stone (Please credit her if you share the photos); and another link to the front-page report in the next day's Fairbanks Daily	" Choose Democracy update Nov. 13: In the past week, multiple civilian DOD employees have been replaced with Trump loyalists...but...there is no indication that it is part of a plan to use the military domestically in support of a coup... "At this time, Trump has no momentum and no viable path to override the will of the voters and retain power after January 20th. In the time he has left in office, much damage can be done to the US.	"... Poisoning the Pacific , [by Jon Mitchell, journalist and author based in Japan] reveals the environmental damage caused by decades of U.S. military operations." He gives an excellent, clear, informative interview on the subject on this past week's <i>Talk Nation Radio</i> , heard on KWRK-LP on Tuesdays 3-3:30pm and Saturdays 9-9:30am; You can also listen to the podcast at https://davidswanson.org/talk-nation-

News-Miner.

"New Book Out: Peace Poetry from Around the Globe

A new book has just been published by World BEYOND War called *Second Name of Earth Is Peace*, edited by Mbizo Chirasha and David Swanson, and including the work of 65 poets (including Chirasha) from Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, France, India, Iraq, Israel, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

The paperback can be purchased from any book seller, distributed by Ingram, ISBN: 978-1-7347837-3-5. Barnes & Noble.

[Amazon. Powell's.](#)

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Or [buy the PDF](#).**

"In this book are people who know what war does to the world. They also know and draw references to the popular culture of the places dealing the weaponry and targeting the missiles. They have something to contribute to that culture -- an understanding that war is not an institution to tolerate or respect or refine or glorify, but a sickness to despise and abolish."
from worldbeyondwar.

...credibility domestically and internationally..., the pandemic is killing people and damaging the economy, and the next president will inherit a weakened federal bureaucracy less able to address these crises. The current situation is dangerous for the US, but there are no signs that the country is moving toward a coup.

"We will continue to monitor the situation and update as events unfold."

from Native Movement: " [If you or someone you know experienced any problems voting this year please consider sharing your story at this Alaska Election Story Bank.](#)

"As Mother Earth protectors and advocated for justice we know we won't stop organizing, no matter who is elected. We know we won't back down from the work of dismantling colonialism and oppression AND we encourage you all to embrace moments of Joy because that must be at the foundation of our collective liberation. **Check out all the post-elections toolkits we have prepared: [Post-Elections Action Toolkit & Post Elections Wellness Resources](#)"**

"The Impact of Seismic Tests for Oil & Gas in the Arctic. Both land and ocean scientists as well as Indigenous knowledge bearers share invaluable information in this webinar session... [The Truth About Seismic"](#)

The Alaska Center provides a [New Election Timeline](#)" including:

Nov. 18 ...Nov. 25 Target Date for State elections certification of results

Dec. 14 State Electors..

Jan 6: National Results..."

from Dermot Cole: "Nov 12, 2020

[radio-jon-mitchell-on-poisoning-the-pacific/](#).

from the Center for Biological Diversity Nov. 12:

"Navy's Pacific Northwest Training Plan to Harass Endangered Whales - The Trump

administration published a final rule today allowing the U.S. Navy to harm and harass endangered whales and other marine mammals 1.7 million times during military training exercises in the Pacific Northwest over the next seven years.

"The National Marine Fisheries Service analysis finds that sonar, explosions and speeding vessels would harm more than 200 humpback whales, 300 minke whales and 10 blue whales each year..." *Read more at the link.*

Public Service Vacancies

The Fairbanks North Star Borough Clerk is now accepting applications from individuals interested in serving on the Assembly Regional Emergency Services Advisory Committee and the Board of Equalization. For more information, contact the Clerk's Office at clerks@fnsb.us or call 459-1401.

Job Opportunities

Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition: people to help plan out the establishment of a local **Intensive Case management team**,
<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 Interior Alaska Land Trust is hiring a Conservation Coordinator

State plans for long-term teleworking appear aimed at privatization

The bureaucratic language borders on indigestible and some of this is speculation, but the Dunleavy administration appears to be aiming at a future for state government in which key functions are privatized, with low-priced contract workers elsewhere in America or around the world.

Read more:

<https://www.dermotcole.com/reportingfromalaska/2020/11/12/4oim66qvxwgvb20wq9rondnvmm1r4d>

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www.interioroaklandtrust.org

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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!](#)

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

"Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of November 15, 2020:

Whether sought or unsought by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, his act of changing the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day, has served as a propaganda tool for the effective silencing of voices calling for the end of war. Suddenly, "A day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace", became a holiday "set aside to commemorate those who fought the world's wars", a disturbing blow to the cause of peace, that had seen progress in the Kellogg-Briand Pact, a treaty ratified 26 years earlier by a 86 to 1 vote in the U.S. Senate; binding the U.S. to "Condemn recourse to war for the solution of international controversies, and renounce it as an instrument of national policy" and to "agree that the settlement of all disputes and conflicts... be settled by pacific means."

President Eisenhower may have taken that treaty to heart in his 1953 statement, "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children." Twice Congressional Metal of Honor recipient, Marine Corps Major General Smedley Darlington Butler called this expenditure a racket.

In 1893 the ostensibly Progressive future president of the United States, called failure to annex Hawaii, "a crime against white civilization." On June 2, 1897, while speaking before the Naval War College, he said, "All great and masterful races have been fighting races... No triumph of peace is quite so great as the triumph of war."

A visiting 1899 delegation of Ministers were preparing to depart the office of President William McKinley, when he stopped them to explain that after having prayed on his knees to God for more than one night for direction, it came to him, that we could not give the Philippines back to Spain, because, that would be cowardly and dishonorable; we could not turn them over to France and Germany, or our commercial rivals in the Orient, for that would be bad business and discreditable; we could not leave the Philippines to the Filipinos because they were unfit for self-government; concluding that there was nothing left do but to take them all, educate the Filipinos, uplift, civilize, and Christianize them.

Before Congress on Jan 9, 1900, Indiana Senator Albert Jeremiah Beveridge, said, “Mr. President, the times call for candor. The Philippines are ours forever... And just beyond the Philippines are China’s illimitable markets. We will not retreat from either... We will not renounce our part in the mission of our race, trustee, under God, of the civilization of the world.”

Disagreeing, the Filipinos stood up for their right of self-rule; and were mercilessly mowed down in numbers exceeding 600,000 by US guns. US commercial rivals in the Orient (Japan) disagreed with the US’s contention that the Pacific Ocean was rightfully their dominion, and set out on a violent imperial project of their own; threatening US industrial sources of tin, jute, and rubber; eventually leading to the US embargo of shipments of scrap iron and oil to Japan, an overt act of war designed to incapacitate Japan, a nation in the grips of economic recession; goading Japan into retaliation on December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii - a US possession that had been taken by US gunships, during McKinley’s administration – grating President Franklin Delano Roosevelt the license to commit the US to the second world war. Racist Theodore Roosevelt would have been proud.

One thing can be said for that war; it motivated a country in economic crisis to perform amazing feats of industrial mobilization and production. Take for instance the following examples that I gleaned from an article by Congressman Richard J. Welch, of, California written in the January 1943, the issue of the maritime magazine, **The Log**. “Pacific Coast [workers are] repeatedly smashing world records building ships... launching a 10,500 ton cargo vessel within 10 days, and more recently by launching another in 4 days 15 hours and 21 minutes...” as well as constructing 500^{ft} long by 80^{ft} wide aircraft carriers in 60 days.”

Today such blatant expressions of militarism and colonial expansion, as those expressed by President Teddy Roosevelt, Senator Albert Beveridge, and President William McKinley have been euphemized by bromides like, Make the World Safe for Democracy, Responsibility to Protect, and Military strength keeps us free, however the same racist and commercial interests remain in militarisms DNA.

In his 424BCE play, “The Acharnians”, Greek playwright Aristophanes had his lead character, Dicaeopolis, sign a personal treaty with Sparta, Dicaeopolis’s home country’s (Athens) enemy. In one scene, Dicaeopolis was confronted by a crowd of angry Acharnians wishing to kill him for his supposed act of “betrayal”. His reply to the mob was, “Yet I know that these our foemen, who our bitter wrath excite, were not always wrong entirely, nor ourselves entirely right.”

The mob replied, “Not entirely, you shameless rascal? Do you such opinions dare openly flaunt before me? Shall I then a traitor spare?”

To which Dicaeopolis offered, “Not entirely, not entirely! I can prove by reasons strong that in many points Spartans, at our hands, have suffered wrong!”

Call me a traitor; I don’t care. I believe if we can build an aircraft carrier in sixty days using 1943 technology, we can surely build 1 million homes a year for the homeless today. As intimated by President Eisenhower above, however, anything of the kind falls prey to theft by the profiteers of war.

In the name of the planet’s hungry, its cold and otherwise oppressed, I whole-heartedly agree with Major General Smedley Darlington Butler, “**To Hell With War!**”; and submit my Personal Treaty of Peace to all the Peoples of the Planet. I am not your enemy.

Next David Rovics – Hey, what can I say? I know I play his stuff a lot; what the heck, it fits, he has intestinal fortitude, and I like it, so next David Rovics sings a variation of the same theme in **Trade War**.

Next John McCutcheon, another of my regular favorite singer songwriting folk musicians, and I might add an excellent dulcimer player, which

unfortunately he does not play on the next piece. John McCutcheon sings We Know War.

If I'm playing my antiwar favorites, I might as well close with my very favorite, Buffy Sainte Marie sings, The War Racket.

Wage Peace."

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Alaska Peace Center works for peace, justice, and sustainability - individually, in our community, and globally - with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.

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

And/Or you can...

Mail a check to: **Alaska Peace Center**

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or Donate online: www.alaskapeace.org

THANK YOU!

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

North Pole & Fairbanks Air Quality non-attainment Zones Stage 1 and 2 Air Quality Alerts ...When the 24-hr rolling average monitored concentration [of PM 2.5 - particulate material] 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**

Check your ballot status - whether your ballot was received and registered - at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/> 7am - 8pm daily.

Resource from About Face Veterans Against the War! Members of the military can use [this secure form](#) 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 to military members.

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."

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.

"[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

"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 to Nov. 13. A special order allowing grand jury proceedings to be done via videoconferencing was issued... . 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 moved 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.

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.

To Contact your Elected Public Officials

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

<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, jmathery@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: 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: 10/2020 - 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'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

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://akleg.gov/5/3-5/17/20) Schedules often change.

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

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

Interior Alaska Legislators

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210/fax 456-0279; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov; Fairbanks office: Key Bank Bldg suite 307, 100 Cushman St.

Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov. Fbks office: Courthouse Square suite 2D, 250 Cushman St.

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

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

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

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