



## Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of November 22, 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](http://fairbanksacc.org)**  
 Another internet resource: **[COVID-19 HUB for Interior Alaska - CLICK HERE \(Information, Maps, & Resources\)](#)**

Day, Date	Time	<u><i>This Week Opportunities for Action</i></u>	Where?
		<b>November is Native Heritage Month</b>	
<b>Sunday Nov. 22</b>	Sat eve to Sun.	<b>Both North Pole &amp; Fairbanks non-attainment Zones: Stage 2 Air Quality Alerts - MANDATORY ACTION REQUIRED BY RESIDENTS:</b> All solid fuel-fired devices must cease operation... <b>NOASH WAIVER HOLDERS</b> are still required to meet the 20% visible emission or opacity limit during any air quality episodes/alert.	For information: <a href="mailto:fnsbair@alaska.gov">fnsbair@alaska.gov</a>
	3-4pm	<b><u>Friends of Creamers Field</u> Annual Mtg. -&amp; Raffle</b>	<a href="#">Join Zoom Mtg</a>
<b>Monday Nov. 23</b>	6:30pm	<b><u>Fairbanks City Council Mtg</u></b> <i>Agendas and calendar at <a href="https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/">https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/</a></i>	
	8-9 pm	<b>Sharing Water</b> - ... some countries where Water is still a major issue ...Gaza ... Israel ...Spain France... desalination plants ... top technology and infrastructure for sustainable development of water... how to protect and better use natural resources ... interviews with top actors of water conflict... <a href="#">Additional Airings</a>	UATV ch. 9.4
	9-9:30p	<b>Saving the Sacred</b> - The Koi and Habemetol Pomo of Clear Lake basin work to preserve their priceless culture and past. <a href="#">View Additional Airings</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.csuchico.edu/alva">http://www.csuchico.edu/alva</a>	KUAC TV ch. 9
	9:30-11	<b>Independent Lens: Belly of the Beast</b> - The truth about modern-day eugenics and reproductive injustice in California prisons is revealed. <a href="#">View Additional Airings</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.pbs.org/independentlens">http://www.pbs.org/independentlens</a>	
<b>Tuesday Nov. 24</b>	12-5:30 pm T-F & 9-5 Saturdays	<b><u>Recycle at the Borough Central Recycling Facility</u></b> , For a map, lists of acceptable materials, etc, see <a href="http://www.fnsb.us/pw/Pages/CentralRecyclingFacility.aspx">www.fnsb.us/pw/Pages/CentralRecyclingFacility.aspx</a> Briefly, aluminum beverage cans, paper, cardboard, electronics, and #1 & #2 plastics are accepted. <b>Quick Links:</b> <a href="#">Fairbanks Recycling Guide</a> ; <a href="#">Volunteer</a> ; <a href="#">Donate</a> ; <a href="#">Calendar</a> ; <a href="#">Contact Us</a>	1855 Marika Rd.

	time unknown	<b><u>I am Greta: A Force of Nature.</u></b> Join Interfaith Power and Light for an exciting free opportunity to view the just-released film about Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg and hop on a post film webinar to hear IPL Youth Leaders from around the nation tell us <i>their</i> amazing stories of continued activism. <b><u>Register here.</u></b>	
	6-7 pm	<b>Food Security in Uncertain Times</b> - 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: <b>Nov. 24 — Exploring Home Freeze Drying</b>	Info & registration: <a href="http://bit.ly/AKFoodSecurity2020">http://bit.ly/AKFoodSecurity2020</a>
	9-10pm 10-11 p 10-11 p	<b>Rise of the Nazis</b> - part 3 - <b>Night of the Long Knives</b> - how Hitler found himself caught between Germany's president and the Nazis' power base. <a href="#">Additional Airings</a> <b>Frontline: Supreme Revenge: Battle for the Court</b> , <i>updated version</i> . Inside the no-holds-barred war for control of the Supreme Court. An investigation of how a 30-year-old grievance transformed the court and turned confirmations into bitter, partisan conflicts. <a href="http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/">View Additional Airings</a> <a href="http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/">http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/</a> <b>People of the Beautiful River</b> - This documentary recreates an important historical event, a plot... that caused the Maliseets of Viger to lose their ancestral lands [after which they] dispersed and their population slowly decreased. [Only] in 1989... Quebec National Assembly officially recognized them as Quebec's eleventh aboriginal nation. <a href="#">View Additional Airings</a>	KUAC TV/HD 9.1  UATV ch. 9.4
<b>Wednesday Nov. 25</b>	11:30a - 1 pm	<b>Arctic Resilience Conference - Socio-Ecological Resilience</b> The online series seeks to engage a broad audience in conversations about how to build the resilience of Arctic communities and ecosystems across a variety of focus areas December 9: Infrastructure. December 16: Respecting Traditional Indigenous Knowledge Systems	<a href="#">Register here</a>
	6:30pm	<b>Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg</b> - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a> or 374-0577	<b>zoom</b>
<b>Thursday Nov. 26</b>	10-11am	<b><u>Charting the Mayflower: THE CONSEQUENCES</u></b> by London Bubble Theatre. Thanksgiving or National Day of Mourning? This online research performance explores a side of the Mayflower story that is rarely ever told. Free.	<a href="#">Online Event</a>
		<b><u>After This Week</u></b>	
<b>Tuesday Dec. 1</b>		December 1st is <b>Giving Tuesday</b> , a day set aside to support charitable causes	
		<b><u>John Dear's Peace Podcast</u></b> On the first day of each month, Pace e Bene posts a free, new podcast reflecting on some aspect of nonviolence. Accessible any time of day.	internet, free
	5:30pm	<b>Power to the People workshop</b> with Alaska Community Action on Toxicx. "We'll discuss the recent elections and implications for our work as we head into the legislative session that begins in January. What can we achieve together?"	<a href="#">Register for the workshop here&gt;&gt;</a>
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		that addresses food security concerns in Alaska and explores ways your family can prepare for potential food shortages. Class topics: <b>Dec. 1 — Chicken University</b> 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 <a href="mailto:gddionne@alaska.edu">gddionne@alaska.edu</a> .	<a href="http://bit.ly/AKFoodSecurity2020">http://bit.ly/AKFoodSecurity2020</a> Register once and attend any or all classes in this free series.
	6-7 pm	<b><u>Regenerative Economy Working Group</u> mtg</b> “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 <a href="#">this link</a> to learn more and to sign up" as this group plans future meetings and activities.	
<b>Wednesday Dec. 2</b>	9 -10 am	<u>Alaska Community Action on Toxics</u> monthly <b><u>Collaboration on Health &amp; Environment (CHE)</u></b> call with physician and environmental epidemiologist Dr. Philippe Grandjean... [who] has served as a medical expert in legal cases on behalf of ...PFAS-exposed communities. This is Part 2 of a four-part series on PFAS organized by Alaska Community Action on Toxics as part of the Alaska PFAS Summit. More below.	<a href="#">Join us</a>
<b>Thursday Dec. 3</b>	8-10am	<b>Nonviolent Communication &amp; Anger Online Workshop.</b> Nonviolent Communication (NVC) can help you with expressing anger in ways that connect us to others and identify solutions that are satisfying to everyone. <a href="#">Learn more and register here.</a>	
	10 am	<b>Fairbanks Reentry Coalition mtg</b> For more information please contact Linda at <a href="mailto:reentry@iacnvl.org">reentry@iacnvl.org</a> . The Fairbanks Reentry Coalition is <a href="#">selling shirts and hoodies</a> as part of a fundraising campaign.	Zoom
	7 pm	<b>Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg</b> - All welcome! Contact <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a>	zoom
<b>Friday Dec. 4</b>	8 am - 3:30pm	<b>Blackout Backup Summit</b> - Do you have backup when the power goes out? Join Extension expert Art Nash for a day of free programming: Resources, Generators, Emergency Lighting, Battery Banks, Fridge Triage, and much more. Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made five business days in advance to Art Nash at <a href="mailto:alnashjr@alaska.edu">alnashjr@alaska.edu</a> .	Register in advance at <a href="https://bit.ly/BlackoutSummit2020">https://bit.ly/BlackoutSummit2020</a>
	10 am	<i>from WorldBEYONDWar:</i> <b><u>Did you know that the U.S. military has 29 military bases in 15 countries across Africa?</u></b> 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. <i>"On [Friday] December 4 at [10 am Alaska Time] (GMT-5), we'll be co-hosting a webinar on <b>AFRICOM and Human Rights in Africa</b>, featuring first-hand reports about AFRICOM's impact. Free.</i>	<i><a href="#">Register here for the Zoom info</a> <a href="#">Invite your friends and share it on Facebook!</a></i>
<b>Saturday Dec. 5</b>		<b><u>International Volunteer Day (IVD)</u></b> mandated by the UN General Assembly, is held each year on 5 December. It is viewed as a unique chance for volunteers and organizations to celebrate their efforts, to share their values, and to promote their work among their communities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), United Nations agencies, government authorities and the private sector.	
	End of	<b>Relative Risk Site Evaluations for Eielson Air Force Base (AFB) and Clear Air Station (AS)...</b> where	For more info or to submit written

Public Review	PFOS/PFOA has been released... At Eielson AFB, 15...High Relative Risk sites. At Clear AS, 5 sites... scored as Medium Relative Risk. ...These evaluations are available... at <a href="https://ar.afceec-cloud.af.mil">ar.afceec-cloud.af.mil</a> ; 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 the "AR#" field. Then click "search" at page bottom and the spy glass to view the document.	comments: contact <a href="mailto:roy.willis@us.af.mil">roy.willis@us.af.mil</a> , 1800-222-4137 or <a href="mailto:steven.mattson@us.af.mil">steven.mattson@us.af.mil</a> , same #.
8:15am	<b>Juneau Veterans For Peace, chapter 100, mtg.</b> Chapter #100 meets first and third Saturday mornings Info: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Veterans-for-Peace-Juneau-Alaska-346669645488614/">https://www.facebook.com/Veterans-for-Peace-Juneau-Alaska-346669645488614/</a> or chapter president via <a href="mailto:akwilco@gmail.com">akwilco@gmail.com</a> All are invited to attend these after-breakfast meetings.	zoom
	<p><b><u>:: December 8: Draft EIS on Heat and Electrical Upgrades at Ft. Wainwright comment period deadline.</u></b> The Draft EIS evaluates reasonable alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and key issues of concern. Comments received during the comment period on the Draft EIS will be fully considered prior to determining which alternative would be the Army's preferred alternative. This preference will be identified when the Final EIS is published. <b><u>Copies of the Draft EIS are available here.</u></b> Submit comments to <a href="mailto:usarmy.wainwright.id-pacific.mbx.heu-eis@mail.mil">usarmy.wainwright.id-pacific.mbx.heu-eis@mail.mil</a>.</p> <p><b><u>:: December 9: Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group Teleconference.</u></b> The Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH) Working Group will hold a shortened meeting via teleconference this year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. <b>The WACH Working Group's teleconference will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 1:00-5:00PM.</b> The public/agency audience is invited to listen to the meeting. More information will be shared as the date nears. Contact Jan Caulfield at <a href="mailto:janc@gci.net">janc@gci.net</a> with questions.</p> <p><b><u>:: December 16: Deadline to submit research proposals addressing declining Chinook salmon populations.</u></b> Under the 2021 Invitation, up to \$1.4M is available for funding of research projects addressing the region's declined Chinook salmon populations. Informed by expert peer reviews and review by our science panel, our program will select projects for funding by spring 2021, with contracting completed prior to May 1st in time for the 2021 field season.</p>	

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

Peace	Justice	Sustainability
<p>"Trump is pushing a <b>\$23.37 BILLION arms sale of fighter jets, drones, and bombs to the UAE</b>, all but ensuring the United States remains complicit in human rights abuses in Yemen and beyond... the top line is that we've got <b>just [18] DAYS left before the congressional review period — and our chance to BLOCK this sale — runs out.</b> Will you help us get loud by adding your voice?  <b><u>Tell your members of Congress: No complicity in Yemen! No arms sale to the UAE!</u></b>" from <i>winwithoutwar</i></p>	<p>"City asks US Supreme Court to weigh in on <b>Fairbanks Four lawsuit</b>...[against] the city for [18 years of] wrongful imprisonment..." per News-Miner 11/21/20. With help from the <b><u>Innocence Project</u></b>, they were released long after evidence came out that others were responsible for the crime they were wrongfully charged and convicted of. For more info, see <a href="https://www.facebook.com/freethefairbanksfour">https://www.facebook.com/freethefairbanksfour</a> or <a href="https://www.newsweek.com/2016/01/22/alaska-fairbanks-four-and-how-murder-convictions-end-414201.html">https://www.newsweek.com/2016/01/22/alaska-fairbanks-four-and-how-murder-convictions-end-414201.html</a>.</p>	<p><b>Boot Drive:</b> Beginning Monday, Nov. 30th, AmeriCorps VISTA of Fairbanks will be holding a boot drive <b>to collect adult and children's boots for community members in need.</b> <i>Adult boots will be collected at the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner on the following dates:</i>  Monday 11/30 - 7am – 5pm  Tuesday 12/1 - 7am – 5pm  Wednesday 12/2 – 7am -7pm  Thursday 12/3 from 7am – 7pm.  <i>Children's boots will be collected at Thirvalaska (1949 Gillam Way) on the following dates:</i></p>



**"Take Action: People Over the Pentagon - An Agenda to End Wasteful Pentagon Spending.**

*Demand Congress address Pentagon waste and excess.* It's time to stop misdirecting hundreds of billions of dollars away from domestic and human needs to pad unnecessary budget lines for endless wars, failed weapons and the Pentagon's corporate handouts. Doing so will make our country stronger and more just.

-1- Reallocate the bloated pentagon budget to meet domestic and human needs...

-2-No wars that aren't legally authorized and paid for...

-3- Adhere to our values and work toward international cooperation...

[Read more at this link and] Sign the Petition"  
*from Veterans For Peace*

**"Costs of the War on Terror since 2001**

--Every **hour**, taxpayers in **the United States** are paying **\$2.28 million** [Increasing by \$1,000 per second!] for **Care for War on Terror Veterans since 2001**

--Every **hour**, taxpayers in **the United States** are paying **\$7.99 million** [increasing by \$10,000 every 6 seconds] for **Homeland Security Costs of War Since 2001.**

--Every **hour**, taxpayers in **the United States** are paying **\$10.05 million** for **Interest on War Debt since 2001.**

--Every **hour**, taxpayers in **the United States** are paying **\$11.76 million** for **Military Costs of War since 2001.**

--Every **hour**, taxpayers in **the United States** are paying **\$32.08 million** [increasing by \$100,000 every 17 seconds] for **Total Cost of Wars Since 2001.**

at <https://www.alaskainnocence.org/index.html>:

"AKIP (**Alaska Innocence Project**) is proud to represent Talalelei (TJ) Edwards in his **ongoing fight to prove his innocence and clear his name...**[after 14 yrs in prison]

TJ's hearing is in January. AKIP is working diligently to prove TJ's innocence.

For a short video with TJ and his family and to help support the costs associated with his upcoming hearing, see his GOFUNDME Campaign.

"TJ and his son Jontay spoke to the ANCHORAGE PRESS, resulting in a front page feature on September 17<sup>th</sup>," which quotes,

"They were trying to say I shook my godson that day, but that definitely wasn't the case," said Edwards, who grew up in American Samoa and believes racism and negative attitudes about Polynesians in Alaska at the time contributed to his conviction."

"Choose Democracy update of Nov. 18 describes a couple of things that happened — some reassuring, others concerning concerning challenges to our elections process. Click on the link to read about what was done to protect the process.

*from Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition:*  
**Senior Center Silver Squad** provides virtual and phone wellness checks for seniors. This program has also seen a big increase lately and **could use some volunteer support** as well.

**The Bridge -** The Encampment Outreach team could use warm clothing, winter gear, and propane for the people they are serving. For more information please contact Brynn at [brynnbu@iacnvl.org](mailto:brynnbu@iacnvl.org).

**Northern Hope Center...** is a safe, supportive

Monday 11/30 – 9am – 11am and 12pm – 4pm  
Tuesday 12/1 – 9am – 11am and 12pm – 4pm  
All donations will be distributed to the Fairbanks Rescue Mission, The Bridge, IACNVL, No Limits, Love INC, Thrivalaska, and other local nonprofits. This event is being coordinated by the VISTA program in collaboration with United Way, Thrivalaska, and the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. **Boot Drive Flyer**  
Please contact VISTA Leader, Kenzley Defler ([kdefler@fairbanks.us](mailto:kdefler@fairbanks.us)) for further information!

*from Northern Alaska Environmental Center:*  
**TAKE ACTION: COMMENT PERIOD OPENS FOR THE ARCTIC REFUGE COASTAL PLAIN...** BLM is only accepting hard copies, and comments *must be received* by December 17, 2020. Find more information about the call for nominations and preparing your comment on our website.

:: **Protect the Arctic Refuge Action Toolkit** This solidarity toolkit is intended to be a guide for allied protectors. It includes a brief history of Indigenous organizing, guiding principles, and a call to action. What happens in the Arctic happens to the World. Defend the Sacred AK

How the West Came to Dominate Our Brains on Innovation Hub. 50.23 min, w text.  
<http://blogs.wgbh.org/innovation-hub/2020/11/13/how-west-came-dominate-our-brains/>

*from Alaska Community Action on Toxics:* "To learn more about the threat of PFAS in our drinking water and how it relates to our public health, **you can read about the study and report ACAT composed here>>** Additionally, **we compiled an Alaska-specific PFAS Action Guide>>** to learn how you can

**\*\*Trade-Offs: What else could these dollars buy?\***

→ **20.55 billion** Coronavirus Tests for **1 Year**,  
→ **217.06 billion** N95 Respirator Masks for **1 Year**, or

→ **23.65 million** People receiving \$600 weekly unemployment insurance payments for **1 Year**, or. *[Many other more Positive Options]*

**"Does our budget reflect your priorities?"**

Use our [Trade-Offs tool](#) to see the possibilities for how tax dollars from your state and city could be reallocated to different federal spending priorities.

Visit our [Take Action](#) page to contact your legislators and the media and find additional ways to make your priorities heard.  
*from National Priorities Project, Fighting for a U.S. federal budget that prioritizes peace, economic security and shared prosperity"*

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*from [Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition](#):*

**"AHFC Housing Relief Clearinghouse**

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation built a website to be the one place where all Alaskans — **homeowners, landlords, and renters** and the organizations that assist them — can go to find **current, accurate, comprehensive information** on all housing relief programs, and current guidance on eviction/foreclosure... . It provides:

- A **clearinghouse of all housing relief programs** in the state of Alaska
- A step by step guide that leads all Alaskans to the housing relief program for which they qualify, including

environment within the community for individuals who have experienced mental/emotional challenges. The NHC is hosting a Thanksgiving Feast for NHC members on Nov 25<sup>th</sup>. They have also introduced many new services for members that include a variety of classes, activities, and the Get Fit Club. Also Cessnie is temporarily filling in for Karen. **Please help Halle get more traffic to the newly revamped NHC website!**  
<https://northernhopecenter.org/>.

**Interior Community Health Center:**

[Health Insurance] Open Enrollment is underway. ICHC has Certified Application Counselors that offer assistance applying for health coverage through the Marketplace for the 2021 plan year. We offer this at no cost to our entire community. We assist people...throughout the year, to apply for Marketplace insurance as well as Medicaid. ...call 907-458-1556 and we will be happy to help.

[Also,] Community Health Centers offer medical and dental care with ... **sliding scale discounts** up to 100% for eligible patients...

We offer free drive-through covid-19 testing to the community... please call us to schedule. We do also have appointments for evaluation..."

**Fairbanks Wellness Coalition...** recently teamed up with the Boys & Girls Club and Denali Center on a pen pal and bird feeder project that connects youth and seniors in a COVID friendly way. The FWC will also send out COVID testing and behavioral health resources in all the Fairbanks Community Food Boxes [this] week.

**The Bridge – Employment Services:** The Bridge has computer workstations set up for clients to use for employment needs and other official uses...

**The Bridge – Employment Services could use more winter work clothes.**

combat PFAS contamination in your own communities

**Protecting Children's Environmental Health While Re-opening Schools: Recommendations from the Healthy Schools Network** *Recorded 10-28-20* Click the following link to listen to the recording – <https://youtu.be/IQMND-AiMgU> Links to view and download Barnett's presentation slides and accompanying [handout](#)."

**"YOUTH v GOV,"** the new documentary film about the *Juliana v. U.S.* constitutional climate lawsuit, has been selected by DOC NYC Film Festival for extended screening! So, if you haven't yet seen this moving and impactful film, you can now stream "YOUTH v GOV" at your convenience through November 29! Tickets are available [here](#)." *from Our Children's Trust*

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**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](mailto:clerks@fnsb.us) or call 459-1401.

**Job Opportunities**

**Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition:** [See VISTA jobs, at left; plus:] 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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**Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT)**, a non-profit, statewide organization, seeks a **full-time manager** to direct operations that support all

the **application processes and deadlines**

- Comprehensive resources with current and accurate information about **rent, mortgages, moratoriums, and eviction/foreclosure.**

**"Fairbanks Youth Advocates:** The Door has a pretty full center right now ... **To see how you can support the FYA** please check out: <https://www.fairbanksyouthadvocates.org/>

**Aging Disability Resource Center North** has seen a significant uptick in service requests... The ADRC **provides information on a broad range of programs and services**, helps people understand the various **long-term care options** available to them, helps people apply for programs and benefits, and serves as the access point for publicly funded long-term care. These services can be provided at the ADRC, by telephone, or through a home visit, whichever is more convenient to you. For more information: <https://fairbanksseniorcenter.org/adrc/>

**Meals on Wheels needs help immediately!** Demand has rapidly increased by 1/3<sup>rd</sup>. They are doing everything they can to attempt to avoid waitlists, but they need more volunteers to deliver meals and provide the essential wellness check. The average route only takes two hours. Meals On Wheels volunteers are working with a vulnerable population and will have to do a background check, so the quicker we can get volunteers signed up the better. If you have the ability to pitch in with this vital service please volunteer. go to : <https://fairbanksseniorcenter.org/support-us/volunteers/>.

The City of North Pole is providing Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) **Relief funds for financial assistance to individuals and families directly impacted by a loss of income due to COVID-19 in the amount up to \$10,000** depending on eligible expenses. Love INC distributed the CARES funds for the City of Fairbanks and is now doing the same for the City of North Pole. **CARES requests must be in before November 30<sup>th</sup>** so please get requests in right away! For more info <http://www.loveincfairbanks.org/covid/>.

The AmeriCorps VISTA program is **recruiting five full year positions!** These are volunteer service positions with a living allowance of \$1,333 per month and an annual education award of \$6,345... **Please share the opportunity listings below to potential applicants.**  
--[Children's Museum Community Outreach Coordinator](#)  
--[Fairbanks Health Partners Project Development Specialist VISTA](#)  
--[Morris Thompson Center Project Development VISTA](#)  
--[United Way Volunteer & Marketing Coordinator](#)  
--[Fairbanks Youth Homelessness Demonstration VISTA](#)

The **No Limits Warming Center** at 253 Romans Way has been busy lately and No Limits has decided to open an auxiliary location in a trailer across from Prospectors. This will give people another option for staying out of the cold. **No Limits is in need of winter gear** for both the warming centers and their housing programs. For more information please contact Roscoe at [r.britton@nolimitinc.org](mailto:r.britton@nolimitinc.org).

of ACAT's endeavors...everyone has a right to clean air, clean water, and toxic-free food. Driven by a core belief in environmental justice, ACAT empowers communities to eliminate exposure to toxics

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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!](#)

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from [Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition](#)

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The **Salvation Army** ... Prevention & Diversion program **has funds and is ready to help keep people in housing...**and is taking applications for the 2020 Christmas Assistance Program. **Applications are due on December 11 with a pick up date of December 18<sup>th</sup>.** For more information... visit <https://fairbanks.salvationarmy.org/>

**Fairbanks Rescue Mission** is fully operational and able to provide both isolation and quarantine for people with or exposed to COVID...

*Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition November Mtg Highlights* of 11-20-20 had more community news, which will be included in next week's *Community News & Opportunities*.

*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:*

This Thursday many will be celebrating a National Myth, which under the guise of the worthy notion of thankfulness has afforded this country a smokescreen shielding itself from its own long history, colonial oppression, imperial war, and genocide.

There's nothing's wrong with being thankful though. I'm thankful for, among other things, for the tunes that follow.

Next Crow Nation rapper and fancy dancer, *Supaman* and *Acosia Red Elk* sing *Why?*

Pura Fé is an American Native, a member of the Tuscarora Deer Clan of North Carolina, who have Black and Scot-Irish ancestry as well. A singer-songwriter, musician, composer, seamstress, teacher and activist, she is also the founding member of the Native American women's a cappella group, Ulali. Here they sing *My People, My Land*.

Next Alaska's very own "tribal funk, world music, Inuit Soul" band, *Pamyua* sings *Ocean Prayer*.

Born on the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation, home of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, one of the sub-tribes of the Great Sioux Nation, **Floyd Red Crow Westerman** was sent to the Wahpeton Boarding School, where he first met Dennis Banks (who as an adult became a leader of the American Indian Movement). There, Westerman and the other children were forced to cut their traditionally long hair and forbidden to speak their native languages. This experience profoundly impacted his development and entire life. As an adult, he reclaimed his heritage and became an outspoken advocate for Indigenous cultural preservation. Next *Red Crow* sings *Wounded Knee*.

I dedicate my last selection to the City Government of Fairbanks for their unjust petition to the US Supreme Court for a review of the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals decision allowing the Fairbanks Four to sue the City for wrongful imprisonment. Your golden heart is no more than a cold chunk of yellow metal. Shame on you. Next *Buffy Sainte Marie* sings *The Priests of the Golden Bull*.

*Wage Peace."*

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**Fairbanks AK 99709-3722**

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

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### **Resources**

**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](http://dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair)**  
**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. People with heart or lung disease, the elderly and children should **reduce prolonged or heavy exertion.**

This does not apply during a power outage.

**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.

ADDITIONAL Voluntary Actions: Plug In at 20 degrees or colder, ride the bus, or car pool

How to apply for a NOASH waiver: <http://fnsbair.dec.alaska.gov>

**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 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."

Nov. 6, 2020, Governor Dunleavy issued a new **30-day Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration for COVID-19, effective Nov. 16.**

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/>

•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.

**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.

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

### To Contact your Elected Public Officials

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

<https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/> “This page contains a link to live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Please click the Listen Live image below to start streaming the audio. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. Listen live on your iPhone! Mixlr now has an iPhone/iPad app (<http://bit.ly/163ZvLg>) via the iTunes Store. Once you get the app set up, you search for city\_of\_fairbanks and you will be able to follow our audio stream [http://mixlr.com/city\\_of\\_fairbanks/live/](http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/)!” Location: Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St.

**Email Fairbanks City Council people** (keep it polite, positive, and honest, and remember that any information you share about your identity and story is public record).

Fax 907-459-6710      [cityclerk@fairbanks.us](mailto:cityclerk@fairbanks.us)      [council@fairbanks.us](mailto:council@fairbanks.us)      [jclark@fairbanks.us](mailto:jclark@fairbanks.us)      [imarney@fairbanks.us](mailto:imarney@fairbanks.us)  
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OR call our City Council people (feel free to leave a message after 5PM if that's easier)

Shoshana Kun - Seat A: (907) 590-8313      June Rogers - Seat B: (907) 451-0122      Valerie Therrien - Seat C: (907) 388-0272      Aaron Gibson -  
Seat D: (907) 978-3058      [Lonny Marney](mailto:Lonny Marney) - Seat E: (907) 371-5130      [Jim Clark](mailto:Jim Clark) - Seat F: 347-5726  
Jim Matherly, Mayor: 459-6793, [jmatherly@fairbanks.us](mailto: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 activi-ties in our community...” FDC meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The FDC includes 11 public members (1appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 10 appointed by the City of Fairbanks). The FDC comes together to discuss and work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. Contact info: [cityclerk@fairbanks.us](mailto:cityclerk@fairbanks.us) or 907-479-6702

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

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### **Alaska State Legislature**

legislative schedule and links to related at [AKleg.gov](http://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](http://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.'

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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](http://donyoung.house.gov); Fairbanks office: Key Bank Bldg suite 307, 100 Cushman St.

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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.

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