



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of November 29, 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.]

Central Recycling Facility Closed Due to COVID-19

The Central Recycling Facility located on Marika Road is closed until December 2nd, due to a contract employee's exposure to COVID-19.

Day, Date	Time	<u><i>This Week Opportunities for Action</i></u>	Where?
		<p>November is Native Heritage Month <i>[Buffy Sainte-Marie sang her updated song My Country 'Tis of Thy People You're Dying]</i></p>	
Sunday Nov. 29	last day to get tickets	<p>“<u>YOUTH v GOV</u>,” the new documentary film about the <i>Juliana v. U.S.</i> 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." <i>from Our Children's Trust</i></p>	
Monday Nov. 30	7am-5pm	<p>Boot Drive: Beginning Monday, Nov. 30th, AmeriCorps VISTA of Fairbanks will be holding a boot drive to collect adult and children's boots for community members in need. <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> Monday 11/30 – 9am – 11am and 12pm – 4pm Tuesday 12/1 – 9am – 11am and 12pm – 4pm</p>	<p><u><i>Boot Drive Flyer</i></u> Please contact VISTA Leader, Kenzley Defler (kdefler@fairbanks.us) for further information!</p>
Tuesday Dec. 1	4pm	<p>December 1st is Giving Tuesday, a day set aside to support charitable causes. "GIVE FOR PEACE! concert to benefit Veterans For Peace... Featuring artists Tom Morello, Maya Azucena, Brittney Chantele, Ryan Harvey, Emily Yates, Dale Novella, Stephen Capaldi and more!"</p>	<p>livestreams on VFP Facebook and YouTube</p>
		<p><u><i>John Dear's Peace Podcast</i></u> On the first day of each month, Peace e Bene posts a free, new podcast</p>	<p>internet, free</p>

		reflecting on some aspect of nonviolence. Accessible any time of day.	
	5:30pm	Power to the People workshop with Alaska Community Action on Toxics. "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?"	Register for the workshop here>>
	6-7 pm	Food Security in Uncertain Times -Chicken University 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. Register once and attend any or all classes in this free series. For more info, please contact event coordinator Gina Dionne at 907-786-6313 or gddionne@alaska.edu .	Info & registration: http://bit.ly/AKFoodSecurity2020
	6-7 pm	<u>Regenerative Economy Working Group</u> mtg "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.	
Wednesday Dec. 2	9 -10 am	<u>Alaska Community Action on Toxics</u> monthly <u>Collaboration on Health & Environment (CHE)</u> 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.	Join us
	5-7 pm	<u>Open Circles - Continuing Conversations Around Issues of Race and Equity</u> , presented by Fairbanks Coalition Builders, fcb@k12northstar.org , t. 452-2000x11387	this zoom link
	5:30 or 6:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577	zoom
Thursday Dec. 3	8-10am	Nonviolent Communication & Anger Online Workshop. Nonviolent Communication (NVC) can help you with expressing anger in ways that connect us to others and identify solutions that are satisfying to everyone. Learn more and register here.	
	10 am	Fairbanks Reentry Coalition mtg For more information please contact Linda at reentry@iacnvl.org . The Fairbanks Reentry Coalition is selling shirts and hoodies as part of a fundraising campaign.	Zoom
	7 pm	Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg - All welcome! Contact info@alaskapeace.org	zoom
Friday Dec. 4	8 am - 3:30pm	Blackout Backup Summit - 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 alnashjr@alaska.edu .	Register in advance at https://bit.ly/BlackoutSummit2020
	10 am	<i>from WorldBEYONDWar:</i> <u>Did you know that the U.S. military has 29 military bases in 15 countries across Africa?</u> 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	Register here for the Zoom info Invite your friends

		<p>African land, resources, and labor to serve the needs of U.S. multi-national corporations.</p> <p><i><u>"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.</u></i></p>	<i><u>and share it on Facebook!</u></i>
Saturday Dec. 5		<p><u>International Volunteer Day (IVD)</u> 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.</p>	
	End of Public Review	<p>Relative Risk Site Evaluations for Eielson Air Force Base (AFB) and Clear Air Station (AS)... where 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 ar.afceec-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 the "AR#" field. Then click "search" at page bottom and the spy glass to view the document.</p>	For more info or to submit written comments: contact roy.willis@us.af.mil , 1800-222-4137 or steven.mattson@us.af.mil , same #.
	8:15am	<p>Juneau Veterans For Peace, chapter 100, mtg. Chapter #100 meets first and third Saturday mornings Info: https://www.facebook.com/Veterans-for-Peace-Juneau-Alaska-346669645488614/ or chapter president via akwilco@gmail.com All are invited to attend these after-breakfast meetings.</p>	zoom
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Monday Dec. 7	6:30 pm	<p>Fairbanks City Council mtg. - <u>how to provide testimony and stay connected with the City Council during the COVID-19 pandemic</u></p>	contact: email council@fairbanks.us or call 459-6710
Tuesday Dec. 8		<p><u>:: December 8: Draft EIS on Heat and Electrical Upgrades at Ft. Wainwright comment period deadline.</u> 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. <u>Copies of the Draft EIS are available here.</u> Submit comments to usarmy.wainwright.id-pacific.mbx.heu-eis@mail.mil.</p>	
	5:30pm	<p><u>Fairbanks Diversity Council mtg.</u> -When the "Citizens' Comments" agenda item comes up, attendees may "raise their hand" and be permitted to provide three minutes of comments to the FDC. Otherwise, attendees will be muted in listen/observe-only mode. Contact: 907-459-6702 or email cityclerk@fairbanks.us</p>	<u>Zoom</u>
	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: 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.</p>	Info & registration: http://bit.ly/AKFoodSecurity2020

Wednesday Dec. 9	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.	
	11:30a - 1 pm	Arctic Resilience Conference - Infrastructure 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. (upcoming: December 16: Respecting Traditional Indigenous Knowledge Systems)	Register here
	1-5 pm	:: December 9: Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group Teleconference. The Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH) Working Group will hold a shortened meeting via teleconference this year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The public/agency audience is invited to listen to the meeting. More information will be shared as the date nears. Contact Jan Caulfield at janc@gci.net with questions.	
	6 pm	Fbks City Council Work Session with Interior Delegation - 2021 Legislative Priorities	
Thursday Dec. 10	6 pm	Regular Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly mtg.	
Friday Dec. 11	due date	The Salvation Army ... Prevention & Diversion program has funds and is ready to help keep people in housing... the 2020 Christmas Assistance Program. Applications are due on December 11 with a pick up date of December 18 th . For more information... visit https://fairbanks.salvationarmy.org/	

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

Peace	Justice	Sustainability
<p>"VFP Action Alert: [This] week, members of the Democratic Caucus in the House will vote on who will lead the House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC), a position that will determine which legislation makes it to the committee and who is invited to testify before it... Veterans For Peace, along with over 50 progressive organizations, is endorsing Joaquin Castro to lead the House Foreign Affairs Committee... [applauding] Rep. Castro's stated commitment to ending militarism and war as the first and often only</p>	<p>"NAACP Position Statement on Policing and Our Community</p> <p>"It's the conviction of the Greater Fairbanks NAACP Unit #1001 that all residents in Fairbanks have the right to respectful, safe, and equitable police protection and conduct regardless of age, race, gender, religion, sexuality, mental or physical health status. We advocate for more effective restorative criminal justice policies, and an integrated community-care approach to policing that includes, but is not limited to, addiction and</p>	<p><i>from Native Movement:-</i>"Please submit a public comment supporting the extension of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) restoration boundary to incorporate an ecosystem approach. Extending this boundary would allow funds from the EVOS Trustee Council to be used to protect the Eastern Copper River Delta, the pristine homelands of the Eyak & Tlingit Nations. Within this culturally and ecologically critical region lies the Bering River Coalfields. Your comment will help keep this coal in the</p>

way the U.S. interacts with the globe...
We ask you to sign our petition to tell your representative that we want a reset on US foreign policy." *from Veterans For Peace*
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*from Alaska Move To Amend: "We passed **Ballot Measure 2**, including the call for the 28th Amendment. Here is the relevant language:*

"Reasonable limits on the role of money in elections are necessary to secure the equal rights of Alaskans and to protect the integrity of Alaska elections. Several rulings of the United States Supreme Court have erroneously changed the meaning for the First Amendment to the United States Constitution so as to empower unlimited spending as 'free speech' without proper consideration of factors such as the danger of corruption and the undermining of self-governance in Alaska by the undue influence of wealth, including from outside the state. These mistaken Supreme Court decisions have invalidated long-standing anti-corruption laws in Alaska. Alaska shall now affirm the rights and powers of its citizens by prohibiting the use of dark money in its candidate elections and by supporting an amendment to the United States Constitution allowing citizens to regulate the raising and spending of money in elections."

"This means that Alaska is the 21st state to call for a US Constitutional Amendment to overturn decisions of the US Supreme Court regarding money in elections, and to call for a validation of Alaska's own campaign finance laws.

"...Here in Alaska, we need to **motivate our Congressional delegation to sign on as cosponsors for the We the People Amendment, which is HJR 48 in the House and has not yet been introduced in the Senate** (see <https://www.movetoamend.org/amendment>)...

mental health advocates, judicial discretion in sentencing, and an end to racial disparities within the Fairbanks City Police Department interactions.

"The NAACP acknowledges the need for a beneficial presence of the police department in our community, having as its primary goal the prevention of violence and fatalities, the protection of citizens and the maintenance of order. Therefore, we believe that a successful, fully-functioning police department that is adequate to serve the needs of our community will:

- Prioritize including civilian representatives for a Police Chief hiring committee from Black, Indigenous, LGBTQ, marginalized communities, individuals with disabilities, mental and behavioral health professionals and advocates, as well as military personnel.
- Include ongoing Antiracism, Implicit Bias, Cultural Competency, and De-escalation training for police officers and administration.
- Maintain a Community Mental health response and patrol team to assist Police with mental health incidents and minor infractions.
- Maintain a transparent Citizen Police review commission that meets regularly; the membership representative to the demographics of our community.

"Background

The NAACP acknowledges its members' and community's grief in the knowledge that in the past five and a half years, there have been 43 people killed by Alaska law enforcement officers. A single Fairbanks Police Department Officer was

ground. Tell the EVOS Trustee Council to preserve this region and prevent further harm to those who still suffer because of the 1989 spill. Any industrial accident on the Delta, from the Bering River in the east to Cordova in the west, would negatively impact the Sound.

"Read [Draft Resolution 20-D](#). Please submit a comment supporting the extension [HERE](#). Reach out to Native Conservancy (info@nativeconservancy.org) or Eyak Preservation Council (eyak@redzone.org) for more info.

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*from Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition: "□ **Alaska Climate Alliance (ACA)**, an emergent statewide climate coalition, has been birthed this year with multiple partners. FCAC has played a critical part in convening the ACA to develop the structure and principles, ensuring as it grows we remain grounded in Just Transition and Decolonization frameworks and are open to as much cross-sector and community collaboration as possible.*

"We are excited to share that with the support of your dollars and direction, as well deep partnerships and volunteer leadership, we have hired three new staff members! ...check out their full bios at the [Structure](#) page on our website! "

Helping Our Community

Meals on Wheels needs ...more volunteers to deliver meals and provide the essential wellness checks... <https://fairbanksseniorcenter.org/support-us/volunteers/>.

The Bridge - The Encampment Outreach team could use warm clothing, winter gear, and propane for the

If you missed our most recent event, you can see it here: https://youtu.be/VSG0F_5iQEY . If you want to stay informed about our Alaska activities and events, like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/242863499112569/> and visit our website at www.movetoamend.org/alaska-events . To support the national campaign, sign on at www.movetoamend.org/motion . "

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from *Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition* November Mtg Highlights of 11-20-20:

-Project Homeless Connect: The January PHC has been canceled statewide (probably nationwide)

-Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH): Alaska Behavioral Health's PATH program has been meeting with clients at No Limits Warming Center on Thursdays and Fridays with great success. They recently enrolled eight more clients into PATH services. They are also connecting with the Encampment Outreach Team.

-Alaska Behavioral Health: Due to the COVID spike, Alaska Behavioral Health has had to change the delivery of some services to include the use of telehealth when possible. For more information: <https://alaskabehavioralhealth.org/client-resources/covid-19-operations-at-alaska-behavioral-health/>

-Fairbanks Memorial Hospital: With the spread of COVID-19, FMH has seen an increase of symptomatic COVID patients of

involved in three separate incidents that resulted in fatalities. (Boots, Michelle Theriault. "43 people have been killed by Alaska law enforcement officers in the last 5 1/2 years. Here's what we learned by examining each case." Anchorage Daily News. 3 August, 2020. <https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/2020/08/03/43-people-have-been-killed-by-alaska-law-enforcement-officers-in-the-last-five-and-a-half-years-heres-what-we-learned-by-examining-each-case/>)

In support of the preceding document, the NAACP affirms that Black lives do matter, as do the lives of Police officers and First Responders. This document is in response to the systematic oppression, discrimination, and unjustifiable murders of people of color in the United States, here in Fairbanks, and around our state since first contact and reconstruction. Black and Indigenous lives, People of Color, and other marginalized people are disproportionately killed and incarcerated in alarmingly greater numbers than White citizens.

The NAACP believes we have earned the right to this focus with our lost and imprisoned lives."

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"City of Fairbanks **CARES Relief** (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) **Funds have been exhausted. Applications not being accepted at this time.**" *per loveinc website.*

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"[Choose Democracy](#) update of Nov. 26 describes a couple of things that happened — some reassuring, others concerning challenges to our elections process. Click on the link to read about what was done to protect the

people they are serving. For more information please contact Brynn at brynnbu@iacnvl.org.

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.

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

AmeriCorps VISTA -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](#)

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Co-op Market Grocery & Deli is hiring: [Learn More](#)

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Alaska Community Action on Toxics ...seeks a [full-time manager](#)

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Green Star Hiring Executive Director - go to <https://iagreenstar.org/were-hiring-an-executive-director/>

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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](#)

<p>varying degrees lately. For the latest FMH COVID news https://www.foundationhealth.org/fhp_home/covid_19~2.</p> <p>-FNA Community Services: The Elder Services program has been pretty busy lately with delivering food boxes and doing elder check ins. For more information... please check out https://www.fairbanksnative.org/our-services/community-services/.</p> <p>-Public Defenders Office:... has been exceptionally busy lately. They have played a pivotal role in finding isolation for COVID positive people exiting FCC. Finding stable housing for people on pre-trial remains challenging.</p>	<p>process.</p> <p>=====</p> <p>from <u>Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition</u></p> <p>-FRM – My Place ...continues to be a high fidelity Rapid Re-Housing model. The only way to access the program is through the Coordinated Entry System, which prioritizes more vulnerable clients... They have housed several individuals and families in the past few weeks including clients who meet the HUD definition of experiencing chronic homelessness. For more information https://static1.squarespace.com/static/54c494b8e4b0f7f4ab60d155/t/5e0aa8a19df9c819e0d10a48/1577756849489/MyPlace+RRH.pdf.</p> <p>-Institute for Community Alliances: ...The Point-In-Time Count will be the night of January 26th.</p>	<p>think might be a good fit!</p> <p>=====</p> <p>from <u>Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition</u></p> <p>-Love INC – Loving Families: The Loving Families program has increased funding and has the ability to house families in hotels while they complete the program and transition to permanent housing for more information please reach out to Dean at dmcdaniel@loveincfairbanks.org.</p> <p>(Other FHHC Nov. mtg items reported last week; and more to be reported next week.)</p> <p>:</p>
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Audio & Songs broadcast with this week's Community News:

" Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of November 29, 2020:

I can't help but think today of another November morning four years ago spent camping in a tent alongside the Wakhánagapi Othí, Sacred Stones River, Standing Rock, North Dakota. Falling to sleep to the sounds if prayerful drumming and in the morning having the camp PA alluringly draw me "Wake up relatives; wake up relatives", to greet the sun with prayer. **All my relations, I hear their voices on the wind. All my relations, they have danced on sacred ground.** With this thought in mind I'm opening with the *Neville Brothers* singing, *Sacred Ground* .

Sacred Waters give us life. The Sacred air is our breath. Sacred Earth, our mother, She sustains us from our birth until our death. Where the turtle lays her eggs is; where the eagles make their nest is; where the bears lay down to rest is; where the wolves raise their young is; Where any living creature sets his foot is sacred ground.

These thoughts being as they are truthful thoughts, where does that place us. By us I mean the descendants of a race of colonial settlers. It's evident, from Manhattan to the Pacific Ocean, whether it's been called progress, manifest destiny, or making the world safe for democracy; wherever we have set our feet, quite a many of our other relations have not fared so well. And it hasn't stopped there; we have our military footprint on the face of the Earth in hundreds of countries. What's that look like?

Back in 1898 "we" called it liberation when we invaded Cuba, forcing that country to accept a change from Spanish Colonial rule to US Colonial rule,

complete with language in their constitution granting the US the authority to invade their island nation any time that “we” thought it necessary. It could have happened soon after we “liberated” them too, if their government had not followed General Ludlow’s orders to round up and jail the island’s union organizers, averting a strike for better wages and conditions of their labor. Hell, “we” got us a permanent US military base in Guantanamo Bay out of the deal too; one that even that scary fella with the beard, Fidel Castro, couldn’t evict. Speaking of Castro, about a half dozen years ago, while in Havana, I had the honor of meeting his niece, Mary Ella Castro. Ms. Castro, at the time, was the head of a large gender rights organization as well as a member of Cuba’s equivalent to our Congress. She had just given a great talk about Cuba’s progress in that area, complete with colorful video of a large gender rights celebration in Santa Clara, Cuba. Happening to be there for Valentines Day, I got to hand out cards to my Cuban relations and attend a great book fair with some 40,000 other lovers of books, where I participated in a large musical event calling for the end of violence toward women.

Oh yeah, while in Santa Clara I had the pleasurable educational opportunity and great honor of visiting Che Guevara’s mausoleum. I could say so much more about Cuba, her health care system, rate of literacy etc.; another time I promise. If I haven’t yet betrayed my political leanings, my next selection may. Next **Carlos Puebla** sings ***Hasta Siempre***.

Next, Phil Ochs shares the probable best way we can stop making those terribly destructive footprints, of which I spoke of earlier. *With sincere hopes that within this audience there is a US service person or two who might just take these words to heart; **I Ain’t Fighting Any More**.*

Last but not least, a word or two about those footprints that “we’ve” tread across the backs folks seeking a little safety and security, in this land “we” call the United States of America. **Joe Biden**, not only do you need to stop building Donny’s wall, you need to tear it down, clean up his mess, and make whole those injured by his nasty xenophobic footprint. Next **Joe Jencks** sings ***Lady of the Harbor***.

Wage Peace."

-- My Country 'Tis of Thy People You're Dying, written & sung by Buffy Sainte-Marie

--The Lost Children, written & sung by Gordon Lightfoot

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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Alaska Peace Center message is on the roads and airwaves! Help us continue to circulate this message! [Donate to APC today!](#)

3% of U.S. military
spending could end
starvation on earth.

alaskapeace.org

Number explained: worldbeyondwar.org/explained

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!

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**

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 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."

[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 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/ANTHtoday/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/163ZyLg>) 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 activi-ties 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.mcgee@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

First regular session for the 32nd legislature convenes Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Legislative schedule and links are at AKleg.gov. 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

(newly elected Alaska legislators assume office on the second Monday in January following a presidential election year - Jan. 11, 2020 - and on the third Tuesday in January following a gubernatorial election year, ^[1] per Ballotpedia)

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