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Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of August 25th, 2019

*reporting on events & issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability affecting us and 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!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?*
August 2 - Sept 9	6 weeks ‘Every member of Congress will be home in their state or district’	<p>Congress on summer/autumn break: Time for Open Town-Hall meetings, to be called by citizens? See Sending Citizens Summons to Members of Congress by Ralph Nader, including The Citizens Summons to a Member of the Congress</p> <p>“Congressional staff say that visits to congressional offices in states ... for even 5 or 10 minutes can have a lasting impact.” Please preserve the House-passed provision to prevent war with Iran in the National Defense Authorization Act. Your legislators are home this month for the [summer] recess and it’s important that they hear from you...</p> <p>Three Steps to Dropping by a Congressional Office</p> <p>1. Print out a one-pager Download a one-pager calling for Rep. Young to take action to prevent war with Iran. 2. Find your closest congressional offices. Representative Don Young Fairbanks: Key Bank Building, 100 Cushman St. 3. Pay him a visit! No need to make an appointment -- just stop by during business hours. Here’s a sample script you can use once you get there: <i>Hi, my name is _____, and I’m a constituent from Fairbanks, Alaska.</i> from FCNL</p>	<i>Every community?</i>
		<u><i>This Week Opportunities for Action</i></u>	<i>*All locations in Fbks unless noted.</i>
Sunday Aug. 25	9am-5pm	Tanana Valley Sandhill Crane Festival includes talks, walks, book fair, crane calling, ‘hopper hunt’, poetry, photography workshop, live falcons & hawks, food fiesta, bird banding, 5K run, history tour, ice cream social, quilt raffle, silent auction, crane watch with naturalists, and crane crafts. See the schedule at http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org/pdf/SACR2019FESTIVAL.pdf .	various locations
	12:30pm	Come Join a call with Friends Committee on National Legislation Advocacy Teams trainer to learn more! Sarah Freeman-Woolpert, FCNL Advocacy Teams Trainer [will discuss] coming to Fairbanks for sharing more information and a possible training here... the end of September or early October, whether we want to move forward with starting up a Fairbanks Advocacy Team. More information available at www.fcnl.org/advocacyteams	Chena Ridge Friends Meeting, 2682 Gold Hill Rd in ‘L’ bldg upper back room
	2pm	"Recovery of Trumpeter Swans Across North America" Sandhill Crane Festival presentation by featured guest speaker Gary Ivey, a Wildlife and Wetlands Consultant and Research Associate at the International Crane Foundation.	Morris Thompson Visitor & Cultural Center
Mon 8/26- Sun 9/1		“The 5G Crisis: Awareness & Accountability Summit is online and FREE from August 26 - September 1, 2019. 5G wireless... the industry HAS NOT shown it to be safe for your health or privacy — yet THOUSANDS of peer-reviewed, independent studies show the risks it presents. Understand the dangers and find solutions in your community!”	https://the5gsummit.com/?idev_id=20024 .

Monday August 26	4-5pm AK time	Join the Citizen Lobby Day call with Florida Congressman Ted Deutch's Congressional Scheduler, Alex Rocha, and fellow citizen leaders. She'll share best practices for getting and having impactful congressional meetings! [regarding American Promise, 'to win the 28th Amendment so people, not money, govern in America'. Lobby Day Training Material	Join the Call
	5pm Comment Deadline	Golden Valley Electric Association proposes to purchase power on an "as-available" "as-needed" basis from the University of Alaska Fairbanks Atkinson Heat and Power Plant. To submit comments to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, reference TA329-13 to https://rca.alaska.gov/RCAWeb/WhatsNew/PublicNoticesComments.aspx , and send a copy to GVEA.	
	6:30pm	Fairbanks City Council Mtg 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. Mtgs include citizens' comments. Council Mtgs are aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio, and via audio stream (http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/)!"	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St
Tuesday August 27		Kellogg-Briand Treaty Day - "The Kellogg–Briand Pact (... officially General Treaty for Renunciation of War as an Instrument of National Policy ^[1]) is a 1928 international agreement in which signatory states promised not to use war to resolve "disputes or conflicts of whatever nature or of whatever origin they may be, which may arise among them". ^[2] the Pact renounced the use of war and calls for the peaceful settlement of disputes. Similar provisions were incorporated into the Charter of the United Nations and other treaties... The pact was concluded outside the League of Nations and remains in effect. ^[4] " Wikipedia	World-Wide
	12-1pm	Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition August Mtg. -	City Hall 800 Cushman St
	4pm	Regenerative Economy Working Group 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 the link to learn more and to sign up.	
	6-8pm	Climate, Jobs, and Justice: Fairbanks Candidate Forum "Join us for a free, non-partisan, and public candidate forum. Community members will have the opportunity to dialog with candidates about climate action, local industries, worker advocacy, and communal justice issues. RSVP today. Don't miss the opportunity to get to know the candidates and have your questions answered >> . We will provide water and tea, so bring a reusable cup or mug to cut down on waste if you can. We have 20 candidates coming to this Forum from Fairbanks and North Pole City Council, Borough Assembly, and School Board. Our partners and I are so excited to host this forum. Check out the full Candidate Participant list here >> " Hosted by NAACP, Native Movement, Gwich'in Steering Committee, Fbks Climate Action Coalition, Planned Parenthood, and The Alaska Center.	JPJones Community Development Ctr 2400 Rickert St
Wednesday August 28	5:30pm	Fbks Open Radio volunteer training ... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577	3535 College Rd, suite 203
Sun -Sat	9/1-7	<u>Next Week</u>	
Monday, Sept. 2	?12 noon - parade; 1-4pm picnic	"34th Annual Labor Day Parade Picnic ...Parade Begins: Noon at Noel Wien Library. Picnic: 1pm-4pm Pioneer Park. Cotton Candy! Snow Cones! Door Prizes! Rides and Games! Free food for those who walk in the Parade! (\$5 for others) Transportation back to your car!" Presented by The Fairbanks Central Labor Council . Fairbanks Central Labor Council .	Noel Wien Library, Cowles St, to Pioneer Park, 2300 Airport Way
Tuesday Sept. 3	6:45-8pm	Fairbanks Peace Choir fall rehearsals start. Join the spirit uplift- Creating a culture of peace through song! Flynn Ludington, director, Paul Krejci, pianist. Come early to register. \$75 donation asked. Scholarships available. Info. 457-8086.	UUFF, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
Wednesday Sept. 4	9am	Natural Wellness Workshop Public- Hosted by Fairbanks Reentry Coalition Ionia's Natural Wellness training is coming to Fairbanks. The Fairbanks Reentry Coalition will be hosting them at the JP Jones Center September 4-6, 2019, three full days of training. The cost per person is \$50 due at registration and includes lunch. Applications and flyers will be available via email	JP Jones center 2400 Rickert St.

		Linda Setterberg at reentry@iacnvl.org . This training is for peers (consumers) and those interested in becoming Wellness Coaches.	
Thursday Sept. 5	5:30 pm	Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg - All welcome! Contact info@alaskapeace.org	3535 College Rd, suite 203
	7pm	Gender Pack Parents Group: A support group for parents of transgender, non-binary, or gender non-conforming kids is starting up on 9/5/19. They will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month starting at 7pm in the downstairs room at UUFF. They are here to support parents of children outside the gender binary, whether those children are 4 or 74. They provide a space where parents and guardians can find ways to support their children, as well as to express the sometimes complicated feelings that can arise from having a gender expansive child. They offer a non-judgmental space for parents at any point on their journey, but also operate from a place of support for transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming people. For more information contact genderpackparents@gmail.com	UUFF, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
Saturday Sept. 7	10am-2pm	Community Needs Drive- This event works with the local social services network to identify what items the agencies really need to help the community. Often good intentioned donations of goods that agencies can't use become an overwhelming burden for the organizations. The Community Needs Drive eliminates that problem by specifically collecting the items the agencies request and delivering the donations to them. For more information: Needs List Community Needs Drive Flyer VISTA Fairbanks Website FHHC Website from Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition < fairbankshomeless@gmail.com >	Love INC's new location: 609 3rd Street
	7pm Sat. to 9am Sunday	One Homeless Night Sleep out to support homeless youth! Fun Food Contests One Homeless Night is our annual fundraiser where kids, adults, families, and teams all gather to spend a night sleeping out rough, to bring awareness to the issues of youth homelessness and express a gesture of solidarity to the youth in our community who have no place to stay. It is a night of fun and food along with a note of seriousness. Participants raise money for The Door (Fairbanks Youth Advocates' youth shelter) by encouraging friends and family to sponsor them for the event. All proceeds go to help with costs associated with offering the teens in our community a safe place to stay.	122 10th Ave. Fairbanks
		<u>Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week Events</u>	
Saturday Sept 28		Homer Friends Meeting (Quaker). We are hosting a free Advocacy Training ... Further details are listed on the Registration page linked to the attached document . Please contact Susanne Ratcliffe Wilson regarding any questions: (907) 299-6618	in Homer at Station Twelve.

Good News category:

“**Pentagon scraps missile defense project...** canceling the Boeing contract, effective [8/22/19, due to] **design problems so significant as to be either insurmountable** or too costly to correct... The Pentagon currently has 44 missile interceptors based mostly at Ft. Greely, Alaska... [An] additional 20 were to be equipped by 2023... ‘It is my understanding that construction of Missile Field 4 at Fort Greely will continue, and once the next-generation interceptors are built,’ [Sen. Lisa] Murkowski [said], ‘I will work to ensure that those will be placed in Alaska...’” *reports the News-Miner 8/22 & 8/23.*

per [The Full Costs of Ballistic Missile Defense - Executive Summary](#)

“2. Once longer term operations and support costs are added to acquisition costs to give a picture of the total life cycle costs for each missile defense system in the overall system, we find that the likely future cost of layered missile defense would be, on the Low Estimate side, **between \$785 billion and \$825 billion** dollars at least, and on the High Estimate side, between \$1.1 trillion and **\$1.2 trillion.**”

*In a [2017 article in Vice](#), “**Why You Should Be Skeptical of the US Military's 'Successful' Missile Defense Test** - The missile it intercepted was probably moving slower than one fired at the US from North Korea would be... The target's velocity is a critical detail. The faster the rocket, the harder it is to shoot down. It's not for no reason that, in eight of 18 tests since 1999, [GMDs have missed their targets](#). Intercepting an ICBM is like "hitting a bullet with a bullet."*

Peace Justice Sustainability

from info@winwithoutwar.org: **“Just days ago a U.S. drone flying in legally questionable airspace over Yemen was shot down. [1] Unnamed U.S. officials immediately went to the press to lay the blame on Iran -- our team was immediately on edge.**

It is terrifying that moments like this make the world hold its breath, wondering if *this* could be the event Trump and Bolton will use as a pretext to start war with Iran -- and it's why it's SO critically important we ensure Congress makes it unequivocal that Trump's team does NOT have the legal authority to do so.

Right now our team is furiously working to influence a notoriously opaque closed-door negotiation between House and Senate leaders over a **must-pass defense bill** that incredibly **includes an amendment that would prevent the administration from starting an unauthorized war with Iran.”**

Alaska's Congressional delegation: Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121

Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov

Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov

Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov

“President Trump violated the US Constitution when he unilaterally pulled the United States out of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty on August 2, 2019. Treaties signed and ratified by the President of the United States, by consent of the Senate, become “the supreme law of the land” according to Article VI, paragraph 2 of the US Constitution.[i] The INF Treaty was signed by President Reagan on December 8, 1987 and ratified by consent of the US Senate on May 27, 1988. That means this Treaty is as much a part of US law as any Act of Congress or Supreme Court decision.

What the INF Treaty says, and what therefore the law requires, is that the US may withdraw from this Treaty only if “*extraordinary events related to the subject matter of this Treaty have jeopardized its supreme interests.*”[ii] This is known as the ‘extraordinary events clause’ and it was actually the United States who insisted on inserting this clause in the Partial Test Ban Treaty of 1963. This was specifically to ensure that parties to such treaties cannot just withdraw from them without sufficient justification.[iii] The identical language has been included in a number of treaties since then, including the INF Treaty.

In the case of the US withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty in 2002, for instance, President George W. Bush used 9/11 as the “extraordinary event” needed to justify US withdrawal from that particular treaty.[iv] Withdrawal from the INF Treaty requires a similarly “extraordinary event” related to the subject matter of this treaty and withdrawal on any other grounds is simply *not legal*.[v]...

Breaking international treaties is not a trifling matter. These treaties are all we have when it comes to maintaining peaceful relations with the other 194 countries we share this planet with. They are also the supreme law of the land, and presidents should be held accountable for that.”

excerpts from ‘[Trump broke US law in destroying INF Treaty](#)’

by Dr. Timmon Wallis is Executive Director of [NuclearBan.US](#) and author of ...[Warheads to Windmills: How to Pay for the Green New Deal](#), which he will discuss on Talk Nation radio show, to be aired Tuesday at 3pm on KWRK-LP 90.9FM or livestream kwrk.org.

“The nuclear arms race is back ... and ever more dangerous now - Donald Trump has increased spending on America’s arsenal while ripping up cold war treaties. Russia and China are following suit,” by [Simon Tisdall in The Guardian](#).

“Imagine the uproar if the entire populations of York, Portsmouth or Swindon were suddenly exposed to three times the permissible level of penetrating gamma radiation, or what the nuclear physicist Ernest Rutherford termed gamma rays. The outpouring of rage and fear would be heard across the world.

That’s what happened to the roughly 200,000 people who live in the similarly sized northern Russian city of Severodvinsk on 8 August, after [an explosion at a nearby top-secret missile testing range](#). Russia’s weather service, Rosgidromet, recorded radiation levels up to 16 times higher than the usual ambient rate.

... It was five days before officials confirmed a blast at the Nyonoksa range had killed several people, including nuclear scientists. No apologies were offered to Severodvinsk residents. There is still little reliable information. “Accidents, unfortunately, happen,” a Kremlin spokesman said.

That callous insouciance is not universally shared. According to western experts, the explosion was caused by the launch failure of a new nuclear-powered cruise missile, one of many advanced weapons being developed by Russia, the US and [China](#) in an accelerating global nuclear arms race... the nuclear powers are digging their own graves – and ours.”

“Covert CIA-Sponsored Paramilitary Groups Pose an Obstacle to Peace in Afghanistan... The [Costs of War](#) project [report](#) calls for the disarmament and societal reintegration of these paramilitary forces as a priority item and action point in the new peace deal. In today’s feature article on the report, [The Intercept](#) states, “the

agreement won't lead to real peace unless it addresses the elephant in the room: the fate of regional Afghan militias paid and directed by the CIA." See this research featured in *The Intercept* [Read more](#)

"People across the country are asking the same question: "What can I do to change what's happening in the world?"

Friends Committee on National Legislation's 75 years on Capitol Hill have shown that your voice can make an important impact on federal policy.

In-person meetings with your members of Congress are the most effective way to influence policy decisions.

Please join FCNL for an advocacy workshop:

- Influence your members of Congress and their staff through face-to-face conversations
- Drive the media coverage you want to see
- Build a strategic team in your community that lobbies as part of a powerful national advocacy network
- Join our 2019 Advocacy Team campaign to stop endless wars by urging Congress to reassert its constitutional authority. We are supporting legislation to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) and encourage public debate on all issues of war and peace.

Change in Washington D.C. starts with you."

In addition to the Sept. 28 advocacy workshop in Homer, we can have such a workshop in Fairbanks. Please contact info@alaskapeace.org or cathy.a.walling@gmail.com

"The Trump administration just froze up to \$4 billion in life-saving funding for global health initiatives, development aid, and more.

These are investments that educate. That cure. That support democratic change and human safety. Funding that improves and saves lives in the poorest countries in the world. And these investments are ultimately critical to staving off wars. We should be increasing this type of U.S. government funding, not freezing it.

Crucially: Congress, which has the Constitutional power of the purse, has ALREADY APPROVED this funding! What Trump is attempting is a backdoor attempt that is likely not just ILLEGAL, but UNCONSTITUTIONAL. **There's already reports of bipartisan opposition, but if we can turn that into a massive outcry in the next few days, we can stop this plan just like we did last year.**

Add your name to ask your Rep. Don Young to reject Trump's cruel and illegal diplomacy and development funding cuts." from *winwithoutwar.org*.

from AK Sen. Gray-Jackson 8/23 : "On Monday, after a week of slowly revealing his intentions, the **Governor signed the Operating Budget (HB 2001)** which also **included his second round of 71-line-item vetoes that totaled about \$220 million... Some of the most significant cuts** are below:

Items Vetoed

- \$50 million cut to Medicaid funding.
- \$27 million cut to Medicaid coverage for adult enhanced dental services.
 - \$6.1 million cut in Behavioral Health Treatment Recovery Grants.
 - \$7.4 million cut to Adult Public Assistance.
- Elimination of the Nome Youth Detention and Treatment Facility. (*\$2 million*)
 - \$3 million cut to the VPSO program.
 - \$5 million cut to the Alaska Marine Highway System.
- Eliminates a \$30 million capitalization of the Community Assistance Fund.
 - \$2.7 million to public broadcasting in Alaska.
 - \$3.4 million to the Ocean Ranger program.

As you can see, a sizable burden of the budget reductions has been placed on the backs of the poor, the sick and local communities. That is unacceptable.

Items Restored

---In the midst of the bad news, there are still some positive developments. Because of the dedication of Alaskans like you that expressed your values to the Governor and Legislature, many vital services were restored. Some are below:

- Funding for the Senior Benefits Program restored. (*\$20.7 million*)

- \$110 million for the University of Alaska. (\$25 million cut)
 - \$8.8 million for early education programs.
 - \$670.9 thousand for Online with Libraries program.
 - \$138.2 thousand for the Live Homework Help program.
 - \$759 thousand in funding for Alaska Legal Services (ALSC).
 - \$3.8 million for the Alaska State Council on the Arts.
- \$2.2 million for Human Services Matching Grants and Community Initiative Grants.
 - \$2.7 million for agricultural programs.”

from Union of Concerned Scientists: **“Say NO to a Trump rule that would leave 3 million hungry.**

Research shows that SNAP works. The Trump administration wants to cut SNAP for 3.1 million people, and potentially leave half a million children hungry at school. Submit your public comment and urge the USDA to withdraw this proposal. [Take Action Today!](#)”

from American Friends Service Committee: **“What do you do when you witness racist, anti-Muslim, anti-Trans, or other forms of harassment in public?:** Check out our Do’s and Don’ts for bystander intervention to learn more. If you witness public instances of racist, anti-Black, anti-Muslim, anti-Trans, or any other form of oppressive interpersonal violence and harassment, use these tips on how to intervene while considering the safety of everyone involved.” AFSC has hand-outs, webinars, and videos at [Recap: Bystander Intervention Training.](#)

from su.c@akaction.org [ACAT: Alaska Community Action on Toxics]: **“A drinking water contamination crisis is growing throughout our country, including many communities in Alaska.** PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are highly persistent and toxic chemicals used in many products and industrial applications. These toxic chemicals have been linked to cancer, harm to the immune system and other health problems. Much of the drinking water contamination has come from their use in firefighting foam used on military bases and commercial airports. This foam has been released during decades of firefighting training exercises and has polluted groundwater and bodies of water, eventually ending up in the water that comes out of the tap. There are safe alternatives and we need to make a rapid transition to phase out PFAS in firefighting foam! Drinking water at a number of sites across Alaska has tested positive for PFAS chemicals. I’m glad to tell you that some members of Congress have come together behind a number of policy solutions to this growing crisis. One of the most important first steps is to designate these chemicals as hazardous substances under the Superfund law so that we can jumpstart clean up at sites like the ones in Alaska.

[Please send a message to our Alaska Senators: Tell Senators Murkowski and Sullivan that you want strong action to ensure clean drinking water!](#)

You can also [tweet @lisamurkowski and @SenDanSullivan](#) if that’s your style. Here’s a sample: “@lisamurkowski and @SenDanSullivan, will you **vote to designate #PFAS chemicals as hazardous substances under the Superfund law?** Alaska is counting on you to protect our drinking water!

If you have any questions or want to do more to help, just [contact ACAT]. We would love to hear from you. To learn more, check out this helpful [PFAS resource page.](#)”

from Defend Bristol Bay: **“Help us keep up the pressure during August Recess [v. Pebble Mine] - It just takes a minute to [sign onto this letter](#) asking for [Sen Murkowski’s] help protecting the people, jobs and salmon of Bristol Bay. ”**

“Enough is enough!

The Navy Growler jet flight schedule for next week (located [here](#)) is a brutal and punishing one. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday flights will occur “early morning, mid-morning, early-to-late afternoon, night-to-late night into early morning.” Potentially, there will be no relief from the Growler jet noise for the Coupeville community. This schedule could have devastating economic impacts, as this is prime vacation time for tourists visiting our communities. This schedule also sets a damaging precedent: In just a few weeks our kids will be returning to classrooms and trying to learn. According to the World Health Organization “impairment of early childhood development and education caused by noise may have lifelong effects on academic achievement and health. For decades our communities have been good partners and neighbors with the Navy, but this newest action is asking too much...” *from Sound Defense Allowance (in Washington State)*

“The F-35 Could Make Some Neighborhoods in the U.S. Unliveable,” per an [8-7-19 article in Popular Mechanics](#)

“TAKE ACTION BY SEPTEMBER 3: Tell the U.S. Food & Drug Administration to safety test the GMO Impossible Burger—before the burger is sold to consumers! Even if you prefer organic veggie burgers or grass-fed beef, even if you’d never touch the genetically engineered Impossible Burger, it’s important for all of us to demand safety testing and regulation of GMOs. The future of food—and public health—is at stake.” *from Organic Consumers Association.*

Audio & Songs broadcast with this week’s Community News and Opportunities:

-- Hello, welcome to the Asymmetric Moose Picks for the week of August 25, 2019.

- 1) The program opens with clips of the documentary “*Do Not Resist*”. First “FBI Director James Comey “explains” the “need” to arm U.S. Police with military grade weapons systems followed by “law enforcement” guru Dave Grossman speaking to training seminar for police.
- 2) David Rovics sings *Song For Chelsea*. Chelsea Manning (Now in prison since May for refusing to testify before a Federal Grand Jury against Julian Assange and others.
- 3) Civil Rights leader Reverend Fredrick Douglas Kirkpatrick sings *Farewell Mr. Charlie*”
- 4) Poor Peoples Campaign Choir sings *Somebody’s Hurting My Brother*.
- 5) Playing For Change Band (Brazil Concert) sings one of my favorite Sam Cooke numbers, *A Change Is Gonna Come*.

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May Peace be with you!

Have a good week!

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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).

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OR call our City Council people (feel free to leave a message after 5PM if that's easier)

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Shoshana Kun - Seat A: (907) 590-8313

June Rogers - Seat B: (907) 451-0122

Valerie Therrien - Seat C:

(907) 388-0272

Kathryn Otterstein - Seat D: (907) 978-5461

Jerry Cleworth - Seat E: (907) 452-6461

David Pruhs - Seat F: (907) 750-2888

OR! leave a comment here: <https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/citycouncil/webform/contact-council>

Fbks Diversity Council (FDC) "...to provide a citizens forum, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan for the community. The FDC supports many different cultural and social activities in our community..." FDC meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The FDC includes 15 public members (3 appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 12 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>

Doug Isaacson - Term: 10/2016 – 10/2019; 1003 Shirley Turnaround, N Pole, AK 99705; Cell Phone: 322-3133; Email: doug.isaacson@northpolealaska.org

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Perry Walley - Term: 10/2018 - 10/2021; 659 W 5th Ave; Cell Phone: 347-0135; Email: perry.walley@northpolealaska.org

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

Fairbanks North Star Borough - (updated summer 2019)

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Christopher Quist, Finance Chair - seat D; cquist@fnsb.us; 907-687-5049; exp 10/20

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Liz Lyke - seat F; llyke@fnsb.us; 907-378-3727; exp 10/21

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Leah Berman Williams - seat G; lbwilliams@fnsb.us; 907-347-4021; exp 10/21

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Alaska State Legislature

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During the last week of the session, and in special sessions, the “24-hr-rule” applies, meaning little to no advance calendar notices.

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