**Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of December 15th, 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!

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<td><strong>Sunday</strong> Dec 15</td>
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<td><strong>Bill of Rights Day</strong> - The Bill of Rights became part of the Constitution of the United States on December 15, 1791. To learn how to take action to defend our civil liberties, see Defending Rights &amp; Dissent <a href="https://rightsanddissent.org/">https://rightsanddissent.org/</a>. (In 2016, the Bill of Rights Defense Committee and the Defending Dissent Foundation joined forces to become: Defending Rights &amp; Dissent)</td>
<td>*All locations in Fbks unless noted.</td>
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<td><strong>North Pole Zone Stage 2 [Air Quality] Alert valid</strong> Dec 14 at 5pm until Dec 16, 1pm. No burning w/o a NOASH*. For info call 451-2132 or visit <a href="http://dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair">http://dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair</a></td>
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<td><strong>Monday</strong> Dec 16</td>
<td>11am</td>
<td>XRA <strong>Extinction Rebellion Alaska</strong> General Assembly mtg each Monday</td>
<td>Raven Landing 1222 Cowles st.</td>
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<td>6:30pm</td>
<td>“consider attending &amp; testifying at GVEA*'s Monthly Board Mtg! Keep the pressure up on our electric cooperative to do its part to take action on climate change!! Take just a few minutes and testify in favor of renewable energy and carbon emissions reductions.” per Fbks Climate Action Coalition *Golden Valley Electric Association (Co-operative)</td>
<td>GVEA Headquarters – 758 Illinois St.</td>
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<td>10-11 pm</td>
<td><strong>“Attla” documentary</strong> Independent Lens film premier about dog mushing champion George Attla and the times he lived in.</td>
<td>KUAC ch. 9 TV</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday</strong> Dec 17</td>
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<td><strong>Community Involvement Plan Survey, Eielson Air Force Base.</strong> “Community input is a critical element of the environmental cleanup process...also in reestablishing the Eielson Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)... If interested in serving on the RAB, please respond to: <a href="mailto:EielsonRABSurvey@eaest.com">EielsonRABSurvey@eaest.com</a> or call 907-456-4751 x 130. ...The names of citizens who participate in the survey are confidential and will not be released.” For more info: <a href="http://afcecc.publicadmin-record.us.af.mil/Search.aspx">http://afcecc.publicadmin-record.us.af.mil/Search.aspx</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>Frontline “Weinstein”</strong></td>
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<td>Monday Dec 14</td>
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<td>Housing First Christmas party: [Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks] will be sharing ... time and love with residents of Housing First during an afternoon tea and caroling event... We are requesting donations of homemade baked goods and/or some kind of music (including singing) to share with the tenants. If you would like more information or can donate baked goods, please email Holly Blood at <a href="mailto:hollydblood@yahoo.com">hollydblood@yahoo.com</a>. Housing First provides housing without a precondition of sobriety, and they have approximately 45 tenants. Children are welcome at this event.</td>
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<td>Thursday Dec 19 5:30-7:30pm</td>
<td>“FCAC* Council Mtg – standard updates on various happenings within the organization, including briefings from the various working groups of FCAC!...feel free to come to listen in on what all is going on with FCAC. While it’s important for these meetings to stay relatively focused, you’re also welcome to bring any ideas or questions to the Council meeting and have some time to present them. Please get in touch if you have any more questions on the subject!” *Fcbs Climate Action Coalition</td>
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<td>Saturday Dec 21 11:30 am</td>
<td>NAACP meets the 3rd Saturday of each month for General Membership mtgs. Membership forms are available... Office (907) 456-2227; Greater Fairbanks Branch Local 1001 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People p.o. Box 84437, Fbks, AK 99708</td>
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<td><strong>Next Week</strong></td>
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<td>Tuesday Dec 24</td>
<td>Deadline to select Lend-a-Hand recipients</td>
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<td>Thursday Dec 26 12-1pm</td>
<td>Next FHHC Mtg: will be December 26th from noon to one in the Council Chambers. Yup the day after Christmas! Don’t worry we’ll come up with something fun for the folks that make it to the meeting!</td>
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Peace  Justice  Sustainability

“Nushagak Cooperative, a [Bristol Bay] **regional utility co-op, wants to harness** [Nuyakuk Falls] **force**, moving the region away from diesel fuel and toward clean, renewable energy, which could also lower high energy costs for its members. It has identified Nuyakuk Falls as an ideal location for a hydroelectric generator. Now it’s beginning the federal permitting process in earnest... Its model would divert up to 30% of the river’s flow through a generator and return it to the river... But Nuyakuk River is also a highway for one of the region’s major salmon runs.” Read or listen to the full Alaska Public Media 12-12-19 article via this link.

“A **fully electric seaplane has made its first flight** over the mouth of the Fraser River near Vancouver, British Columbia. The maiden flight represents a milestone in the long process of reducing the aviation industry’s emissions, noise and costs by electrifying short-to-medium distance commercial flying. READ MORE” from APM 12-12-19

“**Bill would give Alaskans an advisory role in Arctic shipping** - [T]he “Arctic Shipping Federal Advisory Committee Act.” ... establishes a 15-member committee to advise Congress and the Transportation secretary. Murkowski says the committee will give Alaskans and coastal residents a voice as the sea ice recedes and traffic increases. Whalers, walrus hunters and fishermen are already crossing paths with more commercial ships, the senator says... The governors of Alaska and Washington can each nominate one member to the committee. One seat is reserved for an Alaska tribal member. There is also a seat to represent subsistence users and one for coastal communities.

The bill cleared the Commerce Committee Wednesday. Its next stop is the Senate floor.” from APM 12-11-19

from APM 12-9-19: **“In an unprecedented response to historically low numbers of Pacific cod, the federal cod fishery in the Gulf of Alaska is closing for the 2020 season.** It’s a decision that came as little surprise, but it’s the first time the fishery has closed due to concerns of low stock. READ MORE”

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<th>Tuesday, Jan 7</th>
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<th>“<strong>FCAC Interfaith working group mtg</strong> – reconvening in the new year to do some strategic planning, and your energy &amp; input is very welcome!”</th>
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<td>University Community Presbyterian Church, 3510 College Rd</td>
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<td>Saturday, Jan 18, 2020</td>
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<td>10th <strong>Annual Soup Off</strong> - fundraiser for Breadline, Inc’s Stone Soup Cafe, Stone’s Throw culinary job training program, Community Garden, Kids’ Cafe</td>
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<td>Tuesday, January 21</td>
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<td>2nd session of the 31st Alaska Legislature 2020 legislative session will begin and continue through April or May.</td>
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<td>January 21st, 2020 ... marks ten years since the devastating Supreme Court decision Citizens United vs FEC -- [Move to Amend is] calling for sit-ins across the country in the offices of Representatives who have yet to sign on to the We the People Amendment... RSVP here for our next J21 planning call and learn about how you can join us.</td>
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Audio & Songs broadcast with this week’s Community News and Opportunities:

“Hello this is The **Asymmetric Moose**, Rob Mulford with picks of the week of December 15, 2019. This week I’d like to chat a little about Responsible Mineral Sourcing.

According to forecasts published in a report prepared for Earthworks by Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia, titled **“Responsible Mineral Sourcing for Renewable Energy”**, if the world transitions to 100% renewable energy by 2050, the total demand for Lithium will reach 280 percent of global reserves (the estimated...
amount of a mineral that can be economically mined under current conditions) and 85% of global resources (the total known amount of a mineral for which extraction may be potentially be feasible).

Over half of the world's Lithium reserves are found in brine wells below the surface of the Andean Salt Flats of Argentina, Bolivia, and Chile. Mining the mineral there essentially equals mining water. Chile's Salar de Atacama is one of the most arid places on earth. Mining there is now extracting 2000 more liters of water per second than is replenished. Catastrophe looms over the areas wild life and indigenous peoples.

Last month Bolivia's Indigenous President Evo Morales was deposed by what only be classified as a coup de tat, led by rightwing Christian fascists. This came about a week after Morales canceled an agreement with Germany's ACI Systems Alemania (ACISA) to mine the Bolivian Salar. Among other clients, ACISA provides batteries to Tesla. Tesla's stock rose the Monday after the coup.

The US military consumes more hydrocarbons than most countries. Are we going to allow this situation to transform analogously into a renewable energy future? Where is the justice in that.

The US house this past week, 377 to 48, approved a $738B payout to the same racket, the world's largest protection racket, the US DoD. "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed", and those who are dying of thirst due to the theft of their precious water. I repeat, where is the justice.

The racket is all about domination, theft, and murder. It is not, never was, and never can be green.

We liberated Birkenau. I still see every face. I didn’t fight the Nazis to allow them in this place. John McCutcheon sings, “The Machine”. [ISRC # USEPH1700005]

The next tune is about another victim of irresponsible mineral sourcing. Again I’ll play a John McCutcheon, this time singing “The Ludlow Massacre.” [ISRC # USEPH1100012].”

--Peace Is, by Fred Small
-- Queen Invicta, by Bill Oliver
--Salmon River, by Dean Stevens
--Who Lies, by Emma’s Revolution
Breaking Down the Walls, by Susan Grace
-- Long Ago, Far Away, performed by Odetta
-- Scandalize My Name, performed by Josh White & Paul Robeson
--Peace, Salaam, Shoalom, by Emma’s Revolution

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Feedback to, Corrections/Clarifications, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome. Email alaskapeacenews@gmail.com

May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

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Contact 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 jrogers@fairbanks.us skun@fairbanks.us otherrien@fairbanks.us cityclerk@fairbanks.us agibson@fairbanks.us skun@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 Jerry Cleworth - Seat E: (907) 452-6461 David Pruhs - Seat F: 750-2888 Jim Matherly, Mayor: 459-6793, jmathery@fairbanks.us

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

Fbks Diversity Council (FDC) “...to provide a citizens forum, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan for the community. The FDC supports many different cultural and social activities in our community...” FDC meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The FDC includes 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

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North Pole City Council* https://www.northpolealaska.com/citycouncil

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David Skipps - Term: 10/2018 - 10/2021; 2729 Perimeter Dr; Cell Phone: 750-5106; Email: david.skipps@northpolealaska.org
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Agendas & Minutes at https://www.northpolealaska.com/meetings
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. Written communications to individual Assembly Members regarding current matters before the Assembly will be copied to the full Assembly.  

Regular Assembly Mtgs are broadcast live over KUAC 89.9 FM/kuac.org; Assembly Meeting Documents and Audio at this link.

Mayor: Bryce Ward 10/18-10/2021; t.459-1300; fax 459-1102; email via link

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Alaska State Legislature


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

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

Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210/ Fax (907)456-0279; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov; 100 Cushman St. Suite 307, Key Bank Building, Fbks 99701
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Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov - Federal Building, 101 12th Avenue, Suite 328, Fbks 99701

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A reminder! Today and often: visit, call, email, write your legislators, congresspersons and city and borough assemblies and write letters to the editor about issues being acted on and affecting peace, justice, and sustainability.

“True peace is not merely the absence of tension. It is the presence of justice.” Martin Luther King, Jr.