For the latest information on Alaska's response to COVID-19, please visit [http://coronavirus.alaska.gov](http://coronavirus.alaska.gov). "For questions and assistance, call 2-1-1."

**Fbks Memorial Hospital COVID-19 hotline** for questions regarding symptoms or other virus-related inquiries: 907-458-2888

Per Alaska Public Media on 7-17-20, Walmart will require face masks in all of its stores starting Monday (July 20) and Fred Meyer will do so starting Wednesday, July 22. Masks are required in public in Anchorage, Valdez, Cordova, Seward, and Gustavus. Per kkrb.org, Carrs and Safeway stores will require shoppers to wear masks starting July 21 (Tuesday). Co-op Market Grocery & Deli and Costco and Starbucks already require them. Walgreens and others will do so soon.

**7/17/2020-FNSB Press Release: Central Recycling Facility is Closed Until Further Notice**

All Interior Alaska city and borough administrative offices are closed until further notice. Access to North Pole City Hall is via ringing the doorbell or calling 488-2281; Fairbanks City and Borough business will be by phone, internet, or appointment, per Fbks Daily News-miner 7-15-20.

**THIS WEEK Scheduled Events related to Peace, Justice, and Sustainability:**

**Sunday, July 19**

**Deadline to register to vote or update voter registrations in the August 18, 2020, Alaska Primary election.** "Regional Offices open to assist you this... Sunday 10am-4pm," per Vote Safe 907 at [https://elections.alaska.gov](https://elections.alaska.gov), where Primary Election Sample Ballots also are available, as well as a Language Assistance Page. "Alaska is a no excuse absentee voting state" & "Recruiting Poll Workers"

Online Absentee Ballot Application is at [https://absenteeballotapplication.alaska.gov](https://absenteeballotapplication.alaska.gov).

Already-registered voters were sent Alaska Absentee Ballot Applications by mail in June, on which question #11 has given some people concern that checking one of the 2 boxes, as required, will change the applicant's voter registration to "Alaska Democratic Party and Alaskan Independence Party" or "Alaska Republican Party"; Checking a box in question #11 will NOT affect one's voter registration party affiliation; it will just allow you to vote in the primary election: "If you are registered nonpartisan or undeclared and do not select an option, your application will not be processed for the primary election. Any registered voter may choose the Alaska Democratic Party and Alaskan Independence Party candidates ballot option. Only voters registered Republican, Nonpartisan or Undeclared may choose the Alaska Republican Party candidates ballot option."

"Of course, voters who are not comfortable with absentee vote by mail may still utilize early voting up to two weeks prior to Election Day, or traditional in person voting on Election Day. All three of these options will be available for both the primary and general elections. For additional assistance, please contact the Absentee and Petition Office by phone a 877-375-6508 or via email at akabsentee@alaska.gov," wrote Lt. Gov. Meyer.

Another source for voting-related information is [vote411.org](http://vote411.org).

**Monday, July 20**

3pm - **Virtual Event: What Does it Mean to be Antiracist?** 2019 Guggenheim Fellow and New York Times-bestselling author Ibram X. Kendi will discuss his renowned book *How to Be an Antiracist* with Dr. Charlene M. Dukes, president of Prince George’s Community College. Dr. Dukes is the first African-American woman to serve as president of the college and has 30 years of progressive leadership experience and administrative responsibility in higher education. The conversation will be streamed live online on Crowdcast, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter/Periscope, and will air on PGCC TV on a later date. The event is free and is a great introduction to the concept of anti-racism."
Tuesday, July 21
2pm Anchorage Deadline to sign up to testify in support of Ordinance 2020-58 and Resolution No. AO 2020-66, "providing treatment, services, and supported housing for those who are homeless, and in support of the mechanism for this." For more information, contact christiansforequality@gmail.com

Thursday, July 23
9-10:30am University of Alaska Board of Regents Ad Hoc Committee on Title IX (barring discrimination in education or activity on basis of sex) discussing compliance. No public testimony. For info: www.alaska.edu/bor/ or 907-450-8010 or email uabor@alaska.edu.
6pm Fbks North Star Borough Regular Assembly Mtg by teleconference. Agenda items of peace, justice, &/or sustainability include citizens' comments, Public Hearing on 2020-06 regarding Groundwater Damage Protection Overlay Zone; 2020-24 Amending FNSBC Title 16 Regarding Purchasing, Contracts And Professional Services To Require That Certain Borough Construction Projects Require Apprenticeship Utilization; and introducing Resolution 2020-30 authorizing the Mayor to submit a grant application to the Dept of Defense... For The Defense Community Infrastructure Program for the Chena Lake Area Revitalization Project; and Ordinance 2020-20-1D appropriating $58k in federal grants for Acquisition of Personal Protective Equipment for First Responders. (Sign up for telephonic participation is available by completing the form on this webpage. You can provide testimony in writing or telephone; contact the Borough Clerk's office at 459-1401. To listen to meetings, join via the link, listen at the website fnsb.us, or listen via KUAC radio 89.9 FM/kuac.org).

NEXT WEEK Scheduled Events:
Wednesday, July 29
5pm - Filing deadline for Fbks North Star Borough Assembly Seats D, E, H; School Board Seats E, F, G; Interior Alaska Natural Gas Utility Board Seats C & D. "Location to File: Borough Clerk's Office, 907 Terminal St., Fairbanks AK... For more information about the October 6, 2020, Regular Municipal Election and Candidate Filing please visit our Municipal Election webpage http://www.fnsb.us/bc/Pages/elections.aspx " Fbks City Council has 2 seats open, for which incumbents Jerry Cleworth & David Pruhs cannot run due to term limits. North Pole City Council has two seats up for election.

Thursday, July 30
12-1pm - Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition mtg via Zoom, to focus on agency updates: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83119413558
Mtg ID: 831 1941 3558 Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcV5JDPZk1

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OTHER News and Opportunities for Action:

Health Insurance Premium Rebate: per Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska, "The Affordable Care Act requires Premera to issue a rebate to you if Premera does not spend at least 80 % of the premiums it receives on health care services (such as doctors and hospital bills) and activities to improve health care quality (such as efforts to improve patient safety). No more than 20% of premiums may be spent on administrative costs (such as salaries, sales, and advertising). This requirement is referred to as the "Medical Loss Ratio" standard or the "80/20 rule." The 80/20 rule in the Affordable Care Act is intended to ensure that consumers get value for their health care dollars. You can learn more ...at: www.healthcare.gov/healthcare-lawprotections/rate-review/... calculated on a state-by-state basis. In Alaska, Premera does not expect to meet the Medical Loss Ratio standard for 2019. Premera anticipates that the data will show it spent only 71.6% of a total of approximately $143,361,539 in expected premium dollars on health care and activities to improve health care in 2019. Since it will likely miss the 80% target by 8.4% ... Premera is electing to provide an estimated rebate of 5.6% of your health insurance premiums now..."
from Green Star of Interior Alaska: "Green Star has been working to close the technology gap in Fairbanks by providing **refurbished laptops** to folks in need for tasks like distance learning, remote work, and connecting with loved ones in quarantine (see our original post about the project here)... If you are in need of a refurbished laptop, please fill out our request form here.

"**Plastic Free July** is a global movement that encourages folks to reduce or eliminate single-use plastics during the month July (and beyond). Reducing single-use plastics...is better for our health and our environment. Learn more and take the challenge here, [Check out] the new documentary **The Story of Plastic ... Read the full story here.**"

from KTVF ch. 11 on 7-17-20: "CDC looks for Moose Creek Residents to participate in PFAS Study... Moose Creek residents are being asked to participate in an exposure assessment to test the levels of Per- or Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, also referred to as PFAS, in their bodies. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) held an information session on Thursday night to provide the community of Moose Creek with more information... The group conducting the assessment will be in Moose Creek from August 18 to August 25 collecting samples from residents... Residents who are interested in participating or want more information can reach out to the group at PFAS@cdc.gov."

from Friends of Creamer's Field: "The Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADFG) has closed the Farmhouse Visitor Center and **cancelled all in-person programs** until further notice. Unfortunately this affects our ability to offer programs and host events. We will keep you informed as information becomes available to us. The trails at Creamer's Field are OPEN, however the restroom facilities are still CLOSED to the public at this time. Thank you all for your patience during these unprecedented times... The Friends of Creamer's Friends 2020 Raffle fundraiser is underway. Click the link for information on ticket sales... Please feel free to contact [Executive Director Lissa Hughes] any time regarding Friends of Creamer's Field business at: director@friendsofcreamersfield.org."

from Alaska Public Media on 7/14/20: "[A] new program from the Federal Communications Commission is giving tribes across the country the opportunity to claim licenses that would allow them to provide broadband to their communities... the agency opened a Rural Tribal Window where tribes can apply for those licenses for free. If approved, they would control a section of the spectrum that falls on their tribal land... The application deadline for tribes to file with the FCC is Aug. 3. After that, the broadband spectrum will be auctioned off by region. Triggs said tribes can go to tribal25.com for assistance on the application."

per syndicated columnist Catherine Rampell in Fbks Daily News-Miner 7-15-20, "U.S. airlines have gotten more generous assistance ($25 billion) than did the institutions that care for and educate children - even though the latter are arguably a more critical part of the country's economic infrastructure.. National Economic Council director Kudlow indicated that President Donald Trump is more concerned about making sure the next stimulus package has a capital-gains tax cut than funding for schools and child care..."

To express your preferences on issues to any of our 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.

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center: "[: REAP Community Survey. Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP) is gathering feedback from stakeholders and followers on how to better serve and engage our community. Please take 2-3 minutes to complete this survey.

": Earthjustice Alaska office hiring staff attorney. For litigators and advocates committed to saving the planet and the people who depend on it, Staff Attorney at Earthjustice is the best job on the planet. Learn more about our Staff Attorney careers and work online here: https://earthjustice.org/about/jobs/staff-attorney

"**EXTENDED: August 15: Deadline to Comment on North Slope Area Plan,** The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is conducting virtual meetings June 23 & 25 and July 9 to learn more about the North Slope Area Plan. This document, once adopted, will guide future activity on state land for the next 20 years. The meetings, to be conducted through the Microsoft Teams online collaboration platform, will start with a short video presentation on the plan, followed by questions on the plan and the planning process from the public and answers from DNR staff. See all related documents here."
"In Grassroots Stewardship: Sustainability Within Our Reach, F. Stuart (Terry) Chapin, who is active in local Fairbanks issues as well as global conversations, weaves together stories and strategies for action to explain the dilemma and provide some practical solutions. The book provides a positive and pragmatic strategy for a more sustainable future of our communities, nation, and planet, without compromising people’s personal lives. This book explains the recipe for Earth Stewardship for which he received the 2019 Volvo Environment Prize. Order from Oxford University Press or Amazon. Learn more about Terry’s work here.

"Last week, KUAC rebroadcast this interview with Dan O’Neill, author of The Firecracker Boys, recorded in the 1990s. O’Neill talks about the role the proposed Project Chariot had in demonstrating the need for diligent environmental review and public input in making decisions about major industrial projects - the precursors for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

"One way to share your experience of climate change: participate in Native Peoples Action’s Climate Story Bank. Our stories and observations still matter, even if the administration isn’t listening."

from Savannah Fletcher <sfletcher@alsc-law.org> "COVID-19 Hotline - providing free legal help for COVID-related issues - Alaska Legal Services Corporation is partnering with the Alaska Bar Association to provide a statewide hotline until September 30 to help answer legal questions specifically related to COVID-19 -- for free.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings from 6-8 pm there will be private attorneys available through the hotline (844-263-1849) to answer legal questions about family law, employment, and debt/foreclosure issues that are related to COVID-19.

Such issues include:

- A bank is foreclosing on your home but you think it should be protected under the CARES Act;
- Your child is being withheld from you because of COVID-19 safety concerns;
- You lost your job due to COVID-19 and do not know how to apply for unemployment benefits.

If you could share this ...information with our wider community, I’d appreciate it!

And if someone has any legal issue but cannot afford a lawyer, please remind them that Alaska Legal Services is always here to help.

Thanks, Savannah
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from winwithoutwar: "$740 BILLION! [I]nstead of meeting our demands for decreased funding of violence-first institutions, Senate Armed Services Committee is DOUBLING DOWN on the ludicrously expensive and failed F-35 fighter jet program. They’ve allocated $69 BILLION to an unaccountable slush fund that lines defense contractor pockets... the Senate Armed Services Committee just gave a green light for a WHOPPING three quarters of a TRILLION dollar annual Pentagon budget. Yes, you read that right. While our country has:⚠️unprecedented nationwide protests opposing state-sanctioned violence against Black people, ⚠️millions of families unemployed and an economy teetering on the edge, and ⚠️a once in a lifetime catastrophic global public health emergency,...the Senate is doubling down on handing OVER 50% of all federal discretionary spending to the MOST violent, expensive, and outrageously corrupt line item in the Congressional budget... Rep. Barbara Lee has just introduced a resolution calling to shift these astronomical sums away from the Pentagon and into building true safety and security... "calling for a $350 BILLION dollar cut to the Pentagon budget...

Will you add your name and urge Rep. Young to join as a co-sponsor and work to see Barbara Lee’s resolution promptly passed?"
from Bernie Sanders, who introduced an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act: "Add your name to say you support a 10 percent cut in annual Pentagon spending to allow for investments in jobs, education, health care and poverty reduction in America’s most vulnerable communities."

from WorldBEYONDWar: "Click here to email your Representative and Senators. Then please forward this email to everyone you can!"

{Note: Alaska's Senator Dan Sullivan is on the Armed Forces Committee and fully backs all military spending; He faces Dr. Al Gross in the Nov. 3, 2020, general election.]

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audio & music played with this week's broadcast:

-- "Hello this is The Asymmetric Moose, Rob Mulford with picks of the week of July 19, 2020.

"For their sacrifice and love of humanity, the Henry Reeve Cuban Medical Brigade deserves the Nobel Peace Prize", says famed rocker activist, and Industrial Worker of the World member Tom Morello. He has joined former President of Ecuador Rafael Correa, former Presidents of Brazil "Lula" Da Silva and Dilma Rousseff, plus more than 27,000 people to date from around the world to endorse the campaign to nominate the Henry Reeve Medical Brigade for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize as a way to honor the heroic work they are currently doing fighting COVID-19 in 34 countries. I will not elaborate. Michelle Ellner does a marvelous job on Code Pink's (Women For Peace) promotional video. I’ll play some excerpts.

Tom Morello as well as over 60 other performers from Cuba and around the world took to the stage yesterday and again today to promote this just cause. One of these was Cuba’s own musical institution, Orquesta Aragón. Next they sing about not knowing what you have until it’s gone. "Nadie sabe lo que tiene"

Another Cuban band performing at the benefit concert was Los Van Van. Here they perform their lively Vanvaneo. [USCGJ1865050]

Born in California, Pablo Menendez has lived and played music in Cuba ever since his mother introduced him to the country 50 years ago. It was naturally right that she did so after all she was the first US citizen to violate the US State Department’s ban on US citizens traveling to Cuba. Her name is Barbara Dane. A courageous activist and prolific singer songwriter in her own right, with catchy tunes like “I Hate The Capitalist System”, she was and remains a powerful voice for labor, civil rights, and peace. And! She sang along with her son in the concert. In my last pick for the week she sings along with the Chambers Brothers the truthful melody, “It Isn’t Nice”. [USSF16646801]"

-- [Intro] Peace, Salaam, Shalom by Emma's Revolution
-- Peace Is, by Fred Small

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

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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/163ZxLg) 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).
cityclerk@fairbanks.us dpruhs@fairbanks.us jcleworth@fairbanks.us jmotherly@fairbanks.us
agibson@fairbanks.us skun@fairbanks.us ytherrien@fairbanks.us
OR call our City Council people (feel free to leave a message after 5PM if that's easier) Jim Matherly - Mayor: (907) 459-6793
Shoshana Kun - Seat A: (907) 590-8313 June Rogers - Seat B: (907) 451-0122 Valerie Therrin - Seat C: (907) 388-0272
Aaron Gibson - Seat D: (907) 978-3058 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 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.mcghee@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
Mayor Michael Welch – Term 10/2008-10/2021. 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 -
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Mindy O’Neal - Seat C; Mindy.Onearl@fnsb.us; 907-727-3887; term exp 10/22
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Jimi Cash - seat E – Jimi.Cash@fnsb.us; 907-799-2692; exp 10/20
Christopher Quist - seat D - Deputy Presiding Officer; Christopher.Qquist@fnsb.us; 907-687-5049; exp 10/20
Marna Sanford - seat A; msanford@fnsb.us ; 907-546-7505; exp 10/21
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Leah Berman Williams - seat G; Leah.Williams@fnsb.us; 907-347-4021; exp 10/21
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Alaska State Legislature
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'Chat with Legislative Information Staff' – Monday-Friday between 8:30am and 4pm you will find a new chat interface in the lower right corner of AKLeg.gov. The LIO staff can help answer questions about finding things on the legislature’s website, tracking legislation, and contacting legislators. Let us know how we can help you.'

Interior Alaska Legislators
Sen. Click Bishop - (R)Fairbanks District C - Juneau office: 907-465-2327. Tollfree: 800-336-7383 Email: senator.click.bishop@akleg.gov
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
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The 354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at 907-377-2116; 1-800-JET-NOIS (1-800-538-6647);
The 11th Air Force Public Affairs Office at 1-800-538-6647; The 3rd Wing Public Affairs Office at 907-552-5756 (907-552-JETS)'.