**Community News and Opportunities for Action**, for the week of August 30, 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!

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

**Community COVID-19 Testing** ...on Tuesdays, and Thursdays by APPOINTMENT ONLY.
You must call Public Health at 452-1776 for complete details and to schedule an appointment.

**COVID-19 Hotline** -(844-263-1849) - providing **free legal help for COVID-related issues** - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings from 6-8 pm

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<td><strong>Online Rally: After the DNC &amp; RNC - We Can’t Breathe! Keep it in the Streets – Against Racism, Evictions, and War.</strong> &quot;Regardless of what happens in November our only way forward is to stay mobilized! &quot; <em>from International Action Center:</em> <a href="https://iacenter.org">https://iacenter.org</a></td>
<td>Register for the Online Rally: <a href="bit.ly/DNCRNCWebinar">bit.ly/DNCRNCWebinar</a></td>
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<td><strong>GI Rights Hotline 1-hr information session</strong> - to go over what's involved in GI Rights counseling, the kind of calls that come into the hotline, and the different things counselors do to support callers and connect them to resources. more below under &quot;Peace&quot;</td>
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<td>7-8 pm</td>
<td><strong>Community Conversation: Student Athletes and Racism.</strong> Attendees will hear from a panel of former and current athletes of private and public schools. Hosted by The Alaska Black Caucus. Please register here to receive the Zoom link so you can to attend this online event: <a href="https://forms.gle/mCf5ZRKi%D0%B0CNW7jha7">https://forms.gle/mCf5ZRKiаCNW7jha7</a></td>
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| **Monday**        | 7-9pm | **Municipal Candidates Forum**: Borough Assembly & School District; Fbks City Council organized by [League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley](http://www.facebook.com/lwvtv.org) or [www.facebook.com/lwvtv.org](http://www.facebook.com/lwvtv.org)  
At Borough Assembly chambers COVID-19 rules apply: 15 public seats, first-come, first served, masks and social distancing required. | Livestream on KUAC FM 89.9                                             |
| August 31         |       | **John Dear’s Peace Podcast** On the first day of each month, Pace e Bene posts a free, new podcast reflecting on some aspect of nonviolence. Accessible any time of day. | internet, free                                                       |
| **Tuesday**       |       | **Allyship and Action: Webinar Series.- Strengthening our advocacy for racial justice and sustainability** presented by The Alaska Center and Native Movement, "a training series for our volunteer leaders, activists, | You can find all the details here.                                  |
| Sept 1            |       |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                       |
|                   | Deadline to apply |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                       |
and supporters to support us all in becoming stronger advocates for equitable change... Our hope is that participants will come away with a shared understanding of the history, systems, and behaviors that need to be addressed, and tools to actively advocate for a just and sustainable Alaska." Wednesdays Sept. 9-30. Please apply by September 1.

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<td><strong>Climate, Jobs, and Justice Municipal Candidate Forum</strong> Join us for the second Climate, Jobs, &amp; Justice Candidate Forum for the Municipal Elections - City Council, Borough Assembly, and School Board. This will be the first virtual event in this forum series with both Municipal and State Candidates. The next forum will be October 8th. Learn more here.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
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<td><strong>Community Connects Presents: Stolen Labor Panel Discussion Q &amp; A</strong> to explore the history of and issues surrounding slavery and historic economic injustice and how that continues to have an effect in today's society. Hosted by Anchorage Public Library, Alaska Pacific University Coffee and Quaq, Alaska Black Caucus, and others. This event will be followed by a reflection discussion on Wednesday, September 9th.</td>
<td>Register here: bit.ly/stolenlaborak</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>7 pm</td>
<td><strong>Alaska Peace Center mtg.</strong> via zoom. Contribute your ideas on what we can do to promote Peace, Justice, and sustainability during these times. Help plan an International Day of Peace (Sept. 21) event! Discuss &quot;AIR FORCE RESEARCH LABORATORY and University of Alaska Fairbanks sign strategic education partnership agreement&quot; (8/26/20)</td>
<td>Contact <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a> or mtg link.</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
<td>5:00 pm</td>
<td>Last day to register to vote or update registration for the Fbks North Star Borough Municipal (Local) Election If you want to vote absentee in the local election (Oct. 6), you must apply for an absentee ballot from the Borough - This is IN ADDITION TO your application to vote absentee in the State of Alaska elections (Primary on Aug.18 and General Election on Nov. 3)</td>
<td>907 Terminal St. Fairbanks</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
<td>1-3:30 pm</td>
<td><strong>March on Alaska -</strong> “Building Our Beloved Community” as we stand in solidarity against Racism. Questions, email <a href="mailto:danyelle.d.kimp@gmail.com">danyelle.d.kimp@gmail.com</a>.</td>
<td>Town Square, 544 W 5th ave Anchorage</td>
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To protect your health and the health of others, in compliance with COVID-19 Guidance, everyone attending must wear a mask and socially distance themselves. Recorded live on FB for those not able to make the actual live event.

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<td><strong>Peace Alliance Podcasts</strong> - Join our Free Monthly National Action Call at 9pm eastern/6pm pacific on the 2nd Tuesday each month, featuring inspiring guests speakers from all areas of Peacebuilding, legislative updates, reports of grassroots victories from around the nation, and coaching on the actions that are advancing this important work in our world. See the Calendar for the link to join the calls. <a href="https://peacealliance.org/national-monthly-calls/">https://peacealliance.org/national-monthly-calls/</a></td>
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<td><strong>League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley Book Club</strong> Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson email <a href="mailto:gaelmurakami@gmail.com">gaelmurakami@gmail.com</a> and Virtual.</td>
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<td>Saturday</td>
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<td><strong>:: Art Opening with Cherissa Dukelow &amp; Lemonade Stand</strong>. Join us for the release of this year's featured art, a triptych of aerial view landscape paintings by Fairbanks artist Cherissa Dukelow. The art will be shown inside the Lemonde Stand, a travelling art gallery. To enter the gallery, masks are required and only one group will be admitted at a time. Stay tuned for more details!</td>
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*Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date*

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**Peace**

*Opportunity for GI Rights Hotline training*
Don't need a local group to be a counselor.

GI Rights New Counselor Training Fall 2020
Sign up now

One of the ways individuals support the GI Rights Network is by becoming volunteer GI Rights Counselors with one of our member groups and helping to staff the GI Rights Hotline. Becoming a GI Rights counselor takes a significant amount of training in order to be a helpful resource to the people calling the hotline for services.

We are currently planning an online training this fall to bring in new counselors. This virtual training will take place over 9 weeks and will be

**Justice**

*Resources for Resisting Federal Repression*
Since June of 2020, activists have been subjected to an increasingly aggressive crackdown on protests by federal law enforcement. The federal response to the movement for Black Lives has included federal criminal charges for activists, door knocks by federal law enforcement agents, and increased use of federal troops to violently police protests.

The NLG National Office released this resource page for activists who are resisting federal repression. It includes a link to our emergency hotline numbers, as well as our library of Know-Your-Rights materials, our recent federal repression webinar, and a list of some of our recommended resources for activists. We will

**Sustainability**

*Fluorescent tube lamp recycling*
Why should I recycle fluorescent lamps? All fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) contain small amounts of mercury. Only about 25% of the 680 million lights discarded each year are recycled. The remainder are disposed of in solid waste landfills and incinerators, posing a threat to the environment and human health. Just half a teaspoon of mercury can contaminate a stream or lake, making the fish inedible. It is also a neurotoxin to humans, affecting the brain, kidneys, and liver.

"How do I recycle fluorescent tubes? If you are a resident or small business in Fairbanks with under 50 tubes to recycle, call
broken down into weekly zoom "classroom" sessions covering commonly sought topics. Following completion of this first phase, trainees who want to continue on and take calls with the GI rights hotline will have the option to begin the second phase of training, which includes working one-on-one with experienced counselors using three-way calling, both listening to and practicing taking hotline calls.

We are planning a one-hour online information session to go over what's involved in GI Rights counseling, the kind of calls that come into the hotline, and the different things counselors do to support callers and connect them to resources. There will be plenty of time for questions during and after the initial information session, which will be offered at two different times: Sunday, Aug 30 at [11am AK time] and Tuesday, Sep 1 at [4pm AK time.] People who are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a counselor and who want to understand the commitment involved are invited to come to one of these information sessions.

There is no fee for the information session, however there will be a fee for those who decide to take the online training. If this training is something you are interested in, please email Lenore or Steve at co2000now@gmail.com with ?counselor training? in the subject line and indicate the information session you would like to attend. We will send you a Zoom link to join the meeting.

Also include the following in your email:
Name Phone Address Experience you or family members have had with the military (none required).
Feel free to share this invitation with people you know who may be interested in this opportunity.


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"... On August 27th, the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee met and voted to give more Alaskans access to the Federal pandemic relief money made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The vote amends the eligibility requirements of the small business relief program originally approved on May 11," writes Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson. "We are relieved that this money will now bring relief to small businesses in need and to the Alaskans who are hurting financially.

Unemployment
The Federal Government has approved a grant to the State of Alaska to expand weekly unemployment benefits by $300 a week. ($19.9 million)
- Payments are expected to start in about 6 weeks
- Payments will be retroactive to July 25th.
- The additional Federal unemployment benefit will be paid for about six weeks.

Currently, the maximum unemployment payment in Alaska is $370 per week.

Those receiving help through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program will not receive the additional Federal unemployment payments.

The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program is for the self-employed and those in the gig economy.
Alaskans can now file unemployment benefit claims on a weekly basis rather than the normal

(907) 452-4152 to schedule an appointment to drop off your lamps for recycling at Green Star during business hours... " Read More..

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Fbks Climate Action Coalition (fcac)
Regenerative Economy Working Group will be meeting "focused on finding answers to that question that make sense for Alaska—we seek to redefine the goals of the economy away from maximizing income for the wealthy few towards achieving broad-based equity, community health, and ecological sustainability." To participate, sign up via the above link.

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from Northern Alaska Environmental Center:
"This week, the Northern Center joined with other members of local, state-wide, and national coalitions in filing three lawsuits against federal agencies, whose actions under Trump have put sacred lands, waters, and wildlife at risk. [more...]

:: September 15: In a Time of Change: Boreal Forest Stories call for applications. The Alaska-based arts-humanities-science consortium In a Time of Change (ITOC) is seeking applicants from all disciplines within the arts and humanities for a series of collaborative workshops culminating in a group exhibit and book entitled In a Time of Change: Boreal Forest Stories. The transdisciplinary exhibit will be presented in the Bear Gallery in May, 2022 and will feature multiple artists and humanists working in a variety of media, following regular interactions with scientists, to produce original works that communicate narratives rooted in the boreal forest, including its ecology, its inhabitants, and their interactions. If you have questions, contact: Mary Beth Leigh at mbleigh@alaska.edu. "

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GI Rights Hotline and Quaker House
919-663-7122 or 877-447-4487
www.girghtshotline.org

Help support Military Law Task Force when you shop for books and videos:
http://www.powells.com/?&PID=36788
The MLTF Store offers military law reading/viewing recommendations, as well as our official training materials and books by members: http://nlgmltf.org/store

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* Web: http://nlgmltf.org
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"The Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Directed Energy and Space Vehicles Directorates in Albuquerque, New Mexico and the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) are pleased to announce they have signed a five-year Education Partnership Agreement (EPA) that will enable scientific collaboration between AFRL and UAF...

"Under the agreement, AFRL will be able to loan as well as transfer laboratory equipment to UAF, make AFRL scientists and engineers available to teach science courses at the University, provide faculty with sabbatical opportunities and students with internships, and involve students and faculty in national defense research projects." from kirtland.af.mil/ 8/26/20 sent by Stop the War Machine.

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[8/20] Lenore Yarger and Steve Woolford
file every two weeks.

- File online through the my.alaska.gov portal.
- For questions contact the nearest unemployment claim center.
- Anchorage: (907) 269-4700.
- Fairbanks: (907) 451-2871.
- Juneau: (907) 465-5552.
- Toll-free: 1-888-252-2557.

Unemployed Alaskans can get help finding work through the Alaska Job Centers.

- Online at jobs.alaska.gov to view job openings, post resumes and access additional services.
- Job seekers and employers can also contact their nearest Alaska Job Center by dialing (877) 724-2539.

Unemployment Benefits to Cover Dependents

The State of Alaska is starting to disperse additional unemployment payments to parents with dependents. The additional money was authorized by the Alaska Legislature with the passage of the COVID-19 response bill, House Bill 308.

- Prior to passage unemployed parents received an extra $25 per dependent.
- HB 308 increased the payment up to $75. (Capped at 3 dependents)
- The additional money will be paid retroactively to the start of a persons unemployment. (It's taxable)
- The additional payments are authorized through November 15.
- The Department of Labor notes that around $15 million will be paid out due to the new program being implemented.
- It’s estimated that around 15,000 Alaskans will be eligible for the extra benefits."

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J O B A N N O U N C E M E N T S

thrivalaska Quality Early Care & Education has several positions available:
Professional Development Associate
EHS Infant/Toddler Teachers
HS/EHS Family Wellness Consultant
Child Care Assistance Eligibility Specialist
Child Care Assistance Intake & Provider
HS Pre-School Teacher
Contact: Lisa McDaniel 452-4267 x222. Submit applications to lmcdaniel@thrivalaska.com.

Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition is hiring! Applications are due September 8th!
Energy Analyst Click here to find more information and to apply.
Communications Coordinator
Click here to learn more and apply!
Renewable Energy Organizer
Click here to learn more and apply.

Co-op Market Seeks General Manager Click here to view the complete job description.
Learn More about other Co-op Market job openings.

Greenstar Hiring Executive Director. Applicants can send their résumé and cover letter to art@iaqgreenstar.org. (ends Sept 4)

The Northern Center is hiring a Director of Admin and Finance

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"Can You Help Power The Polls?" - As coronavirus continues to impact Americans across the country, there has been a staggering decrease in the number of people who are able to work the polls -- which could mean closed polling places and long delays during the November election.
Audio & Songs broadcast with this week’s Community News:

"Moose Picks ... Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, still smiling, wishing you wellness, and offering you all a heartfelt and hardy hello, as I, once again, bring you my picks for the week of August 30, 2020, from my place of quarantine, my little, purple, Rosie Creek homestead.

There’s a lotta folks harboring a lotta fear and angst over this prophylactic measure, quarantine. I’m empathetic to those struggling to feed, shelter, and otherwise care for their families, both blood and chosen. I genuinely believe we should all take to heart the sacred principles of liberty, mutual aid, and equity; and I expect nothing less from a governing constitution than ironclad measures guaranteeing those principles. I must confess, however, my privileged status.

First, being an old white guy, I’ve been sheltered, from birth, from multitudes of discriminations, incarcerations, and other oppressions that have been dumped upon my fellow human beings, not sharing like skin. Having spent many years seeing in my self an image of John Galt, a self-made man, beholden to none, eking-out my good fortunes, by self-education and the sweat of my brow, I have been to blind to see what appears to me now as a gross and obvious contradiction, a confession, it pains me to make.

Second, is a privilege I have not the least bit of shame in making; for the last thirty-odd years of my working life I’ve worked Union. Its protections have been a blessing for me in every sense of the word, affording the ability to quarantined in relative comfort, addressing you while enjoying a stuffed zucchini from my organic garden. Everyone should enjoy this right; it’s one of those sacred principles I spoke of earlier.

An article in Friday’s Daily News Miner’s Entertainment section – a section I must admit rarely interests me – attracted my attention. It spoke of Wednesday’s episode of “The Daily Show”, where Trevor Noah shared his thoughts on the protests that erupted after Kenosha, Wisconsin police shot Jacob Blake, a black man, in the back, in front of his children, as he was reaching into his car. Commenting on Kyle Rittenhouse, a white teenager caught on video with a semiautomatic rifle, assassinating two Kenosha police brutality protestors, Noah said:

“How come Jacob Blake was seen as a deadly threat for a theoretical gun… But this gunman, who was armed and had already shot people, who had shown that he is a threat, was arrested the next day, given due process and generally treated like a human being whose life matters?... The answer is that the gun doesn’t matter as much as who’s holding the gun.”

The article concludes with Noah claiming that Rittenhouse had come, armed, to Kenosha because he was, “hoping to shoot someone… That’s the only reason people like him join these gangs (militias) in the first place.”

In the words of an earlier TV celebrity it’s “Now for the rest of the story”; The front page headline article in the latest issue Peace & Planet News’s,
by Rev. Dr. William J Barber II and Phyllis Bennis, titled “Police and Pentagon Bringing Our Wars Home”, adds context to Noah’s commentary:

“A U.S. military helicopter hovered over crowds of unarmed civilians, its down drafts whipping debris and broken glass into their faces. Was it Mogadishu or Washington, D.C.?

Armed, uniformed men surrounded unarmed civilians. One of them shouted “light ‘em up” and began firing projectiles. Was it Baghdad or Minneapolis?

Armor-clad, armed U.S. officers targeted and fired on journalists. Was it Iraq or Louisville?

In every case, it was both. Thanks to years of hyper-militarization, American police departments are recreating global war zones at home. With these weapons on our streets, our history of structural racism becomes much more deadlier.

In recent weeks, overwhelming peaceful demonstrators protesting police killings and racism have been met by riot police, National Guard troops, and armed federal officers wielding tear gas, pepper spray, and rubber coated metal bullets. Armored personnel carriers prowl the streets, turning U.S. cities and towns into war zones.

It’s shocking, but it’s not the first time. When police officers killed 17-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, MO., in 2014, an armored personnel carrier stalked the agonized protestors who filled the streets.

Throughout U.S. history, policing has always been bound up with racism – and the military.

Organized police forces in the United States trace their roots to slave patrols organized to capture and return enslaved people who managed to escape bondage.

After Reconstruction, when a pandemic of lynching spread across the country, police stood by and in many cases initiated or assisted the kidnapping, torture, and murder of people in custody.

In the 1950s and ‘60s, brutal police attacks against civil rights activists and African Americans trying to register to vote continued the pattern. So did police and National Guard violence against antiwar protestors at Kent State, Jackson State, and the Chicano Moratorium in Los Angeles in the 70s.

The militarism at home is linked inextricably to U.S. militarism abroad. The troops that Trump called in to deploy against protestors in Washington, for example, had just returned from duty in Iraq. Today’s “global war on terror” is less visible than in earlier years. But those wars continue – and it’s mostly black, brown and Muslim people who die. Civilian casualties caused by U.S. bombing in Afghanistan, for instance, were higher last year than at any time in the 20-year-long war.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King linked systemic racism and militarism as two of the three evil “triplets” he was committed to end. Yet this linkage remains a hallmark of U.S. policy in general – and militarization of police in particular.

Just in 2014, as Black Lives Matter demonstrations spread across the country, more than 500 law enforcement agencies received MRAP armored personnel carriers, designed to withstand bomb blasts in war theaters like Afghanistan and Iraq. Police in Little Rock, Ark. (population 62,000), got two MARCbots, armed robots designed for War in Afghanistan.

Local and state police departments across the country do not ordinarily include budget lines to buy armored personnel carriers. But under a invisible program known as 1033, the Pentagon offers “surplus military equipment free to any police agency requesting it.

And if the good people of North Little Rock don’t really need armed robots, well, they’ve got them anyway.

Does all that military gear make police officers more likely to act like occupying armies? We can’t say for sure, but we do know the relatively small town had two officer-involved shooting cases during one two week period this spring.

“When the government equips police like they’re equipping the military, we undermine healthy relationships between the police and the community”, explains Equal Justice Initiative director Bryan Stevenson. “We have created a culture whose police officers think of themselves as warriors, not guardians.”

From the beginning of the Poor Peoples Campaign – a national mobilization of poor and working-class Americans – has made ending the 1033 program a centerpiece of its demands.

Rather than tinkering around the margins, we need to end the systemic racism and the militarism that makes it even deadlier – from Kabul to Atlanta and Baghdad to Minneapolis.”
For the truth that you pollute; for the life that you have cost; for the good you prostitute; and for all that we have lost; Floyd Red Crow Westerman sings
Custer Died For Your Sin
Another time, same old racist oppression, and the call to rise in rebellion; next Frederick Douglass Kirkpatrick sings Farewell Mr. Charlie
An injury to one is an injury to all, and I ain’t fightin’ no bosses war. Next David Rovics sings about, a murdered by the boss’s police, mine union organizer / war resister, in Song For Ginger Goodwin. "

-- When It's Gone, It's Gone, by Tom Paxton

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with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.
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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.
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If you shop from “amazon”, you can do so via “AmazonSmile” which likewise donates 0.5% to go to Alaska Peace Center.
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Fairbanks AK 99709-3722
or Donate online: www.alaskapeace.org

THANK YOU!
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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

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VOTING INFORMATION. https://www.elections.alaska.gov
Check your Alaska voter registration status - make sure you are registered where you think you are - at https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/
"Notice of Polling Place Changes - 2020 Primary Election, August 18. [INTERIOR ALASKA]
Temporary Polling Place Changes for District 01-465, Fbks #2: at Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center, 101 Dunkel St. Distr 03-135, Chena Lakes: at North Pole Plaza 301 N Santa Claus Lane

Permanent changes for ALL future elections for. Distr 01-475, Fbks #4: to Ruth Burnett Sport Fish Hatchery, 1150 Wilbur St, Fbks
Distr. 06-170, Steele Creek: to Weller Elementary School, 635 Elementary Drive

Polling place hours... 7am - 8pm [election days] Region III Elections Office: 675 7th Ave, suite H3, Fbks, AK 99701... 907-451-2835."

To get absentee ballots:
For State & Federal Elections: [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov), or [akabsentee@alaska.gov](mailto:akabsentee@alaska.gov), or call 877-375-6508 (toll-free in U.S.)
For Municipal Elections in Fairbanks North Star Borough, City of Fairbanks, & City of North Pole:
Fill out the application at [http://www.fnsb.us/bc/TempElectionDocuments/Absentee%20Ballot%20Application%20-%20fillable.pdf](http://www.fnsb.us/bc/TempElectionDocuments/Absentee%20Ballot%20Application%20-%20fillable.pdf) by noon the day before the election, or 7 days prior if by mail; call the Borough Clerk for more information: 459-1401.

**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/](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 KFBS AM 970 radio. Listen live on your iPhone! Mixlr now has an iPhone/iPad app (http://bit.ly/16ZvLg) 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).
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agibson@fairbanks.us skun@fairbanks.us vtherrien@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](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 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

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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.Quist@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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- Public Affairs Org. inbox: 354fw.pa.publicaffairs@us.af.mil