**Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of October 4, 2020,**
reporting on events & issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability affecting us & future generations in Alaska,
broadcasting on Sundays, 8am & 6pm on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM/kwrk.org Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska.  Be ready for opportunities to participate!

[Older COVID-19 resources have been moved to the end section of this news brief.]

**COVID-19: Mental Health Help** - The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services plans to distribute $750,000 in Federal relief funding to respond to the increased need for mental health services during the COVID-19 pandemic. The money will be used to:

- Prevent suicide and substance abuse;
- Expand access to the statewide crisis call center;
- Train behavioral health providers;
- Facilitate community planning and training.

**The Alaska Legal Service Corporation's COVID-19 Small Business/Nonprofit Legal Clinic** is an opportunity for Alaska’s small businesses and nonprofits with 50 or fewer employees impacted by the COVID-19 crisis to receive free legal advice during a 45-minute remote consultation with a volunteer attorney.

A link for small businesses to register for a free consultation can be found here [https://www.alsc-law.org/covid-small-business-clinic/](https://www.alsc-law.org/covid-small-business-clinic/).

Fun video about how N95 masks work: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAdanPfQdCA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAdanPfQdCA)

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<td><strong>Polaris Building Demolition Project Public Notice Objection Period</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 3 General Election:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Oct. 4</strong></td>
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<td>Online Indigenous Womxn's Gathering Hosted by Native Peoples Action and Native Movement</td>
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<td>&quot;Learn an Emma's Revolution Song:&quot;&quot;CODEPINK&quot; [which] we wrote for the first major demonstration organized by this powerfully creative women's action group and we have continued writing songs for them to support their almost two decades of potent ruckus-raising! In 2017, we rewrote the lyrics to &quot;CODEPINK&quot; for the group's 15th anniversary, so stay tuned for the <a href="#">lyrics and chords</a>. Our friend and</td>
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CODEPINK co-founder, **Medea Benjamin**, will be making a special appearance to update us on the latest demonstrations she's been involved in in DC and **how we can all take action** from wherever we are.

"she was one of 1,000 exemplary women from 140 countries nominated to receive the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the millions of women who do the essential work of peace worldwide."

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<td><strong>Monday Oct. 5</strong></td>
<td><strong>Run for Healing Run for Justice Virtual 5K Run</strong></td>
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<td>8 am</td>
<td>Run for Healing Run for Justice Virtual 5K Run We invite you to participate and honor our AK MMIWG2S (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Womxn and Girls/Two Spirit) through healthy healing. ...run, walk, or other physical activity dedicated to honoring missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and relatives. This is a free virtual 5K run open to all. The 5K is meant to raise awareness and provide a healthy healing activity for our community to join. more information: <a href="https://npacomunityfund.org/mmiwg2s5k/">https://npacomunityfund.org/mmiwg2s5k/</a> cоhosted by MMIWG Alaska: Native Peoples Action Community Fund, Native Movement, and Data for Indigenous Justice. Ongoing events through week. See facebook link for participation info</td>
<td><a href="https://bit.ly/3hVmZZ0">https://bit.ly/3hVmZZ0</a> <a href="https://fb.me/e/5UUdk0Eo7">https://fb.me/e/5UUdk0Eo7</a></td>
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<td>9-10 am</td>
<td><strong>Identity’s LGBTQ+ Fall Youth Summit</strong></td>
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<td>Virtual summit for queer youth and allies in Alaska. Free. Evening sessions throughout the week. More Details</td>
<td>See website for details and registration</td>
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<td><strong>The Wars Are Here: How the Post-9/11 Wars Helped Militarize U.S. Police</strong> #2 in &quot;20 Years of War&quot; research seminar series. More Details Presented by Jessica Katzenstein</td>
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<td>Oct 5 - Nov 15</td>
<td>&quot;World BEYOND War online course on debunking the myths of World War II. The course, &quot;Leaving World War II Behind,&quot; will run from October 5 to November 15. It is 100% online and interactions are not live or scheduled, so you can take part whenever works for you. The course is being offered on a sliding scale, from $25 USD to $250 USD, and there is a limit of 140 tickets sold. Here is the link to register...&quot;</td>
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<td>North Pole City Council mtg 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays except if a holiday: Agendas &amp; Minutes</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday Oct. 6</strong></td>
<td><strong>Municipal Elections</strong></td>
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<td>BOROUGH ASSEMBLY</td>
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<td><strong>Political Forums: Oct 6 &amp; 13 - State Legislature;</strong></td>
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<td>Hosted by greater Fbks chamber of commerce.</td>
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<td>Recent book <em>The Hidden History of Monopolies: How Big Business Destroyed the American Dream</em> is discussed with author Thom Hartmann on <em>Talk Nation Radio</em> on KWRK-LP 90.9FM/kwrk.org. The show plays Tuesdays at 3-3:30pm and Saturdays 9-9:30 am. The host, David Swanson, interviews guests — usually one per show, occasionally two — on a wide range of topics but with a particular focus on peace, justice, and political action. You can also listen to the shows any time at TalkNationRadio.org.</td>
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<td>3-5pm</td>
<td><strong>Nonviolence In Action: Planning &amp; Strategy</strong> Online Course. Join Pace e Bene trainer Rivera Sun for a 2-hr webinar that introduces strategy and planning for nonviolent action.</td>
<td>Learn more and register here.</td>
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<td>4-5 pm</td>
<td>Facebook Live with Katherine Gehl, author, philanthropist and business leader, moderated by lifelong Alaskan and consultant, Rachel Kallander. Join Alaskans for Better Elections for this discussion on Ballot Measure #2. Register here: <a href="https://alaskansforbetterelections.com/events/">https://alaskansforbetterelections.com/events/</a></td>
<td>Shopper's Forum Mall, 1255 Airport Way</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday Oct. 7</strong></td>
<td><strong>The Canvass Board</strong> will meet Oct 7-14, 2020, excluding weekends, to canvas ballots from teh October 6th Regular Municipal Election. For more information contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 459-1401. <em>&quot;Canvassing means the process of examining ballots or groups of ballots, subtotals, and cumulative totals in order to determine the official returns of a primary, special, or general election and includes the tabulation of any votes that were not previously tabulated.&quot;</em></td>
<td>Register here to get updates for the whole Arctic Resilience Forum series.</td>
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<td>7:30-9 am</td>
<td><strong>Arctic Resilience Forum: Indigenous Youth Leadership</strong> ...Convenes every Wednesday... over a series of ten weeks, beginning October 7, 2020, this online series seeks to engage a broad audience in conversations about how to build the resilience of Arctic communities and ecosystems across a variety of focus areas, including: Food Security, Renewable Energy, Human Health and Pandemics, Broadband Connectivity, Gender, Socio-Ecological Resilience, Infrastructure, Respecting Traditional Indigenous Knowledge Systems</td>
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<td>“After The Ice” Documentary Virtual Launch Party Zoom and discussion on facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/762267121004278?active_tab=about">https://www.facebook.com/events/762267121004278?active_tab=about</a></td>
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<td>12-1:30 pm</td>
<td><strong>Intersections: Domestic Violence &amp; Mental Health</strong> webinar Hosted by AWAIC and Alaska Behavioral Health, formerly ACMHS</td>
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<td><strong>Film Screening &amp; Townhall - virtual ‘Dark Waters’ screening</strong> and Town Hall that we will be hosting in partnership with the Gustavus PFAS Action Coalition on October 7th, 4pm! We will enjoy a special guest appearance by Rob Bilott and state legislators. The award-winning film Dark Waters (starring Mark Ruffalo) tells the story of real-life unlikely hero Rob Bilott—a chemical company lawyer who turns the tables to sue DuPont for polluting communities of West Virginia with “forever chemicals.” Register to participate and learn how you can get involved in protecting Alaska waters and community health!</td>
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<td>&quot;Concert Across America to End Gun Violence&quot; [with] performances donated by major artists including John Fogerty, Wynton Marsalis, Melissa Etheridge, Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne, The Bacon Brothers, and many others... Please help us spread the word <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ConcertAcrossAmerica/">https://www.facebook.com/ConcertAcrossAmerica/</a></td>
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<td>4pm</td>
<td>“Because I Love You”: Virtual workshop on recognizing healthy vs. unhealthy signs in intimate relationships, presented by Nanook Diversity and Action Center and Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living.</td>
<td>Register at tiny.cc/oneloveuaf</td>
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<td>Due Date</td>
<td>CARES Act Funding Round 2 Applications for Business Relief - These funds can be used for expenses such as payroll costs, short term debt, rent or mortgage payments, utility payments, purchase of personal protective equipment, business related equipment, and other expenses related to inventory and re-opening. $5.6 million more remains for distribution. You can submit an application online at <a href="http://www.fairbanksalaska.us">www.fairbanksalaska.us</a> <a href="http://www.fairbanksalaska.us">http://www.fairbanksalaska.us</a> .</td>
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<td>6 pm</td>
<td>Air Pollution Control Commission mtg. includes time designated for citizens' comments.</td>
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<td>Thursday Oct. 8</td>
<td>5-8pm</td>
<td>Climate, Jobs, &amp; Justice: Candidate Forum  Join us for a free, non-partisan, and public virtual Fairbanks candidate forum where climate action, workers advocacy, communal justice, and education will be the focus.</td>
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<td>6 am AK time</td>
<td>Global Network leaders discuss ‘Space domination’ during Keep Space for Peace Week</td>
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<td>6 pm</td>
<td>Fbks North Star Borough Assembly Regular mtg. Agenda, items related to Peace, Justice, or Sustainability include: Public Hearing on RESOLUTION NO. 2020-37... Supporting The Alaska Department Of Environmental Conservation’s Proposed Changes To Regulations On Air Quality And To The Serious State Implementation Plan (SIP) For The Fairbanks North Star Borough Nonattainment Area. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward);: [and] Consideration of Calendar for RESOLUTION NO. 2020-38...Accepting Maintenance Responsibilities For Motor Vehicle Plug-Ins To Be Installed At Birch Hill, Chena Lake, And Tanana Lakes Recreation Areas Under The Congestion Mitigation And Air Quality Program; and for Resolutions 2020-40 &amp; 41 ...Authorizing The Mayor To Submit... Application[s] For A Recreation Trails Grant Program Matching Grant[s] For Rerouting Trails At The Chena Lake Recreation Area River Park Trail System [and for] Continued Development Of The Isberg Recreational Area. -[and] ordinances to be introduced and advanced to public hearing ...No. 2020-02...Amending FNSB Code Of Ordinances Title 4, 15, 17, 18, And 22 Regarding Quasi-Judicial Appeals To Add A New Board Of Appeals And New Appeals Officer Section And Amending FNSBC Title 8 Regarding The Appeal Process For Property Tax Exemptions.</td>
<td>Register for the meeting here.</td>
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<td>Friday Oct. 9</td>
<td>12-1pm</td>
<td>FemCon2020! Evented October 9-11. See website for event details and participation info</td>
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<td>Introduction to Nonviolent Communication (NVC) for Social Change. Learn more about it.</td>
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### After This Week

#### Saturday Oct. 10
- **4:30-6 pm** Panel: BIPoC and Femme Identity - 'Join our wonderful femme panelists as we discuss how femininity intersects with race and ethnicity in our BIPoC communities. Learn more and register for this event at: [https://tiny.cc/uaf-femcon](https://tiny.cc/uaf-femcon)

#### Monday Oct. 12
- **11 am** University of Alaska Fairbanks Indigenous Peoples’ Day celebration - "Send us a short video" More below, under "Justice"
- **12-1** Indigenous Peoples' Day [Celebration and Virtual Rally](https://www.facebook.com/events/450567418605886) Hosted by [Defend the Sacred AK](https://www.facebook.com/DefendtheSacredAK) and [Native Movement](https://www.facebook.com/NativeMovementFairbanks/)
- **5-6pm** [No Borders On Stolen Land Opening Reception](https://www.facebook.com/events/450567418605886) - International Juried Art Exhibition. Native Movement, Out North, Sol de Medianoche, and the Anchorage Democratic Socialists of America invited artists to respond to the ongoing humanitarian crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border and how the colonial construct of land borders has historically negatively impacted Indigenous groups on an international scale. Due to our current climate this exhibition is scheduled to be held entirely online. Selected artists will have the opportunity to give artist talks via online discussion platforms such as Zoom and Facebook Live. Entries will be juried and selected based on technical application, originality and relevance to the theme of the show. Finalists will be invited to show their work in a four week online exhibition from October 12 - November 15, 2020... prizes will be awarded...

#### Tuesday Oct. 13
- **5 pm** [Peace Alliance Podcasts](https://www.facebook.com/PeaceAlliancePodcasts/)
- **5:30pm** Fbks Diversity Council Mtg
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<td>October 14</td>
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<td><strong>KWRK-LP 90.9FM weekly mtg</strong> - Join us to find out about helping with programming, or to contribute material, short spots, or even have your own show, or just to voice your support for this all-volunteer radio station providing important news, views, and more not heard on corporate media!</td>
<td>contact <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a> for Zoom link,</td>
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<td>October 15</td>
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<td><strong>Global Network panel on “Campaigning to Keep Space for Peace”,</strong> introduced and chaired by Professor Dave Webb (UK) with Professor Karl Grossman (US), Tamara Lorincz (Canada), Dr Aruna Kamimila (India) and Bruce Gagnon (US). More details.</td>
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<td><strong>MMIWG Rally at AFN</strong></td>
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<td>October 17</td>
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<td><strong>Climate Action in 2020,</strong> Hosted by Fairbank Climate Action Coalition. Semiannual gathering on Zoom.</td>
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<td>11:30 am-1 pm</td>
<td><strong>Greater Fairbanks NAACP General Membership Meeting</strong></td>
<td>&quot;We are now meeting online, please email us for details.&quot;</td>
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<td><strong>The A21 Global Freedom Summit</strong> On October 17th 2020, the global anti-trafficking organization A21 is hosting a one day virtual summit featuring thousands of modern-day abolitionists around the globe! Save the date. Click here to learn more about this meaningful event.</td>
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**Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date**

**Peace**

*Live For Ideals, rather than fighting for them.* "John Hume, who died recently, and who received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work on achieving peace in Northern Ireland, said, "I want to see an Ireland as an example of women and men everywhere of what can be achieved by living for ideals, rather than fighting for them, and by viewing each and every person as worthy of respect and honor. I want to see an Ireland of partnership where we wage war on want and poverty, where we reach out to the marginalized and dispossessed, where we build together a future that can be as great as our *

**Justice**

"Become an Election Defender" With ...voter suppression already more rampant than ever, ...we are depending on you to ensure people are able to vote freely and safely.  
Sign up to be an Election Defender here.  
"Unlike traditional poll watchers, Election Defenders will be working to provide safe supports for voting (such as PPE and water), election & voter defense, de-escalating right-wing intimidation tactics, and signalling to a network of groups and lawyers if and where trouble breaks out."

**Sustainability**

"Wildlife Persons,  
Once in a while I’d like to share some news items from our **Alaskans FOR Wildlife FACEBOOK** pages that may be of some interest… jimkowalsky  
https://www.facebook.com/wildlifewildernesswildlife/?ref=bookmarks"  

"Alaska's salmon are getting smaller  
Aug. 19 (UPI) -- New research suggests Alaska's salmon are spending fewer years in the ocean and returning early to spawn. As a result, Alaska's salmon are smaller than
"good news. Responding to pressure from CODEPINK and other peace groups around the world, four mayors of the largest US and European cities have announced that they will not be attending the G20 summit hosted this year by Saudi Arabia. Bill de Blasio of New York City, Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles, Ann Hidalgo of Paris and Sadiq Khan of London all answered the calls to boycott the summit and stand against the war crimes committed by Saudi leadership.

"CODEPINK is calling on Irene Natividad of the GlobeWomen Research and Education Institute to boycott the W20 summit, which is a G20 summit event focused on women. Will you join us and write to Natividad about boycott the summit?" from CodePink 10-1-20

Comment on the CodePink facebook page: "US regime demands new elections in Venezuela US regime demands new elections in Cuba, Iran US regime demands no elections in Saudi Arabia"

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"For nearly a year, Trump has rejected a 2019 Russian offer to extend the U.S.-Russian New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) by five years and without conditions," writes Daryl G. Kimball of Arms Control Today. The full editorial is available online.

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from Green Star of Interior Alaska: 
"...Green Star has won the ALPAR (Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling) Award for Leadership in

"Anyone who can volunteer to be a poll worker should do so," per Barton Gellman, author of 'The Election That Could Break America' in The Atlantic, on Fresh Air interview about his article in The Atlantic, Nov. 2020. Learn more by listening to his 48-minute interview Oct. 1 on "Fresh Air".

"The University of Alaska Fairbanks Indigenous Peoples’ Day celebration will take place Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, at 11 a.m...to honor Alaska Native people, culture and knowledge. This year's theme is "Resiliency Through Hope and Love". We hope to continue to:
---Share how the interconnectedness of Indigenous people, land and spirit — the love and the hope of a sustainable future — is what drives us to work together.
---Spread public awareness of the histories, experiences and resilience of Indigenous peoples.

"Alaska Native rights attorney, Heather Kendall-Miller will give the keynote address...

"We need to hear you and see you! Let’s come together - students, staff, faculty, community members across the state - share with us! Send us a short video of no more than 60 seconds, or still image sharing:

"Your interpretation of the theme as it relates to your current life experiences, how you show pride in your Indigenous heritage, or simply a still image of yourself in Native regalia. Send your video clips to uaf-cred@alaska.edu, ...The event will be available online at media.uaf.edu."

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We can all take the choosedemocracy.us pledge:
Our Pledge:
1. We will vote.
2. We will refuse to accept election results until all the votes are counted.
3. We will nonviolently take to the streets they were 30 years ago, according to an analysis published Wednesday in the journal Nature Communications."

"The concentration of mercury in the fish in Alaska's Yukon River may exceed the EPA's human health criterion by 2050 if greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming are not constrained, according to scientific research funded in part by NASA..." and described in phys.org.

"Restoration of Cripple Creek almost complete After 85 years, Cripple Creek on the west side of Fairbanks will return to its original streambed..." Read the story at newsminer.com.

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from Veterans For Peace:
"New Book: Poisoning the Pacific...Based upon 12,000+ pages of FOIA documents, it reveals how US military operations have been contaminating the Pacific region with toxic substances, including plutonium, dioxin, and VX nerve agent. Hundreds of thousands of indigenous people and US service members have been exposed..." Read more here!

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"Calling all bakers! The Bread Line is still welcoming baked goods! Call Ellen Weiser for more information (450-9336)."

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"Yukon mushers struggle to feed dogs after poor salmon runs
Weak king and chum salmon runs this year compelled the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to halt subsistence fishing entirely in some parts of the Yukon
"Education. While there was no in-person award event this year, we are honored to accept this award that recognizes companies, organizations and individuals who have made significant impacts in recycling and litter prevention. You can see all the award winners on ALPAR's website.

"Green Star was awarded this honor thanks to our Earth Day, Every Day Curriculum kit for sixth through eighth graders... More than 700 students and 25 teachers utilized these materials; our goal is to reach 1,000 students annually in future years. "... you can download a PDF copy and find out how to check out the supporting materials in Fairbanks!"

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from End Slavery Now: "October is Fair Trade Month! This month, spread awareness of the importance of the fair trade movement. Purchase from fair trade retailers when shopping online, and post on social media with the hashtags #FairTradeSolidarity and #FairTradeMonth. Click to learn more! "

"The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports Ballot Measure 2 and we encourage Alaskans to vote Yes on 2 this November. "... Ballot Measure 2 aligns well with the League’s support for electoral methods that do the following:

---Encourage voter participation and voter engagement
---Encourage those with minority opinions to participate, including under-represented communities
---Are verifiable and auditable
---Promote access to voting
---Maximize effective votes/minimize wasted votes
---Promote sincere voting over strategic voting
---Implement alternatives to plurality voting
---Are compatible with acceptable ballot-casting methods, including vote-by-mail"

You can read the detailed rationale at https://www.facebook.com/lwvalaska/. At https://www.lwvalaska.org/ you can find links to the group's 2020 Voting Guide and other links. See Vote411.org

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

"Moose Picks ... Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of October 4, 2020:

It would be a difficult task, indeed, for me to enumerate the riot of emotions that cursed my veins this past Friday morning when I learned that our nations feckless tweeter in chief and his precious first lady, Melania, have contracted the COVID-19 virus. What can I say? How can I express the grief that I am feeling; offer the most fitting condolence?
I suppose, to start, I’ll share a couple of tidbits attributing the couple’s character; for instance take the POTUS’s January 11, 2018, comments, during his Oval Office meeting with several U.S. senators about a new immigration package protecting immigrants from Haiti, El Salvador, and African countries, where President Donald Trump said, “Why are we having all these people from shithole countries come here?” Or comments made in another meeting months earlier where he complained that Nigerian immigrants would never “go back to their huts” and Haitians “all have AIDS.” He doubled down at the Oval Office meeting, saying, “Why do we need more Haitians? Take them out.”

Or this July 27, 2019 Tweet:

Rep, Elijah Cummings has been a brutal bully, shouting and screaming at the great men & women of Border Patrol about conditions at the Southern Border, when actually his Baltimore district is FAR WORSE and more dangerous. His district is considered the Worst in the USA...... ...As proven last week during a Congressional tour, the Border is clean, efficient & well run, just very crowded. Cumming District is a disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess. If he spent more time in Baltimore, maybe he could help clean up this very dangerous & filthy place.

I’ll let Melania, in her own words, express the humanitarianism she shared on her June 2018 visit to the Texas / Mexico Border in: First Lady Melania Trump sings, *Give Me A Fucking Break.*

I’ll have to give credit here too on the spectacular fashion statement that the FLOTUS made as she left to visit immigrant children at the Texas border, wearing a Zara jacket that read “I Really Don’t Care Do U?” on the back. In its Italian translation, “Me Ne Frego”, it had been the slogan of early fascists known as the Italian Arditi (World War I stormtroopers); early fascists that are credited with paving the way for the rise of Mussolini. Melania Trump was born in Novo Mesto, a Slovenian city that was part of fascist Italy, and later the Third Reich. You cannot turn around in Novo Mesto without bumping into some monument that reminds you of this history. The symbols and slogans are extremely important there. Melania went to school there, and she speaks Italian, there is simply no way that she is not aware of the history of this slogan.

All seriousness aside folks, here is my audio get well card to POTUS and FLOTUS Trump, *You're A Mean One Mr. Grinch.*

While putting things up for winter the other day I came across a small stack of posters that I had misplaces a few years ago. The posters read How Is the War Economy Working For You? Immediately thinking of their significance in today’s viral climate, I remembered a passage that I read the courageous anarchist and founder of the Catholic Worker movement, Dorothy Day’s book *Loaves and Fishes.* In it she tells the story of St. Ignatius of Sardinia, a Franciscan Monk who would go about his days carrying a sack and begging alms. In doing this he would always avoid visiting a merchant who was known for having made his wealth defrauding the poor. One day the merchant complained at the friary because he was concerned that Ignatius’s avoidance was causing him negative public opinion. The Father Guardian thus ordered Ignatius to beg from the merchant. “As you wish”, replied Ignatius, “But I will not have the Franciscans dine on the blood of the poor.”

As Ignatius left the merchant, his sack began oozing blood, which ran down the streets all the way to the monastery. Quoting , F.P. Kenkel, who had written the story in Social Justice Review, Dorothy Day said, “[T]he universal crisis in the world today was created by the love of money. “The Far East, the Near East [Latin America and Africa] together constitute a great sack from which blood is oozing. The flow will not stop as long as our interest in these people are dominated largely by financial and economic interests.”… But, our whole economy is based on preparation for war, and this surely one of the great arguments for poverty in our time.”

I can’t make an argument for living ones life in poverty. I respect those, like members of the Catholic Worker, who have made that decision in their
efforts for social justice. I can’t help but envision 38% of the Fairbanks North Star Borough as sopping wet with, and oozing the blood of the world's poor, so I’ll repeat the rhetorical question, “How is the war economy working for you?”

Peter Kropotkin, in his seminal treatise on the importance of cooperation in the natural world, “Mutual Aid”, states, “It’s not love, not even sympathy upon which society is based in mankind. It is the conscience – be it only at the stage of instinct – of human solidarity. It is the unconscious recognition of the force that is borrowed from each man (and woman) from the practice of mutual aid; of the close dependency of everyone’s happiness upon the happiness of all; and of the sense of justice, or equity, which brings the individual to consider the rights of every other individual as equal to his (or her) own.”

Maybe it would be best for us to abandon this economic bag, which we all carry, oozing the blood of the poor, and start anew seeking that practice of mutual aid. Next the Jerry Garcia Band sings about walking away, without looking back, in Gomorrah.

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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."

Absentee voting is available and no excuse is required. The last day to request an absentee ballot is 10 days before the election. Voted ballots must be postmarked by Election Day in order to be counted.

If you are unable to vote in Alaska on Election Day, you can vote absentee:
   • In person (available 15 days before an election)
   • By mail (deadline for applying is 10 days before an election)
   • By fax (available 15 days before an election)
   • Online (available 15 days before an election)
   • By personal representative (available 15 days before an election)

To get absentee ballots:

For State & Federal Elections: www.elections.alaska.gov, or 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 by noon the day before the election, or 7 days prior if by mail; call the Borough Clerk for more information: 459-1401.

Covid-19 PandemicResources

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

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

Covid information in Alaska Native languages from Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (in partnership with Native Peoples Action and AKPIRG).
https://www.facebook.com/ANTH3today/videos/987691668341475/

To Contact your Elected Public Officials

Fairbanks City Council Mtg (twice per month on Monday evenings*) Agendas and calendar at https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/ “This page contains a link to live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Please click the Listen Live image below to start streaming the audio. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio, Listen live on your iPhone! Mixlr now has an iPhone/iPad app (http://bit.ly/163ZyLg) via the iTunes Store. Once you get the app set up, you search for city_of_fairbanks and you will be able to follow our audio stream http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/).” Location: Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St.
Email Fairbanks City Council people (keep it polite, positive, and honest, and remember that any information you share about your identity and story is public record).

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

Jim Matherly - Mayor: (907) 459-6793
Valerie Therrin - Seat C: (907) 388-0272
David Pruhs - Seat F: (907) 750-2888

Shoshana Kun - Seat A: (907) 590-8313
June Rogers - Seat B: (907) 451-0122
Aaron Gibson - Seat D: (907) 978-3058
Jerry Cleworth - Seat E: (907) 452-6461

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

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

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Fairbanks North Star Borough -

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Liz Lyke - seat F; Liz.Lyke@fnsb.us; 907-378-3727; exp 10/21
Jim Cash - seat E – Jim.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
Frank Tomaszewski - seat B; Frank.Tomaszewski@fnsb.us; 907-347-2968; exp 10/22
Leah Berman Williams - seat G; Leah.Williams@fnsb.us; 907-347-4021; exp 10/21

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Alaska State Legislature

legislative schedule and links to related at AKleg.gov: 5/3-5/17/20. Schedules often change.

Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO) In Fbks: 452-4448

'Chat with Legislative Information Staff – Monday-Friday between 8:30am and 4pm you will find a new chat interface in the lower right corner of AKLeg.gov. The LIO staff can help answer questions about finding things on the legislature’s website, tracking legislation, and contacting legislators. Let us know how we can help you.'

Interior Alaska Legislators

Sen. Click Bishop - (R) Fairbanks District C - Juneau office: 907-465-2327. Tollfree: 800-336-7383   Email: senator.click.bishop@akleg.gov
Rep. Grier Hopkins - (D) District 4 Fairbanks JNU office: 907-465-4457 Toll free: 800-928-4457 Email: representative.grier.hopkins@akleg.gov
Rep. Dave Talerico - (R) Healy Distr 6 - JNU office: 907-465-4527 Tollfree: 800-491-4527 Email: representative.dave.talerico@akleg.gov

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Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210/fax 456-0279; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov; Fairbanks office: Key Bank Bldg suite 307, 100 Cushman St. Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov; Fbks office: Courthouse Square suite 2D, 250 Cushman St. Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov; Fairbanks office: Federal Bldg, suite 328, 101 12th ave

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Or go to https://www.eielson.af.mil/About-Us/Units/Public-Affairs/ for updated email addresses, currently listed as:
Community relations: 354aw.pa.communityrelations@us.af.mil or Public Affairs Org. inbox: 354fw.pa.publicaffairs@us.af.mil