



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of November 1, 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.]

Day, Date	Time	<u><i>This Week Opportunities for Action</i></u>	Where?
		<p align="center">November is Native Heritage Month</p> <p align="center">"Native American communities are at extremely high risk of modern-day enslavement. Honor this time by learning about the epidemic of missing and murdered Native American women. Share what you learn and post on social media with the hashtags #MMIW and #MMIWG. Learn More"</p>	
Sunday Nov. 1		<u>John Dear's Peace Podcast</u> On the first day of each month, Peace e Bene posts a free, new podcast reflecting on some aspect of nonviolence. Accessible any time. Free.	internet: John Dear's Peace Podcast
		<u>Application Deadline for Sky Blue Leadership Programmes.</u> Sky Blue is an online leadership programme for people who are working on our environmental challenges...	
Monday Nov. 2	3:30-5 am AK	Veterans For Peace <u>Election Defender Training</u>	
	5:30pm	Renewable Energy working group mtg	https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/
	7 pm	North Pole City Council mtg	
Tuesday Nov. 3		Election Day!	Info below!
Wednesday Nov. 4	12 pm	Koht'relneyh - Remembering Forward Post-Election Gathering - Where do we take our momentum together for the remainder of this election season? How will we respond to rapidly changing and possibly unclear political outcomes, while remaining rooted in our principles of justice and liberation? Join us for some election season reflection and direction. Your actions are needed to ensure democracy is upheld and our future is safeguarded.	RSVP Facebook Live Register for ZOOM Webinar
	12-3pm	<u>8th Annual Veterans Mental Health Summit: Addressing Racism, Improving Care</u>	

	7 pm	Wildlife Wednesday: Hormones and Whales - what tiny molecules can tell us about the giants of the sea Join this virtual presentation by Valentina Melica, PhD candidate with University of Alaska's College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, to learn how hormones, tiny molecules produced by the body, are the secret to understanding how whales are coping with a changing environment.	Whales zoom link
Thursday Nov. 5	3:30-5 pm	November 5, 12, & 19, 2020: Nonviolent Action Lab with the Pace e Bene Team. As we gear up to use nonviolent action if needed to defend democracy in the wake of the November 3 election , people are organizing nonviolent actions and we're here to help! (Check out Rivera Sun's recent training that we posted on YouTube around Defending the Elections with Nonviolence)	Learn more and register for these free sessions here.
	5:30	Special Assembly Mtg: PUBLIC HEARING on proposed Ordinance 2020-36 amending the parameters of the CARES Act Business Interruption Grant Program... to provide economic relief to businesses impacted by the covid-19 pandemic. • All Regular Assembly meetings and Committee meetings are currently being conducted VIA ZOOM ONLY. Visit the STAY CONNECTED TO THE ASSEMBLY webpage for more information on how to participate at meetings in person, telephonically, or via the internet.	For more info,; clerks@fnsb.us or call 459-1401
	7 pm	Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg - All welcome! Armistice Day is coming up and we may have events relative to the election to discuss. Contact info@alaskapeace.org	APC mtg Zoom link.
Friday Nov. 6		International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict	
		<u>Folk School Fall Fundraiser and Online Auction Nov. 6-14</u> at https://folk.scool . Virtual kickoff event on Saturday, November 7th with special live demo (more information coming soon). We are currently seeking local artists to submit auction items for this event! Please submit your work by October 30th. Questions? Contact Kerri Hamos: kerri@folk.school or 907-457-1219	
		<i><u>After This Week</u></i>	
Sunday Nov. 8	7pm	Virtual Nights for the North - <u>The Northern Center film premiere of Love is the Way</u> bringing together voices speaking in defense of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, highlighting the generations of stewardship by Gwich'in and Iñupiaq people... explores the friendships, values, and stories shaped by the place, and the strong commitments to its protection. ... this film reminds us of the sacred connections between us, and the ways that a place can teach us how to live with respect and compassion.	<u>Register for the virtual film screening here</u> (free, with donation options).
Monday Nov. 9	6:30	Fairbanks City Council Mtg. <u>Agendas and calendar</u> at https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/ This page contains a link to live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Mtgs include citizens' comments. Council Mtgs are aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio, and via audio stream	<i>*<u>how to provide testimony and stay connected with the City Council during the covid pandemic</u>**</i>
Tuesday Nov. 10		<u>Peace Alliance Podcasts</u> - Join our Free Monthly National Action Call at 9pm eastern/6pm pacific on the 2nd Tuesday each month , featuring inspiring guest speakers from all areas of Peacebuilding, legislative	See the Calendar for the link to join

		updates, reports of grassroots victories from around the nation, and coaching on the actions that are advancing this important work in our world.	the calls.
	8 am	<u>Daily Antidote of Song: Racial Justice Week</u> ...singing community, brought together by the organizers of the Washington DC Revels! "Be there as we energize our day with the inspiration and connection of singing together!"	Zoom and Facebook Live
	5:50- 7 pm	<u>Fbks Diversity Council</u> Mtg "...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 ...[and] comes together to discuss & work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. Contact info: cityclerk@fairbanks.us or 907-479-6702"	zoom link or City Hall, 800 Cushman St
	7pm	<u>Love is the Way Panel Discussion</u> The Northern Center presents a panel of guests for a discussion of our film <i>Love is the Way</i> . Learn more about what is at stake regarding the potential development of the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, what actions you can take to affect its future, and get a peek into how the film was made last winter.	Register here.
Wednesday Nov. 11	10 am	Reclaim Armistice Day: Multi-Chapter VFP Event - Veterans For Peace honors and remembers the original emphasis of Armistice Day, and we invite you to join us in reclaiming that meaning.	Register for Zoom event
	11 - 11:30 am	Ring in Armistice Day with Bells for Peace! Outdoor socially-distanced event. 'Join us to reclaim the original meaning of November 11—Armistice Day, marking the end of the First World War at "the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" in 1918 and a remembrance of those who died in that war. '	Veterans' Memorial Park, 700 Cushman St.
	11:30a - 1 pm	Arctic Resilience Conference - Broadband Connectivity The 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	Register here
Thursday Nov. 12	12 pm	Applying Meditation for Nonviolent Living - 6 Week Course. ..to offer an experiential introduction to the practice of meditation drawing from different spiritual traditions yet free of jargon, dogma or doctrine. Meditation is an act of love that nourishes the core of nonviolent living and being.	Learn more and register here.
	6-7:30 pm	Earth Stewardship: Energy Efficiency for Churches and Nonprofit Organizations. - How you can make your building more sustainable. This virtual event is sponsored by the Interfaith Working Group of the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition. For more information, call Susan Grace at 479-0780.	Register at Bit.ly/FBXstewards .
	6 pm	Regular <i>FNSB Assembly</i> mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough); includes Citizens' Comments; For Agendas, Agenda Packets, Audio Tracks, Action Memorandums and Minutes click here ... http://fnsb.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Calendar.aspx .	
	7 pm	Artist Talk with Cherissa Dukelow , [the Northern Alaska Environmental Center's] featured artist [who] will talk about her creative process in making three works of art for the Northern Center. Buy prints of the paintings ... and bid on the featured artwork throughout the week.	Register here.

Friday
Nov. 13

World Kindness Day, "to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us. Kindness is a fundamental part of the human condition which bridges the divides of race, religion, politics, gender and zip codes...[It] is an international observance ... introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement, a coalition of nations' kindness NGOs. It is observed in many countries... Read more

Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date

Absentee EARLY* and In-Person Voting Locations & Times in Interior Alaska:

***Region III Elections Office (STATE OFFICE BLDG, FAIRBANKS), 675 7th AVE SUITEA2:**

8-5 M-F 10/19-11/3, 10-4 Sat 10/24 & 10/31, 12-4 Sun 10/25 & 11/1, 7a-8p T 11/3

***UAF WOOD CENTER** 811 Yukon Dr: 8-5 M 11/2, 7a-8p T 11/3

FAI - Fbks Internat'l Airport 6450 Airport Way, by baggage claim: 7a-8p T 11/3

Allakaket Tribal Office: 1-5p M-F 10/19-11/2; Arctic Village Tribal Office 9-5 M-F 10/19-11/2; Beaver Tribal Council 8-5 10/19-11/3

Bettles Fire Station M-F 10/19-11/3 as needed; Chalkyitsik Village Council Office 8-5 10/19-11/3; Circle Tribal Office 4-7 as needed 10/20-11/2

Delta church at 1760 Richardson Hwy 1-6p Tues & Thurs 10/19-11/2; Eagle Tribal Office 1-4 T-Th 10/19-11/2;

Fort Yukon City Office 9-5 M-F 10/20-11/2; Galena City Office 8-5 M-F 11/19-11/2; Denali Borough Clerk's Office 9-4 M-Th 10/19-11/2

Hughes City Office 8-5 M-F 10/19-11/2; Huslia City Office 8-5 M-F 10/19-11/2; Kaltag City Office 9-5 M-F 10/19-11/2

Koyukuk City Office 8-5 M-F 10/20-11/2; McGrath City Office 8-5 M-F 10/20-11/2; Nenana City Office 723 A St 10-5 T-F 10/19-11/2

Nikolai City Office 8-5 M-F 10/19-11/2; Northway Council Office 8-4 M-F 10/19-11/2; Rampart Council Office 10/19-11/3 as needed

Ruby City Office 9-5 M-F 10/20-11/2; Takotna Council Office 8-5 M-F 10/19-11/2; Tanana City Office 10-4 M-F 10/19-11/2

Tok Library 12-4 Th-Sun 10/19-11/2; Venetie - at Alberta Erick's 12-5 M-F 10/19-11/2

More Election-Related information:

"The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot by mail has passed.

There are still the **following voting options** available for the November 3, 2020, General Election.

1. Vote early or absentee in-person at one of the over 150 locations statewide. Find your nearest location here:

<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/avolocationsg.php>.

2. Apply to receive a **ballot by electronic transmission** – either online delivery or by fax. An online application is available here:

<https://absenteeballotapplication.alaska.gov/> or you can use a paper application. The **deadline to apply is Monday, Nov 2... 5pm** Alaska Time.

General Election is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. On Election Day, polling places will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. **Locate your polling place** here:

<https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/listofpollingplacelocations.php> or <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/> or call 1-888-383-8683 ...

If you applied for a ballot, you can **check the status** at: <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/>. "from votesafe907 (alaska.gov)

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"Voters will be notified if their absentee ballot was rejected within 60 days of the certification of elections results. Since the target for certifying the results is Nov. 25, this will be in late January.

"**What's the deadline for mailing an absentee ballot?** The envelope must be postmarked by Election Day, Nov. 3. Voters can ask at their post office for their **envelopes to be postmarked in person**. If they don't do this, the U.S. Postal Service sends mail across Alaska to Anchorage to be postmarked. So on Election Day, or the day before it, **voters should ask a postal clerk to postmark the envelope**. " from Alaska Public Media 10/22/20

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"**Help Support a Free and Fair Election** - The Alaska Public Interest Research Group & Alaskans for Better Elections are committed to ensuring a fair

and free election. With a record number of absentee ballots cast amidst a pandemic, this year's election looks different. The Division of Elections has taken steps to ensure that everyone's vote is still counted, and we want to help make sure that is true at the polls and behind the scenes.

"That's why we're asking you to help step up and protect our democracy--whether you can take a day or more, we need you! We will provide training and compensation, as available. Thank you for your help bringing citizen oversight to this critical process in this pivotal moment.

"Opportunities to Engage [include] Poll Watching,...Poll Observing... Absentee Ballot Review Board Observing... Absentee Ballot Counting... [Respond at this link.] ...We will contact you based on your response for trainings and next steps. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact veri@akpirg.org"

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"#AKVotes Election Protector - Volunteer Interest Form - [APPLY HERE](#) -

Election Protectors are registered Alaskan voters who will be working to support a safe and fair election process for all Alaskans.

As an Election Protector you will:

- Provide safe assistance for voting (such as PPE and water)
- Witness and record irregularities occurring at polling places and counting centers
- Alert the election protection team if any issues prevent folks from voting
- Offer assistance to voters who have questions about their voting rights

Election Protectors are required to attend a 2-hour online training. Election Protectors will receive a \$125 stipend per day for up to 4 days. These volunteer roles are only open to registered Alaska voters.

This is a collaboration by Alaska Public Interest Research Group, Alaska Community Action on Toxics, Native Peoples Action Community Fund, and The Alaska Center Education Fund"

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"Trouble Voting? We want to hear from you. Reach us at (907) 263-2010 or at voting@acluak.org," from [ACLU Alaska](#)

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"Want to stay updated? [\[The Alaska Center Team\]](#) will keep all Alaskans up to date with how the Election Count is moving forward on our website >>"

Peace

from American Friends Service Committee:

"Use these **practical tips on de-escalating instances of harassment and oppressive interpersonal violence.**

4Ds: Learn how to Distract, Delegate, Direct, and Delay" *follow the link for brief elaborations*

"How to intervene if someone is being harassed - **Bystander intervention do's and don'ts** - DO make your presence as a witness known. DO take cues from the individual being harassed.

Justice

from Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition 10-30-20:

"**Fairbanks Reentry Coalition** is selling shirts and hoodies as part of a **fundraising campaign.** To get your shirt:

https://www.customink.com/fundraising/frcfirst72?utm_campaign=desktop-&utm_content=frcfirst72&utm_medium=social&utm_source=copy-link&fbclid=IwAR1c7hiZEyNyUw1-8_3Leaf21xnKD9rO3D66g_j_aEp8K7tS-U1K3WdguE

Love INC - **Prevention & Diversion**

Sustainability

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center:

"Last Friday, Kaktovik Iñupiat Corporation submitted an application to conduct **winter seismic testing in the coastal plain** of the Arctic Refuge. ...the public was given only two weeks to comment on the application, with a **November 6 deadline.** Submit your comments by email to blm_ak_rdo_cp_2020_seismic@blm.gov. Please cc emily@northern.org so we know how many people speak out! [Further reading](#)

"Following a recent lawsuit claiming that the Alaska Department of Natural Resources failed to consider the

DO keep both of you safe
DON'T call the police.
DON'T escalate the situation.
DON'T do nothing."

"Don't Just be a Bystander

Watch this video for quick tips on responding to racist attacks in public."

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from Waging Nonviolence: "A grassroots **campaign** launched by Hold the Line is **calling on elected officials, military and police chiefs to publicly commit to ensuring that all votes are counted**, to protect peaceful protesters and to refuse unlawful or unconstitutional orders. The bipartisan National Council on Election Integrity is urging peace and patience while mail-in votes are **being counted after Nov. 3.**

"...**civic groups** like Choose Democracy, Hold the Line, Fight Back Table and Protect the Results — while keeping the attention focused on a robust electoral process — **are training thousands of people in how to resist an executive power grab or coup.** They are preparing activists for **disciplined nonviolent action, rooted in local communities**, that could include acts of mass non-cooperation like sit-ins, stay-at-homes and labor strikes. ..." *Read the rest of the article by Maria Stephan at this link.*

from Courage to Resist:

"Petition to the Joint Chiefs of Staff: Refuse Trump Election Interference

We've been urging the troops to refuse illegal orders for some time. This time we're challenging the top brass to do so. "You have a legal, constitutional, and moral responsibility to

Program helps people who are struggling financially remain in housing. For more information, please contact Val at val@loveincfairbanks.org.

Love INC – **Loving Families houses families** experiencing homelessness and is currently accepting applications. For more information please contact Dean at dmedaniel@loveincfairbanks.org.

FNA – The **Mental Health Trauma Team** program launches on Monday. The team is located at the Ralph Perdue Center and can serve people with or without substance use disorder. For more information please contact Timothy at TLedna@fairbanksnative.org

Ageing Disability Resource Center: The ADRC helps precariously housed seniors. For more information please contact Beth at beth.adrcnorth@alaska.net.

AmeriCorps VISTA will begin recruitment on November 20th for **VISTA positions** at the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitor Center, Fairbanks Children Museum, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, the United Way, and Fairbanks Youth Advocates. For more information please contact Kenzley at kdefler@fairbanks.us.

Fairbanks Wellness Coalition: Please welcome Cindy Wright as the new director of the FWC!!!!

Alaska Legal Services Corporation is assisting people with the **eviction moratorium** For more info: <https://alaskalawhelp.org/issues/coronavirus->

full impacts of a proposed gas pipeline to power the **Donlin** Gold Project, communities and residents of the Yukon-Kuskokwim have demanded that the DNR Commissioner, Corri Feige, add public hearings on the pipeline even if they have to be held virtually, and conduct Government to Government consultation with Tribes. We ask that you submit your own comments and stand with them in solidarity. Email your comments before 5:00pm on November 9th: spco.records@alaska.gov.

"Trump's USDA Secretary Axes Roadless Rule Protections for the Tongass\ ...Take action here.

"November 6-15: Livestreamed Theatre: The Spirit of the Valley. *Following the 11/13 performance, Northern Center staff will participate in a panel discussion about how we can protect our planet.*

"November 9: Draft EIS Telephone Public Meeting on heat and Electrical Upgrades at Ft. Wainwright. ...For more information, go here"

from League of Women Voters lwv.org: "Learn more about the redistricting process, and how it is affected by gerrymandering, **in our blog.** **And check out our Facebook Live discussion from earlier this month, Racism and Redistricting: How Unfair Maps Impact Communities of Color, for a look into how racial gerrymandering acts as a form of voter suppression."**

===== **Job Opportunities**

Co-op Market Grocery & Deli is hiring: Learn More

The Alaska State Redistricting Board is recruiting

refuse to comply with any and all attempts by President Trump to interfere with the 2020 presidential election." [Sign the petition](#)"

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"Big chocolate companies use child labor. Can a 1789 US law hold them accountable for violations abroad? The chocolate industry has a long documented problem with forced child labor. And the [US Supreme Court is about to take up a case that may decide whether US companies can be held responsible.](#)"

from [The World](#) October 29, 2020; "...in a [report](#) sponsored by the US Department of Labor, [found that](#) some of the world's leading chocolate companies depend on cocoa produced by more than 1 million child laborers in West Africa. And, despite the companies' promises to do better, the report says, the problem has gotten worse.

"Some groups, like Tony's Chocoloney, are trying to put a stop to it by raising public awareness. Others are taking legal action..."

from [End Slavery Now](#):

"Interested in learning to shop ethically? Download the most recent version of our [Slave Free Shopping Guide](#) for ...where to start!"

from Rev. Leslie Ahuvah Fails (she / her / hers):

"Seems like a good morning to remind my fellow Alaskans that I perform **LGBTQ weddings** free of charge. If you woke up this morning worried about the future of your right to marry, and feel that you need to get that done urgently, it would be my honor to help. Please call my cell if interested — **Phone** (907) 371-

[covid-19-resources-updates/housing-covid-19](#) Here is a summary of what CDC declaration contains:

- CDC is issuing eviction moratorium to protect public health
- Authority cited: "Under 42 CFR 70.2"
- Applies wherever there is not a more protective state moratorium in effect;
- Applies to all tenants who present a signed declaration to their LLs;
- The declaration requires the tenant to state:
 - iv. income is less than \$99,000, did not have to pay income tax in 2019, or received a stimulus check;
 - (ii) tenant unable to pay rent due to income loss or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses;
 - (iii) tenant would become homeless or need to double-up if evicted;
 - (iv) tenant will still make partial payments ("using best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as the individual's circumstances may permit, taking into account other non-discretionary expenses);
 - Lasts through December 31
 - Tenants can still be evicted for "reasons other than nonpayment of rent"
 - Criminal penalties for violations

[CDC Declaration - Eviction Moratorium](#)

United Way of Tanana Valley: has been really active in coordinating volunteers community wide and is launching the **Volunteer Action Center** that connects volunteers with great causes in Fairbanks.

for an Executive Director... (\$103k/yr)... deadline Nov. 3, 2020. Info at Workplace Alaska: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska>.

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The Interior Alaska Land Trust is hiring a **Conservation Coordinator**

interioraklandtrust@gmail.com
www.interioraklandtrust.org

Green Star Hiring Executive Director - go to <https://iagreenstar.org/were-hiring-an-executive-director/>

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Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition is Hiring: Interfaith Organizer [Click here](#) for more info and apply. Energy Justice Organizer... [Click here](#)

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The Alaska Center is looking for a **Youth Civic Engagement Coordinator** to start in January

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Northern Alaska Environmental Center - Executive Director- [Read more here](#), and [pass on to anyone you think might be a good fit!](#)

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If you are not local to me and you need to get hitched to protect your rights, Google for your nearest Unitarian Universalist congregation. Most of my colleagues are providing this service for folks who want a simple private ceremony. Or message me at email address above and I can help you connect."

For more information please contact Shea at shea.brenneman@unitedwaytv.com."

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 November 1, 2020:

[final chorus of Solomon Burke's None Of Us Are Free.]

In the spirit of Solomon Burke's powerful and timely message, I would like to share a recent cry for freedom issued by the Ned Norris Jr. Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation, as published on High Country News's (a magazine that I highly recommend) Oct. 30's online version. Chairman Norris's message is timely, of historical significance, relative to Alaska, as well as a clarion call to all of who consider themselves allies in the global struggle for human rights.

***Stop the destruction of Tohono O'odham lands
Ned Norris, Jr. Opinion Oct. 30, 2020***

Where there should be outrage, the Tohono O'odham Nation has only found silence.

Our sacred sites and burial grounds — which hold the deepest significance to our people — have been run over and blown up with a seemingly proud indifference by federal contractors as they rush to build President Donald Trump's border wall.

As these cultural sites have been desecrated, federal officials have hidden behind false motivations and political games. But we are not fooled, and we are not without a voice.

While the President's border wall is appallingly shortsighted — a political stunt that has relied on the illegal use of federally authorized dollars — it is not the first attempt to divide our people and change the narrative of our history.

The O'odham have lived in Arizona and northern Mexico since time immemorial. We experienced the impact of a border through our lands in 1854 — a border that was drawn without regard for our history, our original territory boundaries or our sovereign rights. More than 2,000 of the Nation's enrolled tribal citizens continue to live in Mexico today.

As a result, for the past 160 years, the Tohono O'odham have been on the front lines of border issues, often bearing the brunt of failed federal border policies. In the 1990s, federal policy designed to move undocumented migrants from ports of entry pushed people onto the Nation's lands, greatly

increasing border traffic and causing environmental and cultural harm.

Today, President Trump's border wall upholds another historic injustice against the O'odham. It threatens to further erase our history, our traditions and our culture.

Quitobaquito Springs and Monument Hill are sites sacred to the Tohono O'odham. Both include burial grounds, and both are located in what is now Organ Pipe National Monument. They sit close to the border and are within our ancestral territory. The National Park Service—the federal government's own agency—recognizes that there are burial sites located in these areas. Yet U.S. Customs and Border Protection contractors have dismissed these facts and plowed ahead with bulldozing and blasting large portions of this land.

This has led to the ruin of an O'odham burial site and a location historically used for religious ceremonies and the final resting place for many of our tribal ancestors. The administration commenced this destruction with no advance consultation, no notice of the destruction after the fact and no effort to mitigate or avoid irreparable damage to the sacred sites.

The Trump administration's reckless disregard for our religious and constitutional rights is embodied in the dynamite and bulldozers now rumbling through our original homelands. Many of our tribal citizens feel they have no choice but to protest these destructive activities. They have been met with tear gas and rubber bullets from law enforcement.

All of this — the desecrations, erasure and assaults on our people — are the costs we pay for this administration's campaign prop.

We fully recognize the need for border security. The Tohono O'odham Nation's Reservation includes 62 miles of international border with Mexico. We spend an average of \$3 million of our own money each year on border security and enforcement. Funding border security is a federal responsibility, but the federal government has never reimbursed us. Our police department spends more than a third of its time on border-related issues.

But President Trump's wall will not stop undocumented immigrants who will climb over it or smugglers who dig beneath it. It will, however, harm our desert environment, destroy our cultural resources and divide our people.

The O'odham have always been compassionate and welcoming. We have a long history of helping travelers passing through our lands. These values are part of who we are. These values are so engrained in our worldview that it is reflected in our language, which has no word for "wall."

Instead, I share amicudalig, our word for wisdom. It means knowing right from wrong, good from bad. Let us together focus the discussion of border security on amicudalig. Acting with wisdom. Acting for the good of people and for the good of our land.

I call on Congress to act with wisdom and abolish the dictatorial statutory waiver authority that has single-handedly allowed the Administration to avoid implementation of scores of federal statutes to destroy our sacred and traditional lands. Legislate on behalf of what is right, not what is wrong, and pass comprehensive immigration reform. There are common sense solutions to border issues. None of them involve a wall.

Powerful parallels can be drawn between Chairman Norris's message concerning the struggle of the Tohono O'odham Nation and current developments in Alaska. Those of us who consider ourselves to be allies in freedom's struggle should take note. No matter the outcome of the November 3, election, we have our work cut out for us.

*Although the next tune was not specifically written for the aforementioned, I think it is suggestive of the right solution. Let's ready those grappling hooks. Susan Grace sings **Breaking Down the Walls**.*

*November 3rd has meaning for me that runs far far deeper than the political machinations of the upcoming election. It is the birthday of my beloved daughter, Valerie. Although she shuffled off this mortal coil some 23 years ago, I still carry her close to my heart. The following tune is from one of her favorite musicians. Next, **Boy George and Culture Club** sing, **Do You Really Want To Hurt Me [ISRC GBAAA8200005]** **Happy birthday Valerie!** Possibly classifiable as being on the lighter side, the next tune is dedicated to the newly confirmed Justice of the US Supreme Court, the New Riders of the Purple Sage sing **Crooked Judge**; what the heck, with perseverance and perspicacity, "Even this too shall pass a way."*

Wage Peace."

Alaska Peace Center works for peace, justice, and sustainability - individually, in our community, and globally - with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.

You can contact Alaska Peace Center volunteers via email at info@alaskapeace.org

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.

Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome via alaskapeacenews@gmail.com. Inclusion in this newsletter does not necessarily constitute endorsement by Alaska Peace Center..

You Can Help Support Alaska Peace Center Activities!

If you shop at Fred Meyer, you can choose for fredmeyer donations equal to 1% of what you spend, to go to Alaska Peace Center;
If you shop from "amazon", you can do so via "AmazonSmile" which likewise donates 0.5% to go to Alaska Peace Center.

And/Or you can...

Mail a check to: **Alaska Peace Center**

3535 College Rd Ste 203

Fairbanks AK 99709-3722

or Donate online: **www.alaskapeace.org**

THANK YOU!

**The Alaska Peace Center is a non-profit charitable and human rights organization incorporated in Alaska under IRS 501(c)3.*

May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

VOTING INFORMATION. <https://www.elections.alaska.gov> <https://www.vote411.org/alaska> **Your Vote Matters**

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, Fairbanks, 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.)

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."

"[Since] Oct. 16, 2020... travelers arriving into Alaska from another state or country must follow new protocols.

Read the **new rules at the [Traveler Information Page](#).**"

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

Community COVID-19 Testing ...free and open-to-anyone drive-thru station is located in an ATCO unit in the [long-term] parking lot of the Fairbanks International Airport ... without the need for an appointment or referral seven days a week from 10 am to 4 pm [through mid-Nov. at least...]

The patient will ...administer the nasal swab themselves..." *reported by Erin McGroarty/[News-Miner 10-14-20](#)*

Covid information in Alaska Native languages from Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

(in partnership with Native Peoples Action and AKPIRG). <https://www.facebook.com/ANTHCtoday/videos/987691668341475/>

Updated Travel Information is at the [Traveler Information Page](#).

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/>).

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

Fun video about how N95 masks work: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAdanPfQdCA>

[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/163ZvLg>) 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

jmatherly@fairbanks.us

jrogers@fairbanks.us

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>

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

David Skipps - Term: 10/2018 - 10/2021; 2729 Perimeter Dr; Cell Phone: 750-5106; email: david.skipps@northpolealaska.org

Santa Claus - Term: 10/2019 - 10/2022; PO Box 55122 (North Pole 99705); Email: santa.claus@northpolealaska.org

Aino Welch - Term: 10/2017 - 10/2020; 934 Les Rogers Turnaround; Home Phone: 488-5834; Email: aino.welch@northpolealaska.org

DeJohn Cromer - Term: 10/2018 - 10/2020; 815 Marquette Loop; Cell Phone: 347-2808; Email: dejohn.cromer@northpolealaska.org

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

Mayor Michael Welch – Term 10/20018-10/2021. 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 -

Matt Cooper - Seat I - Presiding Officer; Matthew.Cooper@fnsb.us; (907) 978-7143; Term Expires: 10/22

Mindy O’Neill - Seat C; Mindy.Oneall@fnsb.us; 907-727-3887; term exp. 10/22

Aaron Lojewski - seat H; Aaron.Lojewski@fnsb.us; 907-978-1766; exp 10/23

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

Jimi Cash - seat E – Jimi.Cash@fnsb.us; 907-799-2692; exp 10/23

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

To contact the full Assembly you may either send an email to assembly@fnsb.us, use the **Contact Full Assembly** contact form, or mail to

PO Box 71267, Fbks, AK 99707 99707 Written communications to individual Assembly Members regarding current matters before the Assembly will be copied to the full Assembly.

Alaska State Legislature

legislative schedule and links to related at AKleg.gov: [5/3-5/17/20](https://www.akleg.gov/schedule) .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

Sen. John Coghill (R) North Pole Distr B - Juneau office: 907-465-3719. Tollfree: 877-465-3719 Email: senator.john.coghill@akleg.gov

Sen. Scott Kawasaki - (D) Fbks Distr A - Juneau office: 907-465-3466. Tollfree: 866-465-3466 Email: senator.scott.kawasaki@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

Rep. Grier Hopkins (D) District 4 Fairbanks JNU office: 907-465-4457 Toll free: 800-928-4457 Email: representative.grier.hopkins@akleg.gov

Rep. Bart LeBon (R)Fbks Distr 1 - JNU office: 907-465-3709 Toll free: 877-665-3709. Email: representative.bart.lebon@akleg.gov

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

Rep. Mike Prax (R) North Pole Distr 3- Juneau office: 907-465-4797 Tollfree: 800-860-4797 Email: representative.mike.prax@akleg.gov

Rep. Adam Wool (D)Fnks Distr 5 - Juneau office: 907-465-4976 Tollfree: 866-465-4976 Email: representative.adam.wool@akleg.gov

To express your preferences on issues to any of Alaska's 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.

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

MILITARY NOISE - Interior Alaska Concerned Residents with noise complaints are encouraged to contact:

call Eielson Public Affairs, Active Duty at 907-377-2116, ext. 4, at which you will be asked questions on a form that the airman {airperson?} answering sends 'up line' and to which you are supposed to get a response. Duty Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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