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## *Community News and Opportunities for Action,*

*reporting on events and issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska, broadcasting on Sundays, 8am & 6pm on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska.*

### **WEEK of JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

*Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?	
		<b><u>This Week Opportunities for Action in more Detail</u></b>		
		<p>Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up</p> <p><b>This week in the Alaska Legislature :</b></p> <p>--FISH/WILDLIFE HABITAT PROTECTION <a href="#">HB 199</a></p> <p>--HB152: Organized Militia; AK ST Defense Force-Thurs PUB.Testimo</p> <p>--K-12 Aid to School Districts **Streamed live on AKL.tv**</p> <p>--SB 131 Education Funding - PUBLIC TESTIMONY</p> <p>--SB 143 &amp; HB 285 Mental Health Budget</p> <p>-- AK Aerospace Corp. Updates &amp; Developments; BRAC</p> <p><a href="#">See more of the legislative schedule and links at this link.</a></p> <p><i>Contact your Legislative Information Office to be involved as legislation is created &amp; debated. In Fairbanks: 452-4448</i></p>	<p><i>Go to <a href="http://www.alaskapeace.org">www.alaskapeace.org</a> "Community News" for a link to Community organizations and contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</i></p>	
Tuesday Jan. 23	5:30- 7:30pm	<p><b>"Fairbanks Speak-Out: Protect Alaska Oceans"</b>. This is happening Tuesday in response to the trump administration's Offshore drilling proposal and the fact that there is only scheduled one public hearing in all of Alaska. President Trump's Interior Department has proposed opening essentially the entirety of the U.S. continental shelf waters for oil &amp; gas exploration, including almost all of Alaska's coasts. This represents an unprecedented threat to coastal communities and Indigenous livelihoods, the environments they depend on, and our global climate as we far exceed safe levels of fossil fuel use. See the <a href="#">Facebook Event Here</a> This event is co-sponsored with <a href="#">Defend The Sacred AK, Native Movement</a>, and the <a href="#">Northern Environmental Center Action Alert: Alaska Offshore Ocean &amp; Coastal Drilling</a> public commenting period open until March 9th, 2018! See more from FCAC at: <a href="http://fairbanksclimateaction.org/events/2018/1/19/fairbanks-speak-out-protect-alaska-oceans">http://fairbanksclimateaction.org/events/2018/1/19/fairbanks-speak-out-protect-alaska-oceans</a> from Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition.</p> <p><i>Also see more below under "Sustainability"</i></p>	Palace Theater, Pioneer Park, Fairbanks	
	6:30- 7:45pm	<p><b>Fairbanks Activist Forum Facilitator's Mtg</b></p> <p>More info: <a href="mailto:fairbanksactivistsforum@gmail.com">fairbanksactivistsforum@gmail.com</a></p>	location to be decided.	
Wednesday Jan. 24	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	<p><b>Project Homeless Connect</b> "Project Homeless Connect is a one-day, one-stop event to provide housing, services, and hospitality in a convenient 1-stop model directly to people experiencing homelessness in Fairbanks. It is a way to bring service providers, government agencies, and the general community together to address a problem that affects everyone. Contact Scott Wiser <a href="mailto:swiser@fairbanks.us">swiser@fairbanks.us</a> or Mike</p>	JP Jones Community Development Center, 2400 Rickert St	

		<p>Sanders <a href="mailto:msanders@fairbanks.us">msanders@fairbanks.us</a> for more information about PHC or other FHC events." You can volunteer or find out more at <a href="https://www.fairbankshomeless.org/upcoming-events.html">https://www.fairbankshomeless.org/upcoming-events.html</a>.</p>	
<b>Thursday</b> Jan. 25	4-5pm	<b>FCAC Interfaith Working Group Mtg</b> . "Please join the interfaith working group at the University Community Presbyterian Church to help plan and drive next steps in the interfaith community!!"	UCPC, 3510 College Rd, Fbks
	6pm - ? <i>*at or after 7pm</i>	<b>Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly Regular mtg.</b> <i>Get the agenda and other materials at <a href="http://fnsb.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Docuuments.aspx">http://fnsb.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Docuuments.aspx</a>.</i> Agenda items include three opportunities for citizens' comments, <b>PUBLIC HEARING*</b> on 2 marijuana licenses and a 218-acre rezone; resolutions ratifying collective bargaining agreements between FNSB and state employees and Laborers; introduction of ordinances to amend: Chapter 18.104 of FNSB code regarding notification of rezoning & conditional use; ch.21.28 re criteria for No Other Adequate Source of Heat determinations; ch. 3.24.050 re Rd Svc Area Committee; and FY 2017-18 budget for membership fee to The Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System Metropolitan Planning Organization; and an executive session to discuss collective bargaining.	Assembly Chambers, Borough Bldg, 907 Terminal St.
<b>Friday,</b> Jan. 26	6-9pm	<b>Joint Alaska Peace Center- UCPC potluck, movie <i>the White Helmets</i></b> , and discussion. The White Helmets are an urban Syrian volunteer search and rescue organization that was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2016. "As daily airstrikes pound civilian targets in Syria, a group of indomitable first responders risk their lives to rescue victims from the rubble." <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a>	University Community Presbyterian Church, 3510 College Rd, Fbks
<b>Saturday,</b> Jan. 27	11am-1pm	<b>Stone Soup Kids Cafe:</b> Kids Cafe is a monthly gathering of families and Stone Soup volunteers, staff, & Board members to make meals for the guests for the following week. Kids Cafe happens every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday.	507 Gaffney Rd, Fairbanks
	11am-1:30pm	<b>Intersectional Feminism: The Work of White Folx</b> - "Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition and the <u>Hrrrl Scouts</u> are hosting a webinar by a kick-ass group: Standing Up for Racial Justice - SURJ. Please join us for the webinar and then a group discussion. This webinar designed for feminists of all genders who experience white privilege. This interactive workshop will explore: -A brief overview of intersectional feminist analysis -How to apply intersectional feminism to your organizing -Body based tools for increasing resiliency and decreasing white fragility -Exploring the relationship between whiteness and gender -Taking an embodied approach to anti-racist leadership development. If you can't join us please check out the webinar here: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/2102743643287459/">www.facebook.com/events/2102743643287459/</a> We'll have a whole bunch of coffee and some snacks, but feel free to bring some snacks or non-alcoholic drinks to share! Snacks rule.	<u>Bread Line Inc.</u> 507 Gaffney Rd, Fairbanks
		<b><u>After This Week</u></b>	
Tues. Jan.30	6pm	"Borough Mayor Karl Lassel is hosting a <b>town hall mtg to talk about air quality and the burn restrictions.</b> " NewsMiner 1-17-18	North Pole Branch Library
Thursday, February 1	5-7pm	<b>Alaska Peace Center monthly meeting</b>	APC office,

		Monthly APC business meetings are held in the APC offices on the 2nd floor of the College Mall Building. The stairs are at the west end and share a common entrance with the Fuji Steakhouse. <b>All are welcome!</b>	3535 College Rd Suite 203, Fairbanks
	7-9pm	<b>Gender Pioneers Support Group:</b> "Gender Pioneers is a peer-to-peer support group for all transgender, genderqueer, genderquestioning or otherwise gender-bending folks in Alaska's interior. Meetings are also open to friends, family members and supporters. We meet the first Thursday of each month."	For location details please email <a href="mailto:genderpioneers@gmail.com">genderpioneers@gmail.com</a> .
Tues. Feb. 6 - Apr. 28	6:45-8:30pm	<p>"The Spring semester of the <b>Fairbanks Peace Choir</b> begins Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> with a final concert April 28. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays 6:45-8:30 pm.</p> <p>"Come join us! Our motto 'Creating a culture of Peace through song' finds increasing relevance in today's world. Directed by Flynn Ludington and accompanied by Dr. Paul Krejci. Suggest donation \$75. For info call 322-2521."</p>	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd. (Across from the Princess Hotel).

### Good News category: *from StandforSalmon.org: "We Did It!"*

We submitted 49,500 signatures from Alaskan voters – well over the number required to **put our initiative on the ballot this fall.** ... Alaskans want their voices heard on the future of our resources ... ensure salmon continue to be a part of that future...To celebrate, we are throwing kick-off events across the state over the next couple of weeks. Check out our [event launch page](#) or our [Facebook page](#) to find an event near you!"

## Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, and/or Issues not specific to Alaska

### Peace

According to the draft for the Pentagon's 2018 [Nuclear Posture Review, the U.S. would consider using nuclear weapons to respond to non-nuclear attacks](#), per CSO, "news, analysis & research on security & risk management." [Per Huffington Post](#), "The 2018 NPR also calls for the development of more [so-called low-yield nuclear weapons](#) — even though the U.S. already possesses [over 1,000 nuclear warheads](#) considered low-yield...[and] we have 4,000 nuclear weapons in our active stockpile." { Reported on KWRK-LP. }

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*from Veterans For Peace: "The Conference on U.S. Foreign Military Bases Great Success!"*

*"Here is a [tiny fraction of the highlights in a one-hour video!](#) Check out [this amazing resource](#) to learn where many of the U.S. bases are located. "*

**[Week of Action to #divestfromwar from February 5th to 11th!](#)**

Veterans For Peace and the [Veterans Challenge Islamophobia](#) campaign are participating in the [We Are All America](#) week of action from January 27th through February 3rd to protest the one-year anniversary of the first iteration of the Muslim Ban and show solidarity with those still impacted by the current bans on people from nine Muslim-majority nations and refugees.

Veterans For Peace, Veterans Challenge Islamophobia and countless other local and national Muslim, immigrant, refugee, and civil rights organizations have joined together to keep up the public pressure and media coverage to stop the Muslim and refugee bans now. January 27th is a critical date, as people and policy makers across the country remember the actions they took that day and can be challenged to recommit to solidarity with Muslims, refugee, and all people targeted by this administration.

[\*\*Click Here for How You Can TAKE ACTION\*\*](#)

**EPA and Defense Department data obtained by ProPublica show there is [RDX contamination at more than 65 military installations across the country](#).** With RDX [a superexplosive churned out at 500 tons a day], the Pentagon's long and bitter behind-the-scenes combat with the EPA endures to this day. In 2013, the EPA appeared ready to declare RDX not just a possible, but a "likely" carcinogen... The Pentagon's existing obligations to address thousands of contaminated installations [including Fort Wainwright and Eielson AFB] are already daunting, with costs that could top \$70 billion. If EPA officials... decide that RDX "likely" causes cancer, it could lead to new regulations and demands for more thorough cleanups, adding significant costs - several cleanups have cost \$1 billion. Some military officials have said those additional costs could cut into spending on weapons and soldiers. And so over the last 4 yrs, the Pentagon has campaigned heavily against any upgrading of RDX's cancer risk."

This article was heard on KWRK-LP

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from [info@airwars.org](mailto:info@airwars.org): “ Civilians paid a high price for major Coalition gains - **Non-combatant deaths from Coalition air and artillery strikes in Iraq and Syria jumped by more than 200 per cent in 2017, rising to at least 3,923 to 6,102 civilians estimated killed during the year according to Airwars tallies.**  
**Read our full 2017 survey of Coalition and Russian actions here.** ”

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## Justice

*From Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): “Surveillance: Congress voted across party lines to reauthorize the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, Section 702, a sweeping surveillance law that includes a provision giving U.S. intelligence agencies the leeway to collect, store, and read the emails of U.S. citizens without obtaining a warrant..” and*

*“Iran: 1 week ago, President Trump started a ticking clock for the Iran nuclear deal. ...Experts (including the president’s advisers) agree that the deal is in U.S. national security interest. **Congress needs to know that constituents support the Iran deal** and don’t want to see Congress or the administration undermine it.”*

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**Alaska Indigenous Women to Senator Murkowski: End the Assault on our Communities and Lands.** A coalition of Southeast Alaska Indigenous women issued a statement: "(W)e, as indigenous women of the Tongass National Forest, are asking for your individual and collective support in contacting Alaska's and your own congressional delegation to loudly oppose Sen. Murkowski's sneak attack on Alaska's ancient forests and our people! From Standing Rock to Bears Ears and beyond, we stand in solidarity with indigenous peoples across the country in their calls to end the relentless assault on our lands. We ask lawmakers to reject the Roadless Rule and the Tongass riders and protect Alaska's old-growth forests and our people.”

*Huffington Post./NAEC*

If you haven't yet, sign the [VCI Statement](#)

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*Due to budget cuts and short staffing, KUAC TV will no longer air Gavel Alaska. For live coverage of the Alaska Legislature in session, visit [360North.org](http://360North.org).*

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## Sustainability

*from [erica@northern.org](mailto:erica@northern.org): “Administration proposes expanded offshore drilling.. the single largest expansion of offshore oil and gas leasing ever proposed by a federal government.. Alaska Governor Walker seems generally supportive of the plan, but the communities who would be most affected by the expansion are speaking out. The Bering Sea Elders Group issued a statement saying that, "The people of the northern Bering Sea rely on the waters off our coast for subsistence and survival and we will not stand by while our way of life is threatened. We will take all legal means necessary to fight offshore drilling in our waters... We, the people of the Bering Sea, are more valuable than drilling." the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is accepting comments on DPP and scoping comments for the draft PEIS for 60 days, ending March 9, 2018, through the BOEM website. Public meetings are also occurring across the country, beginning January 16, with only one meeting scheduled per affected state. The sole Alaska meeting is from **6-10 p.m. at the Dena’ina Center in Anchorage on January 23.** (see the complete meeting schedule [here](#).)*

We will keep in touch about new developments, talking points, and ways to make our voices heard.

Please contact program director Lisa Baraff at [lisa@northern.org](mailto:lisa@northern.org) with questions about the process.

**by January 31, send comments on the proposed Ambler Road to**

[blm\\_ak\\_akso\\_amblerroad\\_comments@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ak_akso_amblerroad_comments@blm.gov)

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*Alaska Community Action on Toxics “know you care about the way toxic chemicals are harming the health of Alaska’s children. That’s why I’m writing to tell you about ACAT’s new report, [“State of the Science: Children’s Environmental Health in Alaska and the Circumpolar North.](#)” The report provides an overview of what is known about the health harms linked to children’s exposures to toxic chemicals, including endocrine disruption, birth defects, neurodevelopmental disorders, respiratory disorders, and cancer.*

*Children are especially vulnerable due to their behaviors and their unique period of development. Children of the Arctic, including Alaska, are at even greater risk because toxics from around the globe travel north on wind and ocean currents and accumulate in our environment. Alaska Native children have the greatest risk because of the contamination of traditional wild foods. You might also be interested in viewing the [videos from the 2016 Alaska Children’s Environmental Health Summit, found here.](#)*

*If you’d like to continue that conversation and become a champion for Alaska children’s environmental health, please email me at [su.c@akaction.org](mailto:su.c@akaction.org). We’ve got plenty of volunteer opportunities in 2018 for people like you – including working to enact the Toxic-Free Children Act for our state.”*

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**More about chemtrails** from Nana: *This is a concise article that makes sense for the ‘would be informed’ person about the origin and reasons for them.*

<http://humansarefree.com/2018/01/busting-open-chemtrail-denial-subterfuge.html> ”And an earlier link... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IirWyOvuWYA>

## Spotlight

### Saturday's Women's March On Fairbanks!

In -12degree F, there was a good turnout in Fairbanks, with numerous signs, led by Inupiaq drummers, and followed by Susan Grace singing songs including **"Keep On Moving Forward"**, Liz speaking about pending Alaska LGBTQT legislation being blocked by AK Sen. Pete Kelley, Princess Dazhrai'i Johnson talking about the importance of the caribou in the Arctic Refuge to the Gwich'in and all peoples, other talented local musicians and speakers. Check out **Vote (The Trump Rewrite)** and **"I Am A Woman"** sung by Emma's Revolution during the Rally in Oakland.

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This week's radio news included an interview of Bernadette Demientieff by Rob Mulford regarding the Gwich'in Steering Committee's efforts to save the Arctic Coastal Plain.

*Songs that increase our understanding of issues of peace, justice, and sustainability played with today's newscast:*

--*Patriot Game*, sung by *Tommy Makem*

--*Vote (Trump Rewrite)* and *I Am a Woman*, by *Emma's Revolution*

--*As Long As the Grass May Grow*, by *Peter LaFarge*, sung here by *Cash, Seeger, & Carter*

--*Who Are They and Why Do They Hate Us?* by *Jim Page, Veteran For Peace*

--*Boys and their Toys* by *Susan Grace*

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*This summary of issues of importance to citizens of Interior Alaska, and information on how, when, and where to take action on those issues, has been brought to you by the Alaska Peace Center.*

*The Alaska Peace Center works for peace, justice, and sustainability*

*- individually, in our community, and globally -*

*with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

*We bring in speakers, sponsor exhibits, and encourage dialogue within our community on these issues.*

*We also maintain an office in conjunction with this radio station, KWRK.*

***If you would like to support these activities***

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*Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome.*

*Please include "for news" in the subject line.*

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*May Peace be with you! Have a good week!*

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Please respond via <[info@alaskapeace.org](mailto:info@alaskapeace.org)>; please do not use "reply".

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

I would like to apologize for any events that should have been but were not announced with this week's news;

Due to a technical problem, an original listing was lost.