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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 APRIL 1st, 2018

Be ready for opportunities to participate!

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
month of	April	<p>‘UAF will recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month with events and activities that raise public awareness about sexual violence and that educate people on how to prevent it. The theme of this year’s SAAM campaign is “Embrace Your Voice,” which encourages people to stop sexual violence by promoting safety, respect and equality through the language we use. (https://news.uaf.edu/sexual-assault-awareness-month-2018/)</p> <p>UAF’s SAAM event calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Clothesline Project Workshop, April 3, Skarland Hall, 6-7 p.m.— SAAM kickoff, April 4, Arctic Java, 5-7 p.m.— Tarana Burke: Me Too, Empowerment through Empathy, April 6, Schaible Auditorium, 6-8 p.m. *This event is free, but tickets are required. Tickets are available at the Wood Center front desk.— Clothesline Project Workshop, April 10, McIntosh Hall, 6-7 p.m.— Green Dot Overview, April 12, Gruening 402, 5:30-7 p.m. *Register by emailing aecross3@alaska.edu— Service project at the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living, April 14, Student Leadership and Involvement Office, Wood Center, noon-3 p.m. *Transportation to the center provided— Green Dot bystander training, April 15, Murie 103/105, noon-4 p.m. *Register by emailing aecross3@alaska.edu— Bears, Beers and Bystanders, April 18, the Pub, 7-8 p.m. *21 and older only— Chillin’ and Grillin’, April 21, MBS, 8 p.m.-midnight— Denim Day, April 25, Wood Center multilevel lounge, noon-2 p.m.— Take Back the Night, April 26, Constitution Park, 6-8 p.m. <p>These events sponsored by the Nanook Diversity and Action Center, Resource and Advocacy Center, Student Activities Office, the Pub, Student Leadership and Involvement, and Residence Life. Contact uaf-ndac@alaska.edu or 474-6311 for more information. ’</p>	University of Alaska Fairbanks campus
		<p><u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u></p>	
	--Monday	<p>(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up</p> <p>This week in the Alaska Legislature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-- SB 112 WORKERS COMPENSATION;DRUG DATABASE & TEST+ SB 38 PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS+ HB 170 AK SECURITIES ACT; PENALTIES; CRT. RULES+ SB 205 TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATION/EXEMPTIONS+ HB 79 OMNIBUS WORKERS' COMPENSATION.-- HB 355 FIRE;FOREST LAND; CRIMES;FIRE PREVENTION-- HB 399 CORP. TAX: REMOVE EXEMPTIONS/CREDITS+ HB 315 CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANIMAL & CROP RECORDS+ HB 27 HIGH-RISK CHEMICALS FOR CHILD EXPOSURE	<p>Go to www.alaskapeace.org “Community News” for a link to Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</p> <p>*****</p>

		<p>-- SB 150 += SB 214 + HB 307 -- HB 128 -- HB 197 + HB 277 -- HB 199 -- HB 129 -- HB 76 -- SB 169 -- HB 407 + SCR 17 -- HCR 19 -- HB 152 -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled -- HB 387 += HB 367 -- HB 397 -- HB 398 + HB 399 -- HB 31 -- HB 123 += HB 151 -- SJR 14 + HJR 21 -- HB 264 -- HB 390 -- HB 219 -- HB 351 -- HB 331 + Presentation: AIDEA & Ambler Road-Testimony<Invit Only> -- SB 134 -- SB 172 -- Overview: The University of Alaska's Land Grant Status & Land Use Update</p> <p>PRETRIAL RELEASE; NON-AK CRIM HISTORY ESTABLISH CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES PROGRAM MILITARY JUSTICE & MILITIA CIVIL RELIEF SHELLFISH ENHANCE. PROJECTS; HATCHERIES COMMUNITY SEED LIBRARIES BROADBAND INTERNET: NEUTRALITY/REGULATION FISH/WILDLIFE HABITAT PROTECTION; PERMITS FISH & GAME: OFFENSES; LICENSES; PENALTIES MARICULTURE REVOLVING LOAN FUND MEDICAID: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COVERAGE APOC; CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS/REPORTING APRIL 2018: SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH GOVERNOR: AK NATIVE LANGUAGES EMERGENCY ORGANIZED MILITIA; AK ST. DEFENSE FORCE</p> <p>AG SCHEDULE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES NATIVE CORP. LIABILITY FOR CONTAMINATION SURCHARGE ON CRUDE OIL; ARCTIC TRANS. FUND CORP TAX: PUBLIC UTILITY INCOME ALLOCATION CORP. TAX: REMOVE EXEMPTIONS/CREDITS SEX ASSAULT TRAINING & EXAM KITS; DOM VIOL DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH CARE COSTS DHSS; CINA; FOSTER CARE; CHILD PROTECTION CONST. AM: PARENTAL CONSENT TO ABORTION FEDS RESPECT STATE REG OF MARIJUANA SHOPPING BAG FEES & RECYCLING RANKED-CHOICE PRIMARY ELECTIONS CRIM HIST CHECK: ST EMPLOYEES/CONTRACTORS JUVENILES: JUSTICE, FACILITES, TREATMENT TAX CREDIT CERT. BOND CORP; ROYALTIES</p> <p>TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RTS; GUARDIANS PRISONER COMPUTER USE; REENTRY SERVICES</p> <p>Communicate with your legislators via Alaska State Public Opinion Message System online: http://www.legis.state.ak.us/poms/message.asp You can tune in to live video of hearings at http://w3.akleg.gov/index.php (go the tab "Live Now")</p>	<p>Schedules often change. Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO). In Fbks: 452-4448 *****</p> <p><i>See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info here: 4/1-8</i> *****</p> <p>Many topics **Streamed live on AKL.tv** *****</p> <p>* Alaska's Congressional delegation: Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121 Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov; Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov - Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov</p>
Monday April 2	6am Alaska Time (10amEST)	<p>Veterans Call in! NPR's 1A Program to Discuss Privatizing the VA "As many of you have heard by now, David Shulkin was fired from his position at the Dept of Veterans Affairs. He wrote an op-ed in the New York Times detailing the dangers of privatization of the VA. Monday morning National Public Radio (heard at 89.9FM)* will host a conversation on privatization. They have asked that veterans weigh in on this discussion. You can email them or plan on calling in! To join the Save Our VA Working Group, email Buzz Davis: dbuzzdavis@aol.com"*Various KWRK-LP 90.9 FM programs have also discussed this, including Veterans For Peace podcast heard Thursdays 8-9pm.</p>	(855) 236- 1212 or email 1A@wamu.org
Tuesday April 3	3pm	<p>"Join the Climate Action Leadership Team for a presentation on BP's Global Energy Outlook by Mark Finley, explor[ing] the forces shaping the global energy transition out to 2040 and the key uncertainties surrounding that transition. Attend in person at BP or via teleconference" <i>from nikoosh.carlo@alaska.gov</i></p>	(900 E. Benson Blvd., Anch.) BP atrium conference rm, or via teleconference (1-719-457-6209, participant code 261004).
	5:30 pm	<p>Borough Assembly Special Worksession with Local Government and Military Officials; Presentation by Alaska Dept of Enviro Conservation (DEC) on preliminary draft release for Serious State Implementation Plan regarding air quality.</p>	Assembly Chambers

Wednesday April 4		<p>‘April 4, 2018 is the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr’s murder and the 51st anniversary of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s speech Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence. This anniversary of his death, we are confronted with how far we have to go in fulfilling his legacy. We urge folks to join the Poor People’s Campaign, if you have not already. This day also marks an opportunity to honor Dr. King by remembering and reading “Beyond Vietnam”, an incredibly important speech given just a year before his death.’ <i>from <vfp@veteransforpeace.org></i></p>	Click here for resources
	1-4pm 6:30-8pm	<p>Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition (FCAC) Council Mtg; FCAC Policy & Politics working group mtg</p>	contact link; Laborers Local 942 (2740 David Rd.)
Thursday April 5	9-11am	<p>“Join a webcast work session on carbon pricing. A panel of speakers will introduce key issues related to carbon pricing, potential options for consideration at a national or state level, dividend options, and impact to Alaska.” <i>from nikoosh.carlo@alaska.gov</i></p>	https://institutenorth.globalmeet.com/IONArctic webcast or by teleconference (1-719-457-6209, passcode 261004)
	5-7pm	<p>Alaska Peace Center Annual mtg, at which new folks can join the board. Come help plan events to increase peace, justice, and sustainability, including the June 2 Peace Feast, Fair booth, and more. info@alaskapeace.org or www.alaskapeace.org or 479-0981 for more information.</p>	APC office, 3535 College Rd, suite 203, above Fuji restaurant
	6pm(?)	<p>Mayor Kassel will present his fiscal 2019 budget to the Borough Assembly. ... The Borough Assembly will not approve the fiscal 2019 budget until May 3rd or 10th. For most of April, your Borough Assembly will be working out the details of the budget. During that time you will have a chance to learn about and comment on what the borough has planned for some of its facilities.” per newsminer.com 3-30-18.</p>	Borough Bldg
	7-9pm	<p>Gender Pioneers Support Group - 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.</p>	For location details please email genderpioneers@gmail.com
Friday April 6	5-7:30pm	<p>ThrivAlaska (Head Start) Children Art Show: This is a really cool concept, because professional artists guided the kids in developing their art for this event. 452-4267 ext 260</p>	Carol H. Brice Family Center, 1949 Gillam Way
Sunday April 8	10:30am during Sunday Service	<p>‘Who Decides? Speaker Kenneth Reams will be phoning in from Varner Supermax prison in Grady, Arkansas. From his jail cell, Reams founded an organization called “Who Decides,” a group “whose ambition is to educate about capital punishment through art.” Reams will speak to us about capital punishment in the United States, the racism inherent in our criminal justice system, and his own experience living on death row. <i>from admin@uuff.org</i> Minister: Rev. Leslie Ahuvah Fails Lay Leaders: Alison Carter, Eric Muehling Music: Marsha Sousa’</p>	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd.
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Mon, 4/9	3-4:30 pm	“FCAC Renewable Energy working group mtg for information: fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com ”	CCHRC* 1000 Fbks St.
Tues, 4/10	7-9pm	Public Talk: Renewable Energy Alaska Project’s Exec. Dir. Chris Rose , Hosted by the Renewable Energy working group of FCAC and the Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC). Open to all.	CCHRC

Wed, 4/11	time TBA	Tea Outreach: ... Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition is teaming up with Fairbanks Native Association Community Services to pass out tea downtown. < fairbankshomeless@gmail.com >	
	1:30-5pm	“In conjunction with the 4/12 mtg, the AK Climate Action Leadership Team will host a listening session ... Members of the public are encouraged to attend and give brief (3-5 min) public testimony on their thoughts or concerns related to climate change in Alaska, and/or the work of the climate team. We are working to schedule additional listening sessions in other locations around the state.” from nikoosh.carlo@alaska.gov	Harper Board Room at the Westmark Hotel, Fbks
	6:30-8:30pm	<u>Sustainability Town Hall meeting</u> “Please join us to share ideas, & discuss issues important to you, such as: Air, Food Security, Energy, Waste, Water,...and? Contact bsmart@fnsb.us ”	*Cold Climate Housing Research Center
Thurs, 4/12	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	“CALT (AK Climate Action Leadership Team) will hold its 2 nd in-person mtg.’ from nikoosh.carlo@alaska.gov	UAF
Fri, 4/13 & Sat, 4/14	6am-6pm	Free Dental Care: The Alaska Mission of Mercy is hosting free dental care at the Carlson Center on April 13-14. Doors open at 4:30am and the clinic runs from 6am to 6pm both days. Please see flyer at this link .	Carlson Center
		Global Days Against Military Spending, April 14 – May 3 will include as many actions as possible worldwide to ask for a redirection of military spending. GDAMS 2018 slogan: Reducing 10% of military assets will help saving our planet. Take action! We must move a significant part of the military budgets to human needs!	For more information visit the GCOMS website .
Fri, 4/20		“National Day of Action Against Gun Violence in Schools, hosted by the National Education Association. You can learn more about the event and sign up here .”	location to be decided.
Sat, 4/21	10am -2pm	Earth Day event TBA	from http://fairbanksclimateaction.org/
	11am -1pm	NAACP regular mtg	
Sun, 4/22	3-5pm	InterFaith Earth Day Prayer Circle	JP Jones Community Center, 24th & Rickert St
Wed, 4/25	5:30pm	Domestic Violence Walk: FNA is hosting a walk to bring attention to domestic violence in the community on April 25 th . Pls contact Amber Taylor ataylor@fairbanksnative.org for more info.	starting at 315 Wendell Ave.
Sat, 4/28	10am	Mothers' Day Purse Project: at 10am, with a mothers' luncheon at 11:30am. This is a great event that has a big impact on the ladies it helps, but the project is in need of more items, especially full size shampoo & conditioner. More info: https://www.facebook.com/events/1188051684658041/?ti=cl To donate: https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f054da4ab2aa7f58-mothers To provide for the luncheon: https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f054da4ab2aa7f58-potluck	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (1500 Cowles St)
Fri, 5/4	9am-noon	FHHC Panel Discussion: As part of the National Low Income Housing Coalition's Week of Action the Outreach Committee [will] begin planning. <i>If you...wish to help plan this event please let Eloy know.</i> & if any organization(s) would like to help cover catering costs, please let me know. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. < fairbankshomeless@gmail.com >	Wedgewood Resort and Conference Center (212 Wedgewood Drive)
April 30th and May 1st		from Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition fairbankshomeless@gmail.com “A 2-day training on Individual Placement & Support (IPS), the evidence-based supported employment model. Trainer: Sandy Reese from The IPS Employment Center ipsworks.org ”	
Thurs, 5/10	10-noon	Reentry Coalition Graduation Ceremony: This is the coalition's second graduation ceremony and marks an important milestone for Fairbanks returning citizens. The event will highlight the successes and struggles of reentering the community following incarceration. For more information please contact Marsha Oss at reentrycasemanager@iacnvl.org .	
<i>May 12 -13th</i>	<i>10a - 2p</i>	<i><u>Non-Violent Direct Action Training:</u> Nonviolent action are techniques outside of institutionalized behavior for social change that challenges an unjust power dynamic using methods of protest, noncooperation, and intervention without the use or threat of injurious force. Join us to strengthen and diversify our tactics in Fairbanks. We will offer a 1.5 day intensive training on NVDA. Please RSVP to fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com and also share with your networks if your groups will use these tools for change.</i>	<i>CCHRC</i>
OPEN THROUGH SEPT. 2018	winter to May 31 Mon- Sat	Decolonizing Alaska is a multimedia visual art exhibit featuring contemporary artists exploring and responding to Alaska's history of colonization. A collaboration of more than 30 diverse Alaska artists, both Native and non-Native, the exhibit introduces new ideas around Alaska culture. Artists move beyond stereotypical ideas to	University of Alaska Museum of the North Special Exhibits Gallery 1962 Yukon Dr. Fbks

	9 AM - 5 PM	inspire conversation around self-definition and express ideas about identity separate from those that permeate popular culture. Learn more about the exhibit	Admission \$0, \$5, \$8, or \$14
Wed, 7/4	TBA	July 4th Music FEST: Unity Outreach Inc. is hosting their 25 th annual Music FEST. They are looking for agencies to provide services or table at the event. The event is free, open to the public, and thousands of people attend each year. This is a great opportunity to get the word out about your agencies. For more information please contact barbiebaumgartner@gmail.com .	Pioneer Park
Fri, 7/13	TBA	July 13th Resource Fair: Christine Charron & Meagan Scheer from Access Alaska have taken the lead on planning a community resource fair...[to] feature a number of presentations, snacks made through a collaboration between Access Alaska and the Stone's Throw program, and opportunities for table outreach. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please contact Meagan at mscheer@accessalaska.org or Christine at ccharron@accessalaska.org .	in Breadline Inc.'s garden area

Good News category:

from *AlaskansForWildlife*: “ FYI, after many of us pressed the Governor and ADFG for **an Emergency Order closing wolf hunting/trapping along the NE boundary of Denali** over the past week, they **finally issued** the order today, closing west of Savage River Monday, April 2. The Governor made the decision himself.

This is a real victory, and if any wish to thank the Governor in letters to the editor, etc., that would be great. Most importantly, we need now to get them to make this temporary closure, permanent, as we have been proposing for the past several years. The Governor's office wants to re-engage on that issue soon. We will be working with the Governor in April toward this goal....”

Drug Take Back Box at the Fairbanks Police Dept. where anyone can drop off unused prescription drugs. See https://vimeo.com/256159324?utm_source=Governor%27s+Newsletter&utm_campaign=ffada77415-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_03_26&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3be3e1c299-ffada77415-177095917

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

Peace

from *Veterans For Peace*:

The [Peace Report on 10 Years of AFRICOM](#). ... established by the Pentagon on October 1, 2008. It has been nearly 10 yrs of this regional command structure so we must ask, what has it achieved? See the [10 Year Timeline created by Black Alliance for Peace](#),

per “...Army goals, ...Futures Command,” in *Alaska Post, The Interior Military News Connection*, 3-30-18: ‘...Soldiers of unmatched lethality...By 2028, the total Army will need to reach 500K active Soldiers, with similar growth in the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve...However, ...only 29% if Anerucabs cab meet the standards...”

from *worldbeyodwar.org*: “**Armistice Day, Not Trump Day** Everything you need to get ready for November 11 everywhere on earth is [here](#).

“Why 55 U.S. Senators Voted for Genocide in Yemen - Why did 55 cheerful, well-fed, safe people in suits just vote for mass-murder? Why did they take a break for political party mtgs in the middle of the debate, and debate other legislation just before

Justice

film ‘**Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA**. Americans’ lives are threatened by gun violence everywhere – in schools, houses of worship, theaters, offices, homes, and public spaces. That’s why we’re committed to telling the stories of how guns — and the *billions* made off of them by the NRA and gun companies — affect the safety of everyday Americans and what can be done to put an end to this profit-driven crisis.

Through films and campaigns, we ... educate and mobilize parents, students, teachers, doctors, activists, and organizations across the country to take action and fight back against this senseless and preventable epidemic tearing our country apart.

See www.bravenewfilms.org/guns_shorts, and sign up to put on showings of the film.

from [codepink.org3/30/18](http://codepink.org/3/30/18) : Right now Israeli tanks and snipers are firing at unarmed Palestinian protesters in Gaza. Fifteen have been killed already, and over 350 injured by live fire, rubber-coated steel pellets or tear gas. Organized by civil society and committed to nonviolence, Palestinians began gathering this morning for 45 days of peaceful protest. Right away, the Israeli military opened fire.

Sustainability

from nikoosh.carlo@alaska.gov 3-30-18 :

“Summaries from **Climate Action for Alaska Leadership Team** (CALT) working grp mtgs are at climatechange.gov.alaska.gov On Tues, 3/27, CALT member & REAP exec dir Chris Rose & I joined Rachel Waldholz for a special climate change edition of Talk of Alaska. Many thanks to all those who tuned in, the callers who had great questions, and our host for an engaging hour of discussion. If you missed it, catch the full episode at www.alaskapublic.org/2018/03/23/what-should-an-alaska-climate-change-policy-look-like. We look forward to the upcoming 4/11 listening session & future opportunities for engagement with Alaskans like you.

Throughout the year, we will strive to provide updates via e-mail on the work of the leadership team and highlight any upcoming opportunities for public input. Public comment form: <https://institutenortheast.org/engage/project-portfolio/public-input/>.

Thank you again for your interest in this Administration’s efforts on climate change. Please feel free to reach out directly to me (Nikoosh.Carlo@alaska.gov) or to the CALT Secretariat (nandreassen@institutenortheast.org) with questions or comments.”

& after this resolution, & walk around & chat with each other exactly as if all were normal, while voting for genocide? [Read more.](#)”

June 4-15, 2018: Center for **Nonviolence & Peace Studies** - 19th Annual International Nonviolence Summer Institute
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN KINGIAN NONVIOLENCE CONFLICT RECONCILIATION

Eleven Democratic members of Congress just returned from a trip to Israel this week. Led by Rep. Nancy Pelosi, and including progressives Jan Schakowsky and Jamie Raskin, the Congressional delegation smiled for a photo shoot with Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu while the state's army was preparing its plan to attack the protesters. **Tell these members of Congress they now have an obligation to speak out against Israel's deadly attack on peaceful protesters in Gaza.**

from RT: 'The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) has used tear gas-deploying drones to disperse huge crowds of Palestinian protesters along the Israel-Gaza border area Friday.'

“Roughly \$133 million is expected to be made available to tribes to **support Alaska Native and Native American crime victims** who advocates say had been largely left out of a federal funding program for decades..” *Read the AP article at newsminer.com 3-30-18.*

Spotlight

Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition Updates:

-- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH): The Fairbanks Symposium on Homelessness was designed to be an action mtg and the most important accomplishment: the community is now well into the planning process for a Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) program... open to any individual or family in need. Now we have 11 agencies actively supporting the idea... the Fairbanks Rescue Mission [will] be the host agency...

-- Fairbanks Symposium on Homelessness II: The symposium was a bigger success than we realized at the time
- “enormous turnout” - and we should seriously consider doing another one.

-- Tea Outreach: ... On April 11th Eloy is teaming up with Fairbanks Native Association Community Services to pass out tea downtown.

-- Reentry Coalition Coordinator: Chris McLain...has been instrumental in the Reentry Coalition’s amazing successes, but Chris is preparing to step away from the position to dedicate more time to his rural community justice initiatives. Chris has prepared continuity books and even offered to volunteer his time to help get the next coordinator on the right track...

email Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living: IAC@iacnvl.org

-- Fairbanks Regional Public Health Center / Fairbanks Rescue Mission: public health nurses...routinely provide services at the Fairbanks Rescue Mission and at various encampments around town. During this mtg Leslie announced that a local nurse practitioner would now be offering services at the Mission once a month. This will be a tremendous benefit to the community.

-- Northern Hope Center a mental health drop-in center for adults 18 & older, with serious mental illness, who have a genuine need of relief from isolation & an opportunity to socialize with their peers. [A] tremendous resource for the community if you haven’t been there (Suite 103, 909 Cushman) you should visit sometime to learn more. [See the flyer.](#)

-- Community Wall: The Noel Wien Library is really a hub in the community. The amount of people who use the facility is impressive and Ashton Varner is looking to make the library even more of a local communication hub by developing a Community Center Wall. Fairbanks Youth Advocates and other local agencies have had real success at outreach in the library and Ashton will help other organizations do the same. For more information please contact Ashton by phone at 907-459-1151 or by email at aivarner@fnslibrary.us

-- ThrivAlaska Pre-K Recruitment: Families who are in the spectrum of homelessness are a top priority.

-- ...With so many events coming up in the near future [we] **need an AmeriCorps Summer Associate** to assist in outreach efforts..., so if you know of anybody who is interested in summer employment please [have them check out this link.](#) Then under Program Name type “Fairbanks”.

-- ..It’s **time to develop our 2018 Strategic Plan**... If anybody else is interested in participating please let me know...

-- Eloy has ... recruited 14 members for the **Outreach Committee**. We have some exciting events coming up, so if anybody else would like to join please contact Eloy at eponce@fairbanks.us ...” *from <fairbankshomeless@gmail.com>*

Another SPOTLIGHT: “The People’s Amendments: *An Alaskan’s journey around the U.S. trying to fulfill a centuries old promise of a citizen democracy. Our focus is to eliminate the overwhelming unequal influence of money, and the suffocating grip of the two-party duopoly, on OUR American political system,” was presented by Dave Matheny at last Friday’s Alaska Peace Center monthly potluck. Today’s newscast included some audio of the presentation.*

Also see <http://northview-magazine.com/brief-encounters/dave-matheny-on-the-peoples-amendments/>.

Songs can increase our understanding of issues of peace, justice, and sustainability

Played with today's newscast (4/1/18):

--Which Way Are You Going? by Jim Croce

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.

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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.

May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

Please respond via <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.