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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, now also live-streaming via the website www.kwrk.org for those out of range.

WEEK of APRIL 8th, 2018

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
month of	April		
<i>Tues 4/10</i>	<i>6-7 pm</i>	<i>—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/)</i>	<i>University of Alaska Fairbanks campus</i>
<i>Thur 4/12</i>	<i>5:30-7pm</i>		<i>McIntosh Hall</i>
<i>Thurs 4/14</i>	<i>12-3 pm</i>		<i>Gruening 402</i>
<i>Sun 4/15</i>	<i>12-4 p.m.</i>	<i>- Service project at the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living. *Transportation to the center provided — Green Dot bystander training *Register by emailing aecross3@alaska.edu — <i>Bears, Beers and Bystanders, April 18, the Pub, 7-8 p.m. *21 and older only</i> — <i>Chillin' and Grillin', April 21, MBS, 8 p.m.-midnight</i> — <i>Denim Day, April 25, Wood Center multilevel lounge, noon-2 p.m.</i> — <i>Take Back the Night, April 26, Constitution Park, 6-8 p.m.</i> <i>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.</i></i>	<i>Student Leadership & Involvement Office, Wood Center</i>
		<u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u>	
	--Monday	(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up This week in the Alaska Legislature: --HB 216 TRANSFERS FROM DIVIDEND FUND; CRIMES -- SB 202 NATIVE CORP. LIABILITY FOR CONTAMINATION -- SJR 14 CONST. AM: PARENTAL CONSENT TO ABORTION -- HJR 21 FEDS RESPECT STATE REG OF MARIJUANA -- SR 9 PUBLIC LAND/RESOURCE MANAGEMENT -- HB 79 OMNIBUS WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- HB 121 OCC. HEALTH AND SAFETY CIVIL PENALTIES -- HB 142 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS -- HJR 30 URGE U.S. SUPPORT OF REFUGEES *+ HJR 41 CONST AM: PERMANENT FUND; POMV; EARNINGS -- HCR 19 GOVERNOR: AK NATIVE LANGUAGES EMERGENCY -- SB 190 ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS -- HB 1 ELECTION REGISTRATION AND VOTING + HB 7 MARKED BALLOT PHOTOS; PERSUASION AT POLLS -- HB 199 FISH/WILDLIFE HABITAT PROTECTION; PERMITS -- HB 384 REGULATORY COMM OF AK; BROADBAND INTERNET -- SB 195 PF DIVIDEND FUND TRANSFERS; CRIMES; VICTIMS += HB 307 MILITARY JUSTICE & MILITIA CIVIL RELIEF += HB 44 LEGISLATIVE ETHICS: VOTING & CONFLICTS -- SJR 9 CONST. AM.: PERMANENT FUND APPROP; DIVIDEND -- HB 411 OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX; PAYMENTS; CREDITS -- HB 54 TERMINALLY ILL: ENDING LIFE OPTION -- SB 195 "An Act relating to restitution; relating to the office of victims' rights; relating to transfers from the dividend fund; creating the restorative	<i>Go to www.alaskapeace.org "Community News" for a link to <u>Community organizations & contact info</u> for local, state, and <u>federal government representatives</u>. *****</i>
	--Tues		<i>See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info here: 4/8-15</i> *****
	--Wed		<i>Some hearings are **Streamed live on AKL.tv**</i> *****
			<i>* Alaska's Congressional delegation: Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121</i>

	--Thurs -- Friday	justice account; relating to appropriations from the restorative justice account for services for and payments to crime victims, operating costs of the Violent Crimes Compensation Board, operation of domestic violence and sexual assault programs, mental health services and substance abuse treatment for offenders, and incarceration costs; relating to contributions from dividends; relating to delinquent minors; and providing for an effective date." -- HB 307 MILITARY JUSTICE & MILITIA CIVIL RELIEF Communicate with your legislators via Alaska State Public Opinion Message System online: http://www.legis.state.ak.us/poms/message.asp or have staff of your LIO send your POM to appropriate legislators. 452-4448. <i>You can tune in to live video of hearings at http://w3.akleg.gov/index.php (go the tab "Live Now") *****</i> <i>Schedules often change. Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO). In Fbks: 452-4448</i>	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
Sunday April 8	10:30am during Sunday Service	'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. from admin@uuff.org Minister: Rev. Leslie Ahuvah Fails Lay Leaders: Alison Carter, Eric Muehling Music: Marsha Sousa'	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd.
Monday April 9	3-4:30 pm	"FCAC Renewable Energy working group mtg for information: fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com "	CCHRC* 1000 Fbks St.
Tuesday April 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
Wednesday April 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	Sustainability Town Hall meeting "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
Thursday April 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
Friday April 13	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. <u>Please see flyer at this link</u> .	Carlson Center
Sat Apr 14	6am-6pm	Free Dental Care	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 <u>GCOMS website</u> .

Good News category:

"On April 4th, the **Toxic Free Children Act (HB 27)** passed the state House Resources Committee with no objections on the floor. They heard from Alaskans and knew this had the support of our community... However, time is ticking and we need to ... get it through the next committee. **Help us protect Alaska's children by telling the legislators of the House Labor and Commerce Committee to hold a hearing for HB 27!** ... to protect children from an entire class of organohalogen flame retardant chemicals. ... used in toys, children's products, and furniture. The Federal Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) ... issued a warning last year about the associated harmful health effects including cancer, reproductive harm, neurological impairment, and immune disorders. In addition, these chemicals are ineffective in preventing fires. This past victory has proven that your voice makes the difference. **Will you contact the committee to let them know that you support ending the toxic legacy of flame-retardant chemicals in Alaska? Please send your email to the committee today!**

For more information, please visit our [Toxic-Free Children Act page](#). ...Alaska Community Action on Toxics"

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

Peace

from [Veterans For Peace: "April 14 -May 3 Global Days Against Military Spending](#), ... as many actions as possible worldwide to ask for a redirection of military spending. GDAMS 2018 slogan will be: **Reducing 10% of military assets will help saving our planet. Take action!** We must move significant part of the military budgets to human needs! For more info visit the [GCOMS website](#).

"Join the Poor People's Campaign —A National Call for Moral Revival to unite tens of thousands of people across the country and challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation & our nation's distorted morality. Find information about events, trainings and MORE that are being planned where your are—or CREATE new events in your community. Work with this national campaign to oppose racism, poverty, war and climate change. Veterans For Peace encourages all our members and member groups to step up and join these important national efforts.

See resources on the War Economy

"Dr. King's Vision: The Poor People's Campaign of 1967-68... Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said: 'I think it is necessary for us to realize that we have moved from the era of civil rights to the era of human rights... [W]hen we see that there must be a radical redistribution of economic & political power, then we see that for the last 12 years we have been in a reform movement... That after Selma and the Voting Rights Bill, we moved into a new era, which must be an era of revolution... In short, we have moved into an era where we are called upon to raise certain basic questions about the whole society. This commitment is needed from all leaders interested in taking up King's mantle. He demonstrated the difficulty and necessity of uniting the poor and dispossessed across race, religion, geography and other lines that divide. In our efforts to commemorate and build a Poor People's Campaign for our times, we will undertake an analysis of the 1967-68 Campaign. We aim to stand on the shoulders of those who came before and put effort into learning lessons and getting into step together.

Justice

"The Isolation of Assange Must Stop [Read] Noam Chomsky, Chris Hedges, John Pilger and friends on why the silencing of Julian Assange must end." & "["Fukushima Jitters"](#) Counterpunch articles sent by consuelozh@gmail.com

from info@kucinich.com 4/7/18: "A federal judge has just upheld Massachusetts' assault weapons ban."

from akoeninger@acsalaska.net: "**We need negative CO2 emissions, not just reductions.** Yes, We Can (and even at a profit!) A \$20 Million global competition to develop breakthrough technologies that will convert CO2 emissions from power plants and industrial facilities into valuable products like building materials, alternative fuels and other items that we use every day. Teams will be scored on how much CO2 they convert and the net value of their products. <https://carbon.xprize.org> The semi-finalist teams propose converting CO2 into products as varied as enhanced concrete, biofuels, toothpaste, nanotubes, fish food and fertilizer.

<https://carbon.xprize.org/press-release/27-teams-advancing-20m-nrg-cosia-carbon-xprize>

from [Fairbanks Climate Coalition calendar via fairbanksclimateaction.org](http://fairbanksclimateaction.org): **UPDATES**

Offshore Drilling- Wednesday the Department of Interior announced it is publishing in the Federal Register a call for information and nominations covering a proposed lease sale in Alaska's Beaufort Sea Planning Area in 2019, a move that threatens to expedite oil and gas exploration in this culturally and environmentally sensitive area. This announcement comes prior to the finalization of the 5 -year plan for outer continental shelf drilling. This action ignores

Sustainability

from [Northern Alaska Environmental Center](#): "The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management announced a Call for Information and Nominations for leasing in the Beaufort Sea... despite widespread opposition in Alaska and around the country to the proposal to open nearly all U.S. coastal areas to drilling, and the recent ruling that the lawsuit filed against the federal government's reversal of the Obama-era withdrawals will be allowed to move forward. The call is for a 2019 lease sale for an area currently off limits, and the 5-year plan which includes this area is not yet finalized.

In a statement, Adrienne Titus of Native Movement said, "Rushing ocean lease sales in the Arctic is opening a threatening door of destruction to Alaska Native culture and food security. As an Inupiaq woman I oppose this threat to our future, the future of all Alaskans and all life on this planet. Opening the oceans to oil development would eliminate the chance of my grandchildren truly knowing who I am."

Along with our partner organizations, we issued a statement saying "(T)his Beaufort sale is about giving a win to the Alaska delegation by starting the process to fast-track getting leases into the hands of the oil industry without full, fair and open debate. It's clear that Trump's offshore process is driven purely by politics, and is not in the best interest of Americans."

This announcement marked the start of a brief 30-day comment period for industry and interested parties on "particular geological, environmental, biological, archaeological and socioeconomic conditions, use conflicts, or other information that could affect the potential leasing and development of particular areas." Comment online by April 30 here. We will send an action alert with more information in the coming weeks. Contact program director Lisa Baraff for more information."

"Citizens are going to be bombarded wherever they may go in the days ahead;

Read more of the [history of the Poor People's Campaign](#)

from divest@codepink.org : **'In 2017, weapons manufacturers** (companies like Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, Boeing, General Dynamics, and Northrop Grumman) **spent more than \$125 million on campaign contributions!** The NRA regularly spends between **\$1–\$1.5 million** during campaign cycles. It's time for Congress to commit to a peace economy and stop taking blood money! we need to tell Congress it's time for them to do their part and commit to **"No Money for Weapons Manufacturers and the NRA."** Congress is home for Spring break, so grab your pink gear and show up at a town hall or public hearing in your community. **Click here to find a town hall.** To find how much your member of Congress takes in weapons and gun contributions, check out our [resource page](#)."

the comments from not-only over 1.5 million Americans, but the communities across Alaska that depend on these coasts for survival.

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge- In alignment with their goals to open the Arctic Refuge to oil and gas development by next year, the Department of the Interior has hinted they will put forward a public notice of intent to take comments on an environmental impact statement within the next few weeks. Please be thinking of how you would comment as an Alaskan on this human rights and climate injustice and/or other ways you would like to be engaged in defense of the Arctic Refuge. We will be sure to keep you apprised of opportunities to plug in at every step. Please contact the [keep it in the ground](#) working group if you would like to know more or engage on these campaigns!

not just at home. " Folks are concerned about the "smart meters" being rolled out by our local electric utility & similar exposures.

<http://emfsafetynetwork.org/smart-meters/> includes articles on this, plus: " The World Health Organization classifies RF as a 2B carcinogen, same as DDT and lead..."

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

Spotlight

"To Save the Earth, Curb Militarism! An Appeal for Earth Day, 2018

Organizations and individuals are invited to sign onto a letter highlighting the damage that war and preparations for war inflict on the global ecosystem. [Endorse the statement here](#). *The sign-on deadline is April 22, Earth Day.*

The U.S. Department of Defense alone emits more carbon into the atmosphere than the combined emissions of 160 other nations. The U.S. military is the 3rd-largest polluter of U.S. waterways.¹ And despite the well-documented harms that militarism causes to the environment at home & worldwide, the Pentagon & related agencies are exempt from many environmental regs that govern all other activities in the US [Sign here to call for policies that reduce & repair the damage that militarism inflicts on the Earth.](#)

The letter is open to any grassroots groups and non-profits, faith institutions, labor unions, student groups, businesses, other types of civic organizations, and individuals. [Please share widely!](#)

Sponsored by Just World Educational, CODEPINK, Environmentalists Against War, Traprock Center for Peace & Justice, and World BEYOND War. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions about the campaign. greta@worldbeyondwar.org "

Music played with today's newscast:

--Neville Brothers; -- Obsesion; -- Tom Morello; -- Pete Seeger; --Toots and the Matalas; --Susan Grace

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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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

Please respond via <info@alaskapeace.org>; please do not use "reply".

