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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 May 13th, 2018

Be ready for opportunities to participate!
Community News and Opportunities for Action,

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
month of	May	xx Month	
		<p>(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up This week in the Alaska Legislature: <i>-Only Thursday: executive sessions</i> --Be aware that now almost any bill previously introduced in 2017-2018 or new wording can be introduced and acted on without prior notice or public input. CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE TO FIND OUT HOW TO KEEP ABREAST OF ISSUES THAT CONCERN YOU.</p> <p><i>from State Sen.Berta Gardner 5/10: “<u>HB 312 – Crimes Against Medical Professionals And More!</u> Today the Senate passed this bill which started out as addressing violent crimes against medical professionals. We added several of the Governor’s crime bills, turning it into an omnibus crime bill of sorts. The bill now includes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <u>SB 146/HB 291</u> – Allows the Attorney General to schedule substances by emergency regulation. Drug traffickers tend to be one step ahead of the law by changing the chemical composition of controlled substances... · <u>SB 150/HB 295</u> – Pretrial Release; Non-AK Criminal History – allows a judge to consider a person’s full criminal history – including from out-of-state – before making an appropriate release decision for the offender and public-at-large. · <u>SB 149/HB 294</u> – Surcharge for Commission of Offense – doubles the surcharges associated with certain crimes including felony convictions from \$100 to \$200; a misdemeanor DUI offense from \$75 to \$150; a misdemeanor or a violation of a municipal ordinance from \$50 to \$100; and increases the surcharge for misdemeanors and violations or infractions under state law or municipal code where incarceration may not be imposed from \$10 to \$20. <p><i>Additionally, three amendments were made on the Senate Floor, one of which removes the mandatory release requirement and places the discretion in a judge’s hands.</i></p> <p><u>Alaska’s Workers’ Compensation Act Updates</u> ... to Independent Contractor definitions, delivery of benefits to injured workers, addressing workers’ compensation fraud, addressing compliance on the part of employers providing insurance for workers’ compensation liability, etc... not ...much consensus between labor and industry so... a working group [may] tackle the issue after session, and hopefully come back to Juneau next year with an agreeable proposal.”</p>	<p>www.alaskapeace.org “Community News” Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives. ***** legislative schedule and links to related info: 5/13-20/18 ***** Governor’s office (907) 465-3500 or gov.alaska.gov/contact/ email-the-governor/ ***** ***** Schedules often change. Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO). In Fbks 452-4448 ***** * 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>

Sunday May 13		Interior residents can expect increased flight activity through the end of the exercise and for the Distant Frontier military exercise May 14-18 . People who have complaints can call 377-2116 on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or leave a message at www.eielson.af.mil/Contact.aspx .	
Monday May 14	12 noon	Arbor Day Tree Planting at City Hall. More tree plantings will be Tues, 5/15, at Pearl Crk & Univ Park schools, Wed 5/16 at Tanana & Randy Smith schools, Thurs 5/17 at Barnette School, 5/21 at North Pole City Hall, and 5/25 at Open Arms. For more info contact ritchiemusick@pci.net .	
	3pm - - - - 4-5pm - - - - 6:30pm	<u>Renewable Energy Working Group</u> will meet on the 14th at 3p at - - - - - FCAC Council Mtg - - - - - Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition Policy & Politics Working Group mtg to discuss GVEA board elections, districts 4 or 7, for which ballots were sent out May 11 th , to be returned by June 12. "GVEA currently uses a mix of fuels (coal, diesel, solar, wind) for electricity generation, but most of the energy comes from coal. Currently, renewable energy accounts for only 5-10% of GVEA's energy use.... This year's elections will strongly influence the willingness of the GVEA Board of Directors to seriously consider renewable energy in their future power generation. You can read the candidates' statements on the GVEA website: http://gvea.com/inside/directors/elections ." Questions? fcac-policy-working-group@googlegroups.com .	CCHRC 1000 Fairbanks St - - - - CCHRC - - - - Labor Union Hall 2740 Davis Road
	4pm	Moral Monday: SOMEBODY'S HURTING OUR PEOPLE: <i>Children, Women, and People with Disabilities in Poverty</i> Our Guiding question: Why do so many Alaskan families live in poverty? Our Moral Monday Plan: We will meet at 4:00. If you would like to be trained for a position on the team for the day, please meet at 1 pm. Posters can be made on site. Plans for the demonstration will be explained. We will walk over to the Legislative Offices on the corner of Benson and Minnesota at approximately 5 pm where we will hear from guest speakers and hold our rally. <i>See more at "Spotlight," below.</i>	Where: Lutheran Church of Hope 1847 W. Northern Lights Boulevard, Anchorage
	5:30-7pm	<u>NAACP Juneteenth Planning mtg</u>	1428 Gilliam Way at Fbks Neighborhood Housing building downstairs board rm
Tuesday May 15	5:30pm	Mtg of the Regenerative economy working group or Fbks Climate Action Coalition: regenerative-economy@googlegroups.com .	Alaska Coffee Roasting Co, Geist Rd
		<i>from War Resisters International:</i> <u>International Conscientious Objection Day</u> . See more under 'Peace' below.	
Wednesday May 16		"Annual Fbks Soil & Water Conservation District, Tree and Shrub Sale! Pre-orders can be taken until May 16, and this year you can order online at fswcdtrees.com , as well as in-person, over the phone, or via mail. For more information please visit our website, fairbankssoilwater.org , or give us a call at 907-479-1213. As always, all profits go to supporting natural resource education." <i>from Cooperative Extension Service.</i>	590 University Ave.
		<u>Applications due for Fairbanks Air Quality Stakeholders Group</u> . See more below under "Sustainability"	
Friday May 18	6:30pm	Repeat Presentation: VietNam 50 yrs later . VFP Alan Batten, co-sponsored by CRFM & APC. Alan recently returned from 5 weeks in Viet Nam where he was part of the Veterans For Peace delegation to the 50th anniversary commemoration of the My Lai Massacre on March 16. He will also talk about the Vietnamese people who were very welcoming and delightful. He will provide an update on the two main legacy issues remaining from the war:	1744 Farmers Loop Rd, across from the golf course.

		unexploded ordnance and agent orange dioxin contamination. For more information, please call Alan (378-6384)	
Saturday May 19	11:30am (or 11-1 ?)	NAACP members mtg 'President is Benny Colbert. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 'is not a <i>black</i> ' organization...it is inclusive of all people.'	1428 Gilliam Way at Fbks Neighborhood Housing building downstairs board rm
	7-8:30pm	Co-housing in Alaska. It has been 18 months since Alaska's largest Cohousing Community was created. Several former Fairbanksans will report on how it is working out for the 60+ people of all ages living in this cohousing community. (including 2 babies born this month!)	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks 4448 Pike's Landing Rd.
		Workshops on Solar Energy, Retrofitting Homes, and Financing, hosted by FCAC Renewable Energy Working Group - more details later. (907) 457-3454 (907) 457-3456 fax sandee@cchrc.org www.cchrc.org	Cold Climate Housing Research Center
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Thurs, 5/24		Alaska Peace Center mtg. Link to the APC calendar.	3535 College Rd, ste 203
<i>OPEN THROUGH SEPT. 2018</i>	winter to May 31 Mon- Sat 9 AM - 5 PM	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 inspire conversation around self-definition and express ideas about identity separate from those that permeate popular culture. Learn more about the exhibit	University of Alaska Museum of the North Special Exhibits Gallery 1962 Yukon Dr. Fbks Admission \$0, \$5, \$8, or \$14
Saturday June 2	12-2pm	6th Annual Peace Feast, celebrating Alaskan groups and individuals who have been working for peace, justice, and sustainability.	Pioneer Park Square Dance Pavilion
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
7/13-16		<i>from notivemovement.org:</i> "Alaska Art and Action Camp!" -the 2 nd summer of our Northern Organizers' summits.... This year participants can choose one of the following tracks to focus on: Visual arts, Theater arts, Media arts, and Written/Spoken word. Once again this camp [will be] grounded in Decolonizing frameworks. This camp is co-hosted with the Gwichin Steering Committee, the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition, and Cook Inlet Keepers. Stay tuned, more information and the application will be out soon! Learn more about our trainings & camps HERE.	Howard Luke's Camp along the Tanana River outside of Fairbanks

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

Peace

from Veterans For Peace: **"The Peace Report: COINTELPRO** A great new videoblog is up from the Peace Report detailing the work of the Citizens' Commission to Investigate the FBI that eventually revealed the FBI's secret program of surveillance. [Watch the New Video](#) & **"If You Want To Thank Me For My Service Work For Peace"** sticker is available now. Limited quantities in stock. [Snag your stickers today in the VFP store!](#)

from Friends Committee on National Legislation 5-9-18: "Every year, SNAP (formerly food stamps) helps more than 40 million people put food on the table. It's one of the most effective anti-hunger programs there

Justice

"Torture is illegal, immoral and makes us less safe as a country. (Trump's nominee for CIA director), Haspel's complicity in torture must not be rewarded. **If you haven't had a chance to send a message of opposition to your Senators, please do so today.**"

from The Center for Victims of Torture <action@cvt.org>.

"Private ISPs Spent Nearly \$1 Million to Fight Municipal Broadband in One Small Colorado City" *from fortune.com*

from info@cpdaction.org 5-9-18: "The FCC voted to let Big Cable ruin the Internet. But allies in the **Senate** just announced that they

Sustainability

Northern Alaska Environmental Center: **"Bureau of Land Management released the schedule of public scoping meetings,** part of the process of the 60-day scoping on leasing in the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge...

May 29: Fairbanks - Carlson Center - 4:30 p.m. Fbks & Anch mtgs will be livestreamed at: www.blm.gov/live.

Scoping comments - when we can tell BLM what we're concerned about, and what they need to look at in the Environmental Impact Statement - will be accepted by mail or email until June 19th

Upcoming comment deadlines

May 16: [Applications due for Fairbanks Air Quality Stakeholders Group.](#)

is. But Congress is considering changes to SNAP that will leave more than a million people hungry. **[Urge Rep. Don Young to protect SNAP and vote no on the House Farm Bill, H.R. 2.](#)**

from **info@codepink.org**: “Over the past 40 days, over 40 Palestinian protesters in Gaza have been killed by Israeli snipers. Thousands have been injured. According to Amnesty International, the two types of weapons being used to shoot at protesters have been the Israeli-made Tavor rifle and the **US-manufactured Remington M24 rifle. The Remington M24 uses 7.62mm bullets that expand inside the body, causing gross injuries.**

Bank of America recently pledged to help stop mass shootings by no longer financing companies that manufacture military-style firearms for civilian use. But they are still planning a large loan to Remington...

[Tell Bank of America to cancel their loan to Remington Outdoor Co.](#) For the sake of peaceful protesters in Gaza and far too many lives lost in the US, BofA should follow through with their pledge help end mass shootings...

The protests in Gaza are in commemoration of the Nakba (catastrophe) in 1948, when 750,000 Palestinians were expelled from their homes inside what is now the state of Israel. **70% of Palestinians in Gaza are refugees from that expulsion.** They are protesting for their freedom and the **right to return** to their homes. Learn more about the Nakba of 1948 and how it is continuing today in this special edition of **[Moving Forward](#)**... On May 15, the protests in Gaza will culminate with a big march at the border fence...

from **[War Resisters International](#)**: May 15: **[International Conscientious Objection Day](#)**.

“This year we’re focusing on South Korea asking the South Korean government to take the next step, finally recognise the rights of conscientious objectors, and stop sending them to prison. **How to take action**

- Post your support on social media using the **[#freeKoreanCOs](#)**. On **[Twitter](#)** and **[Facebook](#)** you can tag World Without War, the CO support campaign in South Korea on our website you’ll be able to send a **[CO-Alert](#)** email to the South Korean government demanding the release of the prisoners. **[Sign up here](#)** to receive a reminder...[and other ways] ...and...

“War refuser **[Mattan Helman](#)** was discharged from the Israeli army after six spells in a military prison, adding up to a total of 110 days in jail. The official reason for the discharge was ‘bad, grave behaviour’... Read the story on **[+972.com](#)**... ‘Israeli army regulations do permit exemptions from military service for pacifism, but those exemptions are denied to anyone whose refusal is deemed political or tied to the

are forcing a **vote [this] week to overturn the FCC and restore net neutrality.**

It could be the most important vote in Congress about internet policy this century. And we already have 50 votes! If we convince one more senator to join us, we can win a huge victory for net neutrality. **[Urgent: Will you help win one more vote and save net neutrality? Tell the Senate to vote YES on the resolution to overturn the FCC.](#)**”

from **act@credoaction.com**: “**[Tell Congress: Don’t weaken pesticide regulations in the Farm Bill](#)**...

The negative impact of pesticide exposure on human and environmental health is well-established and severe, including harm to the developing brains of children, a whole host of neurological disorders and even cancer. Farmworkers, particularly immigrant workers who apply millions of pounds of pesticides each year to American crops, are especially vulnerable, face higher rates of pesticide poisoning and have few legal protections.¹

“This giveaway to multinational chemical giants is set to preempt local pesticide restrictions, roll back clean water protections, allow new pesticide approvals without proper safety reviews, weaken restrictions on the toxic, ozone-depleting fumigant methyl bromide and **allow the EPA to approve new pesticides without assessing the impact to endangered species.**

“just in 2017, pesticide special interests spent more than \$34 million on lobbying.”

from **[Bernie Sanders](#)**: “**[Add your name if you agree: Sign my petition — tell Congress you support legislation that would allow the Department of Health and Human Services to negotiate with drugmakers for lower prices and would allow for the importation of less expensive but safe and affordable drugs from other countries.](#)**”

from a **[Friend](#)**: “... **the Food Bank is hurting and barely able to fill the family boxes.** Many days now there is very little in the way of produce...” Donations can be left at 725 -26th Ave Fbks. For questions email: **aweaver@fairbanksfoodbank.org** or Phone: 907.457.4273

from **fairbanksclimateaction.org**: “**Arts & Action Camp** - the 2nd summer of our Northern Organizers’ summits... again at Howard Luke’s Camp along the Tanana River. Participants can choose one of the following tracks to focus on: Visual arts, Theater, Media

May 17: Draft Supplemental EIS comments. Comment by email; **[info here](#)**.

May 29: **[Donlin Gold Final EIS](#)** Compensatory Mitigation plan (appendices J & M). Comment by emailing **POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil**

May 29: **Arctic National Wildlife Refuge-** one of only five hearings on the development proposals in the Arctic Refuge.

May 30: Beaufort Sea Call for Nominations. **[Comment online here](#)**.

June 4: Climate Action Leadership Team Draft Alaska Climate Change Policy. **[Comment by email here](#)**.

June 29th **Pebble Mine [On-line Here](#)**- The Pebble Partnership is pushing a fast-tracked mine permit review ... Learn more at **<http://utbb.org/get-involved/>** and you can view Pebble’s application and get other EIS info at **<https://pebbleprojecteis.com/>**

Alaskans For Wildlife seeking (paid!) social media help... about 10-12 hours a week... The ideal candidate is knowledgeable about social media use and trends, and passionate about Alaska wildlife. Contact Sean McGuire at **fwxsca@yahoo.com** for more info.

from **fairbanksclimateaction.org**:

”**Alaskan Arctic Refuge Writing Campaign.** on behalf of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge’s Coastal Plain (aka the 10-02 Area), which is imminently threatened by oil and gas mining.

“**The Call:** ... join a **flash writing campaign—beginning now and ending June 19.** Could you set aside **ten minutes a day** ...? ...two steps:

1) to get on the action list, please email me, Julianne Warren, **coyotetrail.net@gmail.com**. [Through] June 19, I will write a short prompt each day or so. You can use that prompt as is, or spin off a few sentences of your own to submit as part of the required **[public scoping process](#)**. ... for ... “issues, impacts, and potential alternatives” with regard to oil and gas leasing in the Refuge. In other words, **development is not a done deal.** We can help keep it from happening (at the very least, we can amplify our Alaskan opposition to development for future decisions)

. 2) Submit a daily (or as often as you can) comment: **[blm ak coastalplain EIS@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ak_coastalplain_eis@blm.gov)** (Learn more at the **[BLM website](#)**)

Please Bcc our FCAC coordinator **jessicagirard11@gmail.com** on each comment. She’s record-keeping on a goal of one million comments.)

“A coalition of community partners is requesting **applications for an Air Quality Stakeholders Group**. The purpose of the Air Quality Stakeholders Group is to identify,

occupation in any way. Only once in the past 14 years has the army recognized a conscientious objector.'

Thank you to everyone who sent CO-Alerts on Mattan's behalf. CO Ayelet Brachfeld remains in jail."

Climate Action for Alaska Leadership Team (CALT)... has a draft **Alaska Climate Change Policy** posted online (or <http://climatechange.gov.alaska.gov>) and is inviting **public comment on the document until June 4, 2018**. This draft policy is the result of much hard work by the CALT and is responsive to the public input received thus far. We are eager to continue the conversation with Alaskans over the coming months and to hear your ideas on how Alaska's first climate action plan can strengthen the health, safety, culture, and economy of our communities and our state. from nikoosh.carlo@alaska.gov

arts, and Written/Spoken word. Once again this camp will be grounded in Decolonizing and just transition frameworks. This camp is co-hosted with the Native Movement, Gwich'in Steering Committee, and Cook Inlet Keepers. **Apply here before June 1st**. Please share attached flyer with your networks! July 13-16"

"A tool library is just what it sounds like: a place for community members to share resources, learn from each other, and check out tools for their own projects. The sharing economy is thriving around the country, and Fairbanks is an ideal place for such a community-based endeavor to thrive. At the tool library, neighbors exchange ideas about their projects, maybe meeting for the first time, building individual relationships and community resiliency. Individuals gain confidence in learning new skills and helping themselves." *see more about the [Chena Tool Library](#).*

evaluate, and recommend community based solutions to bring the area into compliance with federal air quality standards for fine particulates (PM_{2.5}). In finding solutions to meet these standards, there are a variety of factors to be considered, such as health, economic, and personal property rights that must be addressed. The hope is that the Air Quality Stakeholders Group will represent a cross section of our community and will be professionally facilitated by a third party. Interests identified for representation include community members, industry, businesses, and organizations.

"It is important that the AQ Stakeholders Group represents as broad a cross section of our community as possible to achieve a balanced and viable plan," said Mayor Kassel. "This **group will serve as the community voice to DEC and the EPA** on a reasonable path forward towards attainment for our community." [Read more...](#)

There are many **new postings** at the (local) **[Citizens for Clean Air facebook page](#)**.

Spotlight

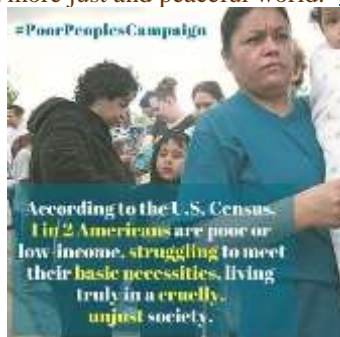
Watch the kick-off of the
Poor People's Campaign's Forty Days of Moral Fusion Direct Actions
which will inspire The First Moral Monday Marches in 37 States

Sunday May 13th, 2 p.m., in Washington D.C.

https://www.facebook.com/events/610289902638235/?active_tab=discussion

(This link will take you to the event page. Hopefully, it will link the livestream @ 2.)

The [Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival](#), will begin 40 days of action to thrust the issues of poverty, racism and all forms of hate, militarism, environmental degradation and the nation's distorted morality into the national conversation. Picking up the work of Dr. King and many others who launched the original Poor People's Campaign in 1967, today's effort provides a unique opportunity for peacemakers and justice seekers in various movements to work together to bring into existence a more just and peaceful world. alaska@poorpeoplescampaign.org



In laying the groundwork for direct action, the Poor People's Campaign funded an analysis by the Institute for Policy Studies to determine what had changed since the assassination of Dr. King. The results were released this month as "The Souls of Poor Folk". Please read the executive summary of the ["Soul of Poor Folks" Audit](#).



(Next Week: LINKING SYSTEMIC RACISM AND POVERTY: Voting Rights, Immigration, Xenophobia, Islamophobia, and the Mistreatment of Indigenous Communities)

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

- Too Much of Nothing, sung by Peter, Paul, & Mary
- By My Silence, sung by Ellen Bukstel & Nick Annis

Sung by Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival:

--15 and a Union, by Frederick Douglas Kirkpatrick, & James Collier

-- Everybody's got a right to live, sung by James Collier & Pete Seeger

-- I Can't Take Care of My Family, by James Collier

-It's Movement Time by Las Cafeteras

Will See by Take Tha House Back

--The Migrant Worker, by Jim Croce and joined by Ingrid Croce

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

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!