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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 May 20th, 2018

Be ready for opportunities to participate!

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
all summer	24 hrs.	Detours to reach Alaska Peace Center & KWRK-LP offices ‘Drivers should expect DETOUR routes and SINGLE-LANE TRAFFIC for both north and southbound lanes of University Avenue, as well as temporary traffic signals. ☐ SINGLE-LANE TRAFFIC will be maintained for north and southbound traffic on University Avenue. Turns will not be permitted at the Geist Road/Johansen Expressway intersection. ☐ Please allow for additional travel time and plan to follow all construction signs for DETOUR routes.	To see an interactive map, please click here to be taken to the Alaska Navigator website. You can contact DOT & PF for up to date info: 451-5446.
		<i>The Alaska Legislature has adjourned. Some legislation is addressed below.</i> ***** <i>* Alaska’s Congressional delegation:</i> Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121 <i>Rep Don Young</i> in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov ; <i>Sen Lisa Murkowski</i> in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov - <i>Sen Dan Sullivan</i> in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov	Go to www.alaskapeace.org “Community News” for a link to Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.
Monday May 21	4 pm	Join the Poor People’s Campaign at Moral Monday Rally & March, LINKING SYSTEMIC RACISM AND POVERTY: Voting Rights, Immigration, Xenophobia, Islamophobia, and the Mistreatment of Indigenous Communities in Alaska & elsewhere We march because: • Alaska Natives and Native Americans live with the highest rates of poverty of any race in America, • Deportations increased ten times from 1976 to 2015 and are increasing faster than ever under the current Administration, • 23 States have adopted some form of voter suppression law since 2010. Cheer guest speakers, chant, sing and wave our protest signs for all to witness (Next week’s March will be on Tuesday, out of respect for the celebration of Memorial Day on Monday. The theme will be: The War Economy: Militarism and the Proliferation of Gun Violence)	In Anchorage: Rally @ 4pm at Lutheran Church of Hope, 1847 W. Northern Lights Boulevard March @ 5 PM to Legislative Offices, corner of Benson & Minnesota ‘Before you demonstrate, read Our Shared Covenant of Nonviolence ’
		City of North Pole mtg; Probable public hearing on an ‘application to designate everything within the city limits as a Military Facility Zone. ’	<i>see more under ‘Peace’ below.</i>
Wednesday May 23	12-7pm	Please join us for an afternoon of letter writing, (to help protect & defend the Arctic Refuge) at Northern Alaska Environmental Center office. See more under ‘Sustainability’ below, or contact erica@northern.org .	830 College Road

	dealine for comments	Serious State Implementation Plan (SSIP) for Fairbanks North Star Borough's Air Quality Serious NonAttainment Area comments due . Visit the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Air Quality page .	submit comments via e-mail More at...NAEC
	7pm	Anchorage Peacekeeper Training from Alaska Grassroots Alliance & Moral Movement Alaska - <i>See more below under "Justice"</i> Sign-up here if you are interested in being a Peacekeeper. Your registration email confirmation will include the event's address.	Midtown Anchorage
Thursday May 24		Alaska Peace Center mtg for May .- Help Plan Events & Actions! Link to the APC calendar. or email info@alaskapeace for more information.	3535 College Rd, suite 203
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Tues, 5/29	3-4:30pm	<u>Public Scoping Meeting Schedule</u> (note time changes & extended hours) May 22: Kaktovik – Community Hall – 6:30 p.m. May 24: Arctic Village – Community Hall – 10:00 am May 29: Fairbanks - Carlson Center, 2010 2nd Ave. - 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Open house followed by a presentation and comment period until 9:00 p.m. May 30: Anchorage - Dena'ina Center, 600 W. 7th Ave. - 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Open house followed by a presentation and comment period until 9:00 p.m. May 31: Utqiagvik – Inupiat Heritage Center – 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Open house followed by a presentation and comment period until 9:00 p.m. June 12: Venetie – Community Hall – 10:00 a.m.	(to protect & defend the Arctic Refuge) The Fairbanks and Anchorage meetings will be livestreamed at: www.blm.gov/live . <u>For complete details see the Facebook event here.</u>
Wednesdays 5/30	7:00 pm	Discover Alaska Lecture Series - The season starts May 30 with "30+ years of Gardening in the Interior" by Terry Reichardt, Master Gardener. info at UAF-OLLI@alaska.edu .	Murie Auditorium, UAF West Ridge
OPEN THROUGH SEPT. 2018	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. Free. All Welcome	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		from notivemovement.org : "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 Gwich'in 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

Good News category:

from *Food & Water Watch*: "Victory - **Maryland becomes the third state to ban fracking**...and from Florida to California, we're organizing to ban fracking and to put the safety of people over the profits of the oil and gas industry."

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

Peace

Military Encroachment Update:
Regarding "Joint Land Use Study/JLUS" which seeks to **limit civilian uses of private**

Justice

from alaska@poorpeoplescampaign.org>
"Join Our **Moral Monday Rallies & Marches**
(see events listed on May 21 & 23 above)

Sustainability

Northern Alaska Environmental Center(NAEC):
"Busy weeks ahead. Everyone is needed!"

land near military bases, and Military Facility Zones - a special category zone that allows deviation from the FNSB Comprehensive Land Use Plan without going through the extensive public process involved in amending the plan;
from Fbks North Star Borough Long-Range Community Planning,
“A few things have happened:

1. Our analysis of potential height limitations has led to the conclusion that the structures of main concern are communications towers. Since our zoning code pertaining to communications towers needs to be updated to meet federal standards and align with the needs of current technology, we will tackle any **considerations of height limitations when we address the communications tower code as a whole**. We anticipate that this process will **begin in the next few months and may take two years or more to implement** due to the complications of the federal requirements. We do not anticipate limiting the height of any other structures within the imaginary surface boundary.

2. **Potential density limits to development within the Accident Potential Zone are still being considered.**[emphasis added] With the mayor's input, we anticipate having some draft limits for discussion available and increasing the public awareness of this project again **in June**.

3. Adoption of the **Military Facility Zone** legislation has not changed anything related to JLUS implementation. My ongoing knowledge of the MFZ is limited, but as I understand it, a municipality can nominate a geographic area to be designated as an MFZ, and then if the designation is approved by the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs based on certain criteria, new development in that geographic area that is in support of military activities is eligible for certain financing and funding assistance. **The City of North Pole is working on an application to designate everything within the city limits an MFZ**. Their ordinance had its first reading and was advanced at last week's council meeting. I'm **guessing the public hearing will be held at their next meeting May 21**. That is the only MFZ application that I'm aware of.

... Various components of JLUS implementation have stalled out and later been re-energized as other projects within the department have taken a higher priority.
Melissa Kellner, Long-Range Planner
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We March for a Just Society in which everyone can flourish

“A healthy society provides the resources for its citizens to flourish. We are heartbroken and angry that this great Nation has failed to grapple with the challenges confronted by Dr. King. If anything, the moral fiber of our social contract is more frayed now than it was then. Please read our Campaign's **Fundamental Principles**, and **Demands and Objectives**.

“...Many ways you can bear Moral Witness in our far-flung Alaska communities: sign waving, prayer vigils, speaking up in your church and community meetings, marching to your local Legislative Information Office, etc.

“Make your presence felt, but stay safe & within the law. If told to disperse by law enforcement, do not escalate the situation. We do not have access to the National Campaign's legal defense program...”

[Capitol Police arrest 146 people during kick-off of month long protest - W Post]

Anchorage Peacekeeper Training

(see May 23 event above) - “We are training a cadre of Peacekeepers for Anchorage's moral actions, protests, demonstrations and marches. Peacekeepers are not security. They are not neutral. They are trained to de-escalate possible volatile situations in order to maintain nonviolence. Anyone 18 and older can be a peacekeeper. Peacekeepers will be deployed on request and upon approval of Peacekeeper leaders. Sign-up here if you are interested in being a Peacekeeper. Your registration email confirmation will include the event's address.

“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 this summary of the **‘Soul of Poor Folks’ Audit**.

“Plan a Moral Monday event and post to facebook.com/AKPPC/.”

from Friends Committee on National Legislation:
“**FCNL celebrated a couple of victories this week**. After years of persistent lobbying, we were thrilled to see the Elie Wiesel Act Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act (H.R. 3030) pass the House Foreign Affairs Committee! This bipartisan bill will make it easier for the U.S. government to identify and prevent potential conflicts and horrific mass violence. We're only going to lobby that much harder until it finally becomes law. Urge Congress to support conflict prevention.

And the House voted down H.R. 2, the farm bill. This hyper-partisan legislation included changes to SNAP that would have

Wed, May 23- 12 pm - 7 pm; **At: NAEC office 830 College Road**
Please join us for an afternoon of letter writing, making & completing rally art, and phone banking with our local partners, including Native Movement, Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition, and Gwich'in Steering Committee. Stop by any time and stay as long as you are able, and use the time to help protect and defend the Arctic Refuge in ways that best use your skills. Light refreshments will be provided to keep the energy up!

:: Air Quality SIPP- comment by 5/23 re: **-Better monitoring**. DEC could help ensure the public understands that just because monitoring sites are in attainment doesn't mean the whole nonattainment area is in attainment. **-Where are point source emissions being measured?** PM2.5 emissions may be different if measured at the top of the stack or at ground level.

-Be proactive. Prevent emissions. Energy conservation should be step one in preventing emissions. Encourage the funding of state programs that will promote retrofits for energy conservation. Additionally, promote new home construction standards that mandate energy efficiency standards.

-- Attainment demonstration isn't so cut and dry. Unseasonably warm weather and heating fuel prices can both simulate progress in cleaning up our air. For example, when fuel oil prices spike, more solid fuels (cheaper) are burned and create more PM2.5 emissions. And vice versa when fuel prices decline. DEC should use forecast modeling that includes both climate conditions and heating fuel prices.

More upcoming comment deadlines
May 29: Donlin Gold Final EIS Compensatory Mitigation plan (appendices J & M). Comment by email POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil
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.

:: Sign-on letter: Thank Governor Walker for opposing the Juneau Road in 2016. Southeast Alaska Conservation Council is collecting signatures to thank Governor Walker for opposing the Juneau road in 2016, and encouraging him to stand by that decision. Southeast Alaska Conservation Council.

:: Camp Habitat Summer 2018 registration now open... summer nature education and ecology programs for kids ages 4-11. See this page for more info, plus Camp Habitat jobs.

from fairbanksclimateaction.org.” **Two seats for the GVEA board are up for election and the outcome of this election could tip the balance between a board that is supportive or non-supportive of renewable**

Veterans For Peace: "Veterans Condemn Israeli Slaughter of Unarmed Palestinian Protesters Israel receives \$3.8 billion in U.S. military aid every year, making it the largest recipient of U.S. foreign assistance. U.S. laws, such as the "Leahy Law," the Arms Export Control Act, and the Foreign Assistance Act, are supposed to prevent U.S. weapons from being used by other countries to commit human rights violations. Countries that violate these laws are subject to penalties, including a cut-off of additional weapons. Furthermore, the opening of the embassy in Jerusalem flies in the face of diplomacy and creates a massive roadblock on a path to peace. It is outrageous that our government continues to uphold and further such actions. **Israel must be held accountable for its actions! Email Your Congressional Representative Now!**

Read Veterans For Peace Full Statement, "[Veterans Condemn Israeli Slaughter of Unarmed Palestinian Protesters](#)"

End U.S. Military Exercises in Korea The announcement of the cancellation of talks between North and South Korea lies solely at the feet of the United States. The people of Korea have advocated and worked diligently to secure peace and to push for a path of reconciliation. The United States continues to stand in the way of these efforts.

The U.S. is holding large scale war exercises in the Korean Peninsula, in the waters surrounding North Korea. The people of Korea have repeatedly advocated a "Freeze for a Freeze", whereupon the U.S. would cease their military exercises in exchange for a freeze on N. Korea's nuclear program. An agreement that almost every other country in the region has supported.

The U.S. MUST stop being a hindrance for peace and cease their military exercises immediately. **Email Congress and to Say No to U.S. Military Exercises**

from [Winwithoutwar.org](#): "**The Trump administration is careening toward a terrible war with Iran.**"

Last week, Donald Trump violated the Iran deal and scuttled decades of work for peace. Now, the President's warmongering cabinet of John Bolton and Mike Pompeo are egging him toward war with Iran.

Congressman Ro Khanna has called on Congress to block Trump's path to war by opposing a preventive strike on Iran. If we can get enough Members of Congress to commit to this pledge, we can draw an unmistakable line in the sand to make it clear that Congress and the American people oppose a dangerous war of choice with Iran. But we've got to act fast. **Can you urge**

left up to two million people hungry. This vote came down to the wire, and your flood of last-minute phone calls and emails against the House version of the bill were pivotal.

Gina Haspel was confirmed to lead the CIA despite her record of overseeing torture and destroying the evidence. React to your senators' votes.

□ **Defense policy:** Read about some of our concerns with the National Defense Authorization Act.

Urge Congress to pass a clean Dream Act now."

from *Brave New Films*: "The **Reuniting Families Act (H.R.4944)**, introduced to the House by Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA-27) in February, would be a significant step toward fixing our broken immigration system and uniting more immigrant families.

Tell Congress to pass the Reuniting Families Act now! Call your representative now at (202) 224-3121.

"In our latest video, Immigrant Stories: Teachers, we expose the growing crisis Trump's anti-immigrant regime has created in American classrooms."

"The FCC is scheduled to end net neutrality on June 11 unless Congress stops them. US Senate voted 52-47 against the FCC's new rule to repeal net neutrality. The House needs to hear phones ringing off the hook in order for us to convince them to side with the people and protect the Internet. **Take action at the coalition site, Battle for the Net**" from info@popularresistance.org

from *KUAC*: "**PBS Working on "Molly of Denali," New Children's Program**" to begin airing summer 2019. The new animated series ... will be the first nationally distributed children's series in the U.S. to feature an Alaska Native lead character...Fairbanksan Princess Daazhraii Johnson is the creative producer of the series. The program will feature Alaska Native voice talent in key roles. WGBH will host Alaska Native interns for production and animation roles."

energy for the Fairbanks region... The candidates' statements and more detailed descriptions/maps of the election districts are on the [GVEA website](#):

[http://gvea.com/inside/directors/elections.](http://gvea.com/inside/directors/elections)"

You can also discuss the issues with FCAC.

per Senator Berta Gardner, "...**good things did happen in the Alaska legislature** before adjournment:

[Foster Care Reform \(HB151 by Rep. Gara\)](#)
[Healthcare Cost Transparency \(HB123 by Rep. Spohnholz\)](#) **Smoke-Free Workplace (SB 63, Sen. Micciche)** **Alaska Reads Day (SCR 5)** **Termination of Rapists' Parental Rights (SB 134)** **Sobriety Awareness Month (SB 208)** [However, [Anti-Discrimination Based on Gender Identification and Sexual Orientation](#) did not get passed.]

INTERFERENCE IN ELECTIONS
Venezuela on the Eve of Presidential Elections: The US Empire Isn't Sitting by Idly by R.Harris in *Counterpunch** reprises how our government continues to apply this philosophy:

"I don't see why we need to stand by and watch a country go communist due to the irresponsibility of its people. The issues are much too important for the Chilean voters to be left to decide for themselves."— US National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger, 1970

* *Counterpunch* is heard on KWRK-LP 90.9FM or live stream Saturdays 10:30-11am.

from [worldbeyodwar.org](#):

"Militarism Mapped

World BEYOND War has just released an updated 2018 mapping of militarism in the world. The map system can be explored and adjusted to display what you're looking for, as well as display precise data and its sources.

Here are some examples of what it can show:
-- Where wars are present that directly and violently killed over 1,000 people in 2017:
--Where wars are present and where wars come from are two different questions. If we look at where money is spent on wars and where weapons for wars are produced and exported, there is little overlap with the map above." many more interesting examples...

www.peacefulskies.org/candidatepeacepledge/
"Candidates for any office, any party, nonpartisan, Independent or unaffiliated are eligible to take the pledge. In addition to Congressional elections, thousands of elections will be held in 2018; school boards, city and local governments. According to [Ballotpedia](#), there are more than 500,000 people holding elected office in the US. Just on the state legislative level, there thousands of legislative seats up for a vote in 2018. With your help,

[your Members of Congress to join Rep. Ro Khanna in pledging to oppose a preventive strike on Iran?"](#)

many will take the **Candidate Peace Pledge.**"

Spotlight

"Imagine if 52 Israeli peaceful protesters were killed? Or 52 Americans? There would be a massive outcry, nonstop media coverage, and demands to hold the killers accountable. Don't Palestinian lives have the same value? We think so.
Contact your representatives in Congress immediately. Demand an end to the killing, and accountability for Israeli crimes and US complicity." *from codepink*
Our Asymmetric Moose will tell us some of his personal experiences in Palestine & Israel...

Songs of peace, justice, and sustainability played with today's newscast:

--Why We Build the Wall, by [Anais Mitchell](#), sung with Greg Brown

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, and, like them we are all-volunteer.*

Will you help support APC activities ?

*Some sample expenses: Alternatives to Violence Project workshop scholarships \$65 each;
Facility rental/ Use fees for events: \$15-\$700 for facilities including Tanana Valley State Fair booth
for outreach; Other expenses: \$30+/mo for envelopes, stamps, checks, website, telephone*

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or you can make a donation via PayPal at our website, www.alaskapeace.org,

*where you will find more information, links, details, or to get on our email list, to which the expanded news brief is sent;
also see our Facebook page.*

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Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome. info@alaskapeace.org
Please include "for news" in the subject line.
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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.