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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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

*Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
<b>all summer</b>	<b>24 hrs.</b>	<b>Detours to reach Alaska Peace Center &amp; KWRK-LP offices</b> ‘Drivers should expect DETOUR routes and SINGLE-LANE TRAFFIC for both north and southbound lanes of University Avenue, as well as temporary traffic signals. <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Please allow for additional travel time and plan to follow all construction signs for DETOUR routes.	To see an interactive map, <a href="#">click here</a> to be taken to the Alaska Navigator website. You can contact DOT & PF for up to date info: 451-5446.
		<b>Alaska’s Congressional delegation:</b> <i>Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121</i> <b>Rep Don Young</b> in Fbks 456-0210; <i>Email via web site: <a href="http://donyoung.house.gov">donyoung.house.gov</a>;</i> <b>Sen Lisa Murkowski</b> in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; <i>Email via: <a href="http://murkowski.senate.gov">murkowski.senate.gov</a>-</i> <b>Sen Dan Sullivan</b> in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; <i>Email via: <a href="http://sullivan.senate.gov">sullivan.senate.gov</a></i>	<i>Go to <a href="http://www.alaskapeace.org">www.alaskapeace.org</a> “Community News” for a link to <a href="#">Community organizations &amp; contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</a></i>
<b>Tuesday May 29</b>	10 am	<b>Last Arbor Day planting</b> of the season in the Tanana Valley. Contact <a href="mailto:ritchiemusick@gci.net">ritchiemusick@gci.net</a> for more information.	Open Arms Child Development Center, 2980 Davis Road
	4pm	<b>Poor People's Campaign (PPC): <u>Take Action In Alaska On May 29</u></b> Host Contact Info: <a href="mailto:Alaska@poorpeoplescampaign.org">Alaska@poorpeoplescampaign.org</a> <b>Week Three (May 27 - June 2)</b> <b>The War Economy: Militarism and the Proliferation of Gun Violence</b> By engaging in highly publicized, non-violent moral fusion direct action, ... between May 13 and June 23, the Campaign will force a serious national examination of the enmeshed evils of systemic racism, systemic poverty, ecological devastation and the war economy. <b>About Face: Veterans Against the War &amp; Veterans For Peace</b> , as poor people who have served this country, are joining the PPC: A National Call for Moral Revival. Members across the country will join the Poor People's Campaign to speak out against the War Economy. See more under Peace/VFP below	Legislative Information Office 1500 W Benson Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99503
	3-4:30pm	<b><u>Public Scoping Meeting Schedule</u></b> (to protect & defend the Arctic Refuge) <b>May 29: Fairbanks</b> - Carlson Center, 2010 2nd Ave. - 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. <b>Full BLM meeting agenda at Carlson Center</b> 3p - testimony sign-in opens 430p - BLM presentation on the proposed project 5p - *interest* group testimony 630p - public testimony begins	The Fbks & Anch mtgs will be livestreamed at: <a href="http://www.blm.gov/live">www.blm.gov/live</a> .  <b><u>For complete details see the Facebook event here.</u></b>

		<p><b>Full Coalition agenda</b> - Please be flexible as things may change depending on BLM <i>(from Fbks Climate Action Coalition)</i></p> <p>3p - Curling Club gathering - after sign-in at the Carlson Center</p> <p>- draft/practice testimony, share food, make art, get grounded with community</p> <p>- if you need to leave after signing up for testimony please regather at 5p</p> <p>5p - March from Curling Club to Carlson Center</p> <p>- Rally outside Carlson Center</p> <p>630p - Public testimony will begin</p> <p>- we will have snacks and childcare at the Curling Club throughout the meeting</p> <p>If you can help please reach out to our FCAC <u>coordinator</u></p> <p><i>Open house followed by a presentation and comment period until 9:00 p.m.</i></p> <p><b>May 30: Anchorage</b> - Dena'ina Center, 600 W. 7th Ave. - 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>Open house followed by a presentation and comment period until 9:00 p.m.</i></p> <p><b>May 31: Utqiagvik</b> – Iñupiat Heritage Center – 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Open house followed by a presentation and comment period until 9:00 p.m.</i></p> <p><b>June 12: Venetie</b> – Community Hall – 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><u><b>Make sure you get your comments in to BLM by June 19th.</b></u></p>	
		<p><b>comment deadline:</b> <u><b>Donlin Gold Final EIS</b></u> Compensatory Mitigation plan (appendices J &amp; M). Comment by mailing <a href="mailto:POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil">POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil</a></p>	<i>from NAEC</i>
<b>Wednesday May 30</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<p>Discover Alaska Lecture Series - The season starts May 30 with "30+ years of Gardening in the Interior" by Terry Reichardt, Master Gardener. info at <a href="mailto:UAF-OLLI@alaska.edu">UAF-OLLI@alaska.edu</a>.</p>	Murie Auditorium, UAF West Ridge
		<p>comment deadline: <b>Beaufort Sea Call for Nominations.</b> <a href="#">Comment online here.</a></p>	<i>from NAEC</i>
<b>Thursday May 31</b>	12-1pm	<b>Fairbanks Housing &amp; Homeless Coalition (FHHC) mtg</b>	Council Chambers of City Hall
	winter hours to <b>May 31</b> Mon- Sat 9 am - 5pm <b>Open through Sept. 2018</b>	<p><b>Decolonizing Alaska</b> is a multimedia visual art exhibit featuring contemporary <b>artists exploring and responding to Alaska's history of colonization.</b> 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.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Learn more about the exhibit</a></u></p>	University of Alaska Museum of the North Special Exhibits Gallery 1962 Yukon Dr. Fbks Admission \$0, \$5, \$8, or \$14
	6-8pm	<p><b>Solar Energy for Heat and Power Workshop</b> - Join Art Nash, Chris Pike and Erin Whitney for a discussion of Solar Energy for Heat and Power and an update on <b>"A Solar Design Manual for Alaska"</b></p> <p>Art Nash is energy specialist for UAF Cooperative Extension Service, and Chris Pike and Erin Whitney are research engineers with the Alaska Center for Energy and Power. <i>from Co-operative Extension Service Tanana District</i></p>	at the BP Design Theater, 4th Floor, ELIF Building, UAF, 1764 Tanana Loop, Suite 401.
<b>Friday June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	5:30 - 9pm	<p><b>Basic conflict resolution/Alternatives to Violence Project workshop-</b> Friday evening, June 1, Sat June 2nd all day 9-5, and Sunday June 3rd, all day... time will go quickly and you should find both fun and new insights, while building community and gaining confidence.</p> <p>For more information about this training, contact Carrie Farr at 907-750-1049 or <a href="mailto:carrielfarr@yahoo.com">carrielfarr@yahoo.com</a>.</p> <p>Click here for more information and to register: <a href="https://aktelms.org/Training/Class/102439">https://aktelms.org/Training/Class/102439</a>.</p>	Ak. Training Cooperative off of South Cushman. <i>701 Bidwill Ave, #300 Fairbanks,</i>
<b>Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	12-2pm	<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Feast - Free for all! Barbecue provided; potluck welcome. Celebrating Alaskan groups and individuals who have been working for peace, justice, and sustainability.</b></p> <p><i>Defend the Sacred AK WATER update on contamination issues</i></p> <p><i>Alternatives to Violence Project &amp; Non-Violence training updates</i></p> <p><i>NAACP KWRK update APC update Veterans For Peace local</i></p> <p><i>Fairbanks Youth Court &amp; Restorative Justice Drones Quilt Project</i></p> <p><i>Alaskans FOR Wildlife GI Rights &amp; Truth In Recruiting info.... and more...</i></p>	Square Dance Pavilion (picnic shelter) at Pioneer Park, between the round Civic Ctr and the Square Dance Hall. Park toward Airport Way.

		<u><i>After This Week</i></u>	
<b>June.</b>		Potential <b>density limits to civilian development within the off-base Military “Accident Potential Zone”</b> are still being considered. “With the mayor's input, [Borough staff] anticipate having some draft limits for discussion available and increasing the public awareness of this project again in June.”	<b>Keep Tuned!</b>
<b>Monday, 6/4</b>		comment deadline: “ <b>Climate Action Leadership Team Draft Alaska Climate Change Policy.</b> <a href="#">Comment by email here.</a> ”	<i>from NAEC</i>
<b>Friday, 6/8</b>		Northern Alaska Environmental Center (NAEC) <b>Annual Donor Appreciation picnic</b>	contact <a href="mailto:erica@nothern.org">erica@nothern.org</a> .
<b>Sunday, 6/17</b>	2-hr blocks 8am-6pm	<i>from waw@friendsofcreamersfield.org:</i> “ <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 2018 Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk</b> -... a wonderful community outreach and fundraising event for Friends of Creamer’s Field, and we need volunteers to ... show and share what you love about Creamer’s Field with the rest of Fairbanks... 907.978.5090.	Creamer's Field 1300 College Road
Wed, 7/4	TBA	<b>July 4<sup>th</sup> Music FEST:</b> Unity Outreach Inc. is hosting their 25 <sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:barbiebaumgartner@gmail.com">barbiebaumgartner@gmail.com</a> .	Pioneer Park
Fri, 7/13	TBA	<b>July 13<sup>th</sup> Resource Fair:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:mscheer@accessalaska.org">mscheer@accessalaska.org</a> or Christine at <a href="mailto:ccharron@accessalaska.org">ccharron@accessalaska.org</a> .	in Breadline Inc.’s garden area
<b>7/13-16</b>		<i>from notivemovement.org:</i> “ <b>Alaska Art and Action Camp!</b> !-the 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <a href="#">HERE.</a> ”	Howard Luke’s Camp along the Tanana River outside of Fairbanks

### Good News category:

*from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL):* “[S]uccess in amending the current **National Defense Authorization Act** to curb our country’s support for our Gulf allies in the war in Yemen. Congress passed two amendments that require the Pentagon to investigate U.S. involvement in torturing prisoners in Yemen and require the Trump administration to **provide a comprehensive strategy to prevent mass starvation.**” & “Senator Chuck Grassley who is leading the **bipartisan effort to roll back some of the harsh sentencing policies that have increased mass incarceration** (the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act, S.1917).”

*Also, from nbcnews.com,* “Lawyer who took on Big Tobacco is now taking on Big Pharma ...responsible for the nation's opioid addiction crisis” Read the article.

*Also, from NAEC:* “∴ Alaska Airlines ditches plastic straws on all flights. Today, Alaska Airlines became the first U.S. airline to ban single-use plastic straws and citrus picks in its lounges and on all flights starting July 16. The airline will replace the plastic utensils with Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-certified, white birch stir sticks. Conde Nast Traveler.”

*Also, from VFP:* “**Swords to Plowshares Belltower** - Check out this [amazing video of the Swords to Plowshares Belltower!](#)”

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

### Peace

*from Veterans For Peace:* "As veterans we know that our positions are often glorified and are used to support a culture that worships guns and violence at home and abroad, when in reality, we know all too well the dangers and effects of war." says Michael McPhearson, of Veterans For Peace "the overwhelming cost\* of unnecessary and aggressive military invasions could be better spent at home meeting human needs." " On

### Justice

*from [codepink.org](http://codepink.org):* “**Drop the investigation into peaceful anti-war protesters!**” Read the story and sign the petition.

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*from [act@credoaction.com](mailto:act@credoaction.com):* “**Tell the House: Save net neutrality** The Senate voted to protect net neutrality. **Now it's all up to the House.** Rep. Mike Doyle has filed a petition calling for a vote to overrule Trump's FCC and

### Sustainability

*from Alaskans FOR Wildlife:* “**Thousands decry looser bear-hunting rules.**” Use the link to read the article.

Here is the Proposed Rule:  
<https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2018-10735.pdf>  
If you go to the link, it gives instructions for submitting public comment:  
• Federal eRulemaking Portal:  
<http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the



May 29th, VFP chapters will join with the **Poor People's Campaign** to speak out against militarism and the war economy. We have created some great flyers to help spread the message of Veterans For Peace at the weekly gatherings!

**Flyers for Poor People's Actions**

- Week 2: [Linking Systemic Racism and Poverty](#)
- Week 3: [Militarism, Veterans and the Proliferation of Gun Violence](#)
- Week 4: [Ecological Devastation and Health](#)
- Week 5: [Everybody's Got a Right to Live](#)
- Week 6: [A New and Unsettling Force](#)

\* Over 370,000 people have died due to direct war violence and at least 800,000 more indirectly due to the endless wars of the United States since 9/11. **The US federal price tag for the post 9/11 wars is about \$5.6 trillion dollars, with the U.S. conducting counterterrorism activities in 76 countries.** Because much of that money is borrowed, that amount will continue to balloon alongside increased spending. These wars have displaced 10.1 million people, and have been accompanied by violations of human rights and civil liberties in the US and abroad. (Source: Brown University, Cost of War)

“**#WomenPeaceKorea** In light of Trump's cancellation of Korean peace summit: **TAKE ACTION:** Join us to remind world leaders of commitment to UN Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security to include women's movements in international mediation – which includes the Korean peace process. **Sign petition here!**”

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from [Courage to Resist](#): “[A] [federal commission](#) has been formed to address **the future of [military] draft registration** in the United States and whether the draft should end or be extended. The press release states “The Commission wants to learn why people serve and why people don’t; the barriers to participation; whether modifications to the selective service system are needed; ways to increase the number of Americans in service; and more.”

**“They need to hear from us!**

- *It's time to end draft registration once and for all.*
- *Don't expand the draft to women. End it for everyone.*
- *No national service linked to the military--including immigration enforcement.*
- *Until the US is invaded by a foreign power, stop pretending that the draft is about anything other than empire.*
- **Submit your own comments online here.**

Draft registration resister [Edward Hasbrouck](#) on the [Courage to Resist](#) podcast explain[s]

save net neutrality.<sup>1</sup> But we need a majority of our representatives in the House to join him – or the vote won't ever happen.”

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from [bravenewfilms.org](#): “**2018 has been deadlier for schoolchildren than deployed members of the military\***. Three months after the Parkland shooting, another school shooting has taken the lives of innocent people while our representatives do nothing... Host a screening of [Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA](#), at no cost by visiting our website and [clicking here](#)”

Related, from [#ConcertAcrossAmerica To End Gun Violence](#): “This year’s concerts are being planned from Sept 23-30... We are excited to announce that this year’s unifying song will be “Shine” written by students of [Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL](#). Watch them perform the song.”

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from [American Friends Service Committee](#): “...AFSC has extensively documented abuse and even deaths at the hands of Border Patrol, for which there has been no accountability. Border enforcement has also caused the militarization of neighborhoods as far as 100 miles from any air, land, or sea port, subjecting residents to racial profiling by Border Patrol agents. [Email your members of Congress today to insist that they respect the rights of people in border communities and stop the deadly militarization of our border.](#) “

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from [newsminer.com](#): 5/26 “**JUNEAU** — A U.S. judge on Friday ordered Alaska corrections officials to provide Muslim inmates with nutritionally sufficient, pork-free meals when they break their Ramadan fasts at night...” 5/25: “**NFL will fine teams whose players kneel during anthem...**” & “**Fairbanks man dies in Kenai prison... the third prisoner to die in the custody of the Department of Corrections this year.**” & “**Judge: President cannot block critics on Twitter...**” & “**EPA blocks some media from summit**, then reverses course. AP MEDIA WRITER **NEW YORK** — A reporter for The Associated Press was grabbed by the shoulders and shoved out of an Environmental Protection Agency building by a security guard Tuesday for trying to cover a meeting on water contaminants in which some reporters were welcomed and others were not...” 5/23 & “Alaska Gov. Bill Walker and state Attorney General Jahna Lindemuth... urged [U.S.Senate committee] members to pass S.2456, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) 2.0, and S.2440, the Comprehensive Addiction Reform, Education and Safety

instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail or hand deliver to: National Park Service, Regional Director, Alaska Regional Office, 240 West 5th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501.”

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from [newsminer.com](#) :

5/26:“**UAF scientists look into air quality** issues [Alaska Pollution and Chemical Analysis project.] Fairbanks has the worst yearround air quality out of 187 U.S. cities...” & “**Investor backs away from [Pebble] mine project**” & “**Bering Strait shipping routes... three areas to be protected...**” &

5/24: “Emergency order shortens moose hunting season in Fairbanks area...”

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[Northern Alaska Environmental Center](#): “The **Northern Center** is among the almost 30 individuals and organizations **named to** participate in the **Air Quality Stakeholders Group**, [which was announced Tuesday...](#)

“The Northern Center strongly supports renewable energy in Interior Alaska... If you're a **Golden Valley Electrical Association** member in Districts 4 or 7, don't forget to vote in the Board of Directors election! **Ballots due by mail or online June 12.**

[Learn about the candidates here.](#)”

. “**“: Camp Habitat Summer 2018**

**registration now open.** Camp Habitat offers summer nature education and ecology programs for kids ages 4-11. See [this page for more info](#), plus Camp Habitat job postings!”

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**Nuclear waste - Who Pays? Who Profits?**

from [NoNuclearWaste.org](#): “Seven serious rail accidents have occurred in the last 3 years in New Mexico. A Department of Energy report found that a small radioactive release could result in a 42-square mile area being contaminated and that the cost of cleaning up a single square mile of an urban area could reach \$9.5 billion. Recent wildfires near the existing Urenco and WCS radioactive waste facilities show how at-risk this waste is to natural disasters... **TAKE ACTION!**

To download a petition you can use to gather signatures: [MS Word Format](#), [Adobe PDF Format](#).”

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from [Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space \(GN\)](#): “Outer space is being taken over by the worlds military. In particular, the US Space Command’s “[Vision for 2020](#)” describes the goal of “Full Spectrum Dominance”: military superiority on land, at sea, in the air, in space and of all information.

what's going on... his own history of going to prison for refusing to register for the draft in 1983, the background on this new federal commission, and addresses liberal arguments in favor of involuntary service.”

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from greta@worldbeyondwar.org: “**new peace chatroom - #PeaceSalon, a new weekly peace forum.** Every Thursday evening at 5:30 pm Alaska time we "meet" virtually to talk about peace. You can join us via your computer, or dial in with your phone. The #PeaceSalon is a platform for regular discussion, education, and activism. The format varies each week, and includes peace meditations, open discussion, guest speakers, and presentations by peace organizations. All you need to join is your computer or a telephone. **RSVP here.**”

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from newsmineer.com: 5/25:” NATO provides “eye in the sky” for RED FLAG - The air war is underway at RED FLAG-Alaska...”

(CARES) Act... to hold opioid manufactures accountable for their role in the epidemic.”

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from FCNL 5-25-18: “We continue to lobby for a discharge petition (i.e., with majority support, a bill can be voted on without the support of committees and leadership). We have 213 supporters but **need 5 more representatives to force a House vote on H. Res. 744, the bipartisan legislation that will force a vote on four drastically different immigration proposals.**

Monday is **Memorial Day**, and members of **Congress** will be back **in their home districts for the week.** This is a **perfect time to drop by their offices** and tell them how you view critical issues in Congress.... [S]imple, one page “leave behinds” you can use:

- Please ask your members of Congress **to speak out against the House Farm Bill that would take food assistance away from people struggling to get by** and is scheduled to come up for another vote in June.
- Please ask your members of Congress **to support sustained diplomacy and cosponsor the bills related to the North Korea crisis.**

To achieve this end the Pentagon has launched hundreds of satellites which they use for surveillance; communication; global positioning; missile targeting and guidance; drone operations; and so-called ‘missile defence’ all of which are important components of war fighting. In addition, space-based weapons of various types are now being developed. These are all supported by a worldwide network of ground-based stations, many of which are also being used for electronic spying, hacking and cyber warfare,... **Peace Group to hold Int’l Conference near Croughton AFB in UK Stop the Pentagon takeover of space.”**

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from info@endslaverynow.org: “**Learn the Signs of Massage Parlor Trafficking -** Human trafficking in massage parlors is the second most common type of trafficking reported to the US National Human Trafficking Hotline. Learn the signs and what to do if you see those signs. **Learn More.**”

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from aclu.org: “**fight for our rights in November. We'll send you candidate scorecards on LGBT rights and other critical issues, and keep you in the loop on registration deadlines, polling locations – you name it.**”

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

*--Farewell to Tarwathie, Traditional, adapted by Judy Collins*

*-- All That You Have Is Your Soul, by Tracy Chapman*

*--Golden Eagle, by Susan Grace*

*--No More Vietnams, by Fred Small*

*--I Ain’t Marchin’ Anymore, by Phil Ochs*

*--Old Man River, music by Jerome Kern, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II adapted and sung by Paul Robeson*

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

*The Alaska Peace Center works for peace, justice, and sustainability  
- individually, in our community, and globally -  
with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

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

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

***Will you help support these activities ?***

***Annual Outreach: Peace Feast approximately \$300***

***Tanana Valley State Fair Booth approx. \$800***

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*where you will also find more information and details, or 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. Email us at [info@alaskapeace.org](mailto:info@alaskapeace.org)*

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

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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.*