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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 June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

*Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
<b>Sunday June 24</b>	8am-6pm	<b>2018 Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk</b> .... a wonderful <b>community outreach</b> and fundraising event for Friends of Creamer's Field 907.978.5090.	Creamer's Field 1300 College Road
	12 noon - midnight	<b>Midnight Sun Festival</b> an annual celebration of summer solstice. Booths include Northern Alaska Environmental Center "with information on how you can get involved in protecting Interior and Arctic Alaska, t-shirts, stickers, and awesome company."... dance groups, traveling artists, local musicians and talent acts.	"take over the streets of downtown Fbks..." 1st, 2nd, 3rd Avenue & Golden Heart Plaza
	4-8pm	Sierra Club Political Training <b>Anchorage</b> - Ariel Hayes, Deputy Political Campaign Director for the Sierra Club and Jen Hensley, State Lobbying Director will lead. Alaskan Voices speaking at the Anch mtg: Rep. Andy Josephson, Michael Haukedalen, lobbyist, etc. For further information please call Susan Hansen, Fbks (818) 614-2734 AK Sierra Club Conservation Chair; Member of Alaskans For Wildlife	Sierra Club Office Board Rm 2nd floor 601 West 5 <sup>th</sup> ave Anchorage
<b>Monday June 25</b>	4-8pm  FOOD is provided + Hot Licks ice cream!	<b>Sierra Club Political Training Fbks</b> - Ariel Hayes, Deputy Political Campaign Director for the Sierra Club and Jen Hensley, State Lobbying Director will lead. Alaska voices will be included in this political training. Alaskan Voices speaking at the mtg include Rep. Scott Kawasaki, Jim Kowalsky, etc.  For further information please call Susan Hansen, Fbks (818) 614-2734 Alaska Sierra Club Conservation Chair; Member of Alaskans for Wildlife	Noel Wien Library Auditorium, 1215 Cowles St., Fbks
<b>Tuesday June 26</b>	11am-12noon AK time	<b>EVENT: ACLU Supreme Court Tele-Town Hall</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Trump v. Hawaii</i> – challenging the Muslim ban.</li><li>• <i>Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute</i> – fighting Ohio's voter purge.</li><li>• <i>Gill v. Whitford</i> – arguing that redistricting that entrenches a legislative majority violates the First Amendment.</li><li>• <i>Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado</i> – challenging the use of religion to discriminate against same-sex couples.</li><li>• <i>Carpenter v. United States</i> – maintaining that the Fourth Amendment requires the government to get a warrant before obtaining your location records from cell phone providers.</li><li>• <i>Jennings v. Rodriguez</i> – challenging the government's practice of detaining immigrants facing deportation proceedings for months or years without due process, including many long-term green card holders and asylum seekers.</li></ul> <p>The ACLU is counsel or friend-of-the court in all of these cases.</p>	<a href="#"><u>Click here to RSVP now.</u></a>
	4-6	<b>The Keep It In The Ground working group mtg</b>	at Native Movement
	7-8:30pm	<b>Smothered with VETCH</b> How to control bird vetch Learn what it takes to out-smart this plant so commonly seen along roadsides, on public property and in yards and gardens... Class will include identification of similar species, including native plants, that are not invasive.	UAF Cooperative Extension Service University Park Bldg

		<b>Registration:</b> There is no fee to register, but please contact the Cooperative Extension Service to get on the list, 474-1530 or <a href="mailto:rlboswell@alaska.edu">rlboswell@alaska.edu</a> .	1000 University Ave, Room 158
<b>Thursday June 28</b>	noon-1pm	<b>Fairbanks Housing &amp; Homelessness Mtg</b> <a href="mailto:fairbankshomeless@gmail.com">fairbankshomeless@gmail.com</a>	Council Chambers of City Hall, 800 Cushman
	6 pm - ?	<b>Regular FNSB Assembly mtg</b> , (Fbks North Star Borough); includes PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance #12 "Amending Title 18 Re Agriculture & Livestock in Various Zoning Districts Including to Add Urban Livestock & Market Gardens As Allowable Uses & Adding & Amending Definitions & Standards;" and Resolution #26 "Opposing A Policy Separating Immigrant Children From Their Parents" among other matters. <a href="http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Docuuments.aspx">http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Docuuments.aspx</a> .	Assembly Chambers Borough bldg, 907 Terminal St, Fbks
<b>Friday June 29</b>	8:30am-5pm	<b>Wood-fired Thermal Mass Heater Build-out Greenhouse Heat Workshop</b> FREE hands-on workshop  Learn to construct a wood-fired thermal mass heater and incubator that can be used to extend the growing season this fall and start seedlings early next spring. Art Nash, UAF Cooperative Extension Service Energy Specialist, will teach about combustion, thermal storage, wood gasification, heat distribution and other techniques to extend the growing season. Spend the day in Ester building a thermal mass heater.	ESTER, Alaska For details & workshop location contact Art at 474-6366 or <a href="mailto:alnashjr@alaska.edu">alnashjr@alaska.edu</a>
	12-2 pm	<b>FCAC Council Lunch mtg</b> <a href="mailto:fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com">fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com</a>	<b>CCHRC</b>
	2p	<b>Pebble Mine Comments Due</b> - Learn more at <a href="http://utbb.org/get-involved/">http://utbb.org/get-involved/</a> and you can view Pebble's application and get other EIS info at <a href="https://pebbleprojecteis.com/">https://pebbleprojecteis.com/</a>	
<b>Saturday June 30</b>	12 noon	<b>Families Belong Together Rally</b> - Join [Unitarian Universalist] Rev. Leslie at noon on June 30th in the Golden Heart Plaza on 1st Avenue in downtown Fairbanks for a rally in coordination with the <b>national movement to End Family Separation</b> . Visit <a href="#">HERE</a> for information about the large nationwide effort to bring this horrible policy to an end.	Golden Heart Plaza on 1st Avenue in downtown Fairbanks
		<b><u>After This Week</u></b>	
<b>Mon, July 2</b>	6:30-7pm	<b>Alaska News Nightly</b> resumes weekday broadcast in Interior Alaska.	KUAC 89.9 FM
<b>Wed, 7/4</b>	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
<b>Sat. July 7</b>	10am - ?	The [Fbks North Star Borough] clerk's office will be hosting a <b>local candidate open house</b> . Prospective candidates can pick up paperwork and ask questions about running for local office. The requirements to run for Borough Assembly or school board are simple. A candidate must be a registered Alaska voter and have at least one year of residency in the borough. For the school board, the residency requirement is 30 days in the school district. Financial disclosures must be made, and there is a \$25 filing fee. All local offices are nonpartisan.	Borough Bldg
<b>all summer</b>	<b>24/7</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 & southbound lanes of University Avenue, as well as temporary traffic signals. To see an interactive map, <a href="#">click here</a> to be taken to the Alaska Navigator site.	You can contact DOT & PF for up to date info: 451-5446
		<b>* Alaska's Congressional delegation:</b> Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121 <b>Rep Don Young</b> in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: <a href="http://donyoung.house.gov">donyoung.house.gov</a> ; <b>Sen Lisa Murkowski</b> in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: <a href="http://murkowski.senate.gov">murkowski.senate.gov</a> ; <b>Sen Dan Sullivan</b> in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: <a href="http://sullivan.senate.gov">sullivan.senate.gov</a>	<i>Go to <a href="http://www.alaska-peace.org">www.alaska-peace.org</a> "Community News" for Community organizations &amp; contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</i>

### Good News category:

from *Center for Science in the Public Interest*: “As of today, food manufacturers and restaurants are **no longer allowed to produce foods that contain partially hydrogenated oils**, the main dietary source of artificial trans fat. Eliminating artificial trans fat is preventing tens of thousands of heart attacks and deaths each year. Thanks to all of you who helped make this public health achievement possible through your emails to the FDA, Tweets at companies, and support of CSPI.” [See the timeline.](#)

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

### Peace

Per the U.S. Constitution, which branch of government is supposed to decide involvement in wars? To see a **panel discussion held in the U.S. Senate**, see <https://www.c-span.org/video/?430215-1/experts-senate-panel-aumf-needed-military-action-syria> (C-Span; 1:30) or (12 min) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7NP6rt1dZg>. Per Sen. Paul, “We are in illegal war!”

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from [codepink.org](#) : “We are heartbroken that the Saudi/Emirati coalition, with US support, has increased the suffering of the Yemeni people by attacking the Hodeidah Port. Bombing an essential entry point for food and medical supplies will worsen what is already considered today’s worst **humanitarian crisis**. The UN has said 22 million Yemenis are in need of aid and 8.4 million are on the brink of starvation.

“US officials tried to simultaneously deny involvement in the attack and brag about supporting Saudi Arabia. But Congress has never authorized the use of US military force in Yemen, making US involvement **not only immoral, but also unconstitutional**. [Urge your member of Congress to invoke war powers, forcing a vote to end the unconstitutional U.S. participation in the catastrophic Saudi-UAE assault on Hodeidah.](#)

“Bombing Hodeidah will only escalate the conflict, not solve it. As young Nobel Prize winner Malala Yousafzai wisely said, **“If you want to end the war then instead of sending guns, send books;** instead of sending tanks, send pens, instead of sending soldiers, send teachers”. We couldn’t agree more, and that’s why we are pleased to announce [CODEPINK’s 2018 virtual book club.](#)”

“President Donald **Trump** announced Monday he is directing the Pentagon to create a new “Space Force” as an **independent military service branch aimed at ensuring American supremacy in space** — though he may have limited power to develop a new military command.” 6-19-18

### Justice

“On Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> UUFF [Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks] took up a **special collection to support the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services, RAICES**. Our donation was \$1300.00. Our generous gift helps to support the efforts of RAICES in providing free legal services to immigrants and refugees who might otherwise be unable to afford representation.” [More Info 451-8838](#)  
Email [admin@uuff.org](mailto:admin@uuff.org)

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*Per Borough staff*, “ We were scheduled to meet with the mayor yesterday to get some direction on **potential land use restrictions in the [Military] Accident Potential Zone**; however, that meeting has been rescheduled for July.” [after July 9] see <http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/cp/Pages/JLUS.aspx>

Borough residents can give comments to the mayor and Borough Assembly at regular Borough Assembly meetings, usually item #6 shortly after 6pm, item #15, and #19 shortly before the end of the mtg, as well public hearing comments. See agendas at <http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx>.”

The City of North Pole has applied to be a Military Facility Zone; “...authority to exempt, in whole or in part and for up to a 10 year period, property in a designated military facility zone from municipal taxes.”

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from *ACLU\* of Alaska*: “*The ACLU Campaign for Smart Justice is an unprecedented, multiyear effort to reduce the U.S. jail and prison population by 50 percent and to combat racial disparities in the criminal justice system. We are working in all 50 states for reforms to usher in a new era of justice in America.*

*Here in Alaska, that means fighting to protect justice reforms we've achieved in the last few years.*

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### Sustainability

*Northern Alaska Environmental Center:*  
**Registration is open for the 22nd Annual Run for the Refuge!** Celebrate the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge with our 22nd Annual Run for the Refuge trail race, a 10k run and a 5k walk/run. This year's race will take place on Sunday, July 15th at 1pm. Race begins at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Ski Hut. Support the conservation of Alaska's refuge by participating in this fun, family-friendly event!

The 5K is stroller friendly, and is an enjoyable walk for those who are not competitive runners. Entry fee for either race includes post-race snacks, t-shirt for those who register in advance, and prizes for top finishers in each class (men, women, and children under 12). There will be door prizes and spectators are always welcome!”

**“::Mercury contamination of the watershed and tundra close to the Donlin gold mine is concerning.** The state of Alaska and the Federal EPA will allow Donlin Gold to dump treated mine water into Crooked Creek of a lesser quality than the water that is present today. Once the mine starts it is possible that during low water periods in winter the only water in the creek could be treated mine outfall waters. There are no studies that show if the resident fish in Crooked Creek can survive in this treated but polluted waters. *Delta Discovery*.

**“:: Trump's new oceans policy washes away Obama's emphasis on conservation and climate.** The Trump order deletes a preamble to the Obama policy that emphasized “how vulnerable our marine environments are,” called for improving the nation’s “capacity to respond to climate change and ocean acidification,” and stressed the need for “a national policy to ensure the protection, maintenance, and restoration of the health of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems.” It also drops the Obama order’s references to “social justice,” “biological diversity,” and “conservation.” *Science Magazine*.

**“:: Hypocrisy abounds in attacks on Stand for Salmon initiative.** Are not the petroleum giants that operate in Alaska—and have outsized influence in state politics — corporations based outside Alaska? And what about the mining companies that are either

Read the article at [newsminer.com](http://newsminer.com)

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from US Campaign for Palestinian Rights:

"Late last night, the Presbyterian Church (USA), which represents nearly 1.5 million Americans, voted *overwhelmingly* in support of justice for Palestinians through resolutions on everything from opposing legislation challenging boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) campaigns to defending the right to call Israel a colonial state!

A slate of pro-justice resolutions, put forth by USCPR member group Israel Palestine Mission Network (IPMN), passed with overwhelming majorities. PC(USA) rejected resolutions whitewashing Israel's treatment of Palestinians and instead cast votes:

1. Condemning Israel's attacks on protesters participating in the Great March for Return and calling for an end to Israel's illegal siege of the Gaza Strip;
2. Opposing Israel's illegal annexation of Jerusalem, and its discriminatory practices targeting Palestinians in access to employment, representation, infrastructure, services, and education;
3. Voting down legislation that scapegoated Palestinians for the deaths of Palestinian children killed by Israel, and presented false symmetry between the violence inflicted on Palestinian and Israeli children;
4. Affirming our right to boycott by condemning anti-BDS legislation being pushed at the state and federal level, including opposing the Israel Anti-Boycott Act;
5. Standing firmly in solidarity with Palestinian churches and receiving their call to recognize Israel as an apartheid state and intensify BDS campaigns;
6. Challenging the US president and State Department regarding Israel's discrimination against Palestinians and other citizens of Israel, and calling for US diplomatic action toward equality;
7. Challenging boycott target RE/MAX's profiting from sales in Israeli settlements;
8. Ensuring that interfaith relationships in the US are oriented toward justice rather than used as a fig leaf for Israel's violence against Palestinians;
9. Rejecting normalization efforts that ignore the power imbalance between Palestinians and Israelis;
10. Voting down a resolution seeking to end the classification of Israel as a "colonial project."

The resolutions won by a mile following powerful testimonies from local and visiting Palestinians, Black Lives Matter leaders, Presbyterians, and others. Most of the resolutions passed by 80 or 90 percent or unanimously in committee and through the General Assembly."

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from ACLU\*: "Today (6/22), the Supreme Court delivered a huge **win for digital privacy rights** in *Carpenter v. United States*. By a vote of 5 to 4, the justices ruled that the government needs a warrant to obtain our personal cellphone location data from our phone companies.

This ruling can revolutionize digital privacy as we know it, and it's critical every one of us understands the implications so we can safeguard our right to privacy. **I broke the decision down to explain how it translates to our everyday lives – read the analysis and know your rights.**"

\*American Civil Liberties Union

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from [act.winwithoutwar.org](http://act.winwithoutwar.org): "**Tell Congress: No War Profits from Detaining Kids** - To: The United States Congress

Trump's continued detention of migrant children and new indefinite family detention policy are a national emergency. And defense contractors like MVM, Inc. continue to profit off these inhumane detention policies from public tax dollars. Please speak out to demand an end to these policies.' [Add your name.](#)

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"Trump's interim director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Mick Mulvaney, has requested a budget of \$0 for the entire agency, joined forces with payday lenders and fired every member of the watchdog's consumer advocate advisory panel.<sup>1</sup>

Mulvaney is the same person who received hundreds of thousands of dollars in contributions from the banking and predatory lending industries, and then told a room full of bank lobbyists that as a congressman he only held meetings with lobbyists who donated money to his campaigns.<sup>2</sup>

**Stop Trump official from trading lobbyist contributions for access...Sign the petition.**" from [credoaction](#).

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"The House has overwhelmingly approved legislation designed to give health care providers **more tools to stem an opioid crisis** that is killing more than 115 people in the United States daily..." 6-23-18

**"State wants utilities to share tax savings"** 6-22-18.

*Read the articles at newsminer.com*

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from FCNL Native American Legislative Update "**Savanna's Act (S.1942/HR4485): Addresses the cirsis of missing and murdered Native women** by creating a standard

seeking to develop, or are already developing, gargantuan metal deposits? Or the company that sought to tear up the Chuitna River drainage to mine coal, before pulling out for its own financial reasons? **ADN**.

":: **June 27: Discover Alaska Lecture Series** "HAARP: New Frontiers in Space Science on the Last Frontier," Bob McCoy, director of UAF Geophysical Institute. 7pm, Murie Auditorium at UAF, Wednesdays through August 8. [See the complete schedule here](#).

":: **Call for artists:** On October 29, 2018 the Juliana v. United States trial will begin. We need a talented artist to join our team for this historical moment and visually document the Trial of the Century in art. [Learn more here](#).

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from Food & Water Watch

[act@messages.fwwatch.org](mailto:act@messages.fwwatch.org): "... grassroots support for 100% clean energy has led to 35 members of Congress sponsoring the bill. But your Representative isn't one of them. [Will you share this article with him and urge him to co-sponsor the Off Fossil Fuels for a Better Future Act?](#)... takes on the root causes of climate change and puts in place the bold measures we need to address the problem:

1. 100% clean, renewable energy by 2035
2. Ending all federal fossil fuel extraction and infrastructure projects
3. Raising billions for frontline communities and jobs programs"

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**"Warming drives spread of toxic algae in US, researchers say..."** 6-23-18

"The Environmental Protection Agency's decision to roll back a regulation to make hardrock mining companies pay for clean up is sparking a **new legal battle between Alaska and environmental groups...**" & "Alaska Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski has introduced an **Arctic specific farming bill** to address issues of food security, conservation and trade in Alaska." 6-22

"A **harmful bacteria** previously thought to live only in sheep and goats as been found in additional animals, including **Alaska caribou and moose**, according to a new study announced last week by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game." 6-18

*Read the full articles at newsminer.com*

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**"Tell Congress: Pass the WATER Act**

Four years after it began, Flint, Michigan's water crisis is not over. Earlier this year, tests showed lead levels above the federal limit in the water at five of nine Flint schools. **But we now know that the crisis goes far, far beyond**

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**“Stand for Alaska” v “Stand for Salmon” support:** See the June 22 post at <https://www.facebook.com/FairbanksClimateAction/>. Find out more at <https://www.standforsalmon.org/get-the-facts>. Read the actual initiative.

protocol for law enforcement and expanding tribal access to criminal databases. *Latest Update: New Senate sponsor! T. Tillis (R-NC)*  
“**SURVIVE Act** (S1870/HR4443): Provides a permanent 5% set-aside for tribes from the Crime Victims Fund, which supports victims provides grants for crime prevention and healing.  
“**Urban Indian Health Parity Act** (S2146/ HR4443) Allows urban Indian health centers to be fully reimbursed by the Federal Gov for Medicaid. *Latest update: New House Cosponsor! P. Jayapal (D-WA)*”

**Flint – and the children poisoned in Flint are not alone.** Over 3,000 American neighborhoods have childhood lead poisoning rates at least double those in Flint during the peak of its contamination crisis...<sup>21</sup>” from [act@credoaction.com](mailto:act@credoaction.com).

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

- Pollution, by Tom Lehrer*
- Werner von Braun, by Tom Lehrer*
- Marat Sade, sung by Judy Collins*
- Annie, by Fred Small*
- Don't laugh at Me, by Peter, Paul, & Mary*
- Tides of Change, by Susan Grace*

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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 Alaska Peace Center Activities? \*

### **Annual Outreach Costs**

Tanana Valley State Fair:  
\$800 for booth, pins and bumper stickers

### **Ongoing Expenses**

\$225 monthly office rent; \$30-\$50 monthly utilities and supplies

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