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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 July 15th, 2018

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

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
Sunday July 15	12 noon	Run for the Refuge - If you've been holding off on registering, you still have a chance to get in on the fun! Race day registration starts at noon at the UAF Ski Hut for the 5k and 10k, \$20 for kids under 12, and \$30 for adult walkers and runners. All proceeds will benefit our work for continued protection of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. We can't guarantee a t-shirt for race day registrants, but you'll still have a chance to win these runner prizes and door prizes donated by our generous sponsors. erica@northern.org .	UAF Ski Hut
Monday July 16		Filing period opens for Borough mayor, assembly, school board, and Interior Gas Utility seats ; Fbks City council, North Pole mayor and council seats, closes July 30, at 4:30pm.	
	12-1	Voter Registrar class: To become a voter registrar (non-paid), you can take a free 50-minute class at a Div- of Elections office. Call 451-2835 to sign up Info at http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/contactregionalelectionsoffices.php#blkR3	State office bldg on 7 th ave; 2 nd floor H3 at east end.
	5-9pm	The public is invited to a FREE wood energy and biomass forum Topics include: • Residential wood boilers • Choosing a wood stove • Pellets vs. chips vs. logs • Emissions and particulates • Greenhouse heat • Wood care [C]all 877-520-5211 or email snre-comm@alaska.edu .	new UAF Engineering Learning & Innovation Facility, 1764 Tanana Loop, Suite 401.
Tuesday July 17	7-8pm	Citizens for Clean Air is Hosting the Siemens Corp. in a presentation about natural gas options for our community . We are doing this because we need affordable bridge gas for North Pole and other areas as we move to renewables.. Come, learn, ask questions... Here is the link to the particulars: https://www.facebook.com/events/278615712891712/	Raven Landing Center, Senior Community Fbks, 1222 Cowles St
Wednesday July 18	7am Alaska time	JONES AND GABBARD TO HOST PRESS CONFERENCE ON H.Res. 922 RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF ALL WARS and the need for Congress to reclaim its constitutional duty of declaring military action and committing troops to foreign wars	
	3pm	Voter Registrar class: To become a voter registrar (non-paid), you can take a free 50-minute class at a Div- of Elections office. Call 451-2835 to sign up Info at http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/contactregionalelectionsoffices.php#blkR3	State office bldg on 7th ave; 2nd floor H3 at east end.
	7:00 pm	Discover Alaska Lecture Series -"Ruth Burnett Fish Hatchery and Stocking Interior Waters" by Travis Hyer, Assistant Hatchery Mngr CLICK HERE to download a full list of lectures.	Murie Auditorium, UAF West Ridge
Sunday July 22		Deadline to register to vote* in the August 21 Primary Election Register to vote or update your registration online	

		<u>After This Week</u>	
Monday July 23		<u>Deadline to comment on proposed hunting changes on national preserve lands.</u> Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke is attempting to amend the National Park Service's current regulations on the 17 million acres of National Park Preserves in Alaska that prohibit hunting practices such as killing of hibernating mother bears and cubs in their dens, baiting bears with human food, killing wolves and coyotes with pups during denning season, and using dogs to hunt bears. <u>Submit comments here.</u> NAEC	
	12-1pm	Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition July Mtg; tentative agenda includes Bridges Out of Poverty with free intro webinar Aug. 2, 8am, at Interior AIDS Association, 706 2 nd ave; Symposium on Homelessness II; Point In Time Count / Project Homeless Connect; <u>fairbankshomeless@gmail.com</u>	Council Chambers of City Hall, 800 Cushman St
Thursday July 26	4-5pm	Campaign Nonviolence National Conference Call. <u>Register for the conference call on July 26th</u> to receive your call-in number and pin. If you have any questions email us at	<u>info@paceebene.org</u>
	6 pm 7/26, 8/9, 8/23, 9/13, 9/27,	Regular FNSB Assembly mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough); <u>http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Docuuments.aspx</u> .	Assembly Chambers Borough bldg, 907 Terminal St, Fbks
Monday, July 30	7pm	:: Save the Date: July 30: Tim Easton at the Northern Center. 7pm. Nashville-based Alaska favorite songwriter Tim Easton will perform a benefit concert in our backyard on College Road. Proceeds from the concert will benefit our work to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Ticket details will be available soon; please save the date and tell your friends, and join us for an intimate listening experience for a good cause! NAEC	
July 31	Deadline	--- <i>from shelly@agnewbeck.com:</i> Draft Eielson Air Force Base Regional Growth Plan - AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT! .. <input type="checkbox"/> View, download and/or print the draft plan through the project website: <u>www.eafbregionalgrowth.com</u> . or at libraries or borough Mayor's office • How to Comment on the Draft Plan • Email: <u>comments@eafbregionalgrowth.com</u> • Mail: Mayor's Office, FNSB Re: EAFB RGP Comments PO Box 71267 Fairbanks AK 99707	The DEADLINE for comments is July 31st, 2018.
Sat. Sept. 8 & Sun. 9/9		An <u>Alaska Net Hack Challenge</u> is being planned for Sept. 8 and 9 that aims to identify potential opportunities for using the tons of old nets piled up in landfills and storage lots across the state and develop new items from the materials. Fishing nets can weigh from 5,000 to 20,000 pounds each.	
		<i>Alaska's Congressional delegation:</i> Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121 Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: <u>donyoung.house.gov</u> ; Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: <u>murkowski.senate.gov</u> - Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: <u>sullivan.senate.gov</u>	<u>www.alaskapeace.org</u> Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.

Good News category:

from Friends Committee on National Legislation **Native American Legislative Update** Major Legislative Win - Tribal Set-Aside of the Crime Victims Fund: **SURVIVE Act (S.1870/H.R.4443)**... continue to lobby Congress throughout the appropriations process to ensure that the five percent set-aside remains in the final bill. In the meantime, we continue to advocate for the permanent tribal set-aside provided in the SURVIVE Act.

National Public Radio reports that a record number of Native women are running for office.

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

Peace

from *Veterans For Peace*: "

Veterans For Peace strongly opposes the nomination of Robert Wilkie as U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary. His history shows an alarming alliance with racist, sexist, and homophobic political figures and organizations. Wilkie has also been clear that he supports Trump's privatization efforts, under the dishonest guise of "offering veterans choices" for their healthcare. The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee voted on Tuesday, 7/10 to confirm Robert Wilkie as the Secretary of Veteran Affairs. The nomination will now go to the full Senate and the vote could be as early as next week. **It is imperative that the Senate says NO to Wilkie! Write and Call your Senator Today! [Click here to take action!](#)**

"Close RIMPAC! the largest maritime war exercise in the world now here in Hawai'i. In spite of ongoing peace talks between the U.S. & North Korea, the US Marines have constructed a mock North Korean village and have led their allies in training on how to storm and clear a Korean village. While previously only disclosed to me via inside sources, the Kaneohe Marine Corps just released [actual footage](#).

"Veterans For Peace-Hawai'i Chapter stands with Na Kanaka Maoli, the first peoples of Hawai'i as they stand in opposition to RIMPAC and the use of our homeland in war games aimed at the destruction of all peoples. In particular the peoples of Korea for whom these exercises appear to be directed.

["Sign the petition and find out more* ways to help!"](#)

**Per World Can't Wait-Hawai'i, "26 nations, more than 25,000 personnel, 50+ ships, 5 submarines, ground troops from 18 countries, and 250 planes are expected to participate in the month-long 2018 exercises... Kaho`oloawe, the 5th largest island in Hawai'i ... was completely destroyed by U.S. bombing practice... RIMPAC exercises further destroy the environment and cultural sites and subject surrounding communities to aerosolized Depleted Uranium and other toxins..."*

"Press Conference on Resolution to Require Congressional Approval of War
WASHINGTON, DC – Next week, Representatives Walter B. Jones (NC-3) and Tulsi Gabbard (HI-2), along with retired U.S. Marine Captain Matthew Hoh and constitutional lawyer Bruce Fein, will host a press conference announcing their

Justice

from *ACLU of Alaska*: "...Trump has been explicit about his agenda to strip women of their right to make their own health care decisions. **Now, Justice Kennedy's retirement is the moment anti-choice extremists have been waiting for.** During his 30-year term, Kennedy provided the decisive vote in the 5-4 decision to uphold *Roe v. Wade*.

[Send an urgent message to Lisa and Dan now: Trump's Supreme Court nominee must take a public position on Roe v. Wade before the confirmation vote.](#)

from *Bernie Sanders*: "...Brett Kavanaugh's record has made it clear he will use his position on the court to protect corporations at the expense of workers, to allow corporations and the wealthy to buy elections and to undermine voting rights... [We must oppose Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court. This is critical to protect our democracy, so please sign now.](#)

"Corrections seeks alternatives to halfway houses" *Read the article at KTOO & Alaska Public Media 6/28.*

from *Ariel Gold, CODEPINK* info@codepink.org "Over the past year, Israel has **denied entry or tried to deport members of the Center for Constitutional Rights, Jewish Voice for Peace, Human Rights Watch and more.**

Watch and share the above [video](#) about our BDS work.

- [Join our open letter telling Israel to stop denying entry to human rights advocates](#)
- [Read and share](#) with your friends my op-ed in the Forward
- Post the cartoon by brilliant Brazilian artist Latuff on your [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

[. 4 things you can do to support the treaty."](#)

from *Alaska Department of Health and Social Services* AlaskaDHSS@public.govdelivery.com
Seeking public comment on 2018 Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant
The Title V Block Grant is a Federal-State partnership program to improve the health of mothers and children, including children and youth with special health care needs.
...descriptions of the Title V program:

Sustainability

from info@standforsalmon.org: "[Check out our most recent video of Charlie Wright in Tanana and share it with your friends.](#) As our opposition ramps up their spending on advertising, it is vital that we make Alaskan voices like Charlie's loud and clear. Will you like, comment on, and share this video?"

Northern Alaska Environmental Center: "The Yukon-Kuskokwim River Alliance was formed in Bethel to oppose Donlin, and in the last month has already recruited over 500 members throughout the region. Four tribes, Tulusak, Chuloonawick (Emmonak), Nunapitchuk, and Orutsaramiut Native Council, have joined in opposition, and have passed resolutions against the mine.

"If built, Donlin would be one of the largest mines in the world and could have major impacts on subsistence resources, water quality, and traditional ways of life. Increased barge traffic on the Kuskokwim could hasten erosion and endanger smelt spawning while the open pit mine itself would increase mercury levels in the water and require water treatment in perpetuity – as close to forever as anyone can guess.

"Join the Y-K River Alliance and the Northern Center in [contacting Governor Walker](#) & tell him Alaskans say no to Donlin.

"Feel free to [stop by our office](#) at 830 College Road, or reach out via phone or email.

"Copper Country Alliance wants your photos!" Our friends at Copper Country Alliance are working on many fronts to educate the public about the values of the Tangle Lakes/Eastern Denali Highway region and the protections that would come with a future state game refuge.

"You can give the work a boost with your photos of the region, from about mile 4 to mile 40 of the north side of the Denali Highway. Paddling, camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, hanging out, scenery, birds, other wildlife, berries - just about anything! Please contact cca@coppervalleyak.net. "

from fairbanksclimateaction.org 7/9: "CALT (Climate Action Leadership Team) received over 350 pages of substantive public comment. The second draft will be significantly updated with action items. There was also clarification on a next administration and it was clarified that unless the next administration cancels the order for the CALT it will remain in place.
--July 17 - Next Full Draft available for public consumption for two weeks.

introduction of H.Res. 922, a resolution that would define presidential wars not declared by Congress as impeachable 'high crimes and misdemeanors.'

Read the Bill and the full Press Release

"Divest from the War Machine"

The Smedley Butler Chapter of VFP in Boston has joined the [Divest from the War Machine Coalition](#), a massive initiative to reel in the U.S. war machine by demanding that our institutions, municipalities, faith communities and others divest their money from weapons companies and those who support them.

"To support this work, CODEPINK and As You Sow have released **Weapon Free Funds**, a searchable fund database that will help us cut our ties to militarism and gun violence.

"Check out this [AMAZING new resource!](#)"

[Note that TIAA CREF, in which UA Advance College Tuition is invested - often through a simple choice on Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend applications - is top amongst the High Weapons Risk funds, despite calling themselves "Social Choice".]

"The Peace Report: Leave No One Behind These veterans have been deported, separated from their families and left with no healthcare from the VA.

[Watch the Video Now](#) p.s. To Support VFP's Deported Veteran Advocacy Project, [click here!](#)

- [The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs](#)

Your feedback is an integral part of the Block Grant application process and assures your priorities are represented and that Alaska's women, children and families are best served...please visit our website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/wcfh/Pages/titlev/default.aspx>. We sincerely appreciate your time to review these documents and will take into consideration any feedback you provide. You can provide public comment using any of the following options below:

Preferred Method - Online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LOZJB7N>

Comments can also be emailed to daniella.delozier@alaska.gov. If you have any questions about the public comment process or need assistance completing the survey, please contact Daniella 907-269-3446 or via email [above]"

"JUNEAU — A small Alaska newspaper is scrambling to distribute papers after the U.S. Postal Service refused shipment over a marijuana ad."

& "Detaining immigrant kids a billion-dollar industry"

Read the articles at [newsminer.com](#).

--Aug 2 - full CALT team will meet in ANC to finalize recommendations. Public can attend or call in First Week of Sept - Submitted to Gov office."

"US expected to become world's top oil producer" [Read the AP article from newsminer.com](#)

[from International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons \(ICAN\): "One year ago, on July 7th, 2017 the UN adopted the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons...](#) 59 countries must join - that is, sign and ratify - the treaty for it to enter into force. To date, 59 countries have signed the treaty and last Thursday, [Costa Rica's ratification brought the number of States Party to the Treaty to 11!](#) With several new ratifications in the works, and many more campaigns running behind the scenes, we are well on our way

[from aclu@aclu.org*: "Check out how your members of Congress voted on civil rights and civil liberties. Let's turn the tide in November, and put civil liberties and civil rights on the ballot."](#)

*American Civil Liberties Union

Spotlight

Rob Mulford, Asymmetric Moose, interviews members of the Freedom Flotilla
<https://jfp.freedomflotilla.org/>

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

- ICE by David Rovics
- Boys and their Toys by Susan Grace
- Where I'm Bound by Robin Dale Ford
- We All Need More Kindness In This World by Guy Davis
 - Subcity by Tracy Chapman
 - Stand Up For Love by Susan Grace
 - Stuck Together by Glacial Erratics
 - Saili' Up Sailin' Down by Pete Seeger

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?*

One example of what peace advocacy costs: Advertising:

\$4 - \$37 per event for printing flyers

\$250 - \$500 banner ad, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

\$2000 for 1/3 page ad, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

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True peace is not merely the absence of tension. It is **May Peace be with you! Have a good week!*