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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 July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

*Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
<b>Sat. 7/21 - Sun, 7/29</b>		<p>Local Fairbanks artist <a href="#">Sara Tabbert</a> ... has pledged half of her sale proceeds to land conservation in the Goldstream Valley! <a href="#">Learn more here.</a></p> <p><i>interioraklandtrust.org</i></p> <p>ALSO: Sandy McWhirter, Katie Stewart, Jeff Brown and Ernie Titus are self-taught artists from the Fairbanks Resource Agency's Progressive Art Program, which provides time, space and resources to people with developmental disabilities to create art and develop an art practice. This work draws from each artist's individual experiences of neuro-divergence.</p>	<b>UAF University Art Gallery</b> , Rm 313, Fine Arts Complex On the left side of the Great Hall, first door to the left immediately upon entering the wing.
<b>Monday July 30</b>	<b>deadline 5 p.m.</b>	<b>to sign up to run for mayor, city council, borough assembly, school board and the Interior Gas Utility Board of Directors.</b>	
	7-9pm	<p><b>Tim Easton at the Northern Center.</b> Nashville-based Alaska favorite songwriter Tim Easton will perform a <b>benefit concert</b> in our backyard on College Road. Proceeds from the concert will benefit our work to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Please save the date and tell your friends, and join us for an intimate listening experience for a good cause! Tickets are \$20, and are available now <a href="#">online here</a>, or at the door. Food will be available for purchase from local food trucks.</p> <p>Proceeds from this intimate listening experience will support our work to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.</p> <p>You can learn more about Tim and his music <a href="#">here</a>, and listen on Spotify. Info: 452-5021 NAEC</p>	Northern Alaska Environmental Center back yard, 830 College Rd, Fbks
<b>Tuesday July 31</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<p>--- <a href="mailto:shelly@agnewbeck.com">from shelly@agnewbeck.com</a>: 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: <a href="http://www.eafbregionalgrowth.com">www.eafbregionalgrowth.com</a>. or at libraries or borough Mayor's office</p> <p>Please <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> to learn about F-35-related education and early childhood development demand, capacity and example recommended strategies for addressing the estimated gap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>How to Comment on the Draft Plan</b></li><li>• <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:comments@eafbregionalgrowth.com">comments@eafbregionalgrowth.com</a></li></ul> <p><b>The DEADLINE for comments is July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mail: Mayor's Office, FNSB Re: EAFB RGP Comments PO Box 71267 Fairbanks AK 99707</li></ul>
	The deadline to register is Tuesday.	“Spaces remain in the National Park Service’s “ <b>writing in the woods</b> ” <b>nature journaling camp for third- to sixth-graders</b> . The camp is 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 6-10, with drop-off and check-in starting at 9:15 a.m. each day. The camp is based at the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center, but includes field trips to outdoors sites around Fairbanks. Students will practice writing, art and math skills while keeping a nature journal. To register, email <a href="mailto:faplic_education@nps.gov">faplic_education@nps.gov</a> or stop by the Morris Thompson Center between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.” <a href="#">newsminer.com</a>	Morris Thompson Center
	12 noon		830 College Road

		<p>'Bring your lunch, coffee, or just yourself, and see what we're up to. [Northern Center] Photography Intern Rachel Ruston will be presenting her work for our members and staff. <b>If you're interested in seeing what the Northern Center has been up to all summer</b>, come down to our office for a brown bag-style lunch at noon and <u>check out the slideshow</u> that Rachel has put together from her shoots around Fairbanks and beyond. Rachel made sure our events, travels, and day to day life was well-documented; come check it out!'</p>	
	5-8pm	<p><b>Salmon Action Night: Art &amp; Op-Ed Writing Party!</b> Public · Hosted by <u>Northern Center</u> and <u>The Alaska Center</u></p>	Northern Alaska Environmental Center 830 College Rd, Fbks
Wednesday August 1	9-10am	<p>:: <b>CHE-Alaska Call: PFAS Contaminated Drinking Water in the U.S: A Look at the Extent of Contamination, the Failure of the EPA, and the Success of Community Action.</b> . Join David Andrews of EWG* and Shaina Kasper of Toxics Action Center to hear more about the widespread problem of PFAS contamination, the failure of EPA to regulate drinking water contaminants and how states and communities are taking action. We will also give an update on PFAS contaminated drinking water around Fairbanks, Alaska where Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation water samples revealed extensive contamination from firefighting foam. <u>Sign up here</u>. <i>from NAEC</i> *Environmental Working Group</p>	Teleconference
	6 p.m.	<p><b>A special meeting of the Borough Assembly</b> - to address 4 ordinances aimed at raising taxes for school and municipal building improvements.</p>	Borough Bldg
	7:00 pm	<p><b>Discover Alaska Lecture Series - "Eielson Update on the F-35s"</b> by <b>Kevin Blanchard</b>, Director, 354th Fighter Wing</p>	Murie Auditorium, University of Alaska Fbks West Ridge
Friday August 3	12 – 10pm	<p><b>Alaska Peace Center booth at Tanana Valley State Fair</b> Fri, August 3 - Sat, Aug. 11 Come check out T-shirts, bumper stickers, pins, literature, education about issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability at our booth in the Borealis Pavilion, near the Blue Gate of the Fairgrounds! For more information, contact <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a>. Volunteer booth staffers contact 388-0560.</p>	Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds, 1800 College Rd, Fbks Borealis Pavilion
Saturday August 4	12 – 10pm	<p><b>Alaska Peace Center booth at Tanana Valley State Fair</b>, Borealis Pavilion</p>	Fairgrounds, 1800 College Rd,
Sunday August 5	10:30 am	<p><b>So You Want To Be A Treehugger</b> - Trees are more like us than we've ever known, according to recent scientific studies. Join Susan and Jeanne to explore and celebrate tree selfness and our relationship with them. Of course, you are welcome to come dressed as a treehugger or wear your favorite tree attire. It promises to be a very grounding and delightful program. <b>Leaders:</b> Susan Grace and Jeanne Olson <b>Music:</b> Marsha Sousa</p>	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
	12 – 10pm	<p><b>Alaska Peace Center booth at Tanana Valley State Fair</b>, Borealis Pavilion</p>	Fairgrounds,
		<u><b>After This Week</b></u>	
Aug. 6 & 9		<p><b>Anniversary of the U.S. dropping atomic bombs on millions of Japanese civilians in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.</b></p>	
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Tuesday August 7	TBD	<p>AFSC (Michael Merryman-Lotze, <a href="https://www.afsc.org/media-kit/bios/michael-merryman-lotze">https://www.afsc.org/media-kit/bios/michael-merryman-lotze</a>) and FCNL (Theo Sither, <a href="https://www.fcnl.org/people/theo-sither">https://www.fcnl.org/people/theo-sither</a>) event on peace building with focus on Middle East</p>	TBD
Friday August 10 <sup>th</sup>	5-8pm	<p>:: <b>3rd Annual Wild Salmon Day.</b> . Join us this year for a Community Salmon Potluck at the Chief David Salmon Tribal Hall, right by the Chena River. We'll have music, dancing, movies about our favorite fish to eat, and of course, lots of food. Bring your favorite dish and side to share and celebrate with us! <i>NAEC</i></p>	

Saturday August 11	7 pm	<p><b>UUFF will be hosting a concert by renowned activist singer-songwriter Jim Scott.</b> Jim tours nationwide performing songs supporting the Earth, social conscience, and peace. ... Drawing on classic songs of peace, earth and justice along with his own well-crafted melodies and words, Jim invites us all to get involved with the ideals he raises. Honed through his years with the Paul Winter Consort, Jim's guitar mastery and enchanting manner moved folk legend Pete Seeger to call him "Some kind of magician." Suggested donation of \$10-\$20, sliding scale fee. All are welcome!</p>	UUFF
		<p><b>2018 Election Timeline:</b>  <b>Monday August 6th - 2018 Primary Absentee and Early Voting Begins</b>  <b>Tuesday August 21st - Primary Election Day</b>  <i>Tuesday October 2nd - Municipal Election Day</i>  <i>Sunday October 7th - Deadline to register to vote/update voter registration</i>  <i>Monday October 22nd - 2018 General Absentee and Early Voting Begins</i>  <i>Tuesday November 6th - General Election Day (thanks faf)</i></p>	
		<p><b>Alaska's Congressional delegation:</b>  <b>Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121</b>  <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></p>	<a href="http://www.alaskapeace.org">www.alaskapeace.org</a> Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.
		<p>from <a href="mailto:fcnlinfo@fcnl.org">fcnlinfo@fcnl.org</a>: "Your members of Congress are home [during the August recess]...<b>Three Steps to Dropping by a Congressional Office</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Print out a one-pager...</b> calling for Rep. Young and Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan to take action.</li> <li><b>2. Find your closest congressional offices.</b>  <b>Representative Don Young</b> - Fbks: Key Bank Building, 100 Cushman St.  <b>Sen Lisa Murkowski</b> - Fbks: Courthouse Square, 250 Cushman St, Ste 2D  <b>Senator Dan Sullivan</b> - Fbks: Federal Building, 101 12th Ave.</li> <li><b>3. Pay them a visit!</b> No need to make an appointment -- just stop by during business hours. Here's a sample script you can use once you get there: "Hi, my name is Concerned Citizen, and I'm a constituent from Fbks, Alaska. Could you pass this document along to the right staff member for me and ask them to let me know your office's position?"</li> </ol>	

### Good News category:

from [fairbanksclimateaction.org](http://fairbanksclimateaction.org) 7/25: "**GVEA passed a Renewable Energy Pledge** which states they will "reduce GVEA's CO2 emissions rate (measured by tons per MWH) by 26% over the 2012 emissions rate by 2030 with no adverse long-term impact on rates." Please give them a shout out and encourage more action which supports our energy being created by community owned renewable energy!

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

### Peace

from [winwithoutwar.org](http://winwithoutwar.org): "Late Sunday night, Donald Trump tweeted a threat to attack Iran... **Demand your Members of Congress speak out now and shut down Trump's calls for war with Iran.** Fifteen years ago, ultra-hawk John Bolton helped engineer the Iraq War. And Congress let him... **The time for constituent pressure is NOW.**"

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from [United National Antiwar Coalition \(UNAC\)](http://unitednationalantiwarcoalition.org): "**Stop Trump's Military Parade** planned for November 10, 2018 - At a time when the United States' military budget is growing, now constituting 57% of our federal discretionary spending, programs for domestic needs such as food, education, housing and health care are being cut and US militarization is infecting most of the countries of the world,

### Justice

from . **Defend the Sacred AK:** "July 25, 5:35pm His name was Eric Hash. He was murdered by a trooper in Copper Center who shot him and then wouldn't let anyone give him medical attention for 45 minutes. Community members, including children, watched and were not allowed to help. Eric Hash was a son, a nephew, a father, a brother. Meanwhile Trooper Leigh is back at work with no charges against him. Call Governor Walker's office, the state must be held responsible, murder is not above the law. ... [See More](#)"

"The incident is the fourth trooper-involved shooting this year," per [an article in Anchorage Daily News 7/9/18](#).

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### Sustainability

from [FCNL](http://fcnl.org): "On Monday, a group of House Republicans introduced the first significant, Republican-led proposal to address climate change in nearly a decade. **The MARKET CHOICE Act**, introduced by Reps. Carlos Curbelo (FL-26) and Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-08), would increase demand for clean energy by **taxing carbon**. [According to Columbia University](#), it would reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 30-40 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, exceeding the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement... [Reach out to your representative today and tell them that it's time to put a price on carbon.](#)"

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*Northern Alaska Environmental Center:*  
**"The breadth of the current administration's commitment to weakening environmental**

our schools and our communities, President Trump plans to spend more than \$30 million dollars to parade tanks and weapons through the streets of Washington, DC on Veteran's Day weekend this November. While it is President Trump who is calling for the parade, both major political parties are responsible for escalating US militarization and aggression throughout the world. Members of Congress voted nearly unanimously to give the Pentagon \$70 billion more than requested in the current budget and are complicit in antagonizing Russia, North Korea, Iran and Venezuela. For more info and to read more: <http://notrumpmilitaryparade.us/?r=unac>"

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**from Veterans For Peace: "Action Needed: Support Brittany DeBarros!"**... an army reserve officer, [who] scheduled a series of tweets and facebook posts with facts on U.S. militarism during her #14DayOrders. She got to Day 8 when the [Army Times](#) released an article calling her actions "anti-military" and indicated that she is being investigated for political speech while serving.

"In solidarity, About Face: Veterans Against War, Veterans For Peace and other veteran advocacy groups have continued to tweet the remaining facts and include more information on each of the facts. All of the posts that Brittany has made are facts, sourced from the military itself, (click here to see Brittany's sources), so to indicate that these posts are anti-military would mean that the military disagrees with their own actions

["Click here to see past tweets,](#) otherwise follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and retweet/reshare when each fact gets released!

"We are assembling letters of support for Brittany, who is being overwhelmed with negative responses by trolls. Send your note of support to [press@veteransforpeace.org](mailto:press@veteransforpeace.org) and we will compile them all for Brittany."

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"Japan has been militarizing their country more and more in the past 2 years after **changing their "interpretation" of their famous Article 9, also considered their "Peace Constitution",** which has kept Japan out of war for several decades. The Japanese people are extremely interested in the experiences of Post-911 veterans of the Global War on Terror. **Veterans can give them a warning of what's to come if they continue their militarizing efforts.**" [Read Will's Entire Piece.](#)

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**from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL):** "The House just passed the **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)**. Hidden inside this **\$716 billion bill** is a green light and **\$65 million in funding**

"With over 1,000 District Attorneys are up for reelection this fall, the ACLU's Smart Justice project is working to make people aware of the **extraordinary powers prosecutors have**, so they can **make informed decisions when they cast ballots for judicial candidates.** [Watch and then share this short video](#) for a look at how prosecutors can help end mass incarceration and reform our criminal justice system." *from American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)*

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*from American Friends Service Committee (AFSC):* "[Speaking up for Palestinian children's rights:](#) Watch this Facebook video of Rep. Betty McCollum urging colleagues to [co-sponsor a bill](#) that would prohibit U.S. taxpayer funds from supporting human rights violations against Palestinian children in Israeli military detention..."

["ReFramingJustice podcast:](#) Check out the new podcast from AFSC's Arizona office, which amplifies the voices of people who are formerly incarcerated and directly impacted by our system of criminal punishment."

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*from Bernie Sanders:* "Right now, there are over 700,000 people in county or city jails — sixty-five percent of them, more than 400,000 people, have not been convicted of a crime. Many are locked up simply because they cannot afford bail. The United States ... over 2 million people in jail, more than any other nation on earth, and they are disproportionately African-American, Latino, and Native American. We spend \$80 billion a year keeping people behind bars, money which could be used for education, job creation and affordable housing. [Will you join me and sign up as a Citizen Cosponsor of the No Money Bail Act?](#)"

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*from Courage to Resist [courage@riseup.net](mailto:courage@riseup.net):* "**US Military Ordered to Host Massive Immigrant Concentration Camps** - We believe that all military personnel have a moral and legal obligation to refuse to comply with any order that involves collaboration with these camps... facilities are being constructed and used to imprison large numbers of a persecuted minority in a relatively small area with inadequate facilities (the definition of a concentration camp).

"Military officials, in response to pressured deadlines from the White House, have stated that these camps can begin to be operational by mid-August. Estimates are that capacity for another 10,000 people can be added each month..."

"The military is strictly prohibited from **domestic policing as stated in the constitution** yet military personnel are being

regulations and rollback of protections is becoming ever more clear with the recent announcement that the Department of Interior will no longer require companies to pay for the damage they cause to land, waters, and wildlife through the process of compensatory mitigation.

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*from fairbanksclimateaction.org 7/25:*

**"Help Organize the 2018 Peoples Climate March!"** Sept 8th is the Peoples Climate March and we want your help! Please reach out to our [team](#) if you'd like to help in the planning, art, or support of this event! If not save the date and we will see you out there marching for the climate, jobs, and justice AKA a #JustTransition!

**"SAVE THE DATE!"** We will be having our next general meeting on **October 6th!** We will dive into strategic planning for 2018, how we can diversify our movement and how you can step into action and/or leadership. We cannot do this without you, this is our collaboration and our community - can you commit to spending the day with us? Please do! "

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"FCC opened the door to the nation's largest banks, retailers, debt collectors, student loan servicers and their Washington, D.C., lobbyists, pushing the FCC to erode vital consumer protections from robocalls. Capital One, USAA, AT&T and Wells Fargo were among the top 10 sources of robocalls to the 907 area code in June.

"The robocallers want the FCC to eviscerate the prohibition against autodialed calls and texts to cellphones without the consumer's consent and strip consumers of our right to tell the robocallers to stop calling..."

"Sen. Dan Sullivan, majority member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, which oversees the FCC, is well-positioned to go to bat for us. **Sen. Sullivan must demand that the FCC put Alaskans' rights to privacy above the interests of robocallers** and their D.C. lobbyists. Jill Yordy" letter to editor [newsminer.com](#)

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"...After spending years fighting the federal government for the right to do so, a Texas company was given the green light to post blueprints online **showing people how to make 3D-printed guns** from the comfort of their home. ... guns that can't be flagged by metal detectors, don't have serial numbers to trace, and don't require the usual background checks." *Read the rest of the article at [newsminer.com](#) 7/27*

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for a "low-yield" nuclear warhead  
hundreds of times more destructive than  
any conventional weapon."

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drafted into doing just that... *Being quite clearly an illegal order, the question is who will refuse to aid and abet?* [\*\*> READ OUR FULL STATEMENT HERE\*\*](#)

from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): **Justice for Native women and girls:** House Democrats introduced their version of the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization. The bill includes several significant provisions to prevent violence against Native American women."

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

--*Salmon River*, by Dean Stevens (from album *Songs of the Earth, a Tribute to Rachel Carson*)

-- *The Mountain*, by Steve Earle

-- *Give a Damn*, by Odetta

-- *(Keep On) Movin' It On*, by Odetta

-- *Return*, by Jonatan

-- *Palestinian Youth Dance the Dabke* by Jonatan

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

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*- 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.  
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### **Annual Outreach Costs**

Tanana Valley State Fair:

\$800 for booth, pins and bumper stickers

### **Potluck Presentations, Peace Feast and Special Events**

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

*“True peace is not merely the absence of tension. It is the presence of justice.” Martin Luther King, Jr.*