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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 August 5, 2018

Be ready for opportunities to participate!

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
month of August	August	<p>from fcnlinfo@fcnl.org: "Your members of Congress are home [during the August recess]...Three Steps to Dropping by a Congressional Office</p> <p>1. Print out a one-pager... calling for Rep. Young and Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan to take action.</p> <p>2. Find your closest congressional offices.</p> <p>Representative Don Young - Fbks: Key Bank Building, 100 Cushman St. Sen Lisa Murkowski - Fbks: Courthouse Square, 250 Cushman St, Ste 2D Senator Dan Sullivan - Fbks: Federal Building, 101 12th Ave.</p> <p>3. Pay them a visit! 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?"</p>	www.alaskapeace.org <u>Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</u> Monday August 6th - 2018 Primary Absentee and Early Voting Begins Tuesday August 21st - Primary Election Day
Sunday August 5	10:30 am	So You Want To Be A Treehugger - 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. Leaders: Susan Grace and Jeanne Olson Music: Marsha Sousa	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
	12 – 10pm	Alaska Peace Center booth at Tanana Valley State Fair 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 info@alaskapeace.org . Volunteer booth staffers contact 388-0560.	Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds, 1800 College Rd, Fbks Borealis Pavilion
	12-10pm	Tanana Valley State Fair Primary Election Straw Poll Aug 3 - 11 "The League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley [lwvtv], a non partisan political organization, invites you to stop by our booth and participate in our primary election straw poll. Register to vote, learn about early and absentee voting and see who will be on the ballot for our state and municipal elections. The League of Women Voters , established in 1917, encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Our mission is to make democracy work. Ask us how you can be a part of this mission today!"	Borealis Pavilion Tanana Valley State Fair · Fairbanks, AK
Monday August 6	08:15 (in Hiroshima)	In 1945, the United States dropped the first atomic bomb	
		2018 Primary Absentee and Early Voting Begins	
	12 – 10pm	Alaska Peace Center booth at Tanana Valley State Fair , Borealis Pavilion Also, lwvtv Tanana Valley State Fair Primary Election Straw Poll	Fairgrounds, 1800 College Rd,

	5:30pm	53 rd anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. <i>NAACP of Anchorage presents The Voting Rights Act and What's at Stake on the Supreme Court ...</i> discussion of Civil Rights & Liberties, Worker/Native/Women's Rights, Environmental Justice & much more. “Join the NAACP's Voting Rights Act Birthday Party & Protest” Notice sent by alaska@poorpeoplescampaign.org	Anchorage: BP Energy Ctr 900 E Benson Blvd.
Tuesday August 7	12 – 10pm	Alaska Peace Center booth at Tanana Valley State Fair, Borealis Pavilion Also, Iwvtv Tanana Valley State Fair Primary Election Straw Poll	Fairgrounds, 1800 College Rd,
	7pm	FREE Presentation: PEACE BUILDING EFFORTS with focus on Israel and Palestine , by Michael Merryman-Lotze of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), and Theo Sither of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), co-sponsored by the Alaska Peace Center and the Chena Ridge Friends Meeting (Quakers). For more information email info@alaskapeace.org . See https://www.fcnl.org/people/theo-sither https://www.afsc.org/media-kit/bios/michael-merryman-lotze	1744 Farmers Loop Rd, across from the golf course and KFAR transmitter
Wednesday August 8	12 – 10pm	Alaska Peace Center booth at Tanana Valley State Fair, Borealis Pavilion Also, Iwvtv Tanana Valley State Fair Primary Election Straw Poll	Fairgrounds, 1800 College Rd,
	6:30 pm	Fbks NSBorough Sustainability Commission mtg	Noel Wien Library
Thursday August 9	11:01 a.m. Nagaasaki time, 1945	The ‘ Fat Man ’ [nuclear bomb], containing a core of about 5 kg (11 lb) of plutonium , was dropped over [Nagasaki’s] industrial valley ... a major portion of the city was protected by the intervening hills... 39,000–80,000 people died acutely, many more later as a result of the bombing.	
	12 – 10pm	Alaska Peace Center booth at Tanana Valley State Fair, Borealis Pavilion Also, Iwvtv Tanana Valley State Fair Primary Election Straw Poll	Fairgrounds, 1800 College Rd,
	2:15 pm AKDT	Watch from Home: Nagasaki Remembrance: Stories that Stir, and our Work Today. Friends Committee on National Legislation Friend in Washington Diana Roose will share the wisdom of 11 survivors of the August 1945 atomic bombing. Today, these survivors—teachers, artists, poets, doctors, and researchers—are committed advocates for nuclear disarmament...	You can watch live from Alaska via livestream.
	9 am AKDT	“BlackRock/Divest from War: Why does a company that calls itself ‘socially responsible’ invest millions in weapons manufacturers? CODEPINK’s Nancy Mancias and Natasha Rappazzo will talk about BlackRock’s investments in merchants of death, as well as their role in migrant detention. They will discuss CODEPINK’s campaign to hold them accountable and how you can get involved.”	CODEPINK webinar hosted live on the Facebook page or you can participate through this link .”
	6 pm	Regular FNSB Assembly mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough); includes a Notice of Intent to Reconsider the recent Urban Agriculture ordinance. http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx .	Assembly Chambers Borough bldg, 907 Terminal St, Fbks
Friday August 10	12 – 10pm	Alaska Peace Center booth at Tanana Valley State Fair, Borealis Pavilion Also, Iwvtv Tanana Valley State Fair Primary Election Straw Poll	Fairgrounds, 1800 College Rd,
	5-8pm	3rd Annual Wild Salmon Day. Community Salmon Potluck right by the Chena River. 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! Will you join us to celebrate? standforsalmon.org & NAEC	Chief David Salmon Tribal Hall, just upstream of Wendell St. bridge
Saturday August 11	12 – 10pm	Alaska Peace Center booth at Tanana Valley State Fair, Borealis Pavilion Also, Iwvtv Tanana Valley State Fair Primary Election Straw Poll <i>Last Day! The Fair closes at 10pm for the season.</i>	Fairgrounds, 1800 College Rd,
	7 pm	Concert by renowned activist singer-songwriter Jim Scott. 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	UFF, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd.

		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! Hosted by Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks	
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Tuesday, August 14	5:30–7 pm	<p>City Diversity Council Mtg: The Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) meets the second Tuesday of each month in the City Hall. The FDC includes 15 public members (3 appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 12 appointed by the City of Fairbanks). The FDC comes together to discuss and work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. The FDC was formed to provide a citizens forum, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan for the community. The FDC supports many different cultural and social activities in our community.</p> <p>More information: diversitycouncil@fairbanks.us or www.fairbanksalaska.us/boards-and-commissions/</p>	City Council Chambers on the second floor of Fbks City Hall, 800 Cushman St. (map)
	6pm – 7pm	Monthly IWW Fbks Mtg: 'Fellow Workers - please join us for the monthly Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Fairbanks meeting at the Bread Line Inc.'s Stone Soup Cafe at 6pm on the second Tuesday of each month. All Wobblies (and recruit prospects) are welcome and encouraged to come.'	507 Gaffney Rd, (map)
Friday August 17	6:30 -9 pm	LWV Primary Candidate Forum - U.S. Representative, Governor, Lt.Governor, State Senate Seat A, State House Districts 1-6. "The League of Women Voters of Tanana Valley invites you to the Primary Candidate Forum on Friday, Aug. 17th where Fbks voters will have an opportunity to hear directly from candidates of the Aug. 21st Alaska state primary election. The event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6pm."	Fairbanks North Astar Borough bldg. For info: League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley
Sept 3 - 14		DISARM TRIDENT activists will walk down the length of Georgia's coast. The walk will focus on bringing attention to the deadly nuclear weapons housed at the Base and to continue to advocate for the U.S. to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. For more information vist their website <i>from VFP news</i>	from Savannah to the Kings Bay Submarine Base
Sat. Sept. 8 & Sun. 9/9		An Alaska Net Hack Challenge is being planned for Sept. 8 and 9 that aims to identify potential opportunities for using the tons of old [fish-] nets piled up in landfills and storage lots across the state and develop new items from the materials. "The Alaska Net Hack Challenge is based on the Circular Ocean program in the U.K. and Iceland that "aims to inspire enterprises and entrepreneurs to realize the hidden opportunities in discarded fishing nets." per an article in Alaska Journal of Commerce.	Organized by the Alaska Ocean Cluster Initiative, or AOCl... emails to info@alaskaoceancluster.com will serve as the contact point.
		<p>2018 Election Timeline:</p> <p><i>Tuesday October 2nd - Municipal Election Day</i></p> <p><i>Sunday October 7th - Deadline to register to vote/update voter registration</i></p> <p><i>Monday October 22nd - 2018 General Absentee and Early Voting Begins</i></p> <p><i>Tuesday November 6th - General Election Day (thanksfaf)</i></p>	

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

Peace	Justice	Sustainability
<p>from winwithoutwar.org: "Rep. Young and Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan need to speak up on this. In less than 24 hours, nearly 25,000 Win Without War activists have raised your voices to demand Congress stop Trump's dangerous tank parade. [But] Congress is not doing nearly enough to stop it. I don't just mean voting the right way when legislation to stop this parade finally hits the floor. I mean everything from blocking funding to making speeches to demanding accountability and oversight.</p>	<p>"Doctrine of Discovery" Some are repudiating it. Can more be done?</p> <p>mg paraphrases: "The Doctrine of Discovery began with three papal bulls (decrees) in the 15th century. It effectively said that Catholics /Christians could claim as their own any lands held by non-Christians; and any inhabitants, if they could not be converted to Christianity, could be killed or enslaved.</p> <p>"When European Christian explorers came to the Americas in the 15th century and onward, they were acting under the authority of</p>	<p>"Monsanto by any other name As a result of the Bayer-Monsanto mega-merger, the name "Monsanto" will be no more, and the combined corporation will just be known as "Bayer."</p> <p>This is clearly an attempt to hide Monsanto's disastrous reputation. In fact, the president of Bayer's Crop Science Division said, "The decision to drop Monsanto's name is part of a wider campaign to win back consumer trust."¹</p> <p><u>What name would you give Monsanto to reflect who they really are?</u></p>

Add your name now: Demand Congress stop Trump's military parade.

from VFP: "Veterans For Peace Keeps Eye on Military Psychologists and American Psychological Association. The APA's enmeshment with the national security apparatus of the United States became public knowledge when the world learned that psychologists were contributing to torture. In addition, an independent review, commissioned by the APA Board of Directors, revealed direct coordination between APA staff and Department of Defense personnel in interpreting the APA's Ethics Code to allow members to continue to participate in interrogations of detainees captured in the "war on terror."

"Not only is torture morally wrong, it is illegal under treaties that the United States has signed, ratified, and then reinterpreted in domestic law to allow the implementation of the torture program. These include the Geneva Conventions (which prescribe how people affected by war, whether as soldiers or civilians, may be treated) and the United Nations Convention against Torture...

"We call on military psychologists to **disobey unlawful orders** at all times and to focus their efforts on healing the wounds of war rather than causing them. They cannot do this if they are working for the U.S. military or intelligence services in settings such as the base occupying Guantánamo Bay, or other extra-territorial sites that are illegal under international law.

"We join with others who **call on the APA's Council of Representatives to** maintain the courageous stance it took in 2015 and **reject resolutions 35B and 13D.**"

[Read the Entire Statement.](#)

from divest@codepink.org : "Congress is going home for the month of August, so let's get to work! Join CODEPINK and our local leaders to hold Congress accountable for taking money from the war machine. Check out **our new toolkit** to get Congress to Divest from War!"

Before you get started organizing locally, **send a quick email to your representative and senator now!** Tell them to stop taking campaign contributions from weapons manufacturers and the NRA."

"Defense Department: The War On Terror Has Cost \$250 Million A Day For 16 Years. American taxpayers have

the Church to colonize and Christianize the "new world".

"This Doctrine made its way into U.S. and Indian Property law in the 1823 U.S. Supreme Court decision Johnson v. M'Intosh, and its legacy has continued to be felt today. As recently as 2005, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg cited the landmark 1823 decision in *City of Sherrill vs. Oneida Indian Nation of New York.*"

See [ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery](#) [January 2018](#) (Canada) and a search of "Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery"

"Alaska Republican Rep. Don Young will not support a Congressional Review Act resolution to reverse the Federal Communications Commission's ruling that repealed the Obama-era **net neutrality** regulations, according to his office..."

"Fairbanks armory isn't on closure list; Fort Yukon is..."

"Pope rules out death penalty..."

"Trump proposes car-mileage rollback; states sue in protest..."

Read the articles at newsminer.com 8-3-18.

"US court declares 'sanctuary cities' order illegal..." 8/2

"B.C. Indigenous elder among those injured & jailed in illegal capture of Al Awda by Israel..." Following the [illegal attack on the Freedom Flotilla](#) motor vessel [Al Awda](#) (The Return) on Sunday July 29, a few of the people who were on board have been released, but most of the crew and participants are still in unlawful detention at Givon prison in Israel, including Stó:lō First Nation elder Larry Commodore, (due to appear in Israeli court Aug 1.)

Although the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) claim that the capture of our vessel happened 'without exceptional incident', eye-witness Zohar Chamberlain Regev reports that at the time of boarding: *"People on board were tasered and hit by masked IOF soldiers..."* . What these violent acts have in common is that **there is no accountability demanded by other governments"**

from credoaction "Tell JPMorgan Chase and all major banks: Stop financing private prison and immigrant detention corporations. [The petition](#) to all major banks that finance or profit from private prisons and immigrant detention, including JPMorgan Chase, reads: **"Stop financing corporations like CoreCivic and The Geo Group that build and manage private prisons and**

Monsanto will continue to represent how corporations put families in jeopardy. Its name has become synonymous with the power that corporations wield over the food we eat. Here's why:

- They push widespread adoption of GMO seeds and the chemicals, like Roundup, used to grow them
- They manipulated science to make Roundup (a weed killer made with a probable human carcinogen) appear safe²
- They were a major supplier of Agent Orange, a highly toxic defoliant sprayed during the Vietnam War³
- Farmers and farmworkers are suing Monsanto, claiming their cancers are linked to Roundup exposure.⁴
- At least five of their facilities are so contaminated that they are listed as Superfund sites, a program that targets the most hazardous sites for cleanup
- Their domination affects the U.S. agricultural industry as well as political campaigns, regulatory processes and agricultural systems around the world⁵

from Food & Water Watch

"August 1 was Global Overshoot Day..."

In less than eight months, humanity has exhausted Earth's budget for the year. We use more ecological resources and services than nature can regenerate through overfishing, overharvesting forests, and emitting more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than ecosystems can absorb." via *Jimmy, from <https://www.overshootday.org>*

from the governor's Climate Action for Alaska Leadership Team 7-31-18 :"...A draft climate policy and a climate action plan (both available [here](#))... includes:

- Strengthening local and tribal governance and capacity, and enhancing collaboration between state agencies and other levels of government;
- Studying and addressing the impacts of climate on human and ecosystem health;
- Diversifying Alaska's economy through investment and partnerships with the private sector;
- Maximizing carbon neutral growth by supporting renewable energy, energy efficiency, and electrification;
- Increasing environmental literacy; and,
- Making, attracting, or leveraging financial investments that enable Alaska's climate strategy.

After the CALT presents the draft policy and action plan to the Governor [in Sept], the team will continue their work..."

spent \$1.46 trillion on wars abroad since September 11, 2001,” per an [article in International Business Times](#).

*Per National Priorities Project, “For Dept of Defense, taxpayers in the United States are paying \$523.5 billion, *not including the cost of war*. Here’s what those tax dollars could have paid for instead...” [Use the Trade-Offs tool to help you articulate to your congressional delegates where you would prefer to have your taxes used.](#)*

immigrant detention centers and make enormous profits from the suffering of immigrants and communities of color.””

“People’s History of Fallujah”

The Howard Zinn Committee for Peace and Justice wishes to congratulate VFP member Ross Caputi for his excellent work creating the People’s History of Fallujah. Caputi participated in the 2004 combat in Fallujah as a Marine, and has since worked extensively to document the effects of fifteen years of war. Caputi has become a leading activist in the field of grassroots reparations to Iraq. Our committee is proud to have supported this project in 2016, and we hope you find his work both fascinating and useful. Please check out the [People’s History of Fallujah here](#)” VFP

The U.S. nuclear arsenal now includes over 4,600 weapons, each many many times more powerful than ‘Little Boy’. ‘... the president [has] complete control over the US nuclear arsenal. No one in Congress, the judicial branch, or even the US military can legally prevent their use once the president’s order is given. Concerned? ACT NOW’ [The US Nuclear Arsenal | Union of Concerned Scientists](#)

[VFP also works to Abolish Nuclear Weapons](#)

Spotlight

In 1945, the United States dropped the first atomic bomb ‘Little Boy containing about 64 kg (141 lb) of uranium-235 ... above [Hiroshima]... directly over [Shima Surgical Clinic](#)... Some 70,000–80,000 people, or around 30% of the population of Hiroshima, were killed by the blast and resultant firestorm, [\[144\]\[145\]](#) and another 70,000 were injured... Over the next two to four months, the acute effects of the atomic bombings killed 90,000–146,000 people in Hiroshima and 39,000–80,000 people in Nagasaki; roughly half of the deaths in each city occurred on the first day. Large numbers of people continued to die from the effects of burns, [radiation sickness](#), and other injuries, compounded by illness and malnutrition, for many months afterward. In both cities, most of the dead were civilians...’ (source: *Wikipedia*) “The exact number of victims is still unknown.”

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

--*God On Our Side*, by Bob Dylan, sung by Neville Brothers

-- *Obsesion (Cuban Hip Hop) Afro Conosco*

-- *There But For Fortune* by Phil Ochs, sung by Peter, Paul, & Mary

-- *If I Had A Hammer What Would I Do*, by David Rovics

-- *Hamell on Trial - Don’t Kill (with Rob’s Chopper Mix)*

-- *Battlefield* - Emerson Lake and Palmer

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?***

Just a couple of examples of what things cost, although done by volunteers:

Annual Outreach Costs

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

Annual Newsletter: \$550 for 300 copies with postage

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*Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome.
Email us at info@alaskapeace.org*

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.