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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 19, 2018

Be ready for opportunities to participate!

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
<i>month of</i>	<i>August</i>	<p>from fcninfo@fcn.org: "Your members of Congress are home [during the August recess]...<u>Three Steps to Dropping by a Congressional Office</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Print out a one-pager... calling for Rep. Young and Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan to take action. 2. Find your closest congressional offices. 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. 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 Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</p> <p>2018 Primary Absentee and Early Voting ends Tuesday.</p>
Sunday August 19	10am -6pm	<u>13th Annual Renewable Energy Fair 2018</u> - "Join us for a fun filled day for the whole family! Enjoy learning about renewable energy technologies, canning workshop, Tesla and Chevy Bolt EV electric car display, live music by the Carhartt Bros, a bouncy house obstacle, face painting, and more! Also free ice cream and lunch!" <i>Alaska Peace Center will have a table there! Thnx ARK.</i>	17500 [48.5 mi.] Chena Hot Springs Rd.
Monday August 20	7:45 am	<p>Bird Banding: "A bird in the hand is well worth it." Registration required. No OLLI fee, but a donation to the Alaska Songbird Institute would be appreciated! Volunteers Judy Williams and Carol Johnson will introduce you to the Alaska Songbird Institute. You will learn about migratory songbird identification and participate in extracting birds from the 30 nets set up along the trails around Creamers Field. CLICK HERE for details and registration.</p>	trails around Creamers Field.
	8am -5 pm	<i>Early vote in-person at your local state office building, council or tribal community office. It is quick, easy and you won't have to worry about missing the primary election day! A complete list of early voter locations at this link!</i>	In Fbks, you can vote at the downtown State Office Blding at 675 7 th Ave 8am-5pm.
Tuesday August 21	7am-8pm	<i>National & State Primary Election Day - VOTE</i>	
	10 am	Community in Unity - Mental Illness on Alaska Public Media	KUAC 89.9 FM
Wednesday August 22	6 am AKT	<p><u>Fossil Free Funds</u> from Andrew Behar & Toby Heaps <info@asyousow.org> Join The Great Energy Transition – sign up for our August 22 webinar TODAY. The Clean200 ranks the largest publicly listed companies by their total clean energy revenues, with environmental, social, and governance screens to help ensure the companies are indeed building the infrastructure and services needed for what many have called "The Great Energy Transition" in a just and equitable way.</p>	webinar

	6-8pm	:: Willow prospect Environmental Impact Statement Fairbanks scoping meeting. The Bureau of Land Management is preparing a Master Development Plan Environmental Impact Statement for the <u>recently discovered Willow prospect within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.</u>	Westmark Hotel
Thursday August 23	6 pm	Regular Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly mtg - http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx	<i>Borough Bldg, 907 Terminal St.</i>
Friday & Saturday Aug 24-25	9:30 AM - 5:30 PM	2018 Silent Auction - Friends of Creamer's Field will host its annual Silent Auction during the 2018 Sandhill Crane Festival August 24th-26th. We are currently accepting auction items! We can accept any gift you wish to offer, goods, services, gift certificates, artwork, cash or anything of value. Donations are Tax Deductible! One of our volunteers will pick up your donation, or you can drop your contribution off at the Creamer's Field Farmhouse Visitor Center, open daily 9:30 AM -5:30 PM. Donors names will be displayed on the auction bid forms, and donors will be thanked in the Friends of Creamer's Field Newsletter and on our website. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Lissa Hughes, Executive Director of Friends of Creamer's Field at 452-5162.	Our Contact Information Friends of Creamer's Field 1300 College Road PO Box 81065 Fairbanks, AK 99708 907-452-5162 www.friendsofcreamerfield.org
		<u><i>After This Week</i></u>	
		2018 Election Timeline: <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</i> <i>(thanks faj)</i>	
Thursday, August 30 th	12 -1 pm	The next Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition (FHHC) mtg. Immediately following, Sheryce Borgatti will give a presentation on Intensive Case Management (ICM) teams, similar to an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team and can serve as a stand-alone service or in conjunction with ACT. Additionally Teaque Smith will tell us about the expansion of Beacon Hill's Safe Families for Children to Fairbanks. <fairbankshomeless@gmail.com>	Council Chambers of City Hall (800 Cushman St).
		Alaska's Congressional delegation: <i>Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121</i> Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov ; Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov - Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov	www.alaskapeace.org <u>Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</u>

Good News category:

Monsanto to pay for decades of cancer-causation! See related articles too

from Veterans For Peace: "**Military Parade Postponed-We Must Continue the Momentum!** Yesterday, one day after the No Trump Military Parade coalition, of which Veterans For Peace is a founding member, announced that 187 organizations would be joining together to protest the parade, including hundreds of veterans, our hard work paid off! However, we can't stop until "postponement" turns to CANCELED! Read our official statement on the postponement of the parade."

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

Peace

from Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space via Stop the War Machine: "Check out our **newly produced video educating folks about the 'Space**

Justice

8-10-18 from Center for Victims of Torture action@cvt.org: "Right now, countless thousands of refugees are fleeing for their lives, driven by the hope of finding safety in the

Sustainability

Northern Alaska Environmental Center: "**Major problems with seismic scoping period...**"

Force' farce and the Global Network's* upcoming Keep Space for Peace Week. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwZHuAaWe1A&feature=youtu.be> Video production was done by Will Griffin (Iraq & Afghan war veteran) who serves on the GN's board. He also runs **The Peace Report:** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9BpQd-PJNr_R2iyToKnoww

“**Keep Space for Peace Week** will be October 6-13 and **we urge people** worldwide **to organize a local event to protest ‘Space Force’**... How can we deal with health care needs, climate change, and growing poverty when they want to build ‘Pyramids to the Heavens’?”

from VFP: “... Veterans For Peace will continue with the planning of their silent memorial march to **Reclaim Armistice Day** in Washington D.C. Veterans and military family members will lead a solemn procession among the various war memorials on the mall on November 11 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the horrible carnage of World War I.

“Street theater will dramatize the costs of war and challenge the manipulation of support for soldiers, veterans and war dead to prepare the public for rich men's wars.”

Interview with Kathy Kelly, co-coordinator, Voices for Creative Nonviolence, on Between the Lines radio news, heard on KWRK-LP:

“Saudi Airstrike on Bus Carrying Children Adds to Civilian Death Toll in Yemen's War... Fifty-one civilians were killed, 40 of them children.” Do Senators Murkowski & Sullivan, and Rep. Young know what you think of this?

Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121

“The hiring & rapid - and so far unexplained - **departure of a person hired to handle sexual misconduct allegations** at [UAF] doesn't look good...” *newsminer.com*

United States. With ongoing crises in Syria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Myanmar, and elsewhere, more than 68 million people—more than at any other point in human history—were forcibly displaced last year.

“Despite the unprecedented need for refugee resettlement, recent reports show that President Trump is considering cutting the number of refugees that the United States will admit in 2019 to fewer than 45,000—and some reports say he wants to reduce the number as low as 25,000. Since 1980, the United States has offered safety to an average of more than 80,000 refugees each year. **Tell Congress: Don't turn your back on people fleeing torture and persecution.**”

from End Slavery Now: **“WHAT CAN YOU DO to help end slavery?** Sign up For an Aruna Run. Cities across the United States are hosting an Aruna Run during the month of September. Each participant runs for an individual trafficking victim. [Learn More](#)

“Protecting Girls' Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings Act (S. 1580) - Senate Bill 1580 is a bipartisan bill which would help address many of the reasons women and girls around the world fall victim to human traffickers. Tell your representatives to bring this legislation to a vote in Congress. [Learn More.](#)

“Free Biram Dah Abeid, Mauritanian anti-enslavement activist who is currently incarcerated. Sign the petition to release him. [Learn More](#)

“Interested in learning to shop ethically? [Download the most recent version of our Slave Free Shopping Guide](#) for ideas on where to start!”

from American Civil Liberties Union: **“Give Domestic Violence Survivors Safe Haven** - 8/7/18 we filed a federal lawsuit against Jeff Sessions for his new policy of rejecting asylum protections for domestic violence survivors. But while we're fighting this policy in court, you can help us build our power by getting as many signatures as possible. [Add your name now.](#)”

In case you don't have the 2018 update handy, check out the [Green Star of Interior Alaska Fairbanks Recycling Guide 2018.](#), and to learn about, for example, Local organizations that compost, go to <http://iagreenstar.org/recycling-food-waste/>. To recycle cardboard, paper, plastic#1 & #2, aluminum, electronics, and batteries, you can take them to the Borough Central Recycling Facility, 1855 Marika Rd, open Tues-Saturdays noon-5:30pm except 9am-5pm on Saturdays.

“[The Air Quality Stakeholders Group] task force that has been asked to make recommendations for curbing smoke pollution **met Friday** and heard about the harm done by tiny particulates that float out of chimneys and find their way into a person's bloodstream through the lungs.

And they heard that about \$37 million in annual federal highway aid to Fairbanks that could be in jeopardy if nothing or too little is done to reduce pollution...”

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“Judge told to consider protections for Montana's [Arctic] grayling...”

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‘Survivors’ Access to Supportive Care Act’ to correct problems with access to exams, care, shortage of sexual assault nurse examiners, data, and provide resources for survivors, has been introduced by Senators Murkowski and Murray.

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“As the Roman Catholic church struggles with a new wave of clergy abuse cases, several prominent evangelical institutions have been rocked in recent weeks by their own sexual misconduct allegations against pastors and church leaders who exploited the trust they had gained from faithful churchgoers...”

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“Climate task forces eyes green banking...”

Read the rest of these articles at newsminer.com 8-18-18.

Spotlights

“99-Year-Old Nuremberg Prosecutor Calls Trump's Detention of Children a 'Crime Against Humanity'”
8-8-18 in Common Dreams.

from Asymmetric Moose Rob Mulford: **“David McReynolds Presente!”** - This past Friday, August 17, marked the end of a remarkable life, from 1957 when David McReynolds started his career as a writer for Liberation magazine; to publicly burning his draft card in Union Square NYC in 1965, three months after the passing of a law making the act a felony with up to five years imprisonment; to his runs for the US House of Representatives, first as a write in candidate of the Socialist Party of America, then ten years later on the Peace and Freedom Party ticket; to his chairmanship of the War Resisters League; to his two runs with

Socialist Party USA for President of the United States; to his 2004 run for the US Senate with the Green Party; and the 300 page dossier, his FBI file that he obtained with the freedom of information act, which sat on a shelf above his television; David has been indefatigable voice for peace, freedom, and human rights, dignity, and solidarity. David McReynolds's voice will be missed.

I dedicate the two following Peter Paul and Mary songs to David McReynolds. The first is The Great Mandala. David took a hold of that Mandala. The second is No Easy Walk To Freedom. May we take each others hand and walk that way. David McReynolds Presente!"

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

- No Easy Walk To Freedom by Peter, Paul, and Mary
- The Great Mandala by Peter, Paul, and Mary
- Marching to Missilemania by Doug Leggett and The Way of Peace singers
- Chief Joseph's Speak Truth, from The Way of Peace
- Roll to the River by Cindy Kallet
- Voice of Rachel Carson, from A Tribute to Rachel Carson Songs of the Earth
- Salmon River by Dea Stevens
- The Price of Oi by Billy Bragg
- Stuck Together by the Glacial Erratics

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.*

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Just a few examples of what advocacy costs:

Potluck Presentations, Peace Feast and Special Events Advertising:

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

\$250 - \$500 banner ad or \$2000 for 1/3 page ad, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

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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.