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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 26, 2018**

*Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

| Day, Date                  | Time          | Event Description, Contact information   | Where?  |
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| month of                   | August        | <p>from fcnlinfo@fcnl.org: "Your members of Congress are home [during the <u>August recess</u>]...<b><u>Three Steps to Dropping by a Congressional Office</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Print out a one-pager...</b> calling for Rep. Young and Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan to take action.</p> <p><b>2. Find your closest congressional offices.</b></p> <p><b>Representative Don Young</b> - Fbks: Key Bank Building, 100 Cushman St.</p> <p><b>Sen Lisa Murkowski</b> - Fbks: Courthouse Square, 250 Cushman St, Ste 2D</p> <p><b>Senator Dan Sullivan</b> - Fbks: Federal Building, 101 12th Ave.</p> <p><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?"</p>   | <a href="http://www.alaskapeace.org">www.alaskapeace.org</a><br><u>Community organizations &amp; contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</u> |
| <b>Sunday August 26</b>    | 9am - evening | <p><b>2018 Tanana Valley Sandhill Crane Festival -</b></p> <p>9am Walk to the Bird Banding Station; 10am 5K "Farm to Market" Run</p> <p>11am Poetry Ramble; 11:30am -1:30pm Lunch; 1pm History Tour</p> <p>1pm Crane Walk with Refuge Naturalists for all ages!</p> <p>2 - 4pm Wildlife Talks inside ADF&amp;G; 2pm <b>Sandhill Cranes</b>- Hank Lentfer</p> <p>2:45 Muraviovka Park Amur River Valley East Russia, with Susan Grace</p> <p>3:20 Swallow Project, ASI; 4pm <b>Birds of Prey, LIVE !</b></p> <p>5 - 6pm Ice Cream Social -with crane-berry toppings with local musicians.</p> <p>5:30 pm <b>Silent Auction CLOSES; PRINT RAFFLE DRAWING</b></p> <p><b>Ongoing Events</b></p> <p>Raffle, Silent Auction, Crane Poetry Walk, Crane Watch 11-5 daily: Drop by the viewing platforms at Creamer's Field. Spotting scopes and binoculars will be available. Naturalists from Arctic Audubon will share information and help you identify birds. Visit the bird banding station; Crane Crafts-projects for folks of all ages including: mobiles, track casting, and mask making; Crane Origami</p> <p>Crane Page Coloring.</p> <p><a href="http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org/pdf/SACR2018FESTIVAL.pdf">http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org/pdf/SACR2018FESTIVAL.pdf</a></p> | Creamer's Field<br>Migratory Waterfowl Refuge,<br>1300 College Rd,<br>Fairbanks   |
|                            | 2:30-4pm      | <p><b>Fairbanks #StopKavanaugh #SaveSCOTUS Community Forum</b></p> <p>"to request that Sens. Murkowski &amp; Sullivan do not confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the supreme court." Moe details under "Sustainability" below.</p>  | <u>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks</u><br>4448 Pikes Landing Rd   |
| <b>Monday August 27</b>    | 9 - 10 am     | <b>Special Fairbanks City Council Meeting</b>  | City Hall,<br>800 Cushman st.   |
|                            | 5:30-6:30 pm  | <p><b>Debate about Ballot Measure 1</b> hosted by KTOO and the Juneau Economic Development Council! [A Stand For Salmon] lawyer will be debating Mike Statre of Hecla Mining Company. The forum ...will be recorded for later broadcast statewide on 360 North TV.</p>   | Free at KTOO, 360 Egan Dr., <b>Juneau</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday August 29</b> | 5:30          | Fairbanks Open Radio, KWRK-LP, mtg. "We host general meetings and workshops Wednesday afternoons at 5:30 at <a href="#">our studio office</a> .  | <i>3535 College Rd, ste 203, above Fuji eats</i>  |

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|                           |          | For more info: Dial <a href="tel:3740577">(374 0577)</a> to leave us a voice message. Otherwise, for casual conversation at the erratic pace that our dirtroots effort can promise, please email suggestions and expressions of solidarity to <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a> . Comments submitted via the form [at <a href="http://www.kwrk.org">www.kwrk.org</a> ] also land at that mailbox.   |  |
| <b>Thursday August 30</b> | 12 -1 pm | <b>Fairbanks Housing &amp; Homeless Coalition (FHC) mtg.</b> 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).  |
| <b>Sunday Sept 2</b>      |          | Last day to register to vote and be able to vote in the Oct. 2 municipal election  |  |
|                           |          | <u><a href="#">After This Week</a></u>   |  |
| Tuesday Sept 4            | 6:45 am  | <b>Fairbanks Peace Choir fall season rehearsals</b> start. All welcome; No audition. We begin at 6:45 and sing till 8:30 pm. Come early to register. Flynn Ludington will be directing. For more information call 457-8606.  | <a href="#">Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks</a><br>4448 Pikes Landing Rd   |
| Wednesday Sept 5.         |          | <b>Comment deadline extended on proposed rescinding of national preserve hunting regulations</b> The National Park Service cited "interest from the general public and national and local groups" in its decision to extend the comment deadline on Secretary Zinke's proposed changes to hunting regulations put in place in 2015. <b>The new deadline is September 5.</b><br><br>The 2015 regulations prohibited bear baiting, hunting wolves and coyotes during the denning season, killing bears in their dens, and hunting caribou during a river crossing in national preserve lands. Rescinding these regulations would allow these practices to occur on 17 million acres of preserve lands in Alaska.<br><br>Submit comments online <a href="#">here</a> or...  | ...by mail:<br>National Park Service<br>Regional Director<br>Alaska Regional Office<br>240 West 5th Ave.<br>Anchorage, AK<br>99501<br><br><a href="#">NAEC</a> |
|                           | 5pm      | <b>Regenerative Economy* mtg.</b> (A working group of FCAC) Please join us for next steps! For more information contact <a href="mailto:jessicagirard11@gmail.com">jessicagirard11@gmail.com</a> .   | Native Movement<br>1327 Hayes Ave  |
| Sept. 5-6                 |          | <b>Local Food Leader and Community Food Systems Workshops</b> - Sept. 5-6 You are invited to the pilot of this certification to help determine if this is something that may be useful in Alaska for future partners. Our goal is to train leaders from across our state and really amp up the work to improve Alaska community food systems; support our Alaska farmers, rural communities, and make healthy local food available to everyone. The only requirements are that participants are excited about creating strong community food systems in Alaska and have decent internet access. This is a pilot and we don't know if these classes will be offered in Alaska again, so grab a seat today and let's dive in together! Seating is limited. Please help us reach out to rural communities, people of color, young people, veterans, women, and others who are too often left out of food system work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Local Food Leader Training</b> (Sept. 5, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.): This half-day workshop is offered in the morning and is for anyone interested in partnering and developing our community food systems in Alaska. Participants will leave this program with awareness, understanding, and confidence to work with various organizations, individuals, and institutions to develop their local community food systems. Training is in 2 parts: the half-day in-person workshop plus four (4) online modules. Max 40 participants.</li> <li><b>Community Food Systems Training</b> (Sept. 5, 1:30-5:30 p.m., and Sept. 6, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.): This workshop is geared for those already working in community food systems and seeking additional facilitation or technical skills to support their work. Participation in the Local Food Leader workshop is preferred but not required. Participants will leave this program with new skills and confidence to work with various communities to develop place-based food systems, with</li> </ul> | Fbks - distance delivery at Food Bank via Zoom<br><br>Sitka - Outreach Ctr; or live in Palmer  |

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|                                    |                    | <p>resources to both engage and complete projects related to systemic food system change including facilitation, strategic planning, community food systems assessment, design thinking and evaluation. Training is in 2 parts: the two-day in-person workshop plus four (4) online modules. Max 25 participants.</p> <p><b>contact of the workshops is Melissa Clampitt, <a href="mailto:mrclampitt@alaska.edu">mrclampitt@alaska.edu</a>.</b><br/>from Cooperative Extension Service Tanana District via <a href="mailto:rlboswell@alaska.edu">rlboswell@alaska.edu</a></p>   |  |
| <b>Thursday Sept. 6</b>            | 5-6:30pm           | <b>Alaska Peace Center mtg:</b> All Welcome! Help plan events advancing Peace, Justice, and Sustainability. For more info: <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a> or 479-0981   | 3535 College Rd ste 203, above Fuji  |
| Saturday Sept 8                    | 5-7:30 pm          | <b>:: SAVE THE DATE! September 8: Wild &amp; Scenic Film Festival.</b> .. We're excited to host this film festival, featuring inspiring, enlightening, and fun films from around the world. Watch this space and our social media channels for more details! <a href="#">Learn more about the festival here.</a>  | Schaible Auditorium, UAF Campus.   |
|                                    | 10am               | <p><b>Fairbanks March for Climate, Jobs, &amp; Justice</b></p> <p><b>Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition</b> event: "On September 8, thousands of rallies will be held in cities and towns around the world to demand our local leaders commit to building a fossil free world that works for all of us. Fairbanks residents will demand that our city lead Alaska in a rapid transition to a clean energy economy through local initiatives like the Solar in your Community. We will march from the Noel Wien Library to the Fairbanks North Star Borough building, and will hear from community leaders who are leading the fight for climate justice."</p> | Noel Wien Library. 1215 Cowles St.   |
|                                    | 11am<br>1pm<br>6pm | <p><b>SunRISE brunch</b> at Sourdough Sam's @11;<br/><b>RISE march</b> from coal plant to constitution park at UAF @1pm; and<br/><b>Climate candidate forum</b> @ 6pm, location TBD<br/>"to promote accelerating the pace towards 100% renewables"</p>  | <a href="https://riseforclimate.org/#map">https://riseforclimate.org/#map</a>  |
| <b>Sat. Sept. 8 &amp; Sun. 9/9</b> |                    | <p>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.</p> <p>"The Alaska Net Hack Challenge is based on the <a href="#">Circular Ocean</a> program in the U.K. and Iceland that "aims to inspire enterprises and entrepreneurs to realize the hidden opportunities in discarded fishing nets." <a href="#">per an article in Alaska Journal of Commerce.</a></p>  | Organized by the Alaska Ocean Cluster Initiative, or AOCl... emails to <a href="mailto:info@alaskaoceancluster.com">info@alaskaoceancluster.com</a> will serve as the contact point. |
| <b>Sept. 21</b>                    |                    | <b>International Day of Peace</b>   |  |
| <b>Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>       |                    | <b>10-year anniversary Alaska Solar Tour</b>  |  |
| Tues, 9/25                         | 4pm AKT            | <b>International Day of Peace - Hiroshima survivor event.</b>   | Morris Thompson  |
| Sat, Oct 6                         | 9:30a-2:30p        | Next FCAC General Meeting –   |  |
| <b>Oct 6-13</b>                    |                    | <b>Oct 6-13 - Keep Space For Peace Week</b>   |  |
| <b>Oct 19-20</b>                   | <b>at 7:30pm</b>   | <b>Cry Havoc</b> Stephan Wolfert left a career in the military for a life in the theatre after seeing Shakespeare. He proposes that the military recruits citizens and trains them to kill, but asks what does the "de-cruit" process look like?  | . Pioneer Park Civic Center  |
|                                    |                    | <p><b>2018 Election Timeline:</b></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</i></p>  |  |
|                                    |                    | <p><b>Alaska's Congressional delegation:</b></p> <p>Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121</p> <p><b>Rep Don Young</b> in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: <a href="mailto:donyoung.house.gov">donyoung.house.gov</a>;</p> <p><b>Sen Lisa Murkowski</b> in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: <a href="mailto:murkowski.senate.gov">murkowski.senate.gov</a>- <b>Sen Dan Sullivan</b> in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: <a href="mailto:sullivan.senate.gov">sullivan.senate.gov</a></p>   | <a href="http://www.alaskapeace.org">www.alaskapeace.org</a><br><a href="#">Community organizations &amp; contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</a> |

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

### Peace

*A special request from Fairbanks Open Radio, on which this news & action is broadcast:*

"- Fairbanks Open Radio is down to our last couple hundred bucks. We like to keep our no-frills operation light and fast, but we need financial support from listeners like you to pay the rent.

- Our current goal is to gather enough sustaining support from our listeners to pay our monthly rent plus utilities, presently a few hundred dollars.

- Even if it's just a couple of bucks, we enthusiastically encourage you to help us keep the only completely independent, community-sponsored radio station in Alaska on the air.

- You can as ever check out our website at KWRK.org, where we have listed all of our contact information for direct donations, which I'll read off here in moment. We also have a convenient paypal portal there on our website and at [paypal.me/KWRK](https://paypal.me/KWRK). Or you can send a check or money order to Fairbanks Open Radio at 3535 College Road / Suite 203 in Fairbanks, Alaska 99709. You can also leave a message for us at (907) 374-0577 or info at KWRK dot org.

- Thanks for listening, Fairbanks and the wider world.."

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*from Friends Committee on National Legislation* "The bomb that killed 40 Yemeni children in a school bus, as they returned from a rare school field trip, was [made in the USA](#). [by war profiteer Lockheed Martin.] Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) [offered an amendment](#) that would have ended funding for our nation's unlawful support for the Saudi-led war in Yemen. Unfortunately, it was blocked. [Tell Congress to speak out against U.S involvement in the world's worst humanitarian crisis by rejecting an upcoming arms deal to Saudi Arabia.](#)

### "Ending Global Violence

A bipartisan group of Senators introduced the **Global Fragility and Violence Reduction (GFVR) Act, S.3368**. This bill will help improve our government's capacity to prevent violence from breaking out and reduce violence when it does arise. [Read more.](#)

### "Pentagon Spending

The Senate approved a military spending bill worth an [eye-popping \\$675 billion](#). [See what else besides more than 7 million Clean Energy

### Justice

From faf: "Aug 22 ... Senator Murkowski ... told us to tell ALL OF YOU that she really wants to hear from more Alaskans about their perspective on the SCOTUS\* nominee. Share your personal stories. SHE WANTS TO HEAR THEM. Call her and urge for a "no" on Kavanaugh: 202-224-6665 or <https://www.murkowski.senate.gov/contact/email> And that was before yesterday's news about Cohen and Manafort!" \*Supreme Court of the United States

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[Alaska Innocence Project](#) -The majority of prosecutors act ethically and honestly in their pursuit of justice. For those who don't, the state of New York plans to hold them accountable. New legislation signed by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo would create the country's first independent, state-wide commission to address prosecutorial misconduct. This is just the start. Sign the petition to help pass similar laws in all 50 states: [I stand with the Innocence Project in combatting prosecutorial misconduct!](#)

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*from Bernie Sanders: "Sign Bernie's petition to Jeff Bezos:* Mr. Bezos: It is long past time you start to pay your workers a living wage and improve working conditions at Amazon warehouses all across the country. It is beyond absurd that you would make more money in ten seconds than the median employee of Amazon makes in an entire year.

"Meanwhile, thousands of Amazon employees are forced to rely on food stamps, Medicaid and public housing because their wages are too low. I don't believe that ordinary Americans should be subsidizing the wealthiest person in the world because you pay your employees inadequate wages.[Signed...]"

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The **Brave New Fellows Program** offers activist storytellers from communities of color and/or economically marginalized communities a **one-year paid opportunity** to develop skills in visual storytelling, outreach strategies, and digital communications through on-the-job training and work experience. The fellowship aims to pair natural drive and talent with access to mentors, guest speakers, networks, experience, and training. [apply to be a Brave New Fellow in 2019!](#) Or, if you know of someone you think would be a good fit, share this email. **Applications are due September 21<sup>st</sup>. Apply [here](#) today!"**

### Sustainability

Per Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition regarding the #StopKavanaugh CCommunity Forum today (8/26, 2:30-4pm), "We're joining in with an incredibly diverse coalition of community organizations because the **consequences of our Senators confirming Judge Kavanaugh are worrying across a wide range of issues**, from women's health to labor protection, voting rights, Alaska Native hunting and fishing, and more. [He has indicated he doesn't believe in indicting a sitting president, even for just cause.] **Kavanaugh would also be a major barrier to federal climate change action and environmental protections for a generation to come.** As a judge, Kavanaugh has had a consistent record of attempting to prevent the EPA and other federal agencies from using their power to protect our air, lands, & waters, and very significantly *attempted to undo the EPA's ability to regulate greenhouse gases as climate pollutants.*\* While we take action locally, we also need to express that this politically charged use of the judicial branch to undo federal climate action is not something our Senators can condone — especially given all the impacts to other issues we care about.

The event will be a potluck, so please bring food or drink to share. RSVP on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/231628980845774/>

Co-hosts include:

- Planned Parenthood Votes NW & Hawai'i
- Fairbanks Central Labor Council,
- Native Movement,
- Fairbanks NAACP,
- Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition,
- The Alaska Center,
- PFLAG, and several others.

\*Here are a few articles profiling Kavanaugh's record on environmental and climate policy: <https://insideclimateneWS.org/news/10072018/brett-kavanaugh-supreme-court-trump-nominee-climate-change-policy-environmental-law> <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/10/climate/kavanaugh-environment-supreme-court.html> <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/kavanaugh-environmental-rulings-worry-climate-advocates/> <https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2018/07/what-would-kavanaugh-mean-for-the-environment/564830/> [https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/blog/Kavanaugh%20SCOTUS%20Final%20Sheet.pdf?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=actionkit](https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/blog/Kavanaugh%20SCOTUS%20Final%20Sheet.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=actionkit)"

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**"Reporting Local USAF Jet Noise Pollution** - A reminder about reporting

Jobs could be created with that amount of money, at [National Priorities Project](#).]

#### 2018 Election

You don't have to wait until election day, November 6, to make a difference during the midterms. [Lobby your candidates on peace and justice.](#)

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**The Military Religious Freedom Foundation**, an international organization headquartered in ABQ... holds that:

*No religion or religious philosophy may be advanced by the United States Armed Forces over any other religion or religious philosophy.*

*No member of the United States Armed Forces may be compelled in any way to conform to a particular religion or religious philosophy.*

*No member of the United States Armed Forces may be compelled in any way to witness or engage in any religious exercise.*

Among issues they address:

["Is a senior Air Force general using his power to spread far-right Christian nationalism?"](#)

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from credoaction: "Tell the Senate: Block and resist chemical executive Peter Wright at the EPA" [Read more & sign the petition.](#)

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from CodePINK: "Could **Saudi Arabia's aggressive policy towards activists and women** be any worse? Apparently, yes. Now the regime wants to **execute human rights activist Israa al-Ghomgami**, who was arrested in 2015 for peacefully protesting! In Saudi Arabia, the most common form of **execution is beheading**.

Unless the **international community speaks out against this horror**, Issra could receive a death sentence for dissenting against the repressive Saudi regime. Four other human rights activists face the same fate. [Tell Secretary Pompeo to condemn the crackdown on activists in Saudi Arabia and to publicly call for their unconditional and immediate release.](#)"

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from FCNL: "[The nationwide [prison strike](#) this week reminds us why comprehensive reform that addresses the root causes of mass incarceration shouldn't wait."

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from Food & Water Watch: "Monsanto's Roundup is a "probable human carcinogen." We need to ban it! [Read the Fact Sheet and Take Action](#)"

disturbing jet noise to **800.JET NOISE or 800.538.66473**.

"I experienced an ear shattering experience when I walked out of west side Safeway on Wednesday. I called this hotline number from my cell and left a message, but have not heard back on a follow up yet. I forgot to leave my area code. Maybe that is why.

"Their # has that extra digit '3' at the end, you will notice above

Using it caused no problem. My call got through." *from NP*

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#### **"Washington State House Approves Ban on Nonstick "PFAS" Chemicals in Firefighting Foam..."**

PFAS-containing firefighting foam has contaminated the drinking water of millions of Americans across the country... Safer alternatives to the foam are already in use... Linked to cancer, liver toxicity, and other health effects, PFASs are industrial chemicals that are present in drinking water, food, humans, breast milk, and the environment. PFASs are extremely persistent and can stay in the human body for as long as 8 years. More information can be found at [toxicfreefuture.org/key-issues/legislative-priorities-2018...](#) Cancer is the leading cause of death of firefighters..." *from Toxicfreefuture.org Asks Nana, who sent it, "Alaska Legislature can do the same?"*

#### Spotlight

#### US Military is World's Biggest Polluter [Read the EcoWatch article.](#)

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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.*

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