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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 September 9, 2018

Be ready for opportunities to participate!

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
Into November		Road Closure - University Avenue between Thomas St (just south of College Rd intersection) and Johansen Expressway/Geist Rd intersection is CLOSED to through traffic. This CLOSURE is expected to last into November.	See the map at alaskanavigator.org
Sept 10 - Oct. 10 or so		Attention Fox water users: Fox Spring will be closed starting Monday, Sept 10th for necessary repairs by Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. Closure is expected to last about a month. Friends of Fox Spring and North Star Community Foundation hope these repairs will help keep the well running all winter and prevent future freeze-ups. To make a donation and support your Fox Spring, please visit foxspring.org or call 907-378-6744.	Updates on the project can be found on DOT Northern Region's Fox Spring webpage, dot.alaska.gov/nreg/foxspring
Sunday Sept. 9	10:30 am	"We all have the chance to chat with Speaker of the House Bryce Edgmon on Sunday! This is a wonderful chance to ask questions and voice our concerns. It's an open event so PLEASE invite your members and other leaders! If you aren't able to make it, email questions to faf@fairbanksaf.com and we'll submit them. After the meeting, we'll send out the answers. If you don't already get FAF emails, let me know and I can send them to you directly!" <i>from Fairbanks Activists Forum.</i>	Laborers Local 942, 2740 Davis Rd
Monday Sept. 10	6:30pm Sept. 10 & 24, Oct. 8 & 22, Nov. 5 & 19, Dec. 3 & 10, 2018	Fairbanks City Council Meeting (twice per month on Monday evenings*) as required by City Code. " http://www.fairbanksalaska.us/audio-stream/ This page contains a link to live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Please click the Listen Live image below to start streaming the audio. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. Listen live on your iPhone! Mixlr now has an iPhone/iPad app (http://bit.ly/163ZvLg) via the iTunes Store. Once you get the app set up, you search for city_of_fairbanks and you will be able to follow our audio stream (http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/)!"	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman Street ----- *calendar at http://www.fairbanksalaska.us/
Tuesday Sept. 11	5:30 -7pm	City Diversity Council Mtg The Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) meets the second Tuesday of each month. 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.	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St
	6-7pm	Monthly IWW Fairbanks 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

	6:45 pm	Fairbanks Peace Choir fall season rehearsals. All welcome; No audition. We begin at 6:45 and sing till 8:30 pm. Come early to register. Flynn Ludington, director; Paul Krejci, pianist. For more information call 457-8606.	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
Wednesday Sept. 12	9 - 10 am	<u>“ Teleconference: Proposed Donlin Mine: Contamination Concerns and Threats to Clean Air, Clean Water, and Clean Food.”</u> <u>Join this call</u> to learn more about the permitting process and legal concerns, threats to fisheries, air and water quality, and how you can help ensure passage of the "Stand for Salmon" ballot initiative and prevent harm to fish, wildlife and people. SPEAKERS: Tom Waldo, Senior Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Mary Matthias, Natural Resources Director, Orutsararmiut Native Council; Lindsey Bloom, Stand for Salmon “ <i>NAEC</i>	Teleconference
	10 am (Repeat broadcast at 8pm)	“Tech and our kids- The science behind the noise. Cell phone free middle schools* was the last topic on Line One-Your Health Connection. Line One co-host Prentiss Pemberton builds on that conversation with a closer look at the evidence that points to “immersive technology” use as the #1 threat to our kids physical and mental health..” <i>from Alaska Public Media. Read more at this link.</i> This included discussion of Anchorage middle schools and the Away for the Day campaign, accessible at this link .	Live radio call-in show on KSKA 91.1; Fbks -KUAC 89.9FM Call 1-888-353-5752 email lineone@alaskapublic.org before, during or after the live broadcast (may be read on air)
	11am-4pm	Farmers Market - next to last for the season! (per website , though rumor says later...)	2600 College Rd. Fairbanks
	6:30 pm	FNSB Sustainability Commission mtg. The agenda includes b. Potential Sustainability Indicators for Food, Energy and Waste 3. October Public Meeting on Draft Sustainability Plan –Oct 10	Noel Wien Library
Thursday Sept. 13	6 pm 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25 11/8, 12/13	Regular FNSB Assembly mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough); http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx	Assembly Chambers Borough bldg, 907 Terminal St, Fbks
Saturday Sept.15	9am-4pm	Farmers Market - Last for the season! (per website , though rumor says later...)	2600 College Rd. Fairbanks
Sunday Sept. 16	xx	:: <u>AK Virtual Run for Courage.</u> Join the Alaska Virtual Courage to Run 5K, the nation's first nonpartisan run and walk that celebrates the rising wave of women getting civically active and running for office. It also elevates the mindset, endurance and heartfelt vision needed to be healthy and lead effectively in civic life today. Whether running a 5K, a campaign, a cause, for elected office or our government, it takes courage ... and we have the Courage to Run. <i>NAEC</i>	
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Wednesday Sept 19.	5-7 pm	AARP* Senate Seat A Candidate Forum with Pete Kelly, Republican, and Scott Kawasaki, Democrat Kevin Baird, staff reporter for the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner will moderate the forum. The check in and free chili bar starts at 5 pm. The forum begins at 6 pm. AARP wants a pre-registration in order to have enough food for individuals attending the forum. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions. * formerly American Association of Retired Persons	Wedgewood Resort, 212 Wedgewood Resort in Fairbanks (off College Rd.) Call 1-877-926-8300
Fri-Sun Nov 16-18		Join the third SOA Watch mobilization at the border in Nogales/Sonora! Info	Nogales AZ/Sonora Mexico

		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>	
		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 Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.

Good News category:

Dedicated Green Star volunteers **recycled 1685 pounds** of plastic, aluminum & cardboard at the Tanana Valley State Fair!

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

Peace

from WorldBEYONDWar: "Abolish U.S. Selective Service Draft Registration The future of the military draft in the United States will be determined, and we can have an impact.

The U.S. National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service is accepting comments until September 30th.

Here are some ideas for useful comments you might make in your own words:

1. End required selective service (draft) registration for men.
2. Do not begin requiring that women register.
3. If not ended, allow the choice of registering as a conscientious objector.
4. If there must be non-military service, make sure that its pay and benefits are at least equal to those of military "service."

[Submit your comments online.](#)

Or email

national.commission.on.service.info@mail.mil

Or mail National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service, Attn RFI Comment - Docket 05-2018-01, 2530 Crystal Drive Suite 1000 Room 1029 Arlington VA 22202.

Consider making submission of comments part of any event you're involved in planning in the coming days. Here are other [event resources](#)."

from www.couragetoresist.org ~ facebook.com/couragetoresist:

"US Army Capt. Brittany DeBarros has taken to social media to share some basic facts

Justice

from Veterans For Peace: "The New York times invites 'service members and veterans to weigh in on how they have been invoked in reactions to Nike's new campaign [featuring Colin Kaepernick] and the **community response to N.F.L. players kneeling during the national anthem.**'

Great opportunity to be a voice as a Veteran For Peace! [Submit an opinion!](#)"

from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks: "The Social Justice Committee is **collecting bedding, towels, and basic kitchen necessities to support the successful transition of previously incarcerated community members** with assistance from the Fairbanks Reentry Coalition. The collection box is in the foyer. Contact Alison Carter at alisoncarter2@yahoo.com for more information."

from League of Women Voters "September is **National Voter Registration Month** Take this time to remind loved ones in your life to sign up to vote or check their registration. Help us get everyone ready for November 6! Beyond encouraging your friends and family to check their registration, here are two easy steps you can take:

1. Celebrate National Voter Registration Day on Sept 25. Share a photo of your voter registration card, an "I'm registered" sign or a voter registration application on social media with a link

Sustainability

from Northern AK Environmental Center: "::**EXTENDED to November 5:** Deadline to comment on Secretary Zinke's proposed changes to hunting regulations on National Preserve lands in Alaska has been extended. For more details, see [last week's enews here](#).

 "::**September 20: EXTENDED. Willow Prospect Scoping comments due.** The Bureau of Land Management is conducting an Environmental Impact Statement scoping period on the [recently discovered Willow prospect within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska](#) . [Go here for information on how to comment.](#)

"::**Alaska announces several public hearings on Stand for Salmon initiative.**

State law requires public meetings on the topic, according to a press release from the governor's office on Wednesday. Each hearing will last two hours, and comments will be limited to two minutes per person. ADN.

"::**Donlin Gold Receives Essential Fish Habitat Permits.** Donlin Gold would need to destroy two creeks in order to build its proposed gold mine. Now, it has the permits to do so. Donlin Gold received 13 different Title 16, or "fish habitat," permits from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game last week. The mining venture needs the agency to sign off on any construction that could impact local fish habitats, and ADF&G gave the green light to a dozen different aspects of the project last Thursday. KYUK.

"::**Arctic's strongest sea ice breaks up for the first time on record.** The oldest and thickest sea ice in the Arctic has started to break up, opening waters north

about our country’s endless wars, and the impact those are having both abroad and at home... despite pressure from the Pentagon... “Leaders of conscience have a moral obligation to speak up #GIResistance #CourageToResist,” Brittany shared recently. **Read more ~ Follow Brittany on Twitter ~ GoFundMe for defense expenses** [One of her daily posts had] the text ‘At the current rate, the US drops a bomb every 12 minutes.’ {Another:} ‘The US military burns 10,273,972 gallons of oil PER DAY on average’”

per Union of Concerned Scientists: “The U.S. military is the largest institutional consumer of oil in the world. Every year, **our armed forces consume more than 100 million barrels of oil** to power ships, vehicles, aircraft, and ground operations”

from info@standforsalmon.org: “**Will you watch and share this video on Facebook to ensure Alaskans understand what Ballot Measure 1 is all about?** ... to educate and inform Alaskans about how important it is to protect habitat for healthy salmon populations.”

“**WOW: Women's Older Wisdom** featured Veterans For Peace member, Peggy Akers in a recent blog post. Read the Entire Piece” from VFP

to our online voter registration tool. Be sure to include the #NationalVoterRegistrationDay hashtag. Encourage your friends to take action!

2. Guide a friend who is new to the elections process. Help show new voters the ropes by sharing our online elections resource, VOTE411.org with them. VOTE411 can help voters learn about upcoming elections, including who will be on their ballot, important deadlines and information regarding in-person and absentee voting in every state. Then commit to going to the polls with them on Election Day.”

“On an August episode of *Last Week Tonight*, John Oliver discusses the vast power of the approximately 2,500 prosecutors who currently work in the United States criminal justice system. Oliver reminds viewers that in the majority of cases, **a judge or jury do not decide a defendant’s fate; prosecutors do.** Watch.” from info@innocenceproject.org

from Gov. Walker: “HB 79, which I signed... cuts costs and increases efficiency, modernizing Alaska’s workers’ comp system by allowing electronic payments, defining what an “independent contractor” is, and improving the Division’s ability to deal with fraud... HB 197 keeps Alaska growing, allowing local farmers and gardeners to start community seed banks, increasing access to tried-and-true Alaska grown crops. State seeks to boost geothermal energy production.” >>

of Greenland that are normally frozen, even in summer. This phenomenon – which has never been recorded before – has occurred twice this year due to warm winds and a climate-change driven heatwave in the northern hemisphere. *The Guardian*.

“**:: UAF Caribou Study Call for Citizen Scientists.** Calling all hunters, commercial operators, researchers on the North Slope, and members of the public- you have an opportunity to participate in an important research project! Info here.”

“**Electronics Sorting & Disassembly:** *The last 3 Saturdays in September*
Where: Green Star Warehouse, 1205 1st Ave
Who: **anyone interested in volunteering** (not suitable for children under 9, 9-14 yr olds must be accompanied by an adult, waivers signed)
What: the electronics collected at the borough’s Central Recycling Facility get prepared for recycling. Click here to sign up (click on the September tab at the bottom of the page).

“Read here for instructions for **if a fluorescent bulb breaks**. It’s also important to **recycle the bulbs**. Here in Fairbanks we can bring compact fluorescent bulbs to Home Depot where they have a container by the service counter for burned out bulbs.” from *Interior Alaska Green Star*

“**State seeks to boost geothermal energy production** The Division [of Oil and Gas] is asking people to nominate state-owned lands with geothermal potential for possible testing. If the state likes what it sees, then it may hold a lease sale to “qualified bidders”, similar to oil and gas leases.... Nominations accepted through Nov. 9. People can find more information here. C. 2018 KTVA. All rights reserved.”

Spotlight

The radio edition of this week’s news brief includes an interview with Chris Ripple, who is fighting foreclosure of his property in the hills outside Fbks. The topic is covered in the local publication FreeThePeople.

*Songs related to peace, justice, sustainability played with today’s broadcast:
--Soulful Hills; & Where I’m Bound, by Robin Dale Ford*

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- Thanks for listening, Fairbanks and the wider world"

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