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Community News and Opportunities for Action,

reporting on events & 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 October 7th, 2018

Be ready for opportunities to participate!

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
October	all month	Domestic Violence Awareness Month “Earlier this year, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault awarded over \$18 million to community organizations to provide support and resources to survivors of domestic violence in urban and rural Alaska...” <i>per the Governor’s press release.</i> It is also Co-op Month . See Oct. 10 th ; Oct. is also Voter Education Month*....	<i>more info & useful links:</i> Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault ; *See under “Justice”
Into Nov.		Road Closure - northern University Ave, (Fbks)	See the map
until Oct. 10	or so	Fox Spring closed ... <i>Updated under “Sustainability” below.</i>	
Sunday Oct. 7		Deadline to register to vote/update voter registration for general election (state & national offices and citizen-sponsored initiatives) To vote early or absentee: elections.alaska.gov/Core/votingbeforeelectionday.php	https://voterregistration.alaska.gov/
	1-5pm	Green Dot Bystander Training Green Dot is a bystander intervention program to prevent sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking. Join this interactive training to learn the warning signs of violence and how you can safely intervene to reduce the risk of harm. Green Dot empowers bystanders by demonstrating the little things you can do to prevent harm in your community. No one has to do everything, but everyone can do something! *This training is open to all UAF students. Please RSVP here . Sponsored by Life Nanook Diversity ...	University of Alaska Fairbanks campus Call 474-6311 for more information. and Action Center
Monday Oct. 8		Indigenous Peoples’ Day “the State of Alaska [in 2016] recognized the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day, creating an opportunity to promote appreciation, tolerance, understanding, friendship, and partnerships among indigenous peoples and all Alaskans.” Federal offices and most banks will be closed; no mail delivery. http://www.theholidayschedule.com/alaska-state-holidays.php . It appears that schools and state offices will be open.	
	6:30pm Oct. 8 & 22, Nov. 5 & 19, Dec. 3 & 10	Fairbanks City Council Mtg “ http://www.fairbanksalaska.us/audio-stream/ Please click the Listen Live image below to start streaming the audio. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. Mixlr audio stream (http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/)!”	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman Street -----
Tuesday Oct. 9	10 am	Alaska Peace Center October mtg - Help plan Reclaim Armistice Day activities! for more info email info@alaskapeace.org or call 479-0981	3535 College Rd, suite 203
	12-1:30pm	Alaska State House & Senate Candidates Forum by fairbankschamber.org Register Admission: \$20/person with lunch buffet or \$5 program-only fee	Fairbanks Westmark Hotel Gold Rm., Noble St.
	5:30 -7pm	City Diversity Council Mtg ... to discuss and work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community... a citizens forum, diversity advisory board, and recommend Diversity Action Plan for the community....	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St

	6-7pm	Monthly IWW Fairbanks Mtg: "...Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) All Wobblies (and recruit prospects) are welcome and encouraged to come."	Stone Soup Cafe, 507 Gaffney Rd
Wednesday Oct. 10	11:30 am; discussion at noon.	Please join Alaska Community Action on Toxics for our One Course Discourse: Preventing Harmful Exposures to Toxic Flame Retardants. ACAT: (907)222-7714; Free & open to the public. In honor of Fire Safety Week	Anchorage: at the Bears Tooth, 1230 W 27th Ave, B
	5:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577	3535 College Rd, suite 203
	5:30-7:30pm	"Please join the Sustainability Commission for the Sustainability Summit . This is a follow up public mtg to those held earlier in the year. The Commission is seeking public comment on the draft Sustainability Plan and related metrics to monitor progress toward established goals. Local experts on the related topics will also attend to help answer questions and provide information... The Facebook event for the Sustainability Summit can be found here ."	Noel Wien Library Auditorium <i>from BSmart@fnsb.us</i>
	6:30pm	Elections approaching for Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee ... and its first fall meetings ... The committee is one of 84 official regional entities around Alaska that voice concerns about hunting and fishing policies decided by Alaska's boards of fish and game. In addition to electing new leaders, the Fairbanks Advisory Committee will also hear an update from Alaska Department of Fish and Game staff and will discuss an expansion of the Goldstream Public Use Area. <i>from 9/28 newsminer.com</i>	Pioneer Park's Pioneer Hall
	7 pm	MARK YOUR CALENDAR! To celebrate Co-op Month, we're planning a screening of Food for Change . This 82-minute documentary focuses on food co-ops as a force for dynamic social and economic change in American culture.	at Raven Landing
Thursday Oct. 11	5:30-8pm	Understanding Our Privilege: History, Context & Accountability RSVP - Details under 'Justice' below	UUFF - 4448 Pike's Landing Rd
	6 pm 10/11,10/25, 11/8, 12/13	Regular FNSB Assembly mtg , (Fbks North Star Borough); includes PUBLIC HEARING on 2 liquor licenses, numerous boundary issues, and several appropriations of funds, including \$1.6million for a "Facility Asset Mngmnt System" http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx	Assembly Chambers Borough bldg, 907 Terminal St, Fbks
Saturday Oct. 13	1 pm	Public hearing on Stand for Salmon measure ...A statewide teleconference hearing on Oct. 13 at 1 p.m., with testimony taken by phone only.	teleconference
Sunday Oct. 14	4pm	Juneau, AK, official Youth Nuclear Weapons 2020 Conference project launch with the screening of the documentary film "The Man Who Saved the World" <i>See more below under Peace.</i>	In Juneau, at UAS Egan Lecture Hall
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Wednesday Oct. 17	5:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577	3535 College Rd, suite 203
Friday Oct. 19	6:30pm	Plenty For All Fundraiser - Helping people achieve and maintain home ownership. 8th annual Mystery... Another Ida Solvit one-act Interactive Play "Two Birds, One Stone" written by Marcia Trainor. Enjoy a delightful evening of solving a mystery, good wine, food, and loads of laughter to benefit 'Plenty For All' a local non-profit set up to keep families out of foreclosure and into their own homes. A silent Auction will be held as well. For more information visit www.plentyforallfairbanks.org . Tickets are \$40 (available at the door). Play starts at 7:00. For advanced tickets or more information please contact Jane at 479-6832 or Julie at 479-6830, or www.plentyforallfairbanks.org/ .	UUFF
Friday-Saturday, October 19-20	at 7:30pm	<u>Cry Havoc</u> Stephan Wolfert ... recounts his own experiences of military service, weaving his personal narrative with lines from some of Shakespeare's most famous speeches. Wolfert is the Founding Artistic Director of Shakespeare & Veterans, and the Veterans Center for the Performing Arts and the creator of DE-CRUIT: a program to reintegrate military Veterans using classical actor training. He proposes that the military recruits citizens and trains them to kill, but asks what does the "de-cruit" process look	Pioneer Park Civic Center <i>From:</i> info@fairbanksconcert.org

		like? How do civilians and Veterans re-learn to live together? A profoundly moving and memorable evening	
Sat. Oct. 20	12-5pm	32nd Annual Fairbanks International Friendship Day. Stage Performances, Cultural Displays, Food & Gift items for sale. Free Admission. Contact 907-474-0928 or rjkan@alaska.edu for more information...& https://www.facebook.com/pg/fairbanksfriendshipday/posts/	Pioneer Park Centennial Center
		Co-op Market Annual Mtg.	TBA
October 20/ 21, 2018		Women's March on the Pentagon Called by Cindy Sheehan and others. #WomenMarch4Peace https://www.marchonpentagon.com/ In response to the continuing march of military aggression by the USA and to put an antiwar agenda back on the table of activists, we are calling for a Women's (and allies) March on the Pentagon tentatively set for the 51st anniversary of the 1967 big antiwar event in DC and subsequent march on the Pentagon that had 50,000 people... For more information and to read more: https://www.facebook.com/events/184236778838247/?active_tab=about	
Thurs, Oct. 25	2 - 4 pm Alaska time	Conversations with the Innocence Project is a new series of discussions that bring together leading experts, those adversely affected by the criminal justice system, and advocates to discuss, debate and take action on issues plaguing the system. This inaugural discussion will focus on the role and power of prosecutors in our system, reform efforts to ensure prosecutorial accountability in cases of misconduct and a growing movement to enlist prosecutors in the fight to combat wrongful convictions. RSVP on Facebook .	Join the conversation on Facebook Live. Watch live
		2018 Election Timeline: Monday October 22nd - 2018 General Absentee and Early Voting Begins Tuesday November 6th - General Election Day	
Fri, Nov. 2 Sat. Nov. 3	7-9pm 9am-5pm	Color Brave Conversations Two workshops related to racism. Each workshop stands on its own; take either or both. Sponsored by Chena Ridge Friends..	1744 Farmer's Loop Rd. ..Meeting (Quakers)
November 10		<u>Peace Congress to End U.S. Wars at Home and Abroad.</u> This will be a full day conference to define next steps for collaboration by activists and organizations in the US. More information and registration here.	
		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 links to Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.

Good News category:

“[On Oct. 2nd,] after a long campaign, Jeff Bezos of **Amazon announced that the company would raise its minimum wage for all United States employees to \$15 an hour** — a move that will impact more than 350,000 full-time, part-time and temporary workers.

I want to thank the Amazon workers who worked with us on this campaign and the more than 100,000 of you who signed a petition demanding that Mr. Bezos do exactly what he announced today. This is what happens when we stand up and fight for justice together.” *from Bernie Sanders*

On the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons [Sept. 26], **7 more countries signed the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.** [“Watch & share the video Or check out all the day's action on our live-blog” from ICAN, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.](#)

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

Peace

from *winwithoutwar*: “**Urge Rep. Don Young to cosponsor H.R.6534 and end dangerous private military contractors in U.S. wars.** Erik Prince — the disgraced former Blackwater CEO whose employees were prosecuted for murdering civilians in Iraq — is pushing a deadly plan to privatize the 17-year-long war in Afghanistan. But Rep. Jan Schakowsky has introduced a bill that would help slow Prince’s plan. Her bill, H.R. 6534, would end the use of private military contractors in United States wars.”

from *Veterans For Peace (VFP)*: “**Juneau, AK – VFP Chapter 100 Taps Skagway Activist to Plan Youth Nuclear Weapons Conference** - Shelby Surdyk of Skagway Alaska has been selected to plan and coordinate an **International Youth Congress for the Global Elimination of Nuclear Weapons which will be held in Juneau in 2020.**

“... to build opportunities for Alaskan students to grapple with the grave and important topics of nuclear weapons proliferation...”

“On **Oct 14**, Surdyk will be in **Juneau** for the **official project launch with the screening of the documentary film "The Man Who Saved the World"** at the **University of Alaska Southeast Egan Lecture Hall at 4 pm.** Starring Robert De Niro, Matt Damon and Kevin Costner, it “tells the gripping true story of Stanislav Petrov - a man who single-handedly averted a fullscale Nuclear World War” by preventing a Soviet Union nuclear weapons retaliatory response to a false alarm...”

“Contact: KJ Metcalf (907) 500-2894 or Rich Moniak (907) 957-1956” **Read more...**”

from *World BEYOND War*: “**No More War Rehearsals!** Nothing has done more to advance the possibility of peace in Korea than the United States ceasing what it calls “war games,” but which might properly be called rehearsals for the bombing of North Korea. Yet the U.S., NATO, & non-NATO members Sweden and Finland are conducting **the biggest rehearsal for a war on Russia** that has been seen in decades, and Russia is engaged in a **similarly enormous armed-rehearsal for a war on Europe.** A **Petition to the Governments of All NATO Members –**

Justice

from *ACLU *of Alaska*: “**Educate yourself today on how the people asking for your vote stand on privacy, free speech, reproductive rights, justice reform, and so many other issues critical to Alaskans’ liberty.**... [W]e have posted the responses to our **first ever state candidate survey.** We hope this will be a critical resource for the state races (state house, state senate, and state governor) to help you to **vote like your rights depend on it** in 2018...” **American Civil Liberties Union*

“**Officers in fatal shooting won’t be charged,** By DChomicz@newsminer.com” 10/2/18, “...on Dec. 24, 2017. Alaska State Troopers and Fairbanks police had responded to the area after getting reports that Eyre had been drinking, was suicidal and had a .22-caliber revolver loaded with one bullet... Investigation determined more than 40 .223 rounds and two individual shotgun rounds were fired at Eyre in two main volleys... The state plans to hold a full media press briefing to include body camera footage on Oct. 10...”

“California’s toughest-in-the country **net neutrality** law, ...set to take effect Jan. 1... prohibits internet service providers from blocking or slowing data based on content or from favoring websites or video streams from companies that pay extra. It also bans “zero rating,” in which internet providers don’t count certain content against a monthly data cap — generally video streams produced by the company’s own subsidiaries and partners. The **U.S. Dept. of Justice sued immediately**, arguing that the federal government has exclusive authority to regulate the internet.” *AP/Fbks Daily News-Miner 10/2/18*

from *League of Women Voters*: “As we head into October and Voter Education Month, take a few minutes to look through this Elle.com article, **How to Participate in Politics, No Matter How Much Free Time You Have**, which outlines how readers can get involved in the election this year—whether someone has 5 minutes or 5 hours to give. Additionally, we’re partnering with ProPublica on their **User’s Guide to Democracy**...”

“The Voting Rights Act Since Shelby - This month the League **provided written comments** for the Commission on Civil Rights’ report on **minority voting rights access and how the Justice Department has been enforcing the**

Sustainability

from *Friends of Fox Spring*: “**Fox Spring Update 10.05.18:** Work continues on the wayside and the repairs and installation of the holding tank are now complete. When we make major changes to the water system, it is routine and required to have the water checked by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. We will open Fox Spring as soon as we receive the all-clear, which we expect will be soon. We appreciate your patience during this closure and the support you have shown the Friends of Fox Spring.” dot.alaska.gov/nreg/foxspring/

“If you’re looking for concrete evidence of **climate change in Alaska**, here’s some: Fairbanks’ typical time between the last spring freeze and the first autumn one has increased by a full month in the past century.” *shqred by Jimmy Fox*; <https://www.ktoo.org/2018/09/26/the-man-who-translates-climate-change-data-for-alaskans-is-retiring-heres-a-qa/>”

State of Alaska Early Climate Actions by Department released Sept. 26, 2018. Among its plans is, “Continue ...anti-idling guidance, encourage state use of hybrid and electric vehicles, and conduct an alternative fuel study for the state vehicle fleet.”

from *Northern Alaska Environmental Center*: “The AQ Stakeholders group is still meeting and will be addressing how to proceed, given the passage of proposition 4.[to ban Borough enforcement to limit PM2.5 pollution] ... It is now up to us as neighbors---as a community---to ask that for those 30 or fewer days a year when our air quality can be particularly bad, we ask our neighbors not to burn solid fuels.”

“Mine tailings storage facilities across the world have been failing and causing significant environmental harm at an **increasing rate since 1990.** In the midst of this **worldwide trend towards tailings failure**, the proposed Donlin Gold Mine would use a 400-foot tailings dam to hold back millions of tons of toxic tailings from entering the Kuskokwim River... **ACTION** opportunity: Tell **Governor Walker** to halt permitting on the project until the residents of the Kuskokwim have been adequately consulted!”

Plus Sweden, Finland, and Russia. **Add your name by clicking here.**

“#NoWar2018 was a huge success. The **videos are here** and can be used for local events. The theme of replacing war with the rule of law was well explored by activists and experts. We'll be adding in the next day or so a highlights video that collects important pieces from all the others.”

The National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth has a new **2018/9 Back-to-school Kit for Counter-recruitment and School Demilitarization Organizing** for free download from this link. Download, share, network. Contact info@alaskapeace.org if you are interested in working on this issue in Alaska.

from CODEPINK: “**Send David Miliband a message and tell him: there is nothing humanitarian about profiting from weapons sales.**

The two leading contributors to the current global refugee crisis are climate change and war. **Under Larry Fink’s watch, BlackRock maintains significant stakes in weapons companies such as General Dynamics, Northrop Grumman, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, and Raytheon.** Fink’s BlackRock props up weapons manufacturers, undermining diplomacy between countries and preventing the proper compassionate care of refugees and internally displaced persons.”

from **Free the Fairbanks Four** There was a federal hearing last Wednesday on whether to dismiss their **lawsuit for wrongful conviction.** as the City of Fairbanks wants. You can see **Channel 11, Alaska Public Media,** and other sources for more coverage.

VRA in the wake of the Supreme Court’s Shelby County decision.”

“Overall the report finds that many discriminatory practices are in use that threaten the right to vote for minority voters. The report makes recommendations to Congress and the Department of Justice with regards to policy and enforcement solutions to protect voters. **learn more at lwv.org.**”

from Daily Kos via Stop the War Machine: “**Sign and send the petition to Congress: end the mass incarceration of migrant children now.** Our fears have come true. The government is now **relocating thousands of migrant children to languish in prison camps in a Texas desert.** In recent weeks, hundreds of children were moved in the middle of the night to a “tent city” in rural West Texas. These new locations are unregulated and kids do not have access to schools or legal services. **We need to stop the administration before they continue expanding these prison camps”**

And from Brave New Films: “immigrant prisons and family separation are still wreaking havoc on families. **... At Brave New Films, we use the power of film to keep shining light on these continuing injustices.**

We released the **Immigrant Prisons** series a few years ago to spotlight how locking up immigrants is a cash cow for the private prison industry. Today, we wanted to let you know that we have added another segment to the series. **Trauma at the Border** is an essential update to the story about how the Trump administration is worsening an already inhumane and unjust system.”

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 IPEN*, an international group Working Together for a Toxics-Free Future, and co-chair of which is PAMELA MILLER..

Executive Director, Alaska Community Action on Toxics, United States. “**No Loopholes in Global Ban on PFOA**” “An **upcoming UN expert group meeting** will make recommendations to governments about adding PFOA to the **UN Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**”

“ *IPEN stands for International POPs Elimination Network (POPs = Persistent Organic Pollutants, meaning industrial chemicals and pesticides that resist degradation and can be transported to remote regions of the globe such as the Arctic). IPEN first came together to work on getting an international treaty, the Stockholm Convention, to eliminate the world's most toxic chemicals. It is now a network of about 500 groups in 100 countries.”

“**Understanding Our Privilege: History, Context & Accountability** -

“Planned Parenthood Votes, Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition and Hrri Scouts [are] holding a series of workshops on white supremacy, white privilege and intersectionality in activism and community building.

- There are four workshops in this series -
Sept 27: Intro to White Privilege
October 11: Intro to Intersectionality
Oct 25: Climate Justice and White Privilege
Nov 8: Reproductive Justice & White Privilege

“We will have a light dinner and childcare available! Please **RSVP** at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Tv29dkgs_TsSunXDUBIasQ0D6uiVCkSySUACPilGyho/edit.”

from Innocence Project: “after 21 years, our client **John Nolley was exonerated in Texas.**”

*Songs of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability that were part of this week’s news broadcast:
and especially in Honor of Indigenous Peoples’ Day*

- *Coltivo Una Rosa Blanca, by Jose Marti, sung by John McCutcheon*
- *As Long As the Grass Shall Grow, by Peter LaFarge*
- *Now That the Buffalo Is Gone, by Buffy Sainte-Marie*
- *You Gotta Run, By Buffy Sainte-Marie, joined by Tanya Tagaq*

-- *Movin' It On*, by Odetta

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with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

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- Thanks for listening, Fairbanks and the wider world"

May Peace Be With You! Have a Good Week!