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Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of December 16th, 2018

*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. Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
Sunday Dec. 16		North Pole Zone- Stage 1 air alert in effect. Expires [Monday] Dec 17 at 2pm. No burning w/o a waiver or NOASH. For more info call 451-2132 or visit http://dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair . (There was a Stage 2 alert Dec. 10-11.)	
		Gifts for the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living: [UUFF] are collecting cash donations for the Interior Alaska Center, to be used to fulfill holiday wishes of the families staying at their shelter and utilizing their services. Donations will be accepted after services on Sundays through Dec 23 . If you would like to donate in honor of a friend or family members, ornaments are available to signify your gift.	UUFF is at 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
Monday Dec. 17	comment Deadline	Beaufort Sea Lease Sale EIS scoping period is open until Dec 17. More below at Northern AK Environmental Center	
Tues, Dec. 18		International Migrants Day See the United Nations Secretary-General's Message on International Migrants Day, 2018	
	9-10am AK time	"How to Hold the Fossil Fuel Industry Accountable for Climate Change" from Union of Concerned Scientists. "Help reduce Big Oil's political influence. Join our webinar for a closer look at how putting pressure on Big Oil can be a part of climate solutions, and how you can get involved: Register Today "	WEBINAR INVITATION
	6:30- 7:45 pm	Fairbanks Activist Forum Facilitators' Mtg - Please contact FAF at fairbanksactivistsforum@gmail.com for location.	
Wednesday Dec. 19	2pm	Housing First Christmas party: [Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks - UUFF] will be sharing our time and love with residents of Housing First during an afternoon tea and caroling event... We are requesting donations of homemade baked goods to share with the tenants. Donations of baked goods can be brought to UUFF on Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:30pm, or on Wednesday between 10:30am-noon. Please consider joining us at the party, as we want the residents to all have someone to share treats with. Housing First provides housing without a precondition of sobriety, and they have approximately 45 tenants. Children are welcome at this event.	UUFF is at 4448 Pikes Landing Rd.

	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 Dec. 21	1-4pm	“Celebrate the Solstice with us! [Northern Alaska Environmental Cneter] will be hosting an open house at our office. We'd like to invite those of you in town to come say hi, share a warm beverage, and celebrate our ongoing efforts and our planet's shift toward the sun. This is also an opportunity to meet Ryan Marsh, our new Arctic Program Coordinator, or anyone else you haven't had a chance to meet yet. For those not in town, as always, feel free <u>to send us a note any time.</u>	830 College Road in Fairbanks
Sat. Dec. 22	10 am-noon	“Support Anti-Discrimination in Fairbanks: Show support for a Fairbanks Non-Discrimination Ordinance: Our Fairbanks City Council delayed the ordinance that would add protections for LGBTQ folks in our anti-discrimination laws. Unitarian Universalists have a strong history of supporting equality for all, and our voices are needed in this effort. If you are unsure of how to help, ally training will be held at UUFF on Saturday, Dec 22, from 10:00am-noon. Talking points for letters to the editor and public testimony will also be available at the social justice table in the foyer.”	UUFF foyer
	12- 4 pm	Join Friends of Creamer's Field for our annual Drop in Ornament Making . Stop by the Farm- house anytime between noon and 4 pm and have fun making ornaments of natural materials. For all ages. 452-5162 or www.friendsofcreamersfield.org for more information. Free. \$5 Donation appreciated.	Creamer's Farmhouse Visitor Center
Sunday Dec. 23		Gifts for the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living: [UUFF] are collecting cash donations for the Interior Alaska Center, to be used to fulfill holiday wishes of the families staying at their shelter and utilizing their services. Donations will be accepted after services on Sundays through Dec 23 . If you would like to donate in honor of a friend or family members, ornaments are available to signify your gift.	
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Friday, Dec. 28	6 pm potluck, 7 pm presentation	Alaska Peace Center potluck and presentation of the San Francisco to Moscow Walk for Peace In 1960 Suzanne Rich Osborn joined a group walking from San Francisco to Moscow to promote peace between the United States and the USSR. “We wanted to see a world without war. We were talking about making a unilateral peace and for each government to stop militarism.” The walk was organized by the Committee for Nonviolent Action. The small group of people walked across the United States to New York, caught a flight to London, wound up on a boat to Belgium, and walked from there to Moscow. They were treated quite well in Russia and passed out thousands and thousands of leaflets along the way, as well as picketing at military bases they passed by. Potluck at 6:00, Program and discussion begins at 7:00. Join advocates for peace, justice, and sustainability, with good food, camaraderie, enlightenment, and discussion.	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
Thurs. Jan. 3	2019	116th Congress starts	
		:: January 3: Deadline to apply for teacher scholarships for field courses in Denali National Park. Alaska Geographic and the National Park Service are awarding scholarships to teachers for accredited courses taking place in Denali National Park and Preserve. Making use of a field camp 30 miles into Denali, these small group intensives expose teachers to science, research and educational opportunities using Denali as their classroom. Courses are three days in length. Professional development credit is made available through the University of Alaska Anchorage. For more information, please visit Alaska Geographic's website.	
Friday, Jan.4		The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) <u>announced that they've extended the scoping comment deadline</u> for leasing in the Beaufort Sea to Friday, January 4. For more background and possible talking points, <u>see last week's newsletter</u> . <i>from NAEC</i>	

January 19	1-4pm	Northern Hope Center 2nd Annual Fundraising Auction - The Northern Hope Center is an independently run, member operated, non-clinical, safe, friendly environment for people who suffer from the symptoms of mental illness. The Northern Hope Center's 2nd Annual Fundraising Auction will be January 19th from 1-4 at the The FHHC November Meeting Highlights were incorrect. Please come out to support this truly inspirational organization!	Lions Bingo Hall (Fairgrounds)
Feb 27, 2019		Fbks Housing & Homeless Coalition (FHHC) will be hosting the Fbks Symposium on Homelessness II	
		<p>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</p>	www.alaskapeace.org links to government representatives.

Good News category:

from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): “On Dec. 12, **the Senate passed** the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act (S. 1158)! The legislation helps the State Department proactively and peacefully prevent mass violence. The Senate-passed version will now go back to the House to be approved there—and there’s limited time to act. Your representative needs to hear from you that genocide prevention is a priority.

“On Dec. 13, the **Senate passed a resolution to end U.S. support for the Saudi war in Yemen**, by a vote of 56-41. This is the first time a chamber of Congress voted to use the War Powers Act to reassert congressional authority over war and peace.” However, Bernie Sanders writes, “**In order for this bill to get to President Trump’s desk, it must pass the House of Representatives.** Unfortunately, Speaker Paul Ryan has effectively disallowed a vote on the resolution, despite the fact it would pass with bipartisan support... many Yemeni children and families will die. More will suffer until we finally act...85,000 children have starved to death, 14 million more people are on the brink of starvation, and the country is facing the worst cholera outbreak in the world. ... Sign my petition: tell Speaker Ryan and the House of Representatives to vote on legislation that would end the United States’ support for the Saudi-led war in Yemen.”

“After months of intense negotiations, the **House and Senate passed the final version of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018** (... the ‘farm bill’.) [It] bill protects and improves SNAP (aka food stamps). It excludes many of the harmful provisions that were included in the House version of the bill, and preserves important conservation and environmental protection programs...” from FCNL.

from Jewish Voice For Peace: “Powerful grassroots organizing got the goods -- **Vermont state police & the Northampton, MA mayor pulled out their departments** from [plans to send] U.S. police to Israel to trade tactics with police and military there, one of the most prominent “Deadly Exchange” programs that sells Israeli occupation & apartheid as model policing and shares worst practices with US cops and ICE agents.

On Monday, JVP-NYU helped lead 60 student groups **to win a resolution calling on the university to divest** from corporations that profit off the occupation, in one of the most beautiful moments of coalition-building the student movement has produced (so far).... Last week the New York Times published a Michelle Goldberg op-ed titled: “**Anti-zionism is not the same as anti-semitism**” - establishing what might be JVP’s core belief in mainstream debate.

Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date

Peace

from Veterans For Peace: “Deployed to the Border: A Test of Conscience for GIs - James Branum of the Military Law Task Force of the NLG, has just written a legal memo for soldiers deployed/facing deployment to the border, explaining orders violations and the law surrounding refusal of unlawful orders... The Military Law Task Force of the National Lawyers Guild shares the concerns of organizations such as Veterans For Peace, Courage to Resist, and others, that US servicemembers are being given illegal orders... [Read More](#)”

“After More Than 6 Decades, It’s Time to End the Korean War - Veterans For Peace is proud to have joined over 130 US civil-society organizations who've released a joint statement today to urge the US government to end the Korean War and pursue negotiations for a peace treaty. [Read More](#)”

from codepink: “When new Congress members travel with AIPAC, they don’t meet with the Palestinian families whose children — some as young as 12 years old — get detained and prosecuted in the Israeli military court system. They don’t see the Palestinian homes that get demolished or hear about the Israeli army opening fire on nonviolent protesters. They don’t see the Jewish-only roads that criss-cross the West bank or walk through the checkpoints Palestinians have to pass through on a daily basis. ... [U.S. sends] \$3.8 billion annually to Israel in military aid — Let’s ask all newly elected Congress members to follow the lead of Tlaib and Ocasio-Cortez and #SkipTheTrip. Sign the petition now!”

Instead of material, consumerist gifts during this season, consider giving *Gifts of Peace*:
(Some suggested in CODEPINK’s 21 Days of Giving):
-- have a conversation with someone you love, about something you usually don’t agree on; give them a promise that you will LISTEN with LOVE, really listen with an open heart...

Justice

Regarding the Fbks City Council’s recently-postponed rights-protection proposed ordinance: “From: <https://www.facebook.com/Generation-Action-at-UAF-302067735017/> Our statement strongly supporting Fairbanks City Council Ordinance 6093. This ordinance makes race, ethnicity, gender, sex, and ability protected classes, meaning Fairbanksans are not allowed to be discriminated against in housing, employment, or services because of one of these parts of their identity. If they are, they will be able to pursue legal action right here at home, rather than traveling to Juneau! Friendly reminder that Alaska does NOT protect LGBTQ+ people at all right now! We can be fired, kicked out of our homes, denied services, etc. Anchorage, Sitka, and Juneau have passed local protections but Fairbanksans remain vulnerable. This ordinance is one step closer to a community free from fear and violence. Do you want to get involved? Testify ... at 6:15 at the Fairbanks City Council Chambers (800 Cushman St, Fairbanks, AK) ... Testimony must be under 3 minutes, and you should stay positive. THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO BE A GREAT ALLY!!! Don’t think this will affect your life directly? Great! Talk about why it still matters to our community <3 OR email our City Council people (keep it polite, positive, and honest, and remember that any information you share about your identity and story is public record).

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OR call our City Council people (feel free to leave a message after 5PM if that's easier)
Jim Matherly - Mayor: (907) 459-6793
Shoshana Kun - Seat A: (907) 590-8313
June Rogers - Seat B: (907) 451-0122
Valerie Therrin - Seat C: (907) 388-0272
Kathryn Otterstein - Seat D: (907) 978-5461
Jerry Cleworth - Seat E: (907) 452-6461
David Pruhs - Seat F: (907) 750-2888

Sustainability

from Science Daily 12/7/18: “DDT in Alaska meltwater poses cancer risk for people who eat lots of fish - Children in Alaska whose diet includes a lot of fish from rivers fed by the Eastern Alaska Mountain Range may have a long-term elevated risk for cancer because of insecticides [organochlorine pollutants (OCPs)] -- including DDT -- in the meltwater... Pesticides that contain OCPs have been banned in many countries because exposure to them has been linked to cancer, coma, tremors, confusion, fatigue, headache, nausea, blurry vision and death... As Alaskan glaciers melt in the warming climate, Miner says the gradual release of these OCPs may continue to elevate watershed concentrations above the current level...”

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center: “Please note: our office will be closed from Decr 24-January 7.”

*“Fairbanks, join the Northern Center ... to make our voices heard about the **protection of critical habitat in the Reserve in Alaska’s Western Arctic**... Comment by January 7, 2019... --Submit written comments via: [Online in ePlanning](#) (Click on the Comment Button next to the Notice of Intent).*

Please cc ryan@northern.org in your emailed comments!

--or by mail:

NPR-A IAP/EIS Scoping Comments
222 West 7th Avenue, Mailstop #13
Anchorage, AK 99513

*“The **Ambler road** would have major negative impacts in the region with minimal gain for the people and animals who have the most at stake. **We will continue** to urge the state not to spend any more money on this project.*

:: Trump EPA Proposes Major Rollback of Federal Water Protections. The proposal,

-- hot lemon tea with honey and garlic
-- Sponsor a refugee
-- Commit to monthly contribution to sustain a family
-- Work a consistent daily shift on a 24-hour emergency hotline...

Follow the Peace Economy Initiative.... where there is a well-made 7-minute illustrated explanation]

“CDC report: US gun deaths reach highest level in nearly 40 years... Nearly 40,000 people were killed by guns last year, according to the data.”

from Newspapers For Inmates: “Without our help, people incarcerated at the Fairbanks Correctional Center will soon lose regular access to The Daily News-Miner. Grant funding to provide the paper ended last May, and interim resources are exhausted. Because FCC residents have no access to the internet, the local paper helps them maintain a connection to life on the outside. Inmates rely on newspapers for information about job and training opportunities, housing options, church services, obituaries, birth announcements, completion of their GED coursework, and so much more. We believe these kinds of connections benefit all of us. **We need your support.”**

from sumofus.org: “Tell Procter & Gamble & big brands to stop doing business with FGV until workers’ rights are respected on palm oil plantations. To produce the oil it sells to P&G, Nestlé, Mondelez, and Pepsico, **FGV is reliant on migrant workers recruited by mercenary human traffickers.** These “contractors” withhold workers’ passports, overcharge them for food and necessities, and refuse to let them leave plantations without written permission.

That oil, harvested by migrant workers forced to endure dire living conditions, goes into Head & Shoulders, Pantene and Herbal Essences shampoo, and other products we use every day.”

OR! leave a comment here: <https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/citycouncil/webform/contact-council>
Doug Toelle, Advocacy Director - [Access Alaska](#)
Owner - [Running Reindeer Ranch](#)
AAI - 907.479.7940, RRR -.455.4998, Cell .460.4720



WallBusters shared Access Alaska, Inc.'s post.
[Access Alaska, Inc.](#) is asking for donations.

Update: ...

We still have a need for underwear in large sizes. T shirts sweat pants and sweatshirts. Thanks! Our friends from Karluk Manor have been relocated to the Fairview Recreation Center as theIr building was damaged. They are in immediate need of: Large and x-large underwear Slippers No slip socks T shirts Sweat suits Eye drops Xlarge depends There are 47 people in need of these supplies. You can take them directly by the center. Ask for Corrine with Rural Cap. They may also need a few hospital beds and mattresses, do not drop these off, but let us know if you have any that are available. Thank you for your assistance. Doug White, Exec Director

from FCNL: “[This] week, as the year and the 115th Congress winds down, our legislators will have another opportunity to enact needed change. The Senate is expected to vote on the FIRST STEP Act. While not perfect, this legislation will bring more fairness into our criminal justice system by reducing extremely long prison sentences for non-violent crimes and improving rehabilitation for those currently in prison. It also includes the Second Chance Reauthorization Act, which will provide much needed funding to community-based organizations helping people who are leaving prison. [W]ill you take action one more time in solidarity with incarcerated people and their families? [Send a letter to congress now.”](#)

announced Tuesday at the Environmental Protection Agency, would change the EPA's definition of "waters of the United States," or WOTUS, limiting the types of waterways that fall under federal protection to major waterways, their tributaries, adjacent wetlands and a few other categories. NPR.

:: Trump's pursuit of "energy dominance" threatens the entire planet.

:: DNR Gears up for Public Comment on Major Permits for Donlin Next Year.

::ADD YOUR NAME: Demand that Governor Dunleavy return the Climate Task Force information and action plan to state website. Our national reports read loud and clear: Alaska is warming faster than the rest of the planet and the cost of doing nothing grows every day. Alaska should be a leader addressing this crisis, not avoiding it. Cook Inletkeeper.

:: More Than a Dozen Tribal Nations Join Forces to Oppose Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. :: Bernadette Demientieff: The Arctic Refuge is not just a piece of land with oil underneath... [on CNN](#)

“Public health workers estimate that 20,000 Americans will die of lung cancer, specifically related to radon*The Cooperative Extension Service has [more information on radon here..](#)*

from UAF School of Natural Resources and Extension: “As the natural resource economist for SNRE, Joshua Greenberg... has specialized in fisheries, but he has studied many other Alaska resource issues, including the feasibility of raising musk ox for qiviut, the economic value of reindeer range, the peony industry, sustainable livestock production and carbon sequestration. The latest [Agroborealis Research Highlight](#) describes his work over the past 30 years.

“Empowering Youth, Scientists and Indigenous Communities through GLOBE Climate Change Research... As scientists, we can bring technical resources such as remotely sensed data and visualization technology that can contribute to community action. Indigenous communities bring their

from Friends of the Earth: **“Ryan Zinke resigns as Interior Secretary....** [His] likely replacement, David Bernhardt, is a walking conflict of interest. Before coming to Interior he was a high paid lobbyist representing the very industries that will profit from... plan to hand our public lands and waters over to polluters....”

from Business Insider: “Sinclair Group reportedly required over 100 TV stations to air 'must run' segment that defends use of tear gas on migrants at the border.”

long- term, often intergenerational, intimate knowledge and observations of local land and ecosystems, and questions that often become priority research needs...”

“**Results from the 2018 vegetable variety trials** at the Georgeson Botanical Garden have been published as **“Vegetable Variety Trials 2018.”**

Spotlight

*from WorldBEYONDWar: “**Include the Military in the Green New Deal** - Congresswoman-Elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has drafted a Green New Deal that fails to acknowledge the existence of the U.S. military as an environmentally destructive force, and the U.S. military budget (over 60% of discretionary spending) as a potential source of revenue.*

CLICK HERE TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING PETITION, which World BEYOND War, RootsAction.org, and CODE PINK will deliver to Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez in January.

We propose the following **edits** that would allow us to join in supporting your **Green New Deal**.

1. Change ...to this:

The Plan for a Green New Deal (and the draft legislation) **shall recognize that much of the 60% of discretionary spending now going into the environmentally destructive project of militarism can be moved to environmental protection**, and that innovative public and other financing . . .

2. Change ...The Plan ...by adding this:

-- a major transition away from the environmental destruction of war and war-preparations, including the closure of most of the U.S. military bases abroad and within the United States and the thorough cleanup of the land and water in those locations.

CLICK HERE TO ADD YOUR NAME AND COMMENTS TO THE PETITION. Forward this email to share it with others!

Background: > Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez: [The Green New Deal](#) > World BEYOND War: [War Destroys the Environment](#)

> World BEYOND War: [We Need \\$2 Trillion a Year for Other Things”](#)

[Also see the [Green Party’s Green New Deal](#), “first formulated in 2006”]

Songs heard with today's broadcast:

– *Less Is More*, by Laura Love

-- *Hot Tuna/ Jorma Kaukonen*, sing about a fella who gets his draft notice, and is goin' offa war to kill someone and he won 't hafta break any kind of law.

-- *Battlefield*, by Emerson Lake & Palmer

-- *Imagine*, by John Lennon, sung by Keb Mo

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 (APC). Views & news reported do not constitute endorsement by APC, KWRK-LP, or other entities in which they may be replicated.

*- individually, in our community, and globally -
with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

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Email alaskapeacenews@gmail.com.*

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Annual Outreach Costs

Tanana Valley State Fair: \$800 for booth, pins and bumper stickers
Annual Newsletter: \$550 for 300 copies with postage
Alternatives to Violence Project: \$65 per workshop scholarship

Potluck Presentations, Peace Feast and Special Events

Facility use fees for events: \$15-\$250 rental, plus insurance if required
Guest speakers or musicians: \$600-\$2,500 per guest, can include airfare, stipend or compensation, lodging, local transportation and meals
Sound Engineering if needed: \$250-\$750
Advertising: \$75+ per event for printing flyers; \$250 - \$500 banner ad, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner; \$2000 for 1/3 page ad

Ongoing Expenses: \$225 monthly office rent; \$30-\$50 monthly utilities and supplies

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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.