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Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of December 9th, 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. 9	4 pm	KWRK-LP Potluck and Fundraiser! Put it on your calendar and plan your contribution of either a potluck delicacy or an auction item. (Food items are always best.) Potluck at 4 - Eat & Socialize! Auction at 5:30 - Have Fun bidding to support Interior Alaska's truly independent radio station, where you hear news & views you don't hear elsewhere, plus come away with something delicious or useful or beautiful or comical to reward you for your support.	At Sean & Sharon's Dome Home, 159 Kniffen Rd; You can call Sean for directions: 888-0124
Monday Dec. 10	Comment Deadline	<u>Tell the House of Representatives to stop the repeal of net neutrality before it's too late.</u> <i>See more under Justice, below.</i>	
		Dec. 10, International Human Rights Day - Read Fairbanksan Neville Jacobs' Cmmunity Perspective in 12/8 NewsMiner. <i>from AFSC.</i> "Join our Facebook live to: -- Learn about our Dec. 10-18* week of action "Loves Know No Border: A moral call for migrant justice," which will mobilize communities across the country for solidarity events. -- Find out how you can stand with border communities and all people seeking refuge.... stand with the migrant caravan and all who seek refuge in the U.S. *Dec. 10, International Human Rights Day, to Dec. 18, International Migrants Day."	
	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 Monday of each month. All Wobblies (and recruit prospects) are welcome and encouraged to come." Info: iwwfbx@gmail.com	507 Gaffney Rd
	4 pm	GVEA Board Mtg - "will include a legislative update before member comments. (Packet here .) We're going to want people to attend, particularly if they have not done so before, to express their opposition to the recommissioning of the Healy 1 coal plant, as well as support for the carbon emissions reductions goals being finalized, railbelt grid unification, and also GVEA broadband supply! Message Tristan at tkglowa@gmail.com for more details." <i>from Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition (FCAC)</i>	GVEA Headquarters – 758 Illinois St

	6:30pm Dec. 3 & 10	Fairbanks City Council Mtg *Agendas and calendar at https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/2018-12 Per newsminer 12/6, a priority will be “help with groundwater contamination emanating from a fire training facility”....plus employee retirement, clean air, and voting systems issues. <i>from FCAC: “The city council is voting on a proposed non-discrimination ordinance which would provide protections for LGBTQI individuals as well as all other protected classes in employment, housing, and services. They really need to hear our support! Email council@fairbanks.us with your thoughts as well.”</i>	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman Street
Tuesday Dec. 11	5:30 -7pm	Fbks Diversity Council Mtg “...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 activi-ties in our community...” Alaska Peace Center will participate in the Dec. 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.	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St
	6 pm	Fbks North Star Borough (FNSB) “Planning Commission mtg: Presentation regarding the Salcha-Badger plan community input, draft goals, outreach, and timeline with time for questions. Staff Contact: Melissa Kellner.”	
	6:30- 8 pm	Mtg of the Fbks chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby	NoelWien Library conference room
Wednesday Dec. 12	5:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio (KWRK-LP 90.9FM) weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577	3535 College Rd, suite 203, Fbks
	6:30 pm	Sustainability Commission Mtg , Agenda and full agenda packet at www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/Boards/Pages/SustainabilityCommission.aspx , which includes the draft plan. “If you cannot attend, send comments to Mike Musick at mikemusick@gci.net , as he will be the FCAC liaison.”	NoelWien Library conference room
Thurs. Dec. 13	6 pm	Regular FNSB Assembly mtg: includes Air Quality, rezone, and “direct sale to a mining claim holder” issues http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Docuuments.aspx	Borough bldg, 907 Terminal St,
Friday Dec. 14	6 - 10 pm	FCAC & Native Movement Holiday Party!! 6pm-10pm at the. Kick back and celebrate a year of action with us! There will be some catering, but bring food & drinks as well! :)	JP Jones Community Ctr 2400 Rickett St
Saturday Dec. 15	10am-4pm	“Green Star is Recycling Electronics Every Saturday! - You can sign up here to come in and help out!”	1205 1st Ave
	12- 4 pm	December 8, 15, & 22: 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

		<u>After This Week</u>	
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		Dec. 18, International Migrants Day	
Wednesday Dec. 19	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
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Friday, Dec. 28	6 pm potluck, 7 pm presentaion	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.	UFF
		<p>First Friday OLLI Winter Lectures First Fridays of December, January, and MARCH (Feb. lecture rescheduled to March this year) 3:00 - 4:30 pm in the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center Theatre FREE and open to the public - Registration is not required. Invite a potential new member! After the lecture, go on to Fairbanks First Friday events! Click here for descriptions</p> <p>Jan. 4, 2019 Fruits, Berries, and Surprising Things that Grow in Alaska by Tom Zimmer</p> <p>March 1, 2019 (NOTE: Date has changed since publication of the fall 2018 catalog) Narrative Sovereignty and Native Representation in Film and TV by Princess Daazhraii Johnson</p>	
Wed. Jan 9, 2019	7pm	Social Justice Book Club: will discuss In the Place of Justice , by Wilbert Rideau, on Wed. Jan 9, 2019 at 7pm. Our friend, Kenneth Reams, was inspired by this true story of a black man's journey from death row to editor of the Angola prison newspaper, to professional journalist, and eventual freedom. This is a story of persistence, perseverance, and resilience. Alison will have paperback copies for sale for \$13	UFF
		<p>Alaska's Congressional delegation: Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121 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 Pace e Bene: **"The Power of Protest** -These days the question is being asked more and more, "do protests make a difference". A new study by researchers at Stanford and the University of Pennsylvania took that question seriously and found that, in fact, protests had a considerable impact on various facets of politics & voting behavior. The crucial detail was that a nonviolent protest held a much more powerful and positive impact on the population. [Read more here](#).

We're excited to see more research being done that continues to show the power of nonviolence, just as the [work of Erica Chenoweth*](#) has been doing..."

*"This research speaks to the very pervasive Myth that nonviolent resistance is impossible against repressive opponents..... nonviolent resistance is probably the best antidote to repression and the best chance against repression... Myth that it can't work in authoritarian regimes... The hx of the US revolution is totally wrong, because the decades before the shots at Concord were decades of mass civil disobedience by colonists and settlers... were key examples of... vicil disobedience... they developed their own alternative institutions and the Declaration of Independence was the punctuation mark..."

"Victory on Protections for Native Women and Girls

FCNL: On Dec. 7, [the Senate passed Savanna's Act!](#) The bill would expand tribal access to federal crime databases and calls for improved response and coordination from law enforcement agencies responding to missing and murdered Native Americans. FCNL's Native American Legislative Advocate, Lacina Tangnaquodo Onco, has worked hard to advance this bill. You can read our recent [testimony](#), which Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (ND) submitted into the Congressional Record. **The bill now awaits action in the House.**"

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

Peace

from Global Network: **"Climate change requires we convert the U.S. war machine now!** ... the Pentagon has the [largest carbon boot print](#) of any single institution on the planet... jobs. In fact Brown University in Rhode Island has done the definitive study on just this point and they have found that conversion to building sustainable technology creates more job. Let me repeat - the transition from building war machines to sustainable production creates **more jobs**. See the Brown study [here...](#)"

"An Empire of Bases Poisons Water, Threatening Its Own Collapse

From the Pentagon Study:

"Limited human studies show PFOS/PFOA may be associated with [developmental delays in fetuses &](#)

Justice

from us@sumofus.org: "After the FCC gutted net neutrality—the basic principle that all information on the Internet be treated equally—together we convinced a divided Senate to overturn the FCC's disastrous decision.

All that's left to save the internet is a simple majority in the House. But the clock is ticking: the deadline to pass a Congressional Review Act to reverse the FCC's decision is December 10.

We need to rally quickly to take back control of the Internet from Big Cable. Will you add your name to the thousands of people who've called on the House to stand up for a free and equal Internet? [Sign the petition](#) "

from American Civil Liberties Union:
["FROM THE FRONT LINES](#)

Sustainability

"North Pole Zone- [had a] **Stage 1 air alert** ...[that] Expire[d] Dec 6 at 4pm. No burning w/o a waiver or NOASH. For more info call 451-2132 or visit dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair"

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center: **"The Beaufort Sea Lease Sale EIS scoping period is open until Dec 17.** The Utqiagvik, Nuiqsut and Kaktovik public hearings were cancelled this week, due to the earthquake in Anchorage... The Beaufort is currently off limits for drilling, and in court last month, Earthjustice argued that Trump's attempts to undo Obama-era withdrawals from the leasing area is illegal. Meanwhile, sea ice is unreliable, freezing later and receding earlier in the season, and the recently approved [Liberty Project](#), the first Arctic offshore

children; decreased fertility; increased cholesterol; changes to the immune system; increased uric acid levels; changes in liver enzymes; and prostate, kidney, and testicular cancer.

“Everyone who consumes water from the City of Fbks or Water Wagon is drinking these poisons. Perhaps in this way our military chiefs will accomplish what bombs and bullets could not: Death of the planet. ...dy

<https://worldbeyondwar.org/an-empire-of-bases-poisons-water-threatening-its-own-collapse/>

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2018/04/26/dod-126-bases-report-water-contaminants-harmful-to-infant-development-tied-to-cancers/>

(In the MT story, see the comments from people impacted by the poisons. This and more is coming to a family you know.)

https://partner-mco-archive.s3.amazonaws.com/client_files/1524589484.pdf

from WorldBEYONDWar.org: **I Never Expected To Become A Conscientious Objector** - an essay worth reading.

from Friends Committee on National Legislation: **“Final Barrier on Criminal Justice Reform**

The FIRST STEP Act (S.3649), a modest but comprehensive bipartisan proposal with overwhelming support, could potentially help thousands of people, improve public safety, and make prisons more effective. It has the votes to pass in the Senate, but is being held by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (KY.)

“A Final Push This Year for Yemen - The Senate could vote next week on S.J. Res 54, which would end U.S. military involvement in the war in Yemen, and reduce our involvement in the world’s worst humanitarian crisis. The bill passed a procedural vote last week by a large majority, but your senators need to hear from you now.” [Sens. Sullivan & Murkowski voted to kill this bill.]

-- “Tear gas has been outlawed as a method of warfare by almost every country in the world. However, American law enforcement continues to use it on our own citizens as well as on unarmed asylum-seekers at the border. (please note that this link brings you to a third-party website, washingtonpost.com)

-- “A black student in Florida was sent home from school because of his natural hair. The problem isn’t his hair. **The problem is a policy that doesn’t accept a 6-year old child for who he is.**

-- “A sheriff’s office in Florida arrested Peter Sean Brown for violating probation. **Then ICE tried to deport him to Jamaica — even though he is a U.S. citizen.** This is what happens when local cops try to enforce immigration law.

-- “**Transgender people are under attack** by the Trump administration. Now, the Supreme Court is preparing to reconsider — and potentially reverse — some recent legal advances. Tune in to hear Chase Strangio, staff attorney with the ACLU’s LGBT and HIV Project, discuss what’s on the horizon.

-- “The U.S. Census, taken every 10 years, is supposed to be an accurate headcount of all “persons” living in the U.S., regardless of legal status. We’re **taking on the Trump administration’s efforts to purposely undermine that goal by their seeking to add a question to the 2020 census on citizenship.** (please note that this link brings you to a third-party website, newyorktimes.com)

-- “**TAKE ACTION** - Weigh in before the federal budget expires in just a matter of days: Do not reward Homeland Security with more money (and the wall) for separating families and abusing children in custody.”

from CREDOAction: “Tell Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos: **‘Do not eviscerate protections for student survivors of sexual harassment and assault.’** Click here to get started.”

“Youth of color from all across the country are saying **ENOUGH**. School safety is about their lives; about their daily experiences. They are **calling for divestment from school policing**, increased funding for **more guidance counselors, mental health supports and restorative justice**, as well as increased pay for their teachers, among

drilling in federal waters, has had to change plans due to climate change.

“While the legality of this leasing in the Beaufort Sea remains under consideration, you may submit comments online. Possible talking points include:

- **Climate change.** Recent climate reports make it increasingly clear that more fossil fuel development, especially in the Arctic, which is experiencing warming at twice the rate of the rest of the planet, is not the way forward.
- **Human rights.** Indigenous people in the Arctic depend on healthy marine environments for food, community stability, and cultural health. Access to subsistence foods is a human right, and even if drilling occurs without incident, it would exacerbate the environmental changes already underway. A spill in Arctic waters would have major impacts on the health of wildlife and people who depend on them, and would be extremely difficult to clean up.
- **Economy.** Continued dependence on oil is not the way forward for Alaska. We must join other Arctic nations in developing economic opportunities that contribute to a just transition off fossil fuels.
- **Impacts to wildlife.** Many species are already strained by the warming climate and loss of sea ice. Large portions of the Beaufort Sea have already been designated critical polar bear habitat, and industrial noise from drilling has detrimental effects on the movements and behaviors of marine species.

“Scoping for the re-do of the NPR-A Integrated Activity Plan (National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska IAP) and Environmental Impact Statement is also open now (until Jan 7). Public meetings scheduled for this week in North Slope communities were cancelled because of the earthquake. Meetings are still tentatively scheduled for next week, including in Fairbanks on the 13th. Efforts for expanded drilling in the NPR-A, in Alaska’s Western Arctic, is also under legal consideration, and we, along with other plaintiffs in *Northern Alaska Environmental Center vs. U.S. Department of the Interior*, are awaiting a court

<p>*****</p> <p>from CODEPINK: "The Black Eyed Peas are one of the most successful musical groups of all time and we love their song that says: "People killin', people dyin', Children hurt and you hear them cryin' Can you practice what you preach? Or would you turn the other cheek?" We hear those words and we think of the children of Yemen cryin' and dyin'... cancel their December 13 - 14 concert in Saudi Arabia! ...Send a message asking the Black Eyed Peas to practice what they preach and steer clear of the murderous Saudi regime."</p> <p>*****</p> <p>5 ways to be Footprint-friendly this Season The holidays are a time to express thanks and gratitude for our friends and loved ones. We often show our appreciation through the act of giving. However, as all Footprint Champions know, the pressure to find that perfect gift also puts pressure on our planet. Fear not! We've put together some tips to help you keep a Footprint-friendly lifestyle throughout this Holiday Season. READ MORE" from Footprint News via JFox</p>

<p>other things. They have a clear vision for their schools and they are demanding that their voices be heard.</p> <p>"Alliance for Education Justice and Advancement Project ... organized an action outside the U.S. Department of Education and a Congressional briefing to call for #PoliceFreeSchools....Watch their video and share their story. Then visit youthdemand.org and add your name to their petition. We have a few days left to support their efforts. Will you help them get their message to the Commission?"</p> <p>*****</p> <p>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."</p> <p>*****</p> <p>from Union of Concerned Scientists: "Don't let a polluter define our energy future. Urge your senators to stand up for consumers by blocking President Trump's polluter pick, Bernard McNamee, for a key energy position. Take Action Today!"</p>	<p>decision following arguments heard in Anchorage in September.</p> <p>*** Alaska Fuel Use Study. Alaska households face high energy costs and cold winters. However, there is no data on home heating fuel use for Fairbanks. The Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP) at the University of Alaska Fairbanks is recruiting participants for an 18-month study on home heating fuel oil use."</p> <p>*****</p> <p>"Green New Deal: ---<i>Millions of New Jobs in the Fight against Climate Change;</i> ---<i>Living Wages for All Working People</i> ---<i>Single-Payer Health Care: Medicare For All</i> ---<i>Fully Funded Public Schools, Free College Tuition Student Debt Forgiveness</i> ---<i>Clean Energy instead of Fossil Fuel and Nukes, Fracking and Drilling</i> ---<i>An End to Perpetual War GP.org</i>"</p> <p>from Friends of the Earth: "Tell your Representative: Take action to defend people and the planet from climate chaos by fighting for a Green New Deal!"</p> <p>"The EPA has already concluded that bee-killing pesticide sulfoxaflor is "very highly toxic" to bees, yet they're STILL considering a request by Dow Chemical to expand its usage."</p>
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<p><i>Apologies for hyperlinks that did not work with last week's news, due to technical difficulties.</i> <i>We believe we fixed them; the revised Dec. 2 edition With Active Hyperlinks is available at www.alaskapeace.org .</i></p>	
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Songs heard with today's broadcast:

-- Scared, by Will Putman
-- Bring Me Home, by Bubba Cook
-- Natalie Holloway, by Buddy Tabor
-- Ashes & Dreams by Martha Scott Stey
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--When It's Gone It's Gone, by Tom Paxton

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