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Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of January 6th, 2019

*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 January 6		Air alerts in effect since Jan. 3. Expire [Monday] January 7 at 2pm [unless re-issued] No burning w/o a waiver or NoOtherAdequateSource-of-Heat. For more info call 451-2132 or visit http://dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair .	Fbks Zone-Stage 1. North Pole Zone - Stage 2
Monday Jan. 7	3:30- 4:30	Kids for Environmental Action (KEA) Working Group* Mtg *of Fbks Climate Action Coalition (FCAC): fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com and/or https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/	(map) Boreal Sun Charter School 2404 S Barnette St
Tuesday Jan. 8	7 am	Fbks City Council work session on proposed equal rights ordinance #6093. Public can attend but not speak. Some changes have been made to the ordinance, per Fairbanks Daily News-Miner and local news sources.	City Hall, 800 Cushman St.
	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 activities 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
Wednesday Jan. 9	9 am- 4pm	Fairbanks Youth Summit - On behalf of Fairbanks Native Association Behavioral Health Services we would like to extend to you an invitation to join us for our first Youth Summit ...for agencies and local organizations to gather, network, and learn what services and resources are available to all of our youth here in the Fairbanks and North Pole area. We want your participation by providing a presentation of the services you provide as well as tables set up to display brochures and information regarding your programs. The audience will not only be us getting together but also providing an opportunity for the local community to hear what's available for our youth. There is no charge for this event and we hope that you will be there. There is a registration link for the summit at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3CLKG57 . If you have any questions or need more information please call David Fonger at 452-6264 or email dfonger@fairbanksnative.org .	Westmark Hotel Gold Room
	5:30 pm	Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577	3535 College Rd, suite 203

	6:30pm	Sustainability Commission mtg. Agenda items include citizen and other comments, report from Green Star of Interior Alaska, Draft Sustainability Plan, & FNSB Energy Handbook. Note: the Commission will now be meeting in the Assembly Chambers at the Borough Building [907 Terminal St., Fbks).	Assembly Chambers, Borough Bldg,
	7 pm	The Social Justice Book Club will discuss <u>In the Place of Justice</u> , by Wilbert Rideau... 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 has paperback copies for sale for \$13 each.	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks
Thursday Jan. 10	7 am	Fbks City Council work session on proposed equal rights ordinance #6093. Public can attend but not speak. Some changes have been made to the ordinance, per Fairbanks Daily News-Miner and local news sources.	City Hall, 800 Cushman St.
	6 pm	Regular FNSB Assembly mtg. (Fbks North Star Borough); http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Calendar.aspx?Category=Municipal%20Election%20Day/Regular%20Assembly%20Meeting&mm=1&yy=2019 The agenda includes appointments to commissions, liquor & marijuana licenses, accessibility to parks and for subdivisions, wood stove replacement,	Assembly Chambers Borough bldg, Fbks 907 Terminal St.
Friday, Jan. 11	7 am	Fbks City Council work session on proposed equal rights ordinance #6093. Public can attend but not speak. Some changes have been made to the ordinance, per Fairbanks Daily News-Miner and local news sources.	City Hall, 800 Cushman St.
	Friday evening, Sat & Sunday days	Alternatives to Violence Project Conflict Resolution BASIC Workshop "Greetings Friends, You are invited to participate in a Basic level Alternatives to Violence /Conflict Resolution Skills workshop in Fairbanks on the weekend of Jan. 11-13. It is the first of three levels, suitable for folks who want to improve their own skills, as well as folks who may want to become facilitators. This is an experiential, fun and insightful workshop. Inability to pay the registration fee should not limit someone from participating, as scholarship assistance is available! For more info, see the following link https://www.aktclms.org/Training/Class/102809 Contact Carrie Farr, Lead Facilitator 907-750-1049 chugny@yahoo.com or Sharon Baring 907-978-8235 sharon_baring@hotmail.com AVP Alaska has been doing groundbreaking, transformative peace work with these workshops, including offering training to incarcerated populations in the State. Come see what is possible!	
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Monday Jan. 14	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: iwfwbx@gmail.com	507 Gaffney Rd
	6:30pm	Fairbanks City Council Mtg (twice per month on Monday evenings*) <u>Agendas</u> and calendar at https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/ "http://www.fairbanksalaska.us/audio-stream/	Fbks City Hall, 800 Cushman St
Tuesday January 15		31st Alaska State Legislature will begin - Talk with your legislators now, *before they head to Juneau, about your issues!	*1292 Sadler Way Fbks
	4pm AK time	Militarism in the Media Webinar - Militarism, violence, and war are pervasive in pop culture and the entertainment industry. The mainstream news media largely refuse to critique skyrocketing military spending and the vast negative impacts of	webinar

		perpetual warfare. Join World BEYOND War for our free webinar featuring experts Jeff Cohen and Rose Dyson on role of media in promoting war and violence. Militarism in the Media Webinar Militarism is the “elephant in the room,” says FAIR founder Jeff Cohen. Former TV pundit for MSNBC, CNN, and Fox, Jeff was fired for shedding light on the perils of U.S. interventionism and in particular, for opposing the invasion of Iraq on the air. Rose Dyson, President of Canadians Concerned About Violence in Entertainment, expresses concern about the culture of war that is perpetuated by TV, music, video games, and social media.	
Saturday, January 19	12 noon	Women's March, Fbks - We will march along Cowles and Airport before gathering at Ryan Middle School for bite-sized workshops and discussions focused on action and justice in Fairbanks. This event will be family-friendly and accessible. Website - https://www.fairbanksaf.com/2019-fairbanks-womens-march/ Facebook Page - https://www.facebook.com/events/284062402297230/ Volunteer Sign-ups - Volunteer Committee Sign-ups - Join a planning committee	start & conclude at Ryan Middle School, Cowles & Airport Way
	1-4pm	Northern Hope Center 2nd Annual Fundraising Auction - independently run, member operated, non-clinical, safe, friendly environment for people who suffer from the symptoms of mental illness. Please come out to support this truly inspirational organization! - annual silent and outcry auction with BINGO. This is a fundraiser for the Mental Health Drop-in Center. If you would like to donate items, please call them at 456-4610 or email them at admin@northernhopecenter.org .	Lions Bingo Hall, Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds, College Rd.
Thurs,Jan.24	7 pm	A Conversation from Death Row - Arkansas Death Row inmate Kenneth Reams will call us from his cell to discuss solitary confinement, the injustice of the felony murder rule, and racism. Suggested donation \$10. All proceeds to benefit Who Decides, Inc. , a nonprofit dedicated to educating about the death penalty through art. Sponsored by the Alaska Peace Center and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks Social Justice Committee. For more information contact Alison Carter (907-322-8661, alisoncarter2@yahoo.com).	J.P. Jones Community Development Center —2400 Rickert Street
Feb 5 to April 27	6:45 - 8:30 pm	Peace Choir. Contact Suzanne at 15wildview@gci.net for more information.	UUFF
		“ The final Salcha-Badger Road Area Plan , slated for a mid-February 2019 release . Core components of the plan will include: ...Check the project website, salchabadger-plan.com , often for updates on community meetings and opportunities to learn and participate. <i>from shelly@agnewbeck.com</i>	
		New Online Course: War Abolition 101: How we Create a Peaceful World: February 18 – March 31, 2019 How can we make the best argument for shifting from war to peace? What must we understand and know about the war system if we are to dismantle it? These questions and more will be explored in War Abolition 101, a 6-week online course starting February 18 . Each week will feature a guest expert who will help you explore weekly topics through an online chat room. Weekly content includes a mix of text, images, video, and audio. We'll dismantle the myths of war, and delve into its alternatives, concluding the course with organizing and action ideas. Learn more and reserve your spot.	
Wednesday, February 27	8am-5pm	Fbks Housing & Homeless Coalition (FHHC) will be hosting the Fbks Symposium on Homelessness II For more information visit www.fairbankshomeless.org or email fairbankshomeless@gmail.com .	Westmark Fairbanks Center (813 Noble St,
		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	www.alaskapeace.org links to government representatives.

	<p>Email Fairbanks City Council people (keep it polite, positive, and honest, and remember that any information you share about your identity and story is public record). (Per Doug Toelle, Access Alaska)</p> <p>cityclerk@fairbanks.us dpruhs@fairbanks.us jcleworth@fairbanks.us jmatherly@fairbanks.us jrogers@fairbanks.us kottersten@fairbanks.us skun@fairbanks.us vtherrien@fairbanks.us</p> <p>OR call our City Council people (feel free to leave a message after 5PM if that's easier)</p> <p>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</p> <p>OR! leave a comment here: https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/citycouncil/webform/contact-council</p>	
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Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date

Peace	Justice	Sustainability
<p>“Rotary Foundation Accepting Applications for Peace Center Fellowships - Deadline May 31, 2019 - Each year, the Rotary Foundation selects up to a hundred professionals from around the world to receive fellowships to study at one of its peace centers. Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops leaders who serve as catalysts for conflict prevention and resolution. In just over a decade, Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than a thousand fellows for careers in peace-building, many of them serving as leaders at international organizations or who have started their own peace-building organizations.”</p> <p><i>Read more about it at http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp9477-rotary-foundation-accepting-applications-for-peace-center-fellowships.</i></p> <p>*****</p> <p><i>from WorldBEYONDWar: We can nudge people in the right direction.</i> We asked 100 prominent people to sign an open letter to U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders urging him to address military spending. Over 13,000 more people signed it. Sanders has now produced a video of himself quoting the famous Eisenhower statements on the topic. Will he build on that? Will the Women's March support peace? Will proponents of a Green New Deal not give the usual environmentalist waiver to militarism?</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><i>from National Priorities Project: “Federal Budget 101 -</i> It is our right and our obligation to see that our tax dollars are spent in ways that reflect our priorities. To do that we need to know where that money is going, and how budget decisions are made. Federal Budget 101 gives you that crucial information.</p> <p>“Data & Tools - Explore our interactive tools that allow you to see how the federal budget affects your life and community. From Trade-Offs that compare investments in key federal initiatives to your own personal tax receipt to live counters tracking what we spend on everything from war to food assistance, NPP's tools help bring the federal budget home... [e.g.] For Military in 2017, taxpayers in the U.S. [paid] \$647 billion. Here's what those tax dollars could have paid for instead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 8.73 million Clean Energy Jobs Created for 1 Year, or → 8.01 million Elementary School Teachers for 1 Year, or [you choose] 	<p>“Japan’s decision to leave the International Whaling Commission could have consequences on subsistence whaling by Alaska Natives...”</p> <p><i>Read more in the Fairbanks Daily NewsMiner.</i></p> <p>*****</p> <p><i>from SoundDefenseAlliance.org regarding a ‘Massive Growler Jet Expansion’ proposed for NW Washington state:</i> “□ Noise from the Growler expansion will spoil the Reserve and the historic treasures of this region: 24,000 operations/year will drive homeowners, farmers, business owners, recreationists and tourists from the Reserve, Central Whidbey and the region.</p> <p>□ ... The Navy admits that increased noise and vibration at Ebey’s reserve will damage historic treasures – money cannot fix these once they are lost.</p> <p>□ The Navy’s offer to mitigate damage from increased noise to the Reserve was totally inadequate and soundly rejected by state and local leaders....”</p> <p>Query: How will the experiences of Interior Alaska compare with the above concerns? How many “operations” will be connected with the stationing of F-35s? What will be the impacts of the noise they will generate?</p> <p>*****</p>

Much remains to be seen, and more than seen: to be done!"

from Win Without War: "Open Letter to 2020 Candidates on Progressive Foreign Policy... if we don't step in, the foreign policy debate will be more of the status quo: Jockeying to look tough by doubling down on failed military strategies and silence on the massive human toll of America's endless wars... we've got to intervene right away. Add your name to the open letter demanding ... a progressive foreign policy platform!"

from info@airwars.org: "Despite highest reported civilian harm since Raqqa, Coalition slashes public accountability for strikes. - View this email in your browser."

from Stop the War Machine (SWM): "The US-NATO led War against Afghanistan served to Restore the Illicit Heroin trade... In 2001, 1,779 Americans were killed as a result of heroin overdose. By 2016, the number of Americans killed as a result of heroin addiction shot up to 15,446... Those lives would have been saved had the US and its NATO allies NOT invaded and occupied Afghanistan in 2001. " You can read more at [The Spoils of War: Afghanistan's Multibillion Dollar Heroin Trade](#)."

from [The Globe and Mail](#) via SWM: "Saint John [Canada] protesters aim to block Saudi LAV shipment* - ["Light" Armored Vehicle]... The Saudi-flagged cargo ship Bahri Yanbu [was to] be greeted by protesters trying to prevent the shipment of these vehicles, which have been used in Riyadh's war in Yemen...

'Protesters say they hope the local branch of the International Longshoremen's Association, a union with a history of refusing to move what it deems "hot cargo" – or goods intended for immoral purposes – will thwart the latest shipment...

'This local union was honoured by Argentina for its 1979 refusal to ship heavy water for a nuclear reactor to the South American country after a military coup. Back then, protests in the city were organized by the Saint John and District Labour Council, which was working in collaboration with the Group for the Defence of Civil Rights in Argentina...

'Again, in 2003 during the Iraq War, Saint John longshoremen declined to move military equipment destined for the Middle East...

'In August, the Saudis expelled the Canadian ambassador and froze new trade and investment dealings with Canada in retaliation for what it called "blatant interference" in its domestic affairs. It suspended Saudi Arabian Airline flights to and from Toronto and began to withdraw thousands of Saudi students from universities, colleges and other schools in Canada..."

"Off-the-scale levels of electromagnetic radiation" and a call for investigation at UN: "The 6-min video link '[UN Staff Member: 5G* Is War on Humanity](#)', submitted by readers, includes testimony, this information, and more: "*By 2011, the World Health Organization classified wireless as a group 2B carcinogen.*"

Also submitted, 2 links about [An Electronic Silent Spring](#), and [Wireless Devices & Wildlife](#).

* *Douglas A. Yates <dayates@mosquitonet.com>, t. 479-8300, writer and fine art photographer, explains,*

"5G will require installing mini-cell towers block by block across all cities in US. 5G signals don't travel very far, thus the need to place sending/receiving units every 200-300 feet. They will be mounted on existing power and phone line poles. 5G emits very high frequency signals that will carry info needed to operate voice-command devices in houses, apartments, business complexes and self-driving vehicles. The system allows unseen/unheard two-way comms between devices and the system. All data will be collected and organized, then sold to marketers and social think tanks where it will be used to undermine Constitutional PRIVACY protections and modify the population's attitudes and preferences."

[Suggests hearing] "[ACLU Attorney: 5g Smart Grid Could Be 'Wolf In Sheep's Clothing](#) - YouTube"

Spotlight

See the [you-tube of Donald Trump Anti-Wall Protest Song](#), heard on broadcast of this newscast, for a video collage of people's protests against building a border wall. This is the issue over which the federal government is currently not funded. From SWM, "If you are against spending money on the Wall, the Congressional offices say communication is more effective when individuals make phone calls (as opposed to emails or form letters sent by groups). They all said that phone calls are the most effective since they get tons of emails and phone letters... Please call..." *Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290.*

Asymmetric Moose Music Picks Week of Jan. 6, 2019:

- Fairbanks's own Robin Dale Ford. The tune is *Down In My Heart* off her album of the same title.
- Pete Seeger - Lorre Wyatt - Emmylou Harris – “We Are The Boat” - *Somos El Barco*
- the late great Boney Fingers, Hoyt Axton and Arlo Guthrie sing a song that resonates as powerfully today as it did when Arlo's father, Woody, sang it back in 1948, to honor 32 farm workers killed in a plane crash, near Los Gatos Canyon, while being deported from California back to Mexico. The press did not even have the decency to publish their names. - the song is *Deportee*
- Next, bringing Woody's sad song about the “Plane Wreck at Los Gatos” into today's perspective, David Rovics sings *ICE*
- Donald Trump Anti-Wall Protest Song (see the you tube video link at *Spotlight*)
- To finish the set, David Rovics inspires us, singing about how *Everything Can Change* and “*Real Quick*”.
- [non-music] Col. Wilkerson warning of lies being told to get us into another war...
- Where Do the Children Play? by Cat Stevens

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).

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

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Just a few examples of what it costs to educate & advocate:

Annual Outreach Costs

Tanana Valley State Fair: \$800 for booth, pins and bumper stickers

Alternatives to Violence Project: \$65 per workshop scholarship

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.