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## ***Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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/kwrk.org Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska. Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
March	all month	<b>Women's History Month</b> - "Theme for 2019: Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence." (For details, see information in last week's edition, at <a href="http://alaskapeace.org">alaskapeace.org</a> .) <b>Sobriety Awareness Month</b> (For details, see information in last week's edition, at <a href="http://alaskapeace.org">alaskapeace.org</a> .)	
<b>Sunday March 3</b>	12 noon	<b>KEA - Kids for Environmental Action</b> - meet monthly (first Sundays) at UUFF at noon, and weekly at Boreal Sun Charter School at 3.30 in Mr. Wong's room. We are working on an <b>earth day celebration</b> , as well as educating the public on the effects of the use of plastic bags on wildlife and our home planet earth with the <b>goal of banning plastic bags</b> from Fairbanks.	UUFF, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
	1:00 pm	" <b>Big Gay Brunch</b> " for LGBTQ people and allies. We will be sharing information about our next steps.	UUFF, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
	between 7 & 8pm	" <b>60 Minutes</b> " features <b>Our Children's Trust lawsuit Juliana v. United States</b> , which charges that "through the government's affirmative actions that cause climate change, it has violated the youngest generation's constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property, as well as failed to protect essential public trust resources." Local youth Nathan Baring is one of the 21 who are suing the government in order to halt climate change.	CBS ch. 13 KXD TV
		There were stage 2 air alerts in North Pole and Stage 1 alerts in Fbks most of the past week, but not today!	
March 4 – 8		<b>FAIRBANKS</b> – The <b>ALASKA BIRD CONFERENCE</b> will be held at the Westmark Hotel & Conference Center. The Alaska Bird Conference is a biannual conference that brings researchers, managers, and bird lovers of all ages to report on aspects of bird biology, management, and conservation in Alaska. Audubon Alaska will share and present a number of their current projects. For more information, <a href="#">email the conference</a> , call the Alaska Songbird Institute at (907) 888-2121 or <a href="#">visit the website</a> . If you're a student, Audubon Alaska administers the Tom Fondell Memorial Scholarship Fund. It is a student travel fund established in honor of Tom, an Alaska wildlife biologist who was known for promoting the professional development of young biologists. <a href="#">Click here for more information</a>	
<b>Monday March 4</b>	<b>Deadline for comments</b>	...on the ADF&G proposals to <b>ADOPT REGULATION CHANGES DEALING with WATERS IMPORTANT for the SPAWNING, REARING, or MIGRATION of ANADROMOUS FISH</b> . The following changes will be made to the atlas and catalog: the list of rivers, lakes, and streams contained in the Atlas and Catalog will be revised; species-specific information will be used in place of undifferentiated species information where possible; and contact information will be updated. To see the documents and the atlas maps go to <a href="https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/SARR/AWC/index.cfm?ADFG=pn.home">https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/SARR/AWC/index.cfm?ADFG=pn.home</a> . For more information or to submit comments, contact Brian Blossom, at <a href="mailto:dfg.hab.anadromous@alaska.gov">dfg.hab.anadromous@alaska.gov</a> .	

		<i>Keep your eyes open for the Borough bus with a new message on its rear, sponsored by alaskapeace.org!</i>	
	<b>1 pm</b>	Alaska State House Resources Committee re ANWR	
	<b>6-7pm</b>	Sign-making	Arctic Java in Wood Center UAF
	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Regenerative Economy</b> (a working group of Fbks Climate Action Coalition - FCAC) mtg. If interested, please <a href="#">see this link</a> .	1327 Hayes Ave.
Tues-Wed March 5-6	9am - ? daily	<b>Federal Subsistence Mtg</b> "The Public is invited to attend and participate. Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council to develop proposals to change Federal subsistence hunting & trapping regulations and discuss other issues related to subsistence. <b>Participate in person or by teleconference</b> , 1-877-407-8065 (code 8201631). For mtg materials or other info on the Federal Subsistence Management Program, visit: <a href="https://www.doi.gov/subsistence">https://www.doi.gov/subsistence</a> or call the Office of Subsistence Management at (907) 786-3888 or 800-478-1456. For more information, contact Katya Wessels at (907) 786-3885 or email <a href="mailto:katerina_wessels@fws.gov">katerina_wessels@fws.gov</a> .	Pike's Waterfront Lodge, 1850 Hoselton Rd (just off western Airport Way)
<b>Tuesday March 5</b>	<b>9-11am*</b>	Crowd-sourced film " <b>Vermont Energy Independence Day</b> " documents how the citizens of Vermont are leading the State's transition to sustainable energy and energy independence. Discussion following the movie. (*previously scheduled for Thurs Feb. 28 at the Blue Loon; 'We apologize for the inconvenience of this late schedule change and look forward to seeing you March 5th.')	Noel Wien Library
	10 am	<b>THE 4TH NATIONAL CLIMATE ASSESSMENT: THE PROCESS and TAKE-AWAYS for ALASKA</b> presented by <b>STEVE GRAY, RICK THOMAN, JEREMY LITTELL, and TOM HENNESSY</b> will be held at 10am. The Assessment summarizes the impacts of climate change on the United States, now and in the future. A team of more than 300 experts guided by a Federal Steering Committee produced the report, which was extensively reviewed by the public and experts, including federal agencies and a panel of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The report is divided into regions and sectors. This presentation will explore the NCA process and key takeaway points with a focus on Alaska, including observed and projected climate changes on human health and community wellbeing, as well as coastal and marine impacts. It is strongly recommended you pre-register at <a href="#">Register</a> .	<b>(WEBINAR)</b>
	11am-1pm	Tired of dirty air, high energy cost and endless excuses. Ready for solutions that make sense and are working elsewhere? <b>April 20-21 Resilient City Summit Update</b> SUMMARY: In collaboration with local, national and international groups, we have been working since December to put together this educational event with intent. Please join us to learn what's possible when we recognize the opportunity in crisis and muster the economic, political and social will to leap forward. Seating is limited, please RSVP. <a href="mailto:robert@a-r-k.us">robert@a-r-k.us</a> robert shields Alliance for Reason and Knowledge	N. Wein Library conference room ----- Share the cheer "Lower costs cleaner air Upgrade the grid to get us there".
	1pm	"The Sustainability Commission has been invited to attend the <b>Sustainability Plan Presentation</b> by Dr. Jim Powell & Dr. Robert Ortung." 3 goals: decrease FNSB energy use, decrease household emissions, decrease CO2 emissions. 'Please Join Us!' <a href="#">4. 2019-03-05 Sustainability Summit Flyer.pdf</a>	N. Wien Library Conferenec Rm.
	4pm	<b>Interfaith Working Group</b> of FCAC meets. <a href="#">Check out this link</a> if you are interested.	UCPC
	6:30 pm	<b>Anchors Aweigh - Pebble Mine Info Night</b> - Pebble is back and the Army Corps has released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the mine. <b>The document is riddled with pro-Pebble biases and fails to address major climate impacts and the consequences of a catastrophic tailings dam failure.</b> To inform the community about this step in the permitting process, [the Alaska Center is] hosting a <b>Pebble Gathering and Info Night</b> . Join us for food and fun!	Noel Wien Public Library · Fbks

		<p><b><u>Make sure you know the latest about the Pebble permitting process&gt;&gt;</u></b> The public commenting period for the DEIS runs from March 1 to May 31, and Alaskans will have the opportunity to weigh in. <b>The US Army Corps will also be hosting DEIS hearings around the state, but no hearing has been scheduled for the Interior.</b> What does this mean for our state, for rural Alaska, for the Interior? What can we do right now to make our voices heard? Join us to find out!</p> <p><b><u>Don't let your friends and family miss this event&gt;&gt;</u></b> At the event we will go over the DEIS, address the major issues with the document, and talk about ways you can get involved. <b>Let's gather together and build our power and voices to stop Pebble Mine from sailing forward!</b> If you want to take action right now, <u><a href="#">you can send a message to Murkowski and the Army Corps and them know that Alaskans deserve a fair permitting process here&gt;&gt;</a></u></p>	
	6:45-8:30 pm	<b>Peace Choir:</b> Join the spirit uplift by attending Fairbanks Peace Choir. Spring rehearsals have begun but it is not too late to join! Scholarships available. Info. 457-8086.	UUFF,4448 Pikes Landing Rd
Wednesday March 6	5:30 pm	<b>Together We Stand for Education #RALLYFORUA</b>  (free parking after 5)	Wood Center Multilevel Lounge on UAF campus
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg</b> - General topics... <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a> or 374-0577	3535 College Rd,
	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Stories from the Arctic Refuge:</b> Learn about the Porcupine Caribou Herd, their importance to Gwich'in and Inupiat people who rely on them, from speakers & film. Kenneth Frank is an elder, Indigenous scholar, and fluent speaker of the Gwich'in language. His recent project, <i>Gwich'in Caribou Anatomy</i> , shares an encyclopedia of uses and significance of caribou. Fran Mauer, retired wildlife biologist who spent decades working in the Refuge, will share photos and his wealth of knowledge about what Coastal Plain drilling would mean for the Porcupine Herd. The award-winning new film <i>The Sacred Place Where Life Begins</i> by Kristin Gates & Jeremy La Zelle follows ...the world's longest land mammal migration through the Arctic Refuge. Contact <a href="mailto:ryan@northern.org">ryan@northern.org</a> or 452-5098 for more information. Hosted by the Northern Center.	Morris Thompson Center Theater ----- Free & open to the public.
	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Social Justice Book Club</b> will discuss <b><u>White Fragility</u></b> by Robin DiAngelo. DiAngelo, a sociologist trained in understanding group patterns, examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively. DiAngelo coined the term "white fragility" to describe the disbelieving defensiveness that white people exhibit when their ideas about race and racism are challenged. If you've ever said, "I've been taught to treat everyone the same" or "I'm color-blind", then this book may challenge your thinking about individual, cultural and institutionalized racism. Eric Muehling has paperback copies for sale for \$12 each.	UUFF blue room
Thursday March 7	Comments are due	...on the application for a <b>SOLID WASTE PERMIT TO OPERATE A MEDICAL WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY</b> , B & P WASTE SERVICES INC. In October 2017 the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) revised regulations regarding waste treatment facilities to require that medical waste treatment facilities, not located within a hospital or other regulated medical facility, operate under a solid waste treatment permit issued by ADEC. For more information or to submit comments, contact Neil Lehner at (907) 451-2134 or email <a href="mailto:neil.lehner@alaska.gov">neil.lehner@alaska.gov</a> .	FAIRBANKS
	5:30pm	<b>Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg</b> - Help plan the bus panel ad campaign; Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code potluck, film, & discussion; guest speakers and activities for the 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Peast Feast; and more! All welcome! For more inforamtion: <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a> or call 479-0981.	3535 College Rd, suite 203 (above Fuji restaurant)
	5-8 pm	<b>2019 Art in the Arctic Art Show.</b> celebrates wildlife and their habitats as a legacy of environmental conservation and National Wildlife Refuge management in Alaska. Website: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1933441440295392/">https://www.facebook.com/events/1933441440295392/</a> ... Artwork will remain on exhibit at Venue for about one month.	Venue, 514 2nd Avenue
	<b>6:30-8pm</b>	<b><u>:: Arctic Refuge DEIS Comment Writing Hour..</u></b> Come join us at The Pub to write your comment on BLM's draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Arctic Refuge! We will have talking points, information on how to write a	<i>The Pub, 505 Yukon Drive, UAF.</i>

		"substantive comment" according to BLM's standards, and some laptops to write your comment on (if you have your own please bring it just in case we run out!).	
	7-8:30pm	<b>Second Century of UAF</b> - FREE and open to the public – bring a friend! Rosalind Kan, former UAF Chinese language teacher and Alaska DOTPF civil engineer, was born in China. She was educated in Taiwan and the USA and has lived in Fairbanks for more than 40 years. She has organized the Fairbanks International Friendship day since its inception.	<b>from OLLI</b> Murie Auditorium UAF West Ridge
<b>Friday March 8</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	Deadline <b>for nominations for the PRESIDENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH AWARD (PEYA) PROGRAM</b> that recognizes <b>outstanding environmental stewardship projects by K-12 youth</b> , promoting awareness of our nation's natural resources and encouraging positive community involvement. Winners of this year's awards will be invited to a ceremony in Washington, D.C. in mid-2019, and have their project mentioned on EPA's website. EPA will select up to two winners in each of EPA's 10 Regions – one regional winner for Grades K-5 and one regional winner for Grades 6-12. All student projects must be sponsored by at least one adult over the age of 21. The application and eligibility information are available at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/education/presidents-environmental-youth-award">https://www.epa.gov/education/presidents-environmental-youth-award</a> . For more information, contact <a href="mailto:PEYA@epa.gov">PEYA@epa.gov</a> .	
	Comments are due	...on possible revision of regulations that <b>REQUIRE the AK DEPT. of NATURAL RESOURCES to RETAIN the BEDS of WATERS in STATE OWNERSHIP</b> in response to concerns raised by certain Boroughs and Municipalities. While the intent of this regulation is to insure public ownership of the beds of navigable waters, this regulation also prevents conveyance to boroughs municipalities of navigable waters, including certain former filled beds of waterbodies that no longer contain waters that were navigable in fact. Specifically, DNR is seeking public input regarding possible revision of these regulations related to requirements for the retention of fee ownership of the beds of navigable waters in certain circumstances. For instance, public works or flood control structures may have permanently altered the course or location of a navigable waterbody. In these cases, the segregated waterway may be dry or filled and no longer navigable in fact, and the segregated or filled lands may be of use to the borough or municipality in which it is located. While state statutes and case law allow the conveyance of the beds of navigable waters, subject to the reservation of public access and the public interest doctrine, this subject regulation prevents DNR from making any such conveyance. The department is not currently proposing any <i>specific</i> regulations at this time. There are no draft regulations to review. For more information or a copy of the existing regulations and statutes, go to <a href="http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/hottopics">http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/hottopics</a> , or contact Joe Joyner at (907) 269-8511 or email <a href="mailto:joe.joyner@alaska.gov">joe.joyner@alaska.gov</a> .	
<b>Friday, Sat, Sun March 8-10</b>	6-9pm, 9am -6pm, 1- 6pm	<b>Couple Enrichment Workshop</b> - opportunity to work on "Interpersonal Peacemaking Skills" with your beloved, ... and appreciate the ways these skills ripple out into the wider community! <u>See flyer /application form</u> attached. Please share this opportunity with others who might be interested! Reply to:< <a href="mailto:scott.v.bell@gmail.com">scott.v.bell@gmail.com</a> > Co-sponsored by Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks and Chena Ridge Friends Meeting (Quakers)	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks, 4448 Pikes Landing Road,
<b>Saturday March 9</b>	2 pm	<b>Fairbanks North Star Borough TOWN HALL to discuss state budget impacts.</b> It will include a presentation, public testimony, and a Q & A period.	Performing Arts Ctr, West Valley High School, Geist Rd.
<b>Sunday March 10</b>	8:00 pm	<b>Programs at Creamer's Field - Star and Night Sky program</b> - For all ages with parents. Come view the night sky with telescopes (cancelled if weather does not cooperate!)	Creamer's Farm House, 1300 College Rd.
		<u><b>After This Week</b></u>	
<b>Wednesday March 13</b>	Deadline for comments	...on the DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT for the COASTAL PLAIN OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM. BLM considers four alternatives: Alt. A is the no-action alternative which considers the Coastal Plain in its current state; Alt. B would offer the entire Coastal Plain for lease, under various lease provisions like no-surface occupancy or timing limitations; Alt. C would also offer the entire Coastal Plain for leasing, but under a different configuration of lease terms and provisions than Alt. B; and Alt. D, which would offer more than 1 million acres for lease with two sub alternatives of lease restrictions that are presented as a way to address caribou use during the summer. BLM states in the EIS that it will not select	

		the no-action alternative due to the requirements of the Tax Act to hold 2 lease sales on the Coastal Plain. To see the documents, including maps <a href="https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&amp;currentPageId=152110">https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&amp;currentPageId=152110</a> . from FCAC: please comment through the link below. <a href="#">COMMENT TO BLM HERE</a> <a href="#">Check out Native Movement Talking Points here</a> <a href="#">CHECK OUT Northern Center talking pointS HERE</a> “	
	5:30 pm	<b>Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg</b> - trainings... <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a> or 374-0577	3535 College Rd,
	6 pm	<b>Dunleavy Budget LTEs</b> (letter to the editor writing)	Ibew Local 1547
Friday March 15	Deadline	for submissions for the <b>2019 ALASKA JUNIOR DUCK STAMP CONTEST</b> from K-12 students. Participants select a species of North American waterfowl, do research on this species and its habitat, and then depict their findings through art and writing. Prizes, cash awards, and national recognition await the winners. Get to know North America's waterfowl and enter the contest! Visit this webpage for more information <a href="http://alaska.fws.gov/jrduck">http://alaska.fws.gov/jrduck</a> or contact <a href="mailto:Tamara_Zeller@fws.gov">Tamara_Zeller@fws.gov</a> (907) 786-3517.	
Saturday March 16	11am	<b>2019 Programs at Creamer's Field</b> - Preschool Nature Discovery - 11 am - Noon For children 3-6 yrs old "Figuring Out FOX" 907-452-5162 <a href="http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org">www.friendsofcreamersfield.org</a>	Creamer's Farm House 1300 College Rd
Tuesday March 19	Deadline	...for applications for the <b>COMMUNITY BASED CLIMATE CHANGE, HEALTH &amp; EQUITY STRATEGY GRANT</b> from the Kresge Foundation, a multi-year effort that seeks to strengthen the leadership and effectiveness of community organizations working to implement policies and practices that improve climate resilience and reduce health risks equitably. Projects funded through the community-based strategy will advance the adoption and implementation of climate mitigation, climate adaptation and climate resilience policies and programs at the local, regional, and/or state levels that improve public health outcomes and drive investments to improve quality of life. This strategy will include a 14-month planning phase for roughly 12 to 15sites, followed by a three-year implementation period. View or download the application packet for the RFP <a href="#">at this link</a> or go to <a href="https://kresge.org/sites/default/files/library/cche-rfp-application-packet1.pdf">https://kresge.org/sites/default/files/library/cche-rfp-application-packet1.pdf</a> .	
Wednesday March 20	Comments are due	...on the supplication package for an <b>OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION and CONTINGENCY PLAN</b> for <b>PETRO STAR, INC.</b> that is required to commit adequate resources to meet all planning requirements for prevention and response for a realistic maximum discharge from the operations from the Fairbanks Terminal. Regulated operations include storage of eight hyrdocarbon tanks of 10,000 BBLs each: three gasoline tanks, 3 ultra-low sulfur diesel, and two Jet A fuel tanks. This facility has a capacity of 80,000 barrels of fuel. Copies of the application package are available at <a href="http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/IPP/CPlansUnderReview">http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/IPP/CPlansUnderReview</a> . For more information or to submit comments, contact Jill Stockbridge at 907-451-2362 or email <a href="mailto:jill.stockbridge@alaska.gov">jill.stockbridge@alaska.gov</a> .	FAIRBANKS
Friday March 22	Deadline to comment	<b>Public hearings will be held the COMMISSIONER'S ANALYSIS AND PROPOSED DECISION on the RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE for the DONLIN NATURAL GAS PIPELINE</b> in [Bethel 3/4/19; Aniak 3/6; Skwentna 3/13]. The proposed Donlin Pipeline would transport natural gas from the Beluga Natural Gas Pipeline system to the Donlin Gold mine. The 14-inch diameter pipeline would originate 7.7 miles north of the Beluga Power Plant and terminate at the Donlin Gold mine site, approximately 10 miles north of the community of Crooked Creek. Of the proposed 315-mile-long pipeline, approximately 207 miles would be located on State of Alaska owned lands. The proposed pipeline would have a maximum operating pressure of 1,480 pounds per square inch gauge and be buried for most the route. The operating pipeline right-of-way lease would include one compressor station and one metering station. Donlin has requested a 150-foot-wide right-of-way for pipeline construction and a 50-foot-wide right-of-way for operations. Additionally, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to close the lands within the proposed ROW, plus 100 feet on either side, to mineral entry for the protection of the pipeline. The mineral order would take effect upon issuance of the ROW lease and end upon the expiration or termination of the lease. The order would potentially affect up to 14,706 acres of State-owned lands, reducing to roughly 6,250 acres after construction. Documents concerning the proposed ROW lease and Mineral Order are available at <a href="http://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Documents/SPCS/PublicNotices/Donlin/1.24.19DonlinROWADL231908CAPD.pdf">http://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Documents/SPCS/PublicNotices/Donlin/1.24.19DonlinROWADL231908CAPD.pdf</a> . Deadline for comments is March 22. To submit comment of for more information, contact the State Pipeline Coordinator's Section at (907) 269-6479 or email <a href="mailto:spco.records@alaska.gov">spco.records@alaska.gov</a> . from <a href="mailto:whatsup@npogroups.org">whatsup@npogroups.org</a> .	

	<b>Deadline</b>	...for applications for the <b>ALASKA COMMUNITY FOREST COUNCIL GRANT</b> to help <b>CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY</b> in <b>Alaska on May 20</b> . Grants will be in the \$200-\$500 range, and can be used to plant trees or shrubs, or to support other activities that promote Arbor Day. The 15-member Council advises the Alaska Division of Forestry on how to develop and deliver community forestry programs to Alaskans, support education, and encourage public involvement. The available grants are intended to fund projects that: • Generate awareness of and participation in Arbor Day in Alaska. • Increase public awareness of the benefits of trees and forests and build support for planting and caring for public trees. • Provide a public demonstration of the benefits of trees and/or proper tree selection, planting and care. • Use trees to solve community problems. Examples include projects that reduce or treat storm water, create wind breaks or living snow fences, restore streams and rivers, plant fruit trees to provide healthy food, screen surfaces prone to graffiti, calm traffic, and beautify school yards For more information and application forms, go to <a href="http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/council">http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/council</a> .	
Friday March 29	6pm eat, 7 - film	<b>Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code</b> - potluck, film, & discussion co-sponsored by Alaska Peace Center, University Community Presbyterian Church (UCPC), and Native Movement. More information as it gets closer. <a href="#">Flyer here</a> .	UCPC, 3510 College Rd
Saturday June 1 <sup>st</sup>	12-2pm	<b>7th Annual Peace Feast, with free barbecue and featuring various folks who have been doing work that promotes peace, justice, &amp;/or sustainability in Interior Alaska. All Welcome!</b> <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a> for more information.	Square Dance Pavilion Pioneer Park, Airport Way

### Peace | Justice | Sustainability

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center: “ **Still time to sign on to business letter in support of Arctic Refuge protections!** If you're an Alaska business owner, [add your name & business to this open letter](#), telling our elected and appointed leaders that the business community supports the continued protection of the Coastal Plain. **Remember, the deadline to comment on the Draft EIS is March 13.** [Go here for more info](#) on how to comment, possible talking points, &background.”

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After all of this community's hard work, the City Mayor has vetoed the Non-Discrimination Ordinance. This veto undermines our voices and our democracy.

We must urge the Mayor to listen to this community and reconsider his veto. [Tell Mayor Matherly to stand with us. Send him a message now>>](#)

Our leaders work for us and should be listening to their constituents. The majority of the community is in favor of this Ordinance:

- In-Person Testimony: **Support: 95**, Oppose: 32
- Opinion Pieces in the Daily News Miner: **Support: 35**, Oppose: 9
  - Letters to the Council: **Support: 450**, Oppose: 215
  - Small Businesses Letter of Support: **114, and growing**
    - Local Elected Leader Letter of Support: **11**
    - Council vote to pass Ordinance 6093: **4-2**

[This community and this Council support Ordinance 6093. Don't let the Mayor silence your voice >>](#)

All Alaskans deserve to be protected and to fully participate in their communities. We all deserve dignity, respect, and the right to exist.

Help us keep the Golden Heart City golden! In Action, Alyssa Quintyne, Interior Community Organizer

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from Friends Committee on National Legislation: “ **Tell Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan: Act to End Gun Violence.** Wonderful news! This week the House passed the **Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019 (H.R. 8)**. Currently 22% of guns are purchased without a background check through unlicensed and private sellers. H.R. 8, and its **companion bill S. 42**, closes this loophole so that people who are barred from buying and owning guns will no longer have an easy end run around the national background check system. Background checks prevent gun violence. Since 1994, more than 3 million people legally prohibited from owning a gun have been denied the chance to purchase one because of existing background check laws. Now the action moves the Senate, where the legislation faces an uncertain future. ... Your senators need to hear from you. [Tell Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan to support this lifesaving legislation.](#)”

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*Job openings in Interior Alaska in areas of **peace, justice, &/or sustainability:***

**“CONSERVATION PROJECT COORDINATOR** for the **INTERIOR ALASKA LAND TRUST** ... To see the full job description, go to <https://interioralaskalandtrust.files.wordpress.com/2019/02/conservation-project-coordinator.pdf>. How to Apply: Please email a resume/CV and cover letter detailing your qualifications to [interioraklandtrust@gmail.com](mailto:interioraklandtrust@gmail.com).”

**“SEASONAL YOUTH COORDINATOR** (April-September 2019) for the **FAIRBANKS YOUTH FOR HABITAT PROGRAM** [contact] [katie.fswcd@gmail.com](mailto:katie.fswcd@gmail.com) and [mel.fswcd@gmail.com](mailto:mel.fswcd@gmail.com) or ... 590 University Avenue, Ste 2, Fairbanks Alaska 99709”

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from *ACLU of Alaska*: “As you may know, **Governor Dunleavy has introduced four bills: SB 32, SB 33, SB 34, and SB 35, to wholly repeal Alaska’s criminal justice reforms** that are already showing results. Recidivism has dropped from 67 percent to 61 percent and, according to State Senate President Cathy Giessel, re-offenses by low-risk defendants awaiting trial has dropped from 40 percent to less than 5 percent. Alaska’s justice reforms are working, and we’re turning the corner on making Alaskans safer with data-driven reforms that focus on people, not prisons. Rather than deal with the real causes of increased crime – a struggling economy, job losses, cuts to law enforcement and prosecutors, and worst of all, the impact of an opioid crisis ravaging Alaska – the governor has chosen to scapegoat and try to repeal SB 91. Couple this with the governor’s budget that closes in-state correctional facilities while spending millions to send Alaskans to out-of-state private prisons and the future is clear: Alaska is moving rapidly toward outsourcing our corrections responsibilities to for-profit prison corporations.

Justice reform can be an intimidating subject. If you’d like some easy to digest information check out [7 Things You Need To Know About Alaska’s Justice Reforms](#), go to [SmartJusticeAlaska.com](#), or like [Smart Justice Alaska](#) on Facebook. We can’t go back to the failed policies of the past.

When Alaska passed justice reform, we took major strides towards a better, more just future with fewer Alaskans locked up and all of us safer.

We need to continue to improve our justice system, not repeal and privatize it.”

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The Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District is conducting **on-farm research and demonstration projects** starting in spring 2019 to look at native pollinators in Interior Alaska and their role of pollinating crops. Please take a few minutes to complete this pre-project survey to help us get a better idea about native pollinators in Interior Alaska. The survey should take approximately 15 minutes. If you would like more information about the project, please contact Brian; 907-479-1213 ext. 108 or [brian.fswcd@gmail.com](mailto:brian.fswcd@gmail.com). <https://goo.gl/forms/13Vz9AINBoY5klae2>

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from [info@winwithoutwar.org](mailto:info@winwithoutwar.org): “**Tank Parade 2.0?! Act now!** Trump announced he’s getting ready to hold an enormous hyper-nationalist “Salute to America” parade in D.C. on July 4th. [\[1\]](#) , the kind of self-serving hyper-nationalist event you’d expect in an authoritarian dictatorship. When Trump tried to push his \$92 million military tank parade last year — on Veterans Day, no less — activists like you pushed back so hard that we forced him to cancel it... [Add your name now: Demand Congress stop Trump’s dangerous “Salute to America” parade.](#) ...We’ve got to flood their inboxes, phone lines, and offices.”

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**“Gov. Dunleavy disbands state climate response team.** Alaska Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy has formally disbanded the task force formed by his predecessor to guide the state's response to global warming.” *Read or listen to the Alaska Public Media (also on the chopping block!) Feb. 23 article here.*

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***Songs broadcast with this week’s Community News:***

- Jesus Is On the Wire sung by Peter Paul & Mary
- Today in Charlottesville by David Rovics
- Seize the Day sung by Fairbanks Peace Choir
- Union Song by Tom Morello
- Fifteen and a Union by Florida Fight for 15

**Opportunity to help sponsor peace/justice/sustainability ad on the rear of a Borough bus:**  
The Alaska Peace Center is sponsoring the following ad on the rear end of a Borough bus

**3% of U.S. military  
spending could end  
starvation on earth.**  
alaskapeace.org

*Number explained: [worldbeyondwar.org/explained](http://worldbeyondwar.org/explained)*

(inspired by the need for alternative messaging from ghastly military-covered borough busses.)

***Will you help sponsor this bus panel at \$120 for a month or a week at \$30?***

Mail check to:

**Alaska Peace Center  
3535 College Rd Ste 203  
Fairbanks AK 99709-3722**

Donate online: [www.alaskapeace.org](http://www.alaskapeace.org)

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