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Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of April 28th, 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?
“April	is	National Child Abuse Prevention Month If you see or suspect child abuse or neglect, say something. Report it to the Office of Children's Services: Call: 1-800-478-4444 Fax: 907-269-3939 ReportChildAbuse@alaska.gov” <u>To Contact your Elected Public Officials,</u> <i>see lists of contact information at the end of this news brief</i> A reminder! Today and every day: visit, call, email, write your legislators, congresspersons and city and borough assemblies and write letters to the editor about issues being acted on and affecting peace, justice, and sustainability.	<u>Learn More</u> from threadalaska.org and thrivalaska.com
		(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up This week in the Alaska Legislature* : -- Please check out the legislative calendar via the link below, find out more, and contact your legislators to let them know how legislation could affect you and others. <u>See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info here: 4/29-5/5/19</u> Much of the proceedings are televised and/or **Streamed live on AKL.tv** - and there are opportunities to testify; Contact your LIO for more information >>>>>	*Schedules often change. Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO). In Fbks: 452-4448
		<u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u>	
Sunday April 28	4-6pm	<u>Interfaith Prayer Circle for Earth and Creation</u> – Join us for a special program of interfaith prayer, reflection, and fellowship as we celebrate good stewardship of the Earth. This prayer circle will consist of program contributions from a wide range of faith backgrounds, including prayer, music, drumming, and more. The prayer circle will be followed by a potluck, so please bring food to share!	JP Jones Center 2400 Rickert St.
Mon Apr 29	7am -4pm	<u>36th Annual Alaska Tribal Court Conference</u> - Tribal Courts: Guardians of Justice For more information visit: http://tribal.uaf.edu/atcc	Tanana Chiefs Conference, 122 1st Ave Ste 600
Tuesday April 30		<i>from Smart Justice Alaska: “[T]aking the fight to protect and improve Alaska's justice reforms directly to lawmakers. Be a part of Smart Justice Alaska's Legislative Fly-In on Tuesday, April 30-Wednesday May 1, 2019. We'll be meeting with legislators and their staff to make the case that our justice system should be centered around people, not prisons. Sign up here to participate.</i> “Understanding that the costs of travel may pose a hardship, Smart Justice Alaska has a limited number of travel	to our capital in Juneau

		<p>scholarships, prioritized for individuals from key legislative districts with lived experience in Alaska's justice system (for example, formerly incarcerated individuals, family members of incarcerated individuals, etc.). Budget permitting, others may be considered for scholarships as well.</p> <p>"Help us spread the word! If you have contacts who would make great advocates on this issue, please invite them to sign up as well.</p> <p>"In partnership, Triada Stampas, Policy Director, ACLU of Alaska"</p>											
	12-2pm	<p>Start a Garden & Kickstart Your Health 12-1pm at Nenana Parish Church; Build a Compost Pile 1-2 at Nenana Community Garden **Please bring food scraps to contribute! UAF Cooperative Extension & TCC. For Info Contact hbrader@alaska.edu</p>	Nenana										
	5:30-7:30pm	<p>Clean Power Happy Hour - opportunity to learn and elevate the Renewable Energy Projects happening around the state. This time, we're going to highlight the Interior. Join us for a night of food, drinks, and clean energy! RSVP to learn about clean energy in your community >></p> <p>We're teaming up with Golden Valley Electric Association and the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition to hear about the different solar and winds projects being utilized by GVEA, get updates on the Railbelt Unification, and learn how to get more involved with the GVEA Board and Elections coming up in May. Learn More from Alyssa Quintyne (The Alaska Center)</p>	Hoarfrost Distillery in Fbks										
Wednesday May 1	All applications are due on or before May 1	<p>Paint the Doors - an opportunity for young people to express their voice through art - Young artists, ages 12 through 18, are invited to submit an artistic concept for 1 side of a wooden door, based on one of the themes provided. Local judges choose 6 winners over the course of three rounds. All paintings should be completed prior to the start of school. Youth artists are responsible for painting their own design concept though paint can be provided. Doors will remain painted until the following year when the contest recurs. The artistic expressions are displayed in our outdoor park at 126 10th Ave where tourists and community members enjoy them year round. Download Contest Rules. Download Registration. #paintthedoors</p>	126 10th Ave										
	12 pm	<p>2nd Annual Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Walk This walk is held to bring awareness and to honor the multitude of Alaska Native and American Indian women who have been murdered or gone missing. Please wear red to support. Meet at the main entrance of the Westmark Hotel. For any questions, please contact Elizabeth at 907-371-6610 elizabeth@hnhcoalition.org or Janelle at 328-3990 janelle.chapin@aknwrc.org, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center.</p>	Start at Westmark Hotel main entrance, end at Veterans Memorial Park										
	Deadline for nominations	<p>...for the ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION 2019 AWARDS for individuals and organizations that are making a significant difference in their efforts to protect Alaska's natural environment. Awardees will be celebrated at an awards reception on October 3 in Anchorage. This year's award categories include:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Lifetime Achievement</td> <td>Outstanding Volunteer Contributions</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outstanding Professional Contributions</td> <td>Award for Young Environmental Activists</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outstanding Achievements by a Conservation Organization</td> <td>Excellence in Environmental Education</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Excellence in Still Photography, Film or Video</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outstanding Achievements by an Alaska Native Organization or Individual</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>For more information or to nominate someone, go to our website. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Sadie Kurtz at skurtz@alaskaconseration.org call or 907-433-8212.</p>	Lifetime Achievement	Outstanding Volunteer Contributions	Outstanding Professional Contributions	Award for Young Environmental Activists	Outstanding Achievements by a Conservation Organization	Excellence in Environmental Education	Excellence in Still Photography, Film or Video		Outstanding Achievements by an Alaska Native Organization or Individual		
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	5:30pm	<p>Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577</p>	3535 College Rd, suite 203										
Thursday May 2	Deadline	<p>...to submit pre-scoping comments on White Mountains and Steese Travel and Transportation Plan Environmental Assessment. BLM's Eastern Interior Field Office is currently collecting preliminary public input on trail use and access in the White Mountains National Recreation Area and the Steese National Conservation Area.</p>	More information is available here and here .										
	5:30pm	<p>Alaska Peace Center mtg - Come help plan campaigns to increase peace, justice, and sustainability, such as an Arbor Day tree, the June 1st Peace Feast, our annual Fair booth, and more! info@alaskapeace.org or 479-0981.</p>	3535 College Rd suite 203										

	5:30pm	<u>Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) Annual Members' Mtg</u> – Fbks Climate Action Coalition (FCAC) suggests, “This is YOUR opportunity to get engaged as a member-owner of Golden Valley Electric Association – the electricity cooperative that you own if you pay an electric bill. We need you to show up, bring your friends and neighbors and co-workers to testify and help make the message clear that Fairbanks wants a transition to renewable energy & energy efficiency! We will provide more talking points closer to the event, but make sure this is on your radar! RSVP on Facebook ” Also check out Raven About Broadband	Lathrop HS Hering Auditorium 901 Airport Way
	6 pm	Regular FNSB Assembly mtg , (Fbks North Star Borough); includes Citizens' Comments; Agenda	Borough bldg, 907 Terminal St.
Friday May 3	11am-12	MMIW (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women): Developing a Community Action Plan - Beginning in April 2019, the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC) will host monthly calls on MMIW with the goal of developing community action plans when a woman goes missing or is found dead from unnatural causes. We hope to put together a plan that includes information and action that can be undertaken to address the emotional needs, whom to contact for answers, and what services can be available. It is clear that we need to act to raise awareness of these issues and to assist in finding answers and resolutions to promote healing within our communities. Please join us the first Friday of every month at 11:00 am ADT by joining goto meeting: by logging on to https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/650401253 ; or calling 1-646-749-3131 Code 650-401-253	Call @ GoTo Meeting
	5:30	“This year, The Alaska Center Auction is titled “ A Future Worth Fighting For ” because we are investing in Alaska’s future- from outdoor education to affecting policy change - we are working at a state and local level to ensure that Alaskans have the tools, the platform, and the seat at the decision-making table. For the last 20 years Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA) has been a vital part of this ambitious vision and over the past few months we have seen youth leaders come together to stand up for our future in the face of budget cuts, the demise of a Climate Action Plan, and seemingly endless attack on our clean water under this new Administration. These teens have been standing up, showing up, and speaking out for their futures and it's time to show our support. Join us at The Alaska Center Annual Auction: A Future Worth Fighting For to show your support for the incredible work AYEA teens have done and continue to do >>	Anchorage Down-town Marriott <i>For more information visit akcenter.org, email michael@akcenter.org or call (907) 274-3647.</i>
Saturday May 4	10-11am	Mother's Day Purse Project & Kits for Kids - community event to provide purses & pillowcases filled with essential items for women & children in need: socks, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, etc. “f” @MothersDayPurseProjectKitsforKids	Church of Latter-Day Saints 1500 Cowles St.
	1-4:30 pm	UAF Cooperative Extension Service - Spring Food Preservation Series!— Pickles, Chutney and Sauerkraut <i>(Please help us spread the word by sharing the attached class flier. Thank you!) 3.16.19 canning fish and meat.pdf</i> <i>Register soon as space is limited. Visit http://bit.ly/fishandmeat to reserve your spot.</i>	UAF University Park Building, 1000 University Ave., Room 154
	1:20pm	UAF Commencement	Carlson Center
		<u>Next Week</u>	
Sunday May 5	10am-2pm	The Interior Alaska Food Network will celebrate Alaska Agriculture Day 2019 with a variety of festivities. Learn about Alaska agriculture with booths and activities for the whole family. There will also be a dedication of the new Drew Plaza! AKAgDay flyer #AKAgDay2019	UAF Georgeson Botanical Garden.
Wednesday May 8	Deadline to sign up for 5/22	Certified Food Protection Manager workshop training via videoconference May 22 in four Alaska communities. Registration, locations and more information are available at http://bit.ly/cesCFPM . The \$200 fee includes class, study guide and one proctored exam. For additional information or to request another location, contact the instructor, Julie Cascio, at 907-745-3677 or jmcascio@alaska.edu . See flier attached for more information and to share with others who may be interested in the training.	videoconference - Fairbanks, Palmer, Juneau, Sitka and other communities as requested.

	5:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio volunteer trainings info@kwrk.org	3535 College Rd, suite 203
Saturday May 11	All Day!	Fairbanks Clean-Up Day. Clean Up Day is a community wide volunteer initiative to clean up the trash uncovered by melting snow in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Green bags for recyclables and yellow bags for trash are available. Find out more via https://www.facebook.com/fairbankscleanupday/	everywhere
<u>Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week Events</u>			
May 17th	12-2pm	Fairbanks Community Mental Health Services (FCMHS): FCMHS is hosting a BBQ.	1423 Peger Rd
Saturday May 18th	10am	The 2019 Really Free Market will be held Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the Lola Tilly Commons on the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus. This is the ultimate freecycling event that gives you the opportunity to declutter your life and find a new home for things that are still clean, safe and usable. https://news.uaf.edu/2019-really-free-market	parking lot adjacent to the Lola Tilly Commons, UAF
	7pm	Plenty for All Concert: Plenty For All will be holding a concert and fundraiser featuring our own Susan Grace along with others. Plan to join them to support this wonderful organization that helps folks out of foreclosure. Visit their webpage: http://www.plentyforallfairbanks.org/ .	UFF 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
	8-10am	Birding on Saturday Mornings with Arctic Audubon Society - Birding By Ear & Songbird ID - JJ Frost, Local birding expert will lead a morning birding field trip. Bring binoculars, snack, rubber boots if you have them. More info at arcticaudubon.org or Beth at 907-957-1050.	Creamer's Field Farmhouse parking lot.
May 15th		The Value of Conscientious Objection - May 15th is International Conscientious Objectors Day - a perfect opportunity to take some time to contemplate and appreciate the <i>value of conscientious objection (CO)</i> . The very process of applying for status as a conscientious objector challenges the institution of war. http://www.centeronconscience.org/pubs/articles/252-value-of-co.html . ccw@centeronconscience.org . Center on Conscience & War 202-483-2220	1830 Connecticut Ave NW Washington, DC 20009
May 30	Deadline	:: to comment on the Army Corps of Engineers' Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Pebble Mine. In a press release, Alannah Hurley of United Tribes of Bristol Bay said "It completely omits local concerns and doesn't take seriously many of the impacts that our people would feel from this project. It completely ignores collective impacts of any potential spills, or tailings failure. The fact that the Army Corps would even put this out, and call it a draft EIS at this point is so astounding, and insulting to the people of Bristol Bay." Learn more about how to get involved from United Tribes of Bristol Bay and The Alaska Center .	
Saturday June 1	9am-2pm	:: June 1: National Trails Day Volunteer Day at Denali. Want to know what it takes to provide trails for visitors in Denali National Park? Come join the Denali trail crew and celebrate National Trails Day by helping with maintenance activities on the park's trail system. Volunteers will help the trail crew lop, cut and haul brush and perform routine maintenance. Volunteers may choose from a variety of projects ranging from easy to difficult, depending on their skill and comfort levels. This year's project is limited to 20 people; please contact the Volunteer Office at 907-683-9504 to register.	Denali National Park
	12-2pm	7th Annual Peace Feast - All Welcome! info@alaskapeace.org for more information.	Pioneer Park
Starting Tuesday June 4		South Side Farmers' Market: The South Side Farmers' Market (715-833 24th Ave) will be open on Tuesdays from 4-7pm starting on June 4 th and going until September 24 th . The annual BBQ will July 16 th , but there will be events every day of the market. Anyone with food stamp coupons can purchase locally grown food items at half price. Vendors can be members for \$50 for the entire summer.	
Friday June 7	5:30-8:30pm	:: SAVE THE DATE! [Northern Alaska Environmental Center] Donor Appreciation Picnic. We invite our donors and supporters to join us for a backyard picnic to catch up on our work, celebrate our community, and share a meal. Main course provided. Side dish and pie potluck. Lawn games if the weather is nice. More details in the coming weeks!	830 College Road
June 13	Deadline	::to comment on Bering Sea-Western Interior Regional Management Plan and EIS. The Bureau of Land Management's Anchorage Field Office is seeking public comments on a draft plan for future public land management actions in the Bering Sea-Western Interior region of Alaska... We will share more information about this extensive plan in the coming weeks, but as you look into it, note that the "preferred alternative" opens all but 1% of the Kuskokwim region to potential mining activity, and would have major implications for the region. We (NAEC) will be advocating for Alternative B in our comments.	

Good News category:

“Greetings Friends,

We gratefully bring forward the good news that on April 4, 2019, Alaska Representative Don Young voted to re-authorize the Violence Against Women Act. His vote was atypically against the recommendations of the Republican Party and the NRA.

See information about the vote: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/votes/116-2019/h156>

For some of us, this is a rare chance to thank him for his action. Please consider doing so, at: <https://donyoung.house.gov/contact/>

Peace and Light, Maia for the Alaska Peace Center
in the unceded lands of the Chena and Tanana Dené Athabaskan people.”

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

Peace Justice Sustainability

from ‘The Alaska Center’: ‘While some cities in Alaska have ordinances protecting all residents, many cities and communities -- including those in the Interior, Mat-Su, Kenai, and most of rural Alaska -- are left vulnerable to legal discrimination. Did you know: no state law guarantees protections for all Alaskans regardless of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation? Without protections in place, legal discrimination occurs daily: food services, public accommodations, emergency services, housing, loans and renting, employment services, education, voting access can be in question for marginalized communities. Our safety and access should not be contingent on our zip code. We need clear, explicit protections for sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity to ensure Alaskans’ rights. [Add your name: Tell your representatives to support freedoms for all Alaskans -- Pass HB 82>>](#)’

from [Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition](#): ‘We have been approved for 12 Americorps VISTA year-long positions and 18 Summer Associate positions... The Summer Associate positions earn a living allowance and the choice of an education award or cash stipend. The summer positions are great for students, teachers, and/or anybody that is looking to serve the community over the summer. For more information please check out our new website, <https://www.vistafairbanks.org/> and “like” the new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AmeriCorpsVISTAOFairbanks/> or contact Ashton at vistaleader@fairbanks.us (907) 459-6810 or Mike at msanders@fairbanks.us (907) 459-6794. **Recruitment Deadline:** May 5, 2019 **Service Dates:** May 27 - August 4, 2019

AmeriCorps VISTA of Fairbanks collaborates with local non-profits and public agencies in the Interior of Alaska to recruit dedicated, hard-working self-motivators to bring poverty-alleviating projects to life and establish sustainability.’

Fbks Soil Water Conservation District (FSWCD): The FSWCD in partnership with several local organizations including the Fairbanks Youth Advocates, Fairbanks Community Food Bank, and a NASA funded hydroponics project are **working to create a vertical urban farm in Fairbanks** that is modeled after the Alaska Seeds of Change in Anchorage. The project is designed to provide locally grown produce while simultaneously offering job training services, a plant café, and plant therapy to underserved community members. Currently the group is considering the old Gottschalks building (1255 Airport Rd) as a possible location for the farm. The FSWCD will be recruiting for a VISTA position to assist with project development for the farm. Mel Sikes and Marylee Bates strongly encourage everybody to learn more about this type of urban farm project by visiting the Alaska Seeds of Change program. For more information on the Alaska Seeds of Change <http://akseedsofchange.com/>. The FSWCD and partners would like to make this a community driven project and would welcome discussions with other organizations and community members. For more information on the local project please contact Mel Sikes at mel.fswcd@gmail.com or (907) 479-1213 x 105.’

from [End Slavery Now](#): **“Actions you can take to help end slavery”**

- Interested in learning to shop ethically? Download the most recent version of our [Slave Free Shopping Guide](#) for ideas on where to start! ... We ranked companies and brands based on their antislavery policies; supply chain transparency; third-party certifications; and engagement around slavery, forced labor and human trafficking. [For example:] Cocoa is the main ingredient found in chocolate. A large percentage of the world's cocoa comes from the Ivory Coast in west Africa. Many times, forced labor and child labor are used to harvest cocoa beans... Theo® Chocolate was the first organic and Fair for Life SM certified chocolate factory in the United States; [Several candybars have] the FAIRTRADE® Certification Mark, meaning the main ingredients in that product are free from slave labor.”
- Check out the shopping guide to learn what “Fair Trade” labeling means, in its various forms.

from [Veterans For Peace](#): “**We in Veterans For Peace are declaring 2019 as the year we will acknowledge and honor the courage, the sacrifice, and the moral strength of those GIs who resisted their government’s call to go to war.** We want to tell their stories, to give them a forum to share their lives with us. Not just as a history lesson, but as a primer for young women and men in uniform today who are listening to their own moral consciences and are looking for guidance. We are gathering personal narratives of resisters, documentaries of resisters, their poetry, their novels — you name it — describing their experiences. And since GI resistance did not begin or end with the American war in Viet Nam, we are also collecting stories of GIs who have stood up during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to carry on Thoreau’s admonition to put our bodies on the line, to stop the war machine. Their stories of courage and sacrifice will be included as well.

Will you join us? Will you share your own story of resistance? Will you host these narratives in your communities? Together we can make a difference.

[Read the Call to Action from VFP's Vietnam Full Disclosure Campaign](#)”

Now OPEN: [Registration for Camp Habitat](#). Since 1991, the Northern Alaska Environmental Center has been an active sponsor of Camp Habitat, an outdoor nature education and ecology camp for youth. Registration for kids age 4-11 is open. Click [here](#) for information on registration or applying for instructor or counselor jobs.

ThrivAlaska*: While the current school year for ThrivAlaska comes to a close on May 15th, they are now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 year... For more information: (907) 479-0900 or <http://thrivalaska.com/>. Additionally, ThrivAlaska is recruiting for multiple VISTA positions.

*“Helping children and families thrive,” Thrivalaska operates 4 major programs – Head Start Birth to Five, thread Resource & Referral, thread Child Care Assistance, and a School Age program at Pearl Creek Elementary School.

The TCC Un-Met Needs Program is for Alaska Natives [who] do not fit into any cash program with the State of Alaska or TCC... The program is currently collaborating with the Salvation Army, Fairbanks Community Food Bank, Fairbanks Rescue Mission, and others... to help with temporary shelter or food, but also has started a food pantry, life skills training and has a shower clients may use... For more information or to collaborate with the program please contact Ted Jones Jr. at (907) 452-8251, Extension 3119 or ted.jones@tananachiefs.org.

With the closure of Coin King, the **school district is looking for a new laundromat to assist low-income youth meet their laundry needs**. Please contact Leona McDaniels if you know of a laundromat that would assist in this effort, leona.mcdaniels@k12northstar.org.

JP Jones Summer Food Program is starting back up on May 24th from 11-4 at the JP Jones Center. The program provides free childcare and meals to children enrolled in the program. The program strives to keep them academically engaged to help prevent summer learning loss... partner[ing] with several local organizations and neighborhoods to expand the food delivery service beyond the JP Jones Center. Adults can eat with their children for the cost of the meal, which is usually around \$6.00 or they can have a snack with them for \$1.50. There is currently still the ability for new locations to sign up for the program. Additionally, the program is currently recruiting for two Summer Associate VISTAs.

No Limits Inc Prosperity 2.0: There are currently openings at No Limits 1616 Cushman St location. Additionally there are four commercial units available on site. No Limits is considering turning one of the units into a thrift store to augment housing funding. No Limits will be actively recruiting for a VISTA position [this] week.

"No Limits, Inc. nonprofit organization located in Fairbanks, Alaska. The mission is to provide resettlement services to the marginalized and disadvantaged for successful transition from dependence on society to independence with the support and resources they need to transform their lives... There are 266 homeless people in Fairbanks on any given day. A significant percentage has mental or physical disabilities and a high percentage are in families with dependent children..." [Read more](#).

Pentagon Claims 1,100 High Schools Bar Recruiters; Peace Activists Offer \$1,000 Award If Any Such School Can Be Found

<https://washingtonsblog.com/2019/04/pentagon-claims-1100-high-schools-bar-recruiters-peace-activists-offer-1000-award-if-any-such-school-can-be-found.html>
<https://viableopposition.blogspot.com/2018/07/how-american-wars-lead-to-increased.html> submitted by Douglas Yates.

:: Updated: Fairbanks still on lung association's 'dirty air' list; state to release cleanup plan The DEC is aiming for the week of May 13 to make public a draft Serious State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Fairbanks borough's fine particulate matter (PM2.5) nonattainment area. The document will be available on the DEC website, according to the news release. The agency is planning a series of meetings, starting with the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, to gather public input.

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner via Northern Alaska Environmental Center (NAEC).

Audio & Songs broadcast with this week's Community News:

-- Asymmetric Moose Music 04/28/19

This is Rob Mulford. Welcome to the Asymmetric Moose's Music Picks for the week of the April 28, 2019... No! The week may start on the 28th of April but it must be recognized as the week of the world's first and truest working peoples holiday, May Day. Don't mourn... organize!

While I'm on the subject of human rights... Ella Baker's grandmother was once whipped for refusing to marry a man chosen for her by the slave owner. Ella carried her grandmother's self respect, strength, courage, and resilience in the face of racism and injustice, with her throughout her life. This led her to take a prominent role in struggle for civil rights. Standing alongside other heroes like of Dr. Martin Luther King, she took leadership rolls in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the N.A.A.C.P., and SNCC the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Her work earned her the Swahili nickname Fundi - meaning a person who teaches a craft to the next generation. In the first tune the Peace Choir does her justice singing, *Ella's Song*.... "We who believe in freedom cannot rest."

In the next tune the Fairbanks Rainbow Choir say "All we need is hope, and for that we have each other. We'll take the world to its feet... and move mountains", singing *Rise Up!*

Next the Rainbow Choir sings a tune written by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, from the Motion Picture "The Greatest Showman" – When the sharpest words wanna cut me down, I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown them out. I am brave... I am bruised..... I am who I'm meant to be, this is me. Look out 'cause here I come, And I'm marching on to the beat I drum. I'm not scared to be seen. I make no apologies." The tune is, **"This Is Me"**.

Flyn Ludington did a such a fine job introducing the next tune at the concert, I'll let her do it here again. I'll just add, "Yea!" Who doesn't love Cyndi Lauper? You know, although, "Hey, they say that a stitch in time saves nine. They say I better stop or I'll go blind... Ooh she bop, she bop", still can put a grin on my face, I like the next tune much better. (*True Colors*)

-- Also, Tides of Change by Susan Grace

Will You Help Support Alaska Peace Center Activities? *

Just a couple of examples of what peace advocacy costs, despite all volunteer effort:

Potluck Presentations, Peace Feast and Special Events

Facility use fees for events: \$15-\$250 rental, plus insurance if required

Advertising: \$75+ per event for printing flyers; \$250 - \$500 banner ad, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner; \$2000 for 1/3 page ad

Mail check to:

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

Donate online: www.alaskapeace.org

THANK YOU!

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

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Feedback to, Corrections/Clarifications, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome. Email alaskapeacenews@gmail.com.

May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

To Contact your Elected Public Officials

Fairbanks City Council Mtg (twice per month on Monday evenings*) **Agendas and calendar** at <https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/> This page contains a link to live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Please click the Listen Live image below to start streaming the audio. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. Listen live on your iPhone! Mixlr now has an iPhone/iPad app (<http://bit.ly/163ZvLg>) via the iTunes Store. Once you get the app set up, you search for city_of_fairbanks and you will be able to follow our audio stream (http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/)! Location: Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St.

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).

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jrogers@fairbanks.us kottersten@fairbanks.us skun@fairbanks.us ytherrien@fairbanks.us

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

OR! leave a comment here: <https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/citycouncil/webform/contact-council>

Fbks Diversity Council (FDC) "...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..." FDC meets the 2nd 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. Contact info: cityclerk@fairbanks.us or 907-479-6702

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