



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of December 27th, 2020,

reporting on events & issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability affecting us & 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	<u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u>	Where?
Sunday Dec.27	All Day	North Pole & Fairbanks non-attainment Zones: Stage 2, Stage 1 Air Quality Alerts - When the 24-hr rolling average monitored concentration is 35 micrograms per cubic meter or above, NO use of solid-fuel burning devices w/o a NOASH (No Other Adequate Source of Heat) waiver. FORECAST: Clear to partly cloudy skies and the colder temps will support a strengthening inversion [12/24] through the weekend resulting in poor to very poor dispersion. Temperatures will begin to warm slightly Sunday; dispersion will increase during the afternoon hours but return to poor Sunday evening. We are forecasting the North Pole air quality to remain Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups with periods of Unhealthy or worse during the alert period, with 24hr average PM _{2.5} values >30ug/m ³ for 96 hrs.	For info call 451-2132 or visit dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair
	10a-12.	DC Peace Team Online Trainings - Nonviolent Communications (NVC) 12/27 ONLINE training in Family Engagement: Transforming Family Dynamics in the Holiday Season	REGISTER HERE
Monday Dec. 28	until 8 am	North Pole & Fairbanks non-attainment Zones: Stage 2, Stage 1 Air Quality Alert - Dec 20 at 2pm until Dec 23, 12pm. When the 24-hr rolling average monitored concentration is 35 micrograms per cubic meter or above, NO use of solid-fuel burning devices w/o a NOASH (No Other Adequate Source of Heat) waiver. For info call 451-2132 or visit dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair	dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair
	Deadline	"...the Trump administration is making a last-ditch effort to undermine school nutrition standards. Recently, it announced ... rollbacks on salt, whole grains, and sugary milk in schools that a federal judge <u>tossed out</u> earlier this year. We have until December 28, 2020 to oppose this. Please tell the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to stop playing politics with kids' health. " from <i>Center for Science in the Public Interest</i>	
Tuesday Dec. 29	8-9:15a or3:15p	Compassionate NVC (Nonviolent Communications) ~ Beginning Anew in Relationships -Online practice workshops	via Zoom REGISTER HERE
	1 pm Deadline	Peace Development Fund Community Organizing Grants Program for: --Organizing to Shift Power, --Working to Build a Movement, --Dismantling Oppression, -- Creating New Structures. "Please read our <u>Grant Guidelines</u> before you apply."	Apply by clicking here
Friday	Jan. 1	2021	

Saturday January 2	8:15am	Juneau Veterans For Peace, chapter 100 , mtg. Chapter #100 meets first and third Saturday mornings. All are invited to attend these after-breakfast meetings. Info: chapter president via akwilco@gmail.com	https://www.facebook.com/Veterans-for-Peace-Juneau-Alaska-346669645488614/
		<i>After This Week</i>	
Sunday January 3	noon EST	"The Constitution mandates that Congress convene at noon on January 3, unless the preceding Congress by law designated a different day"	
		"Starting each Sunday in January 2021, the Real Organic Symposium , will premiere interviews with more than 60 prominent organic farmers, scientists and climate activists.	SIGN UP HERE to attend the Real Organic Symposium
Monday January 4	Jan 4-8	GED Registration Week Extension food preservation series begins Jan. 4 , Seven week training. Follow the link.	Literacy Council of Alaska, 517 Gaffney Rd, Fbks
	5pm Deadline	Alaska Dept of Natural Resources Analysis and Proposed Decision for amendment request by Alyeska Pipeline Service Co to add land to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System Right-of-Way Lease to support installation of passive cooling system approx 57 mi NW of Fbks... to protect TAPS from permafrost degradation.. Comments must be in writing. call 907-269-8800 or email spco.records@alaska.gov	documents at http://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Newsroom .
Tuesday January 5	5- 6:30pm	Regenerative Economy Working Group mtg . "We have a tremendous opportunity now to build a new and <i>regenerative</i> economy in Alaska." If interested and not yet involved, please follow the link to learn more and to sign up. "...we will meet bi-weekly on Tuesdays 5-6:30pm"	
Thursday January 7	7 pm	Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg - All welcome!	
Tuesday Jan. 19		Alaska Legislature begins More below, under "Justice"	in Juneau

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

Peace	Justice	Sustainability
<p>U.S. Nuclear Weapons Agency Hacked as Part of Massive Cyber-Attack, Follow the link to read the report in TIME.com/Bloomberg 12/17/20 =====</p>	<p>"After 19 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit, Mr. Hicks was going home. "After realizing they'd shot an unarmed man who did not match the description of the attacker, the officers conspired to cover it up. According to</p>	<p>"After the 2011 Fukushima accident, many independent citizen-operated radioactivity measurement laboratories sprang up across Japan." Follow the link to see the Citizens' Radiation Data Map of Japan:</p>

"Article 1, Section 8, Clause 11

"When Biden takes office he'll inherit Operation Freedom's Sentinel in Afghanistan and Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Syria, and thousands of U.S. troops patrolling Africa — including in Chad, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Somalia, and South Sudan. And we mustn't forget the dozens of U.S. planes and drones filling countless classified skies that have already been documented killing thousands in Pakistan, Somalia, and Yemen. **It's a war-foothing in almost every continent**, but already President-elect Biden has suggested that he wanted to replace — not revoke — one of the key congressional authorizations for the wars being conducted all over the world: the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force.

"What Biden's saying is he wants renewed, albeit more limited, congressional authority to conduct drone operations and special forces raids, and to rely on foreign 'partner' forces to fight these wars.

"That's not ending endless war; that's a recipe for PERPETUAL global war — but it's not up to him.

"It is up to Congress, and Congress alone, to decide... Article 1, Section 8, Clause 11..."
from winwithoutwar.org

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"...[As] it became clear Joe Biden would become the next president of the United States, we started to hear a lot of talk from my Senate colleagues in the Republican Party about their old friend the deficit... the same Republican Party so concerned about the deficit that they passed a \$1.9 trillion tax bill benefiting some of the richest people and largest corporations in

the National Registry of Exonerations, police misconduct, like this, has played a role in 35% of wrongful convictions resulting in exonerations since 1989.

[Read more](#) about how someone trying to call for HELP for a screaming woman got framed.

from Electronic Frontier Foundation:

Surveillance Self-Defense - our series of basic guides (below) will help you to understand what digital surveillance is and how you can fight it...
<https://ssd.eff.org/en/module-categories/basics>"

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"US government resists paying compensation to nuclear workers made ill by ionising radiation

More than 2,200 workers had spent five years or more going through the exhaustive claims process, according to McClatchy's 2015 "Irradiated" series. Some workers who filed for benefits died while awaiting decisions from the government, McClatchy found."

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Alaska Legislative Session starts January 19, 2021:

"As a Legislature, we will be making public health and safety a priority by wearing masks in the building, undergoing regular COVID tests, and practicing social distancing as much as possible. As in any year, we will have Gavel to Gavel coverage of our meetings, which you can watch on 360 North at <https://www.ktoo.org/tv/> or on the Legislature's streaming service at http://akleg.gov/includes/_player.php. You can also access committee documents, follow along with our meeting schedules, learn about committee membership, and view voting records on BASIS at this link:
<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Home/BillsandLaws>.

<https://beyondnuclearinternational.org/2020/12/20/uninhabitable/>

Many Canadian organisations dispute the government's plan for small nuclear reactors

In midst of pandemic crisis, more U.S. tax-payer money to go to nuclear power in space

The White House released Space Policy Directive-6 (SPD-6) on Wednesday regarding a U.S. national strategy for space nuclear power and propulsion (SNPP), technology that the White House said will be needed to fuel future space exploration

34 years later, food crops near Chernobyl still contain ionising radiation

Crops grown near the Chernobyl nuclear site in Ukraine are still contaminated with radiation from the explosive 1986 disaster.

----*posts from nuclear-news, dec. 18, 2020* ----

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"The U.S. Air Force announces availability of Explanation of Significant Differences for...trichloroethane (TCE) Spill at... Galena, Alaska... (Site SS025).2017..The ESD is available to the public ... at <https://ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil/Search.aspx>... For more info: Toll Free (866) 725-7617 or email: afimsc.pa.workflow@us.af.mil"

from Public Notice in News-Miner 12-21-20

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"[Though] the Senior Medicare Patrol has only seen one **COVID-19 vaccine scam** at the national level at this point, we know that this this type of fraud will move very quickly, very soon, and will take many forms. Scammers rapidly

this country... [and] just last week, pushed through the largest defense spending bill in the history of this country, a total of \$740 billion. This is more money than the next 10 nations combined spend in their defense budgets... [and] spent trillions of dollars on war over the past two decades... so concerned about the deficit that it gives hundreds of billions of dollars in giveaways to oil, gas and coal companies that exacerbate the climate crisis...

[and] provides huge amounts of corporate welfare to companies like Walmart that pay their workers starvation wages and provide them meager benefits that must be supplemented by taxpayer-supported programs...

"Tragically, there is more economic desperation in our country today than at any point since the Great Depression...

"tell the Democratic Party that you expect them to stand for its principles and to stand up for working people when dealing with the Republicans during the Biden administration. It is important that they know how you feel after this COVID relief negotiation.

ADD YOUR NAME from Bernie Sanders

"...the Fairbanks Legislative Information Office can be reached here: <http://fairbanks.akleg.gov/>. They are able to help you navigate any of the above resources related to our legislative meetings and much more." from Rep. Adam Wool

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"A proposed constitutional amendment would abolish slavery as punishment for a crime, eliminating any legal avenue for the practice in the United States.

"The House version was introduced on December 2 as [House Joint Resolution 104](#), by [Rep. Lacy Clay Jr. \(D-MO1\)](#). The Senate version was introduced the same day as [Senate Joint Resolution 81](#), by [Sen. Jeff Merkley \(D-OR\)](#).

"The exception to the 13th Amendment's ban on slavery corrupted criminal justice into a tool of racist control of Black Americans and other people of color, and we see that legacy every day in police encounters, courtrooms, and prisons throughout our country," Sen. Merkley [said in a press release](#). "Slavery is incompatible with justice. No slavery, no exceptions."

"...awaits a potential vote in Judiciary Committee[s]" from [govtrackinsider.com](#)

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Job Opportunities

Alaska Songbird Institute hiring a Creamer's Field Migration Station Project Director. This new, multi-faceted position serves as the project coordinator, lead bander, and daily field operations manager for the [Creamer's Field Migration Station](#), ASI's long-term bird banding station in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Co-op Market and Deli has job openings.
[Learn More](#)

alter their tactics and adapt their schemes to the changing landscape, and we anticipate that they will leverage the pending COVID-19 vaccine to prey on unsuspecting beneficiaries. At this point, it is essential that we alert the public of likely schemes and provide them with information on how they can protect themselves:

- **You likely will not need to pay anything out of pocket to get the vaccine during this public health emergency.**
- You cannot pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine.
- You cannot pay to get early access to the vaccine.
- No one from Medicare or the Health Department will contact you.
- No one from a vaccine distribution site or health care payer, like a private insurance company, will call you asking for your Social Security number, your credit card, or bank account information to sign you up to get the vaccine.
- Beware of providers offering other products, treatments, or medicines to prevent the virus. Check with your health care provider before paying for or receiving any COVID-19-related treatment.
- If you get a call, text, email — or even someone knocking on your door — claiming they can get you early access to the vaccine, STOP. That's a scam.

As you receive specific vaccine fraud case information, **Please notify the Medicare**

Information Office at
hss.medicare@alaska.gov via email or #1-
800-478-6065 Immediately." from Medicare
Information for Alaska DHSS.

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

"Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of December 27th, 2020:

Happy New Year, Peaceful Friends, this is The Asymmetric Moose Rob Mulford with picks for the week of December 27, 2020. I have chosen todays picks in the joyful spirit of Peace to all; from those who swim the waters, the ones who fly, the four legged, the creepy-crawlies, the fungi and green things that grow, the water, the air, the soil, and yes those two legged masters of self deception who I must count myself a member. Up first, is a recording, made at Beacon High School, Beacon, N.Y., a song about a young man with the temerity to ask the question: "Am I moral enough to go kill in your war?" Arlo came to this inquiry in New York City, where he was injected, inspected, detected, infected, neglected, and selected. For me it was the Hotel Leamington, 1814 Franklin Street, Oakland, California, but that's another humorous story, another time. Arlo Guthrie sings *Alice's Restaurant*

"I saw what we've been doing to it; Saw it as insane: Still a'marchin like good Christians; With our wars the sword the flame; To crush all those damn infidels; To defend what should be shame; And again I shared our sorrows; Knew we all must bear the blame." Next Donovan sings the gentle banjo troubadour, whose music often asked similar questions, *Derroll Adams's The Mountain*.

Wage Peace."

- intro with *Peace Salaam Shalom*, by Emma's Revolution
- instrumental portions of *Break Out*, by Susan Grace
- *As Long As the Moon Shall Rise*, by Peter LaFarge
- *Civil Defense Sign*, by Mark Spoelstra
- chorus of *Peace Is*, by Fred Small

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spending could end
starvation on earth.

alaskapeace.org

Number explained: worldbeyondwar.org/explained

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

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(Click on the link for information, links, addresses, times & dates, contact information Air Quality, Voter Information, Veterans/military information, Covid-19 PandemicResources ,To Contact your Elected Public Officials, and MILITARY NOISE information)

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