



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of January 3rd, 2021,

*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 January 3	All Day	<p>North Pole & Fairbanks non-attainment zones: "Stage 2 Air Quality Alerts - Until Mon, Jan.4, 2pm MANDATORY ACTION REQUIRED BY RESIDENTS; All solid fuel-fired devices must cease operation, within three hours of the effective time of alert, unless the exceptions above apply. All WAIVER HOLDERS are still required to meet the 20% visible emission or opacity limit during any air quality episodes/alert. Residents should rely instead on their home's cleaner source of heat (such as a gas or fuel oil fired furnace or boiler or electric baseboard heaters) until the Stage 2 alert is canceled.</p> <p>ALL OPEN BURNING IS PROHIBITED</p> <p>ADDITIONAL Voluntary Actions: Plug [vehicles] In at 20 degrees or colder, ride the bus, or car pool</p> <p>FORECAST: Clear to partly cloudy skies and the colder temps will support a strengthening inversion through the weekend resulting in poor to very poor dispersion. We are forecasting the 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/m³ for 96 hrs."</p>	For info call 451-2132 or visit dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair
	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 <u>Real Organic Symposium</u> , will premiere interviews with more than 60 prominent organic farmers, scientists and climate activists.	<u>SIGN UP HERE to attend the Real Organic Symposium</u>
	7-8 pm	Closing The Gap: 50 Years Seeking Equal Pay - Half a century after President Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act, women still face a wage gap. <u>View Additional Airings</u> Website: http://www.womenwagegap.org	World TV ch. 9.2
Monday January 4	until 2 pm	North Pole & Fairbanks non-attainment Zones: Stage 2 Air Quality Alert - NO use of solid-fuel burning devices	dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair
	Jan 4-8	<u>GED Registration Week</u>	Literacy Council of Alaska, 517 Gaffney
	Jan 4-31	" West Valley accepting donations for youth shelter , The Door...which helps homeless youth. [Needed]: lightning cables, USBC charging cables, deodorant, body wash, headphones, hair brushes, Clorox wipes,	Put donations in the box in front of

		fresh fruit, gift cards and snacks. A media campaign on the West Valley National Honor Society Instagram page will run [until] the end of the drive, and social media visitors are encouraged to like, repost, like reposts, and spread the word about the drive for The Door...For more information, email Gage Tilly at tillyget2003@gmail.com ." <i>from Fairbanks Daily News-Miner (FDNM)12-31-20</i>	West Valley High School, 3800 Geist Road, by Jan. 31.
		<u>Extension food preservation series begins Jan. 4</u> , Seven week training. Follow the link.	
	3:30pm 7d/wk	Labor History in 2:00 is a daily radio segment designed to educate and inform workers about the struggles of the past.	KWRK-LP 90.9FM/ kwrk.org
	5pm Deadline	Alaska Dept of Natural Resources Analysis and Porposed Decision for amendment request by Alyeska Pipeline Service Co to add land to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System Right-of-Way Lease to support instal-lation of possive 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 .
	6- 6:30 pm ----- 9-10 pm	Indian Country Today - daily news and analysis about Native America and global Indigenous communi-ties. Stories are reported from bureaus in Phoenix, Washington D.C. and Anchorage. View Additional Airings ----- Digadohi: Lands, Cherokee and the Trail of Tears -The story of Cherokee genocide is recorded in the archaeology at places along the Trail of Tears. View Additional Airings	UATV ch. 9.4 ----- KUAC TV ch. 9
Tuesday January 5	12-5:30 pm T-F & 9-5 Saturday	Recycle at the Borough Central Recycling Facility , For a map , lists of acceptable materials , etc, see Acceptable Materials Flyer (PDF) Briefly, aluminum beverage cans, paper, cardboard, electronics, and #1 & #2 plastics are accepted.	1855 Marika Rd.
	by appt only	Fairbanks Children's Museum is reopening, with precautions. *Click here to read about our precautions and how to book your playtime	
	5- 6:30pm	<u>Regenerative Economy Working Group mtg.</u> "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"	
	10-11 pm	Independent Lens - My Country No More - A family fights to preserve their agricultural way of life during the recent North Dakota oil boom. View Additional Airings Website: http://www.pbs.org/independentlens	World TV ch. 9.2
Wednesday January 6	5:30 pm	League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley board mtg - Email for an invitation:lwvtvak@gmail.com Click Here to JOIN or RENEW	Zoom
	10 - 10:42 pm	Unshackled - This films show the majestic beauty, peace and balance of a part of our Earth Mother that is rapidly being harmed and descrated by the human hand, oftentimes for greed and power. Unshackled gives a very important and positive message about our magnificent planet, and how we can all find ways to	UATV ch. 9.4

		respect and take care of it. View Additional Airings	
Thursday January 7	7 pm	<p>Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg - All welcome! Among other activities, help plan the upcoming streaming of the documentary “Free Men”, about the Kenneth Reams story. Kenneth has spent his entire adult life in an Arkansas jail. He started producing art a number of years ago, and has established a non-profit, “Who Decides.” This is a network of artists, activists and volunteers using art to educate society about the practice and history of capital punishment in America. Kenneth is a charismatic speaker and had a conversation with a Fairbanks audience in January of 2019.</p> <p>The Alaska Peace Center and Fairbanks NAACP will offer this documentary to a Fairbanks audience via Zoom. It is intended as a fund-raiser for APC, NAACP, and the “Who Decides” non-profit. Information about Kenneth can be found, along with an opportunity to view the “Free Men” trailer, at https://freekennethreams.org/. Information about the non-profit “Who Decides” can be found at http://www.whodecidesinc.org/.</p>	Zoom link
	10-11p	<p>The Other Story of the Forgotten Slaves - Slavery and the slave trade was... common... for a long time. The Atlantic slave trade lasted three centuries and affected 11 millions of people... preceded and followed by... the Oriental slave trade... and [others]. Between past and present, this documentary tells the other story of the slave trades, with a view to being clear and educational... View Additional Airings</p>	UATV ch. 9.4
	----- 11:30 pm - 12 am	<p>Down The Mighty River - More Power Than We Think - The doors close on the Rupert dam: the diversion process is has begun and the river will change forever. Cree culture and the Legacy paddlers have been changed - and find hope. We examine the alternatives to damming rivers, with the hope that the mistakes of Rupert will not be repeated again. View Additional Airings</p>	----- UATV ch. 9.4
Saturday January 9	10 - 11:30 am	League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley Book Club discusses <i>White Fragility and What Does It Mean to be White</i> by Robin DiAngelo.. Email akjbear@gmail.com to get the Zoom link.	Zoom
		<u><i>After This Week</i></u>	
Monday Jan. 11		"Dec. 20, the national Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) issued... recommendations for Phases 1b and 1c vaccine allocation. States have the ability to make adjustments to recommendations. In Alaska, a public comment meeting for Phase 1c will occur January 11, 2021. More information about the meeting, and how to provide comment, is available at the Alaska Vaccine Allocation Advisory Committee webpage ." from http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineAvailability.aspx#now	
	6:30pm	<p>Fairbanks City Council mtg - council@fairbanks.us - 459-6715 8-5 M-F</p> <p>**how to provide testimony and stay connected with the City Council during the COVID-19 pandemic**</p>	
Tuesday Jan. 12	noon	<p>*Nonviolent Schools Rhode Island Antiracist Book Club - open to anyone interested in antiracism and schools, including school employees, parents, community members, and more.</p> <p>Dates include Jan 12, Jan 13, Jan 19 and Jan 27. Questions: NonviolentSchools@gmail.com</p>	<p>online Zoom</p> <p>*more at YES! News, below</p>

	5-7pm	A Bold Peace (2016) is about a country with no military. Costa Rica's 1948 civil war shook the country to its foundations. Out of the ashes, the government reorganized under its decision to abolish the military. Instead of directing the wealth of the small nation into the business of war, there was an intentional effort to create a vital democracy and a wide middle class with free university education and universal health care. Security relationships with other nations through treaties and international alliances were cultivated. Over last seven decades, the Costa Rican model has survived several serious crises, but the current threats may be the most formidable of all. Register to get the Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/A-Bold-Peace-1-12-21	https://www.facebook.com/events/378569610123442/ Optionally view live stream on YouTube: https://tinyurl.com/Monterey-Peace-and-Justice
	5:30 - 7pm	<u>Fbks Diversity Council</u> 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 ...[and] comes together to discuss & work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. Contact info: cityclerk@fairbanks.us or 907-479-6702	zoom link or City Hall, 800 Cushman St
Wednesday Jan. 13	12-1:30pm	<u>Alaska Food Policy Council</u> AFPC <u>Quarterly Food Systems Discussion Series: TRANSPORTATION</u> "We will kick off with a background presentation on food transport state-of-affairs and challenges in the state, followed by an expert panel. The session will end with an active breakout session to gather feedback and thoughts from the greater Alaskan community on the issues presented. Feedback will then be aggregated and distributed to the group after the session has ended."	
Thursday Jan. 14	8-10am	<u>Nonviolent Communication and Anger</u> How often do we hurt ourselves when we express anger unskillfully? When someone expresses explosive emotions violently, both parties get hurt. In a world so badly affected by violence we really don't need more people hurting even more people. The change starts with ourselves. Nonviolent Communication (NVC) can help you with expressing anger in ways that connect us to others and identify solutions that are satisfying to everyone. You can discover the needs behind your anger and find more life-enriching ways of contributing to your community.	Online via Zoom
	6 pm	Regular <u>FNSB Assembly</u> mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough)	
Friday Jan. 15	Input ends	"DOT wants more minority, women-owned firms to participate in contracts... [and] is inviting the public to share comments on the new goals through Jan. 15, 2020. More information can be found at www.dot.state.ak.us . " <i>Read an informative article about it in <u>FDNM</u> 12-29-20.</i>	
Saturday Jan. 16	8:15am	<u>Juneau Veterans For Peace, chapter 100, mtg.</u> Chapter #100 meets first and third Saturday mornings. All are invited to attend these after-breakfast meetings. Info: chapter president via akwilco@gmail.com	
	9 am - 12:15 p	PEACESTOCK EVENTS- <u>Winter Peacestock!!!</u> <i>Where Do We Go From Here?</i>... featuring national speakers, Sara Flounders, Coleen Rowley and Maj. Danny Sjursen. This brand new free event brings an exciting addition, the <u>Peacestock Peace Plaza</u> with 8 national and regional peace and justice groups holding Zoom webinars that Peacestock registrants can join. Stay tuned and visit the Peacestockvfp.org and Peacestock Facebook page for updates.	<u>REGISTRATION INFORMATION.</u> <u>Winter Peacestock Schedule</u>

YES! News category:

Something to incorporate here? NONVIOLENT SCHOOLS in RI

VISION: All Rhode Island students and school personnel are educated in Kingian Nonviolence, giving them the skills to reconcile conflicts, thereby positively impacting all communities in Rhode Island.

MISSION: Our commitment is to ensure that all educators, staff, administrators, and pre-service teachers in Rhode Island have the knowledge and skills to practice, model, and teach Nonviolence conflict reconciliation, thereby improving the climate and culture of our schools. Subsequently, school personnel will educate all students in grades K-12 in the principles and practice of Nonviolence, based on the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (known as Kingian Nonviolence).

On the day following his "I've Been to the Mountain Top" speech, Dr. King met with Dr. Bernard LaFayette, and told him that Nonviolence must be institutionalized and internationalized... NSRI is committed to honoring Dr. King's request, with the hope of creating a Beloved (Peaceful) Community in our schools.

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Did you know that **used antifreeze and old flammable liquids can be recycled** in Fairbanks? See

<https://www.fnsb.gov/DocumentCenter/View/575/Waste-to-Energy-Household-Hazardous-Waste-Recyclables-Table---Three-Year-Comparison-PDF>

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

Peace

"TROOPS STAND DOWN FOR **BLACK LIVES**

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Muhammad Ali Resisted. You can too.

#Troops For BlackLives

If you have concerns about mobilizing, you're not alone. You have options. You have rights. Contact veterans who can help:

support@aboutfaceveterans.org or the **GI Rights Hotline** for confidential answers: **1-877-447-4487"**

from ABOUT FACE Veterans Against the War

Justice

"The **Alaska minimum wage increase[d] from \$10.19 to \$10.34** effective Jan. 1, 2021. Voters passed a ballot initiative in 2014 to adjust the minimum wage annually for inflation... By law, Alaska's minimum wage must remain at least \$1 per hour over the federal minimum wage.

"The Alaska minimum wage **applies to all hours worked in a pay period, regardless** of how the employee is paid — whether by time, piece, commission or otherwise. All actual hours worked in a pay period multiplied by the Alaska minimum

Sustainability

"Report Deformed Beak Sightings ... You may notice [a bird] with a deformed beak... These are being tracked, and sightings with photos should be reported to:

Caroline Van Hemert, PhD, Research Biologist
USGS Alaska Science Center
4210 University Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508
t. 907-786-7167; fax 907-786-7021
email: cvanhemert@usgs.gov "

from Dec. 2020 The Redpoll, newsletter of the

in *The Peace Sentinel*, Fall 2020, a publication of *Veterans For Peace*

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"The Senate on Friday voted to turn a **[record-breaking] \$741 billion defense authorization bill into law** over President Trump's objections, delivering the first successful veto override of his presidency in the waning days of his administration.

The 81-to-13 vote in the Senate, just days after the House also voted in overwhelming numbers to back the legislation, was one of two rare rebukes of Trump on Friday from Republican lawmakers....

"Trump's last-minute push for [\$2000] pandemic relief checks [would have come to] a total cost of \$464 billion..."

from the Washington Post

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"Dec 29 - The Day Work Was Made Safer

[In] 1970... President Richard M. Nixon signed the Occupational Safety and Health Act [OSHA] into law. At the time, it was estimated that **14,000 workers died annually on the job, 2.2 million workers were permanently or temporarily disabled and half a million developed occupational diseases each year.**

The Department of Labor admitted at the time that at least 25 million serious injuries and deaths went unreported each year..." *excerpted from Labor History in 2:00, heard on KWRK-LP 90.9FM.*

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"#ForceTheVote on Medicare for All Now
Voters sent progressives to Congress to fight for

wage is the very least an employee can be compensated by an employer unless the employer can clearly show that a specific exemption exists.

"**Tips do not count** toward the minimum wage. Further, under Alaska law, public school bus driver wages must be no less than twice the current Alaska minimum wage. Also, certain exempt employees must be paid on a salary basis of not less than twice the current Alaska minimum wage based on a 40-hour work week in order to maintain their exempt status.

"More information about Alaska's wage laws can be found at: <http://labor.alaska.gov/lss/whhome.htm>"
from
<https://labor.alaska.gov/news/2020/news20-32.htm>

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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>.
"...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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Arctic Audubon Society, www.arcticaudubon.org which also reports:

"**Audubon Riedel Nature Reserve** Continues to Grow... now 240 acres of undeveloped land near 5 mile Chena Hot Springs Rd... Arctic Audubon is in **discussion with the Borough to expand and enhance** the Nature Reserve by leasing this property... [See] www.arcticaudubon.org/audubon-riedel-nature-reserve...

"Snowshoeing through the ...reserve is a great winter activity..."

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"...107,394 Americans ...have been diagnosed with cancers and other diseases after building the nation's nuclear stockpile over the last seven decades...

"Now (2016) with the country embarking on an ambitious \$1 trillion plan to modernize its nuclear weapons, current workers fear that the government and its contractors have not learned the lessons of the past..."

— Stronger safety standards have not stopped accidents or day-to-day **radiation exposure. More than 186,000 workers have been exposed since 2001..** And to date, the government has paid \$11 million to 118 workers who began working at nuclear weapons facilities after 2001.

...at least 33,480 deceased Americans who qualified for compensation from the federal government for illnesses linked to their work at 325 current and defunct nuclear sites.

Read [more here](#)"
from IRRADIATED: The secret, tragic legacy of America's nuclear weapons program
By Rob Hotakainen, Lindsay Wise, Frank Matt and Samantha Ehlinger. McClatchy Washington

Medicare for all and this is their fleeting moment of leverage... We want a vote on the last full week of January, after Biden is inaugurated. The progressive movement has shown huge support for this campaign and we want to know: Will you stand up to Democratic Party leadership when we need it the most?" <https://forcethevote.org/> has a sing-in and emails/numbers to call. **"Does your organization support #ForceTheVote? Join and endorse the campaign as an organization here"**

Striking testimonials heard on KWRK-LP and at <https://onthegroundshow.org> Jan.1, 2021 episode.

"Walmart accused in US lawsuit of fueling opioid crisis... More than 400,000 American deaths have been tied to legal and illegal opioid-based drugs over the last two decades.

"The new [court] case, the U.S. alleges the retailer sought to boost profits with a system designed to make it almost impossible for over-worked store pharmacists to catch red flags ... and profiting from addictions and overdoses..." *from FDNM 12-23-20...*

which also includes an article titled
"Dunleavy would close DMV offices in Delta, Tok, Valdez, Haines, Homer, and Eagle River"
You can read it at [newsminer.com](https://www.newsminer.com).

Bureau, 12-11-15, updated 1-12-16

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COVID-19 Vaccine Status Update at [this link](#), and a [variety of Alaska COVID-19 information is at this link](#).

Fairbanks Memorial Hospital COVID-19 hotline for any questions regarding symptoms or other virus related inquiries is 907-**458-2888**.

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"Save Our Seas 2.0 Act A bill to improve efforts to combat marine debris, and for other purposes... **Enacted — Signed by the President on Dec 18, 2020...** a bipartisan, bicameral bill... co-sponsor Dan Sullivan..."
from [govTrack.us](https://govtrack.us)

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

" Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of January 3rd (first week of),2021: This week I've chosen the theme Seventeen Days and Counting and Then Beyond)

*I met Juneau's late great singer songwriter Buddy Tabor about fifteen years ago. We hit it off immediately; I was wearing my usual compliment of anti-war regalia and he a pin with a capital W and a large slash drawn through it. First **Buddy Tabor** sings about a time "When there was corporate ranchers, and crooked politicians, lynch' lawyers, and dirty sons-a-bitches": **Billy The Kid***

*Next on the platter is Fairbanks's own excellent singer songwriter and banjo player par excellence. By the way I'd might add that she taught me how to play that wonderful instrument, although I probably should not publically accused her of so. **Robin Dale Ford** sings **I Can't See With My Eyes***

*The next tune takes me back to morning prayer and the peace pipe at Standing Rock. **Kate Wolf** sings **Medicine Wheel***

***Guy Davis** knows what the world needs now: **We All Need More Kindness In This World**.*

*Next Winnipeg, Manitoba's **The Duhks** sing a tribute to Irish Republican Revolutionary Michael Collins, **Who Will Take My Place**.*

*Maybe my last selection will help get us through our 17 days of anticipation. Next **The Graham Brothers** sing **Hard Times Come Again No More**.*

Wage Peace."

*-- intro & sign-off portions of Peace, Salaam, Shalom by Emma's Revolution and Peace Is by Fred Small
-- quotes from Chief Joseph, Peace Pilgrim, and President Eisenhower from The Way of Peace album*

***Alaska Peace Center works for peace, justice, and sustainability - individually, in our community, and globally -
with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.***

You can contact Alaska Peace Center volunteers via email at info@alaskapeace.org

Visit our website: www.alaskapeace.org for more information and details, or to get on our email list, to which the expanded news brief is sent with active hyperlinks; also see Alaska Peace Center Facebook.

*Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome via alaskapeacenews@gmail.com.
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You Can Help Support Alaska Peace Center Activities!

Alaska Peace Center message is on the roads and airwaves! Help us continue to circulate this message! [Donate to APC today!](#)

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

alaskapeace.org

Number explained: worldbeyondwar.org/explained

If you shop at Fred Meyer, you can choose for fredmeyer donations equal to 1% of what you spend, to go to Alaska Peace Center;

If you shop from "amazon", you can do so via "AmazonSmile" which likewise donates 0.5% to go to Alaska Peace Center.

And/Or you can...

Mail a check to: **Alaska Peace Center**
3535 College Rd Ste 203
Fairbanks AK 99709-3722

or Donate online: **www.alaskapeace.org**

THANK YOU!

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

[Resources for Taking Action](#)

on events & issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability affecting us & future generations in Alaska

***(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)***

Active duty service members and reservists out there: Are you experiencing trouble with your enlistment, considering conscientious objector status, or just in need of counseling from professionals trained in the Uniform Code of Military Justice? Call the **GI Rights Hotline** at **877-447-4487**. The call may save you a lot of grief, might even save your life.
