



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of January 17th, 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><i>This Week Opportunities for Action</i></u>	Where?
Jan 14-24		<i>Love is the Way, & Paving Tundra</i> at Wild & Scenic Virtual Film Festival - interconnected stories of the Arctic Refuge and continuing efforts to keep oil drilling out of the coastal plain... explore the Brooks Range and the people and places that would be impacted by the proposed Ambler road... These two films, along with another Alaska film, <i>30 Below</i> , <u>are available as a bundled package here.</u>	or <u>check out the How To page here.</u>
Sunday Jan. 17	All Day until at least noon on Monday	North Pole & Fairbanks non-attainment zones: "Stage 2 & 1 Air Quality Alerts - MANDATORY ACTION REQUIRED BY RESIDENTS; All solid fuel-fired devices must cease operation, within three hours of the effective time of alert, unless exceptions 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 alert is canceled.	For info call 451-2132 or visit dec.alaska.gov/fns/bair
		"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>
	10:30 am	Dr. King's Legacy and Challenge - This Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks service will explore some of the wisdom of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders to help us understand a bit of how we can deal with the current events taking place in our country.	
	11 am	CALLING ALL GREENS - "Beyond Green Politics - Beyond Green Movements - We Rise for a Green Planet! with Dr. Graham Boyd - Green Economics; Wyldon Fishman - Green Energy; Carey Campbell - Green Organizing" from Green Party of Alaska	contact: robert@ar-k.us >
	2 pm	<u>Winter Bird Feeding Webinar.</u> 2pm. Attracting birds to backyard birdfeeders can be a lively way to bring life and color to the long Alaskan winter and a great way to learn the behaviors and habits of your winged backyard visitors. Alicia King will guide us through backyard bird feeding and provide tips for a fun and successful hobby. <u>Zoom link here.</u>	
	6 & 10 pm	POV <i>Women of color transform politics</i>	World TV ch. 9/2

Monday Jan. 18		<i>Martin Luther King, Jr, Day - holiday observed</i>	
	until at least noon	North Pole & Fairbanks non-attainment Zones: Air Quality Alerts - NO use of solid-fuel burning devices Call 451-2132 after noon, and daily, to learn whether alerts continue or not.	dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair
	6:30am - 2 pm	Martin Luther King, Jr, Day of Service - 7 AM (meet at 6:30 AM) Volunteer with BreadLine Stone Soup Cafe's carry-out food for the homeless. Max.5 participants. --- 10 AM at Arctic Java - Help us prepare Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene packets for our homeless population. Max. 25 participants. --- 1 PM - Free Speech Workshop at the Wood Center Multilevel Lounge - Max. 25 participants Come learn about the power of free speech and how to use it in this hour-long workshop. *****For more information and to sign up for our service opportunities, please go to bit.ly/uaf-mlk	various locations RSVP to Event Hosted by Nanook Diversity and Action Center (NDAC)
	12-4pm	2021 Martin Luther King Day Free Legal Help Event - Low to moderate income Alaskans can call * and be connected with an attorney who can confidentially answer questions about any civil legal issue. Please let your volunteer attorney know as soon as you are connected if you need a Spanish, Russian, or Korean interpreter. If your language is not listed, please ask if an interpreter is available, and we will try to the best of our abilities to provide one. MLK Day 2021 free legal help flyer MLK Day 2021 Facebook event Alaskans can also find help online with the virtual legal clinic at Alaska.FreeLegalAnswers.org . Alaska Bar Association, Alaska Court System, and Alaska Legal Services Corporation host their twelfth annual MLK Day free legal help event .	*Please do not call the hotline outside of the event times *844-263-1849*
	5:30-7p	Renewable Energy Working Group Meeting	
	5:45-8p	"Freedom on My Mind" documentary	TCM TV
	6 pm	<u>Co-op Market Board of Directors</u> monthly meeting. Email Hilary Shook , board chair, or click here for more info.	by videoconference
Tuesday Jan. 19		Alaska's 32nd Legislature convenes. "During the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Capitol is closed to the public. To reach your legislator, please find Senate contact information here and House of Representatives contact information here ." Legislators by District Legislative Calendar To see what bills have already been filed: <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 Prefiles, First Release <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 Prefiles, Second Release Track Bills in BTMF	
	4-5pm	"QTBIPOC* Youth Gathering Spaces for youth (ages 13-24), to process experiences moving through the world with marginalized queer AND racial identities. Join us to make friends, vent, or just be in supportive silence with other QTBIPOC. We've had some great story prompts, discussed various issues facing QTBIPOC and navigating them, and have just hung out to connect through these wild times. We meet every	Register the QTBIPOC Youth Gathering Here

		other week on Tuesdays from 4-5pm via Zoom. *queer, transgender, and intersex people of color.	
	4:30 – 6 PM	Interfaith Working Group Meeting	
	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"	
	5:30-7 pm	Fbks Diversity Council Mtg	zoom link or City Hall, 800 Cushman St
Wednesday Jan. 20	Deadline to apply	Golden Valley Electric Nominating Committees Seek Board Candidates - for District 4 (much of downtown Fbks, Steese, Chena Hot Springs Rd, Secluded Acres) & District 7 (Parks Hwy south of mi 330)	www.gvea.com/elections .
	4pm	Borough Library Commission mtg via webinar https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1618584670	
	5:30 pm	Learn about Inuit Astronomy with Ronald Brower Sr., Aniqsuaq - Join Native Movement ... for the next Men's/Mxns gathering to learn and share about Indigenous astronomy. We are honored to welcome Ronald Brower as a guest speaker....Inupiaq Elder from Utqiagvik, [who has] served [as] Whaling Captain, ...president of UIC [Inueagvik Inuit Corporaion], co-founder of the Inupiaq Heritage Center... artist and linguist who instructs at UAF [University of Alaska Fairbanks].	More event details can be found here on the Facebook event page.
	7-9 pm	The NAACP Greater Fairbanks Chapter presents RACIAL JUSTICE 101 - "Join us in honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, by discussing what we can do to bring about racial justice" "Panel discussion and Q&A about what we can do to make Racial Justice a reality in Fairbanks and Alaska. ... Jo Malbert Narvaez: 907-987-0982" <i>Read the Press Release for more information.</i>	Pre-register at www.bit.ly/naacp-racialjustice
Thursday Jan. 21	1 pm	Nonviolent Campaigns 101: A Toolbox and Strategy for People Power Also Feb 25, 2021 6:30 PM	link
	5:30pm	Fbks North Star Borough Assembly Finance Committee mtg - Items relevant to peace, justice, &/or sustainability include: 5-yr Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy RFP; Solid Waste Collection District Public Involvement Campaign Services; New Construction & Demolition Debris Disposal Area; Subdivision of lands between 30 th Ave/Peger Rd/ Lathrop St. Followed by Committee of the Whole Worksession, including presentation on potential Unmanned Aerial Vehicle operations in the Borough, with Question & Answer period.	clerk's office; 459-1000 or www.fnsb.us
	6-7pm	Free virtual classes from 6-7 p.m. each Thursday featuring UAF Cooperative Extension experts in health and wellness . Register once and attend any or all classes in this free series. Jan. 21 - Diabetes Prevention	http://bit.ly/RRRreg2021
	6:30 pm	North Pole City Council mtg - includes citizens' comments, legislative priorities, next phase of PFAS site characterization associated with Fire Dept, and request for salary increase for CFO to Step 14 to Step 19	clerk's office: 488-8583

Friday Jan. 22		UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons enters into force https://www.icanw.org/ Celebration of nuclear weapons becoming illegal: https://worldbeyondwar.org/122	
	2-4pm	Beyond the Dream: A Call to Conscience - A Special Episode of StandDown Live "Please join Veterans For Peace as we Honor Dr. King's Call to Conscience	Register for this zoom event
	6-8pm	Braiding Sweetgrass Book Discussion - Join us for our second discussion of the book Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer on Friday, Jan 22 from 6-8 pm. If you missed the first discussion, you're welcome to join! <i>from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks</i> . By phone: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) Meeting ID 91618671439	Join by Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/91618671439
Saturday Jan. 23	5:30pm	Human Trafficking Awareness Alaska Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival - Online Event	
		<u><i>After This Week</i></u>	
Monday Jan. 25		<i>NO WAR ON YEMEN: Protest Internationally.</i> Since 2015, the Saudi-led bombing and blockade of Yemen has killed tens of thousands of people and devastated the country. The U.N. calls this the largest humanitarian crisis on Earth. Half the country's people are on the brink of famine, the country has the world's worst cholera outbreak in modern history and now Yemen has one of the very worst Covid death rates in the world: Covid kills 1 in 4 Yemenis it infects. The disaster in Yemen is man-made, caused by war and blockade. It can be ended. People and organizations ...across the world are coming together to call for an end to the war in Yemen and solidarity with [its] people. We demand that right now our governments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stop foreign aggression on Yemen. - Stop weapons and war support for Saudi Arabia and the UAE. - Lift the blockade on Yemen and open all land and sea ports. - Restore and expand humanitarian aid for the people of Yemen. <i>from Voices for Creative Nonviolence. (Final Issue, Nov 2020)</i>	<i>For more information, please contact national@actioncops.org</i>
Wednesday Jan. 27	5:30-7p	Keep It In The Ground Working Group	
March 1	5 pm	Deadline for comments and request for public hearing on Bond Release Poker Flats Mine [approx. 5 mi. north of Healy] for which Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc, is applying for release of \$153,418 of their \$909,230 reclamation bond... land owned by State of Alaska... available at www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/index.htm .	fax:907-269-8950 coalprogram@alaska.gov

YES! News category:

*"GVEA now has a **Benevolence Fund** available for people who are having trouble paying their electricity bills due to the pandemic. If you or any of*

your family or friends, who are members of GVEA, are in that situation, please go to GVEA.com/benevolent for more information about qualifications and how to apply. GVEA has put in some funding and anyone who wishes to contribute to help our neighbors can donate at that site."

*"[Women Transforming our Nuclear Legacy](#) ...the purpose of the series is to connect young women interested in nuclear disarmament to mentors in the field, but anyone is welcome to attend the weekly Zoom meetings. A couple of Skagway students attended the last one!
[NUCLEARWAKEUPCALL.EARTH](#) is a youtube channel at which you can watch videos such as "Storytelling to Transform our Nuclear Legacy"*

*"Another workers' cooperative emerges in Fairbanks to preserve the arts and maintain our quality of life. I look forward to patronizing the
[Alaska Camera and Coffee Gallery](#)
in short order."*

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

Peace

*Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210/fax 456-0279; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov;
Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov.
Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov
ANY Senator or Rep in D.C. via 202-224-3121*

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"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

*from Native Movement: "Our Response to the Capitol Violence - Last week's violent attack on the Capitol Building in Washington D.C., on Nacotchank Lands, was a horrendous display of unhindered white supremacy. As an organization dedicated to grassroots community organizing for justice and equity we ask our supporters and the community leaders we stand with to speak out and condemn the entitlement, violence, and ignorance that has been flamed by president Trump himself.
"...The violence displayed in DC has been and remains a very real threat enacted on BIPOC and* LGBTQ2S communities, enabled or ignored by many in power. What we do now in DC and within our own state, communities, and homes lays the foundation for what we as a society deem acceptable. What we do now provides protection and safety for the most vulnerable or most targeted.
"...Native Movement has [signed on to a letter](#) with multiple Alaskan organizations to condemn*

Sustainability

"Legislative Updates compiled by Alaska Farm Bureau - Governor Dunleavy released his budget in Dec, budget highlights for agriculture:

- **Division of Agriculture:** \$5,679,400 (663,700 increase over FY 21)
- **DEC, Environmental Health (Office of the State Vet) -** \$17,380,100 (same)
- **University:** University system is receiving cuts. We encourage members to reach out to the [Board of Regents](#) to express the importance of funding agriculture programs (CES, Experiment Farms, 4-H, FFA, etc)
- **Capital Budget:**
 - **Dept. of Corrections -** \$1.5 million for Produce Processing Facility @ Pt. Mackenzie Correctional Farm
 - **Dept. of Natural Resources -** \$4.5 for Specialty Crop Block Grants"

from Alaska Food Policy Council

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COVID-19 Vaccine information link:
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/epi/id/pages/COVID-19/vaccine.aspx>

"Next group to receive vaccine: Phase 1b
Vaccine scheduling open mainly to healthcare workers and people age 65 and above (through Phase 1b Tier 1). **Vaccinations begin Jan. 11, scheduling begins Jan. 6"**

"TAKE ACTION – Vaccines are being distributed throughout Alaska but we all still need to maintain our COVID-19 protective measures to keep ourselves and others safe and healthy: coronavirus.dhss.alaska.gov "

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

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Helping Our Community

Meals on Wheels needs ...**more volunteers to deliver meals and provide the essential wellness checks...** <https://fairbanksseniorcenter.org/support-us/volunteers/>.

The Bridge - The Encampment Outreach team could use warm clothing, winter gear, and propane for the people they are serving. For more information please contact Brynn at brynnbu@iacnvl.org.

No Limits is **in need of winter gear** for both the warming centers and their housing programs. For more information please contact Roscoe at r.britton@nolimitinc.org.

the President, demand his resignation, as well as the resignation from his political enablers, and facilitate a sweeping accountability process as a precedent for justice. **Take Action Here to Demand Accountability**"

**BIPOC: black, indigenous, & people of color; LGBTQ2S: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, two-spirit.*

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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, 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." *from Fairbanks Daily News-Miner (FDNM)12-31-20*
Put donations in the box in front of West Valley High School, 3800 Geist Road, **by Jan. 31.**

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"Think about Section 9-b of the Enlistment/Reenlistment Contract before you sign it:

"Laws and regulations that govern military personnel may change without notice to me. Such changes may affect my status, pay, allowances, benefits, and responsibilities as a member of the Armed Forces REGARDLESS of the provisions of this enlistment/reenlistment document."

In other words, it's **a one-way contract.**

They can change it. You cannot."

from <https://worldbeyondwar.org/donotenlist/>

[via gmail.mcsv.net](mailto:via.gmail.mcsv.net)

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"Take Action: Comment Period Now Open on BLM's Draft Resource Management Plan for 13 Million Acres of Alaska's Central Yukon Area

- On December 11th, the BLM opened a 90-day comment period on its **Central Yukon Draft Resource Management Plan**, ending March 11. This plan will be used to manage an extensive region of Alaska for the next 20 years, and now we have a chance to weigh in. Virtual public meetings are planned starting January 26...

"With an incoming Biden administration, there is hope that the plan can be turned around between draft stage (now), and the final, to better steward the incredible and diverse landscapes and peoples of this vast area. The BLM needs to hear from us to make this happen.

"Learn more about how to comment and potential talking points to include here.

Contact Laramie Maxwell (Northern Center board member who is leading our work on this plan) at laramiemaxwell@gmail.com with questions.

Job Openings

Agricultural Specialist – The Fairbanks Soil & Water Conservation District is an outreach and technical assistance organization whose mission is to serve its cooperators, private landowners, and all citizens of the district by promoting wise development and conservation of natural resources. The person who is selected for this position will be trained under the Natural Resources Specialist and will then be expected to transition into management of FSWCD's agricultural and soils programs. These include a soil testing program, a cover crop variety trial research project, an agricultural/entomological demonstration project, and other soils and agricultural related projects. By Feb. 1. **590 University Ave. Fairbanks AK 99709 – 907-479-1213 – fairbanksswcd@gmail.com**

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:: 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.

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

" Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of January 17th, 2021:

This Friday was Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. There's not much that I can say about this courageous fighter for human rights and dignity; philosopher; poet; man of deep faith, that would not be better exemplified in his own sweet voice. The following is from his speech Beyond Vietnam.

*Next **Nina Simone** sings of one of the hotter waysides on the go-slow road to human rights – **Mississippi Goddamn***

Dr. William Barber is one of those rare gentle giants of humanity who, as the saying goes, "fits the great man's shoes". Here he and the Poor Peoples Campaign compare their treatment by police for acts of nonviolence with January 6th, violent MAGA mob.

*One of the images that disturbed me the most in the right wing attack on the Capitol, was that of a MAGA marauder bearing a banner reading Law and Order. The next song speaks of the type of law and order that marauder had in mind. **Billy Holiday** sings **Strange Fruit***

Good Thought / Bad Thoughts

Be careful of the thought-seeds you plant in the garden of your mind

For seeds grow after their kind

Every thought felt as true

Or allowed to be accepted as true by your conscious mind

Take roots in your subconscious

Blossoms sooner or later into an act

And bears its own fruit

Good thoughts bring forth good fruit

Bullcrap thoughts rot your meat

George Clinton – Funkadelic –

Till Justice rolls down like waters, And righteousness like a mighty stream; this has been the Asymmetric Moose's Picks for the week of January, 17 2021. Wage Peace."

-- Pete Seeger singing Quite Early Morning

-- Jonatan Shapira singing *The Deserter*

*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.

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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: worldbeyonddwar.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.
