



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of January 24th, 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?
	-- Monday	(Some) Issues of Peace , Justice , and Sustainability to be brought up This week in the Alaska Legislature*:	"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 ."
	-- Tues	-- SB 39 Ballot Custody/Tampering; Voter Reg; Mail. - Teleconferenced - Addressed again Th. 1/28 3:30 in Sen. State Affairs Committee. Per Louie Flora of The Alaska Center, " What is the purpose of this S.B. 39? It prohibits certain vote by mail elections and it guts the automatic voter registration reform enacted by voters in 2016. Stop the Voter Suppression Bill - <u>Take Action</u> "	
	-- Wed	*****	
	-- Thurs	See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info here: <u>1/24-31/21</u>	
	-- Friday	*Schedules often change. Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO) . In Fbks: 452-4448 Lists of local, state, & national elected officials' contacts are at the end of this newsletter. ***** "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 ." from Rep. Adam Wool. Legislators by District Legislative Calendar To see what bills have already been filed: ☐ 2021 Prefiles, First Release ☐ 2021 Prefiles, Second Release Track Bills in BTMF	
Sunday Jan. 24		Love is the Way, & Paving Tundra 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>, are available as a bundled package here.	or check out the How To page here .
		"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 Jan. 25	10 am	World Says No to War on Yemen Global Day of Action - Global Online Rally Joe Biden has promised to end US support for the war. This is our one central aim – to hold him to his word and force fellow governments to follow suit. More below under "Peace"	Join the actions here .

		- Our demands for the day of action are: • Stop foreign aggression on Yemen. • Stop weapons and war support for Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. • Lift the blockade on Yemen and open all land and seaports. • Restore and expand humanitarian aid for the people of Yemen.	Call Congress via 1-202-224-3121
	6:30pm	Uncivilized: A Context for Alaska Native Equity with Evon Peter. Part of the Northwest Campus, UAF's Department of Equity and Compliance, and Nanook Diversity & Action Center Shine a Light Speaker Series, Promoting Conversation on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.... seeking to encourage understanding, build empathy, and engage us all in thinking critically about our worldviews. Join us on the last Monday of every month for a new speaker and topic.	https://engage.uaf.edu/account/login?returnUrl=/event/6667546 RSVP
	6:30 pm	:: January 25: GVEA Board of Directors monthly meeting. ... (information here). The On-Bill Financing Task Force will be presenting their recommendations for the proposed pilot program (meeting agenda and On-Bill Financing Task Force Report are available here). This is a great opportunity to learn about the proposed program and to make comments to the GVEA board.	Members are welcome; if interested in attending please notify 458-5721 prior to the mtg.
	6:30pm	<u>Fairbanks City Council Mtg</u> <i>Agendas</i> **<u>how to provide testimony and stay connected with the City Council during the COVID-19 pandemic</u>**	
Tuesday Jan. 26	4 pm	"Join us in making sure that Biden keeps his promise to go back into the Iran nuclear deal. RSVP now!" from CodePink	
	5:30-7p	<u>Fbks Diversity Council</u> Mtg	zoom link
Wednesday Jan. 27	1 pm	<u>Climate, Care, and Community: Local Leaders, Local Climate Action Now! Get the Zoom link >></u>	
	5:30-7p	<u>Keep It In The Ground Working Group</u>	
Thursday	Jan. 28 th -31 st	LGBTQ Activist Conference - Learn more about the Creating Change conference and The National LGBTQ Task Force here. [and] the conference schedule here. ...attend for free by contacting creatingchange@thetaskforce.org. We encourage you to invite any and all your networks!	Register for Creating Change conference here
Jan. 28	5:30 pm	<u>Climate Conversations: 30 by 30 for Alaska.</u> Southeast Alaska Conservation Council (SEACC) invites you to a new monthly Climate Conversations series to help you stay up-to-date and engaged on the latest climate change developments in the Biden administration and in Senator Murkowski's office! Our first ... is focusing on Biden's ambitious "30 by 30" plan to permanently protect 30% of U.S. lands and waters by 2030.	<u>Register here.</u>
	6-7pm	Free virtual classes from 6-7 p.m. each Thursday with UAF Cooperative Extension experts in health and wellness. Register once for any classes in this free series. Jan. 28 - Healthy Homes, Healthy Residents	http://bit.ly/RRRreg2021
	6 pm	Regular FNSB Assembly mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough); includes Citizens' Comments; For calendar and links click here ... Agenda Participating in Assembly Meetings During COVID-19	Zoom only - Sign up for telephonic

		There are 3 ways to listen to assembly meetings: Zoom, FNSB live Webcast, KUAC Radio 89.9FM	participation Written Testimony.
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Sunday Jan. 31		Last day for donations for The Door youth shelter via West Valley High School National Honor society. [Needed]: lightning cables, USBC charging cables, deodorant, body wash, headphones, hair brushes, Clorox wipes, fresh fruit, gift cards and snacks. For more information, email Gage Tilly at tillyget2003@gmail.com .	Put donations in the box in front of West Valley High School, 3800 Geist Road
Monday Feb. 1		<i>February is Black History Month</i>	
	5:30-7p	<u>Renewable Energy Working Group Meeting</u>	
	7 pm	North Pole City Council mtg. Agendas & Minutes	
Tuesday Feb. 2	12-1:30pm	<u>Building Bridges Not Walls: Nonviolent Communication in Action</u> - 6-week course every Tuesday beginning February 2, 2021.	Online via zoom
	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"	
Wednesday Feb. 3	6 pm	<u>February 3 & 17 : Fair Air Talks</u> The Fair Air Research Team is hosting two upcoming online discussions Feb. 3 – Outside-in and inside-out: The air we breathe indoors. Feb. 17 – FairAir Wildfire smoke and health To be broadcasted over Zoom and streamed live to the UAF Facebook page .	RSVP here to receive the Zoom link.
	6 pm	<u>Solarize Fairbanks 2021 Kickoff</u> The Solarize Fairbanks Coalition is officially kicking off our 2nd campaign for Interior Alaska! Last year made a huge impact on our town - 77 homes and 3 businesses in 3 different Fairbanks area neighborhoods solarized. This year, we aim for more neighborhoods, more businesses, more installers, and more partners to join in this community-led energy initiative. So if you are interested in getting solar on your roofs, or leading your neighborhood in solarizing together, join us	Please register in advance here.
	6:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio monthly mtg on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. For now, we'll continue to hold these meetings online as the coronavirus pandemic continues.	info@kwrk.org or 374-0577 [msg]
Thursday Feb. 4	6-7pm	Free virtual classes from 6-7 p.m. each Thursday with UAF Cooperative Extension experts in health and wellness . Register once for any classes in this free series. Feb.4 - Indoor Air Quality and Health	http://bit.ly/RRRreg2021
	7 pm	Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg - All welcome! (First Thursday of a month)	Zoom

		Contact info@alaskapeace.org	
Saturday Feb. 6	8:15am	<u>Juneau Veterans For Peace, chapter 100</u> , 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/

YES! News category:

from Northern Alaska Environmental center:

"Biden's Day One Executive Orders: Temporary halt on coastal plain leasing...

Now it's time to keep up the pressure for more permanent protections... **Other first day actions** we're keeping an eye on include:

Executive Order rejoining the Paris Agreement

- **Review of Decision on Bering Sea Western Interior Management Plan**
- **Review of Environmental Protection Agency 401 certifications (the process through which some of Donlin Gold's permits have been issued)**
- **Review of all Interior actions during Trump administration**
- **Reinstating withdrawals of some Arctic waters from offshore leasing (sec. 4b)**
- **Revoking several Trump-era policies that unduly favor offshore extraction (sec 7)**

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

[Learn more about how to comment and potential talking points to include here.](#)

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

Peace	Justice	Sustainability
<i>World Says No to War on Yemen Global Day of Action Monday, Jan.25 - <u>Global Online Rally</u></i> We call on people around the world to protest the war ... the day before Saudi Arabia's	<i>from The Alaska Center:</i> "Our leaders must be held accountable... Along with partners, we put out a statement to make it very clear how much we value our	"Sign up NOW for a 2021 CSA Share! Joining a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) is a great way to create a connection to your food source, support local agriculture,

"Davos in the Desert" Future Investment Initiative.

. 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.
- announcements from Veterans For Peace, CodePink, Voices for Creative nonviolence
"Oxfam is asking you to take a stand TODAY in support of the people of Yemen. Late last year, the Trump administration also informed Congress of plans to sell more precision-guided bombs to Saudi Arabia. These bomb sales have been fueling the conflict for years and have been used to kill hundreds of civilians and destroy hospitals, schools, and other infrastructure. If President-elect Biden does nothing, some of these weapons could be transferred as soon as [this] week. "

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"Nuclear weapons are now illegal in over 50 nations. Sign a petition that we will deliver to the governments of five "non-nuclear" nations in which the United States keeps nuclear weapons: Germany, Belgium, Italy, Netherlands, and Turkey.
The petition demands that the five nations join the new treaty and remove the nuclear weapons." *from WorldBeyondWar.*

democratic process and what we view are the core contributors to this terrible moment of violence in our Capitol. Lives were lost and our hearts are with those families. This can not happen again.

You can read the full statement here

As Alaskans, we must set a precedent and demand the resignation of [Alaska State] Representative David Eastman, who traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in the event which spawned the insurrection on Jan 6, and Representatives Sarah Vance, Ben Carpenter, George Rauscher, and Senator Lora Reinbold who all used their official position in office and their elevated stature as elected officials to support actions that would overturn the results of the 2020 election.

Hold our local leaders accountable

We believe in Democracy."

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"Amazon = Pandemic Profiteer. Join the movement, makeamazonpay.com.
#MakeAmazonPay" sign showing up on sky-scrapers around the country.

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U.S. "H.R. 1: For the People Act of 2021

To expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and implement other anti-corruption measures for the purpose of fortifying our democracy, and for other purposes," was introduced Jan.4. In 2019 the House passed an identical bill, but it was blocked in the Senate. *Call ANY Senator or Rep in D.C.*

via 202-224-3121

You can choose to [Follow H.R.1](#) and follow links to take other actions at govtrack.us.

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"Have you witnessed extremism in the military?
The New York Times, At War, has put a call out

and enjoy fresh, organically grown food all summer!

When you sign up to become a Calypso CSA shareholder, you'll pre-purchase a share of the coming season's harvest. In return, you'll receive a weekly supply of vegetables and herbs throughout the growing season! Shares are limited so be sure to sign up as soon as possible! **Learn More & Sign Up!**"
from Calypso Farm.

Please help us announce other Community Supported Agriculture and similar opportunities in Interior Alaska by sending the information to alaskapeacenews@gmail.com. Thank you!

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*from Rep. Adam Wool: "...Projected oil revenue for this coming year is the lowest ...since 1979. In other words, both in actual dollars and if we adjust for inflation this is the lowest oil revenue year EVER! Since before the pipeline. This means that **we are really no longer an oil state.** The majority of our revenue comes from earnings of the permanent fund through the 5% draw of its total value (POMV) that we now use to fund both state services and the dividend."*

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Job Openings

Agricultural Specialist – at Fairbanks Soil & Water Conservation District by Feb. 1.
590 University Ave. Fairbanks AK 99709 – 907-479-1213 – fairbanksswcd@gmail.com

:: Alaska Songbird Institute hiring a Creamer's Field Migration Station Project Director.

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Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210/fax 456-0279; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov;

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for folks to submit stories and experiences of extremism and white nationalism in the military. This is a good opportunity for many of you to share what you witnessed! [Click here for submission form.](#)" from Veterans For Peace

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 Call ANY Senator or Rep in D.C. via 202-224-3121

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

" Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of January 24th,2021:

Last Sunday's News Miner contained an article titled, "Pentagon aims to spread artificial intelligence across military services." The piece, largely a public relations schmooze from, the world's largest purveyor of psychological warfare, the Department of Defense and its complex of industrial and university stakeholders, delivers its punch line in one sentence, saying, "[W]ere the time between conception of a weapon system and its production can take decades, the Tradewind (DoD's commercial brand name) promises a timeline of months."

I'm reminded of an Institute for Defense and Government Advancement conference I attended back in 2010 in Arlington, Virginia. There, I and a group of somewhere between 30 and 40 scientists, engineers, and corporate executives from some of the Nation's most profitable hi-tech weapons systems contractors were briefed on the latest doctrinal changes to US military weapons system research, development, and procurement.

In one of these briefings, a DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) project manager explained, "Due to the rapidly changing world of high technology, we are getting away from the old system of "Projects of Record" where congress (read the people) approves proposed projects; allocates funds; and supervises performance; to a system where you (meaning the weapons contractors) start developing systems like Apple develops its iPhones. We'll by the best.

An Air Force Colonel, tasked with leading that service's nascent drone pilot training program explained that that Service's scientific and technological future could be found in that year's annual report from the commander of the Air Force Research Laboratory. Perusing that document, I learned of some of the future plans, including Artificial Intelligence, Particle Beam Weapons, and a myriad of augmentations of the human mind and body in the pursuit of creating the world's most lethal warfighters. These included AI, brain implants, even genetic modifications on selected unborn.

It has been ten years since I attended these briefings. We have AI. We have the Cloud and the GIG (Global Information Grid) economy; all largely developed by and infused with the same military and intelligence agencies and contractors. Murder and domination have become the driving force of the US economic order.

*War remains our ugliest occupation. The following tune is traditional. It has been played for over a century and a half, probably by thousands of string bands and old-timey music enthusiasts; none, I believe, who convey the message of its lyrics more convincingly than the great singer songwriter guitar player extraordinaire, **Guy Clark – Soldiers Joy.***

*Next acoustic blues and reggae artist **Dr. Correy Harris** – sings of those sent into harm's way, desperately waiting to come home, and those loved ones*

desperately awaiting them, in **Just In Time**.

Juneau's dearly departed and much missed troubadour of tunes of social significance, **Buddy Tabor** continues this week's indictment of this most hateful of enterprises, in **Isaiah's Dream**.

I saw this next band at Tipitina's in New Orleans. Their message is spot on. "Give me my acres and give me my mule". **Galactic** sings **There's Something Wrong With This Picture**.

"I'm scared to bother around her house at night. She got a police dog cravin' for a fight. His name is Rambler, when he gets a chance; He leaves his mark on everybody's pants." A true musical genius, Etta Baker was born in Caldwell County, North Carolina, of African-American, Native American, and European-American heritage. From the age of three, she played both the 6-string and the 12-string acoustic guitar and the five-string banjo, playing the Piedmont blues for nearly ninety years. I'll go out with her instrumental version of Blind Blake's **Police Dog Blues**

Wage Peace."

-- Who Lies, Who Dies, Who Pays, Who Profits, by Emma's Revolution
-- Down In My Heart, by Robin Dale Ford

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

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spending could end
starvation on earth.

alaskapeace.org

Number explained: worldbeyondwar.org/explained

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or Donate online: www.alaskapeace.org

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

Resources for Taking Action

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*(Once updated: 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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