



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of January 31st, 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 -- Tues -- Wed -Thurs -- Friday	<p>(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up This week in the Alaska Legislature*:</p> <p>--<u>SB 43</u>- Elections, Voting, Campaign Finance - (Sen. State Affairs) -teleconferenced --<u>SB 39</u> - Ballot Custody/Tampering; Voter Reg; Mail - (Sen. State Affairs) - teleconf'd</p> <p>--<u>SB 14</u> - Selection and Review of Judges (Sen. Judiciary) - teleconf'd</p> <p>--<u>SJR 6</u> -Constitutional Amendment: Perm Fund & PFDs - (S State Affairs) - teleconf --<u>SJR 5</u> - Const. Amend': Approp Limit; Budget Reserve - (S State Affairs) - teleconf --<u>SJR 7</u> - Const Am; State Tax; Voter Approval - (S State Affairs) - teleconf</p> <p>*****</p> <p>"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</p> <p>To see what bills have already been filed: <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 Prefiles, First Release <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 Prefiles, Second Release</p> <p>Track Bills in BTMF Public Testimony Opportunities Public Opinion Messages</p>	"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 ." ***** <i>See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info here: 1/31-2/7/21</i> <i>*Schedules often change. Contact your (LIO) Legislative Information Office In Fbks: 452-4448</i>
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
	9-9:30 pm --- mid-night	Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied - tells of the ongoing struggle to ensure that the State of Hawai'i fulfills its commitments to the Native Hawaiian people stemming from the loss of their ancestral lands. View Additional Airings " I Rise" - inside the lives of people working to create an antiracist American future. They film themselves doing the hard work...	UATV 9.4 World TV ch.9.2

Monday Feb. 1	<p style="text-align: center;">February is Black History Month</p> <p>"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education proclaims February 2021 Black History Month and encourages staff and students to honor it during February and throughout the year with interactive research, classroom lesson plans, guest speakers, displays, lectures, practical activities, and cultural celebrations."</p>	
	5:30-7p <u>Renewable Energy Working Group Meeting</u>	
	7 pm North Pole City Council mtg. <u>Agendas & Minutes</u>	
Tuesday Feb. 2	12-1:30pm <u>Building Bridges Not Walls: Nonviolent Communication in Action - 6-week course every Tuesday beginning February 2, 2021.</u>	<u>Online via zoom</u>
	1-2pm <u>Understanding the True Cost of Nuclear Weapons Webinar</u> - This webinar will seek to answer an essential question: who is really impacted by nuclear weapons? We will explore the impacts of the manufacturing life cycle of Nuclear Weapons on frontline communities by centering the voices of those who have been directly impacted by the mining, research and development, manufacturing, and waste generated by nuclear weapons.	<u>Register here</u>
	4:30 - 6:30pm <u>Interfaith Working Group* mtg.</u> Find out more information about the IFWG and become a member <u>here</u> of Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition.	
	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 <u>follow the link</u> to learn more and to sign up. "...we will meet bi-weekly on Tuesdays 5-6:30pm"	
Wednesday Feb. 3	Feb. 3 & 8-11 th <u>Alaska Forum on the Environment</u> , will include such presentations as "Hidden Costs and Who Pays: The Economics of Oil Spills; a Youth Track film showcase; Alaska's Berries in Changing Climate; Environmental Education topics; Alaska Grown; Citizen Science; AYEA; and much more.	<u>"virtual" -learn more and register</u>
	12-2pm <u>The Peoples' Struggles and the Emerging Situation in the United States</u> - Speakers: Ajamu Baraka, Black Alliance for Peace; Margaret Flowers, Popular Resistance; Vijay Prashad, Tricontinental Institute; Sara Flounders, Sanctions Kill!; Joe Lombardo, United National Anti-War Coalition	<u>webinar with Q&A Register</u>
	5:30-7p <u>FCAC Policy and Politics Working Group Meeting</u>	
	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 <u>UAF Facebook page</u> .	<u>RSVP here to receive the Zoom link.</u>
	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	<u>Please register in advance here.</u>

		neighborhood in solarizing together, join us	
	6:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio monthly mtg on the <u>first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.</u> 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) Contact info@alaskapeace.org	Zoom
Saturday Feb. 6	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/
	10 am	Building the Antiwar Movement Under the Biden Administration -New War threats of the Biden Administration - A webinar by the [United National Antiwar Coalition] UNAC Administrative Committee	register or Facebook event
	4-5:30 pm	Protecting Our Drinking Water and Health in Alaska – A Workshop for Community Action. The goal of this workshop is to discuss how we can achieve the strongest possible legislation on PFAS in order to protect our drinking water, fish and wildlife, and health. Senator Kiehl (D-Juneau) and Representative Hannan (D-Juneau) announced that they plan to introduce bills to address the adverse effects of PFAS contamination across Alaska	Register for the workshop here
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Monday Feb. 8	comment deadline	February 8: Revised Arctic Rule. On December 9 th , the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) released a proposed rule that would greatly weaken essential oil spill and safety regulations for offshore drilling in the Arctic Ocean put in place during the Obama Administration.	
	Mon-Th Feb. 8-11 th	Alaska Forum on the Environment , will include such presentations as a Youth Track; film showcase; Alaska's Berries in Changing Climate; Environmental Education topics; Alaska Grown; Citizen Science; AYEA; and much more.	"virtual" -learn more and register
	6:30pm	Fairbanks City Council Mtg Agendas **how to provide testimony and stay connected with the City Council during the COVID-19 pandemic**	
	8-9 pm	Goin' Back to T-Town - The history of Greenwood, a successful Black community in segregated Tulsa, which rebuilt after a 1921 racially-motivated massacre. Related article: A Walk Along Black Wall Street	KUAC TV ch. 9.1
Tuesday	5:30 p	Fbks Diversity Council Mtg	

Feb. 9			
Thursday Feb. 11	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.11 - Stress and You	http://bit.ly/RRRreg2021
	6 pm	Fairbanks North Star Borough Regular Assembly Meeting More Details	
Thursday Feb. 18	4:45pm	<u>Free Men, a Screening of the Documentary</u> Kenneth began to create art as a means of freeing his mind, at least, from captivity and self destruction. This ultimately led to establishing a nonprofit, " <u>Who Decides</u> "; a network of artists, activists and volunteers whose primary focus is to use art to educate society about the practice and <u>history of capital punishment in America</u> . This screening is a fundraiser to benefit the Alaska Peace Center, the <u>NAACP Greater Fairbanks Branch</u> , and the " <u>Who Decides</u> " nonprofit.	<u>Tickets available through Eventbrite</u>

YES! News category:

Nuclear Weapons Treaty took effect January 27, 2021. Listen to a great discussion about it at <https://pacificanetwork.org/sprouts/> "Entry into Force: Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons" (broadcast on KWRK-LP last Thursday, Jan. 28, 3:30-4 pm.)

from NPR news:: "Feb. 15-May 15, 2021 Special Open Enrollment for Health Insurance announced by Biden administration"

No Limits Warming Station, an extension of the Warming Center in Fairbanks, opened at 1401 Cushman St. across from Prospector Outfitters.
"This program is changing lives, giving hope, and getting people to live in dignity."

from fairbankshomeless@gmail.com

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

Peace	Justice	Sustainability
<p>=====</p> <p>"SB 39, the radical voter suppression bill, was heard on Thursday in Senate State Affairs...</p> <p>No evidence of voting fraud, or human error for that matter, was brought to the table... If the</p>	<p>"Most of us learned about the absurd Supreme Court doctrines of "money = speech" and "corporations are people" in 2010, when the Citizens United ruling came down... The ruling was the expected culmination of Supreme Court rulings going all the way back to <i>Santa Clara</i></p>	<p><u>"Biden signs 'milestone' order on Bering Sea protections, Indigenous knowledge</u></p> <p>President Biden has reinstated the Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area, an Obama-era protection from off-shore oil and gas leasing in the Norton Sound and the waters around St.</p>

Senate State Affairs Committee is actually poised to tackle problems with Alaska elections, [a wide world of reforms](#) is out there for discussion including prefiled legislation in the House, [HB 66](#), which would expand voting access in Alaska. SB 39 goes the wrong way. [Take Action.](#) " from [Louie Flora, Government Affairs, The Alaska Center](#)

Writes Senator Jesse Kiehl (SE AK), "I share your concerns about SB 39. Voting is a fundamental right. Alaskans clearly agreed when the voters passed the initiative creating automatic voter registration through the PFD. While we always need to keep an eye on election security, the right to vote doesn't mean much if we make it needlessly difficult to do... [I serve on] the Judiciary Committee, so I plan to keep a close eye on it."

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Fairbanks Arts Association is accepting entries for the 26th annual **Statewide Poetry Contest**. For more information visit [fairbanksarts.org](#). Email questions to literary@fairbanksarts.org.

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["Allard removed from Human Rights Commission over comments defending Nazi terminology"](#)

Alaska Gov. Mike Dunleavy removed Anchorage Assembly member Jamie Allard from the state Human Rights Commission Tuesday over comments she made on social media defending Nazi terminology on a pair of custom Alaska license plates. [READ MORE](#)

from Alaska Public Media 1/26/21

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County vs. Southern Pacific Railroad (1886) -- the first SCOTUS ruling that gave corporations standing in the U.S. Constitution...

[Move the 117th Congress to Amend](#)

The #WeThePeopleAmendment is the ONLY amendment that overturns BOTH doctrines of "money = speech" and "corporations are people" -- check out our [campaign to get 100 cosponsors](#) by March 31..." from [Move to Amend](#).

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from Medscape: "President Donald J. Trump issued 70 **commutations** of sentences and 73 **pardons on his final day in office**, including a handful to **physicians who had been convicted of fraud**... The most prominent...Melgen was convicted on 67 counts of fraud, filing false claims, and falsifying records and sentenced to 17 years in prison in 2018. His scheme was lucrative: he was reportedly Medicare's highest-paid physician in 2012, receiving some \$21 million from the federal health program. The federal government said Melgen was reimbursed at least \$70 million through the scheme...The *Palm Beach Post* also noted that Melgen was indicted in 2015... for participating in a bribery scheme involving New Jersey Senator Bob Menendez (D)..."

"...Trump pardoned five former executives... [who] had been convicted of Medicaid fraud... The White House said the convictions are "widely cited as a case study in overcriminalization..."

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

Lawrence Island. It also requires using Indigenous knowledge for decisions about the area. [READ MORE](#) " from *Alaska Public Media* 1/25/21

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from Congressman Don Young

don.young@mail.house.gov: "Update on my committee assignments - I'm very proud that I have again been **named to the House Natural Resources Committee**! As the Committee's most senior Member and its former Chairman, I know just what it takes to stand up and fight for Alaska's right to utilize our own lands... Click [here](#) to learn more about the Committee.

"Additionally... on the [Transportation and Infrastructure Committee](#)..."

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*from Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition (FCAC): "Fort Wainwright has extended the public comment period regarding its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on future energy sources at the base. **Public comments will now be accepted until February 22, 2021.** Click [here](#) to learn how comments may be submitted via email, online, by phone, or written letter.*

"The Fairbanks North Star Borough is accepting comments on its **draft Hazard Mitigation Plan** [sic] through February 12, 2021. It's critical that the Borough consider climate change in this plan! We will try to draft more guidance about how to comment, but in the meantime if you have specific comments about potential climate adaptation actions for hazard mitigation, get them in!"

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[Job Openings](#)

FCAC - Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition -is looking to hire an administrative assistant. [Learn More.](#)

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

"Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of January 31st, 2021:

*I have a tee-shirt and a hoodie that I like wearing, each bear the message "Defend the Sacred." But, What is sacred? Is it merely a set of rules handed down by edict, commandments from some omniscient almighty, a supernatural Grand Poobah, telling **his** favorites, "Go forth and multiply; vanquish all infidels and Saracens, with your military bases strewn cross the planet; your atomic bombs guaranteeing your just cut of the natural resources pie, your access to cheap labor, and markets ready to gobble your surplus and waste?"*

Could it be more like... let's say recognizing "our kinship with all living beings"?

I find some of that sacred in the words of Peter Kropotkin, "It is not love and not even sympathy upon which society is based in mankind. It is the conscience – be it only at the stage of an instinct – of human solidarity. It is the unconscious recognition of the force that is borrowed by each man from the practice of mutual aid; of the close dependency of every one's happiness upon the happiness of all; and of the sense of justice, which brings the individual to consider the rights of every other individual as equal to his own."

The Anarchist - Catholic Worker Ammon Hennacy, while living in New York City wrote several articles in the I.W.W. paper, THE FELLOW WORKER. While speaking at an IWW forum, giving the pacifist argument, a burly fellow worker got up and said, "No cop's going to tell me what to do. We have to fight for our rights; being pacifist is only cowardice". Before Ammon could answer the man, a small redheaded young fella got up and said: "Yes, you are brave. Last week when the cops raided us on Union Square all you big fellows ran away and left me there alone to fight them all. I'm not a pacifist but I think more of this fellow who does what he says than of you big guys who talk brave and run away."

During Ammon's second month in solitary confinement in the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, back in July of 1918, he wrote a poem titled, Hypocrites. The IWW published it in its November, 1920 issue of THE ONE BIG UNION MONTHLY.

HYPOCRITES – Ammon Hennacy

*I wonder if the devil laughs,
And sings a joyful song,
As to "Onward Christian Soldiers,"
"My Country Right or Wrong."
The Christians each other slaughter
And lynch and mob and maim,
All those who will not help to kill
In lowly Jesus' name.*

*I wonder if the devil laughs,
And if his joy's increased,*

*To see the god of gold worshiped
By preacher and by priest;
Who teach contentment with your lot
Unless you run the game
And wink at sin and grab the tin
In lowly Jesus' name.*

*I wonder if the devil laughs,
And adds oil to his fire,
To make a warm reception for
That saintly son and sire,
Who teach love and the golden rule,
While practicing the same;
By raising rents and burning tents
In lowly Jesus' name.*

*I wonder if the devil laughs,
Or if he sheds a tear,
As the revolution's growing
Much stronger year by year;
And whether love or dynamite
Our victory shall acclaim,
Our foes will fight with all their might
In lowly Jesus' name.*

*I often pondered the meaning behind Gram Parsons' song **Sin City**. Listening to **Emmy Lou Harris**'s version of it recently I came to an epiphany, "The song's about Las Vegas, yes, but what lies some sixty miles north? The testing range where this country tested 900 some nuclear bombs. The Lord's killing rain, huh, I wonder?*

*Next **Blind Willie McTell** tells us, "Just well to live in union; just well to love your enemies, cause you got to die", in **Just Well To Get Ready***

*I think that **T Bone** may have overly shared the blame in this tune, but taken in the context of the current world hegemon I think the song has some merit. Next **T Bone Burnett** sings, **Humans From Earth**.*

*Next, singer songwriter **Joe Purdy** lets us in on the unavoidable consequence of collecting enemies, in: **Who Will Be Next**.*

*Going out, if I could, I surely would like to add: Some people see enemies everywhere; Around each tree; Behind every door; Floatin' in thin air. Fear and hate's such a heavy load to bear; Leash your monster; Never more despair, to **Tower of Power**'s tune **Keep Your Monster On A Leash**.*

Wage Peace."

*-- The Voice of Rachel Carson, from **Tribute to Rachel Carson**
--**Breaking Down the Walls** by Susan Grace*

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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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

(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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