



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of March 21st, 2021

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

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Day, Date	Time	<u><i>This Week Opportunities for Action</i></u>	Where?
<u>MARCH 24</u> <u>MARCH 25</u> <u>MARCH 30</u>		<u>Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics NEED VOLUNTEERS!</u> The Fairbanks Area Citizen Corps is the go-to place for information on how to sign up to be a volunteer for the COVID-19 Community Vaccine Clinics. YOUR HELP is NEEDED! <u>Register to volunteer to support the COVID-19 Response Effort either from your home or in the community!</u> <u>Please let us know if you would like to make, distribute or donate materials for community masks.</u> <u>REQUEST GOODS or SERVICES</u> For businesses or organizations that need to request support for PPE, etc. <u>DONATE</u> For individuals and businesses who would like to donate PPE or other requested goods and services.	https://www.fairbanksacc.org/
Sunday March 21	comment deadline	"PUBLIC NOTICE - Proposed Issuance of an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit to Discharge to Waters of the U.S. AK DEC has tentatively determined to reissue a permit for...AKG370000. Mechanical Placer Miners General Permit... Fact sheet [etc]: contact Nick Dallman at 601 University Ave, Fbks 99709, t. 907-451-2142; nicholas.dallman@alaska.govComments must be received before 3/22/21."
Monday March 22	comment deadline	<u>Comment on Environmental Assessment on Cook Inlet Geohazard Survey Permit.</u> In January, BOEM (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management) received an application for a geohazards survey permit from Hilcorp, Alaska LLC. The proposed survey would be conducted over four leased blocks and the surrounding area, comprising a total of 138 square kilometers west to southwest of Homer. If approved, activities are expected to be conducted over an approximately 30-day period April 1-Oct. 31, 2021.	
	6 am or 1 pm	<i>Peace Education and Action for Impact</i> info session, especially for young people (18-35) interested in going through the six-week online peace education course and the subsequent eight-weeks of peace project mentoring. Also for adults interested in providing scholarships for young people to participate in this project and/or being trained to act as mentors for the youth-led, community-oriented, peace projects. Please join us and invite friends, colleagues, and networks! For further information please contact phill@worldbeyondwar.org <i>World BEYOND War.org, partnering with Rotary Action Group for Peace.</i>	6 am Zoom link 6am Facebook page for this event. 1pm Zoom link 1pm Facebook page for this event
Tuesday March 23	1-2pm	A Passion for Salmon: Art and Advocacy - four artists—three visual and one literary—discuss their craft and how their work champions salmon protections. Pebble Mine is not yet dead, and now is the time to rally; the EPA must act to ensure that Bristol Bay is permanently safeguarded.	Get the Zoom Link

	11:59 pm-end	Northern Lights 2021 Photo Contest - Submit your s...Photos can be entered once per hour between Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 2:30 PM and Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 12:59 PM Alaskan Standard Time. You can vote between 1:01 pm & 11:59 pm Tuesday, March 23. <i>Good Luck! Fairbanks Daily News-Miner</i>	Enter Here
Wednesday March 24	4 pm	"Gamers For Peace" in Twitch a new initiative of Veterans For Peace! - kicking off live streaming a Dungeons & Dragons (#DnD) game that will dissect themes of militarism and social justice through the creative lens of tabletop roleplaying (#ttrpg). Every other Wednesday at 4pm AK time.	VFP Discord channel and follow our Twitch page !
	5:30 pm	Earth Day 2021 Weekly Planning Mtg - To participate, contact Susan Grace, t. 907-699-0780; blackdog@ptialaska.net	Zoom
	5:30-7p	Keep It In the Ground working group mtg , 2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays same time. Learn more and join via https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/keep-it-in-the-groundk	
Thursday March 25	12-1pm	Precision Agriculture for Alaska led by Mat-Su Co-operative Extension Service agent Steve Brown Information: Steve Brown at scbrown4@alaska.edu .	by Zoom
	6pm	FNSB Assembly Regular mtg. More Details	
	7 pm	Racial Justice 101: Womxn, Femmes and Intersectionality - In honor of Womxn's History Month, The NAACP Fairbanks Branch and the UAF Nanook Diversity & Action Center are hosting.. a panel of Womxn and Femme leaders of color from across the state of Alaska about how race and femininity intersect. This is a free event to everyone, but donations are accepted [suggested \$10] to help support the costs for hosting Racial Justice 101. Click here to learn more about the event	Register for Racial Justice 101 Here
Friday March 26	12 pm	<i>Exploring food and farming with Black and Indigenous Leaders in the Food System</i> - Join us for a conversation with author and filmmaker Natalie Baszile about her upcoming book, <i>We Are Each Other's Harvest: Celebrating African American Farmers, Land, and Legacy</i> . Hosted by farmer Melony Edwards, Natalie will be joined by Jim Embry, the great grandson of formerly enslaved small farmers and a lifelong social, food justice and agricultural activist. Registration is free and open to the public! Pre-registration is required.	Learn More & Join Us! <i>from Calypso Farm & Ecology Center</i>
	6 pm	"Join us with Amplify Alaska in a livestream musical event featuring Phillip Blanchett of Pamyua and Ruth Miller of Native Movement. AMPLIFY ALASKA is a live streamed concert and conversation series that pairs notable Alaskan musicians with activists and representatives of charitable organizations, in order to spread awareness of work being done to improve the lives of Alaskans. Each event is also a fundraiser for the organization /cause at hand. You can find more event details here on the Facebook event link ." <i>from Native Movement</i>	Watch on Youtube Live Here
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Monday March 29		Seward's Day - "honors the signing of the Alaska Purchase treaty on March 30, 1867... It is a legal/public holiday in Alaska so government offices, post offices, as well as numerous courts, and libraries, are closed."	

Tuesday March 30	12-1pm	Compost: One Part of your Personal Sustainable Lifestyle Information: Jodie Anderson, jmanderson@alaska.edu .	
	6-7pm	Extending the Growing Season with Sustainable Heat taught by Extension Energy Specialist Art Nash Information: Art Nash, alnashjr@alaska.edu .	
Wednesday March 31		PFD Filing Reminder - "You can file for your Permanent Fund Dividend at pfd.alaska.gov . After you have completed your application, remind your friends and family to file online (https://youtu.be/uLQ8FmYMCUA). Saving paper and reducing waste are just a few of the many benefits to filing online. If you applied by paper, ... Paper applications are still being processed. The application period ends at 11:59 p.m. on March 31. " from pfd.alaska.gov	
		Deadline to confirm a Solarize area- Whether you want to become an Area Organizer and lead the next area campaign, or if you are just thinking about installing solar this year, we're looking for Interior residents and leaders interested in solar and energy efficiency to sign up to Solarize. Homes, businesses, congregations, community spaces, and non-profit organizations are welcome to join the Solarize Fairbanks campaign. Sign up to join and get more information on Solarize Fairbanks >>	
Thursday April 1	7 pm	Alaska Peace Center Annual Meeting welcoming new members and new board members - 3 board seats will need to be filled due to term limits - Help keep Alaska Peace Center going to keep advocating, educating, and activating for Peace, Justice, and Sustainability! P.S. See our just-published APC Newsletter and our website to learn about the work we do.	APC mtg via Zoom

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

" Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of March 21st, 2021,

*Friday's Fairbanks Daily News Miner contained an insert that I found most informative and interesting, the March 19, 2021 edition of Alaska Post, The Interior Military News Connection, Fort Wainwright, Alaska. Of greatest interest to me was the headline article; **Army announces release of Arctic Strategy.***

The article opens with the statement, "The U.S. Army announced the release of its Arctic strategy March 16, "Regaining Arctic Dominance."

The article explains, "This strategy is timely, especially given increasing levels of" what it calls "great power competitor activities in the Arctic" – If you wonder the meaning, keep in mind the strategy's subtitle "Regaining Arctic Dominance."

Apparently, this strategy calls on the Army to "Powerfully project our forces" operating in the Arctic to "enhance our ability to respond on competition, crisis, and/or conflict. This enhanced Arctic capability will increase the Army's ability to operate extreme cold-weather, mountainous and high-latitude environments."

What does enhanced Arctic capability entail? The article explains: “The Arctic is an opportunity to rapidly employ the speed, range and convergence of cutting-edge technologies being developed for Multi-Domain-Operations.” (War industry buzzword alert, beep)

The strategy, “To regain the Army’s Arctic dominance” entails the Army establishing a Multi-Domain (beep) enabled operational two-star (beep) headquarters with specially trained and equipped combat brigades to increase our cold-weather dominance. (Ice baths and rubber toys? Naw, but it does sound kinda kinky huh? I can almost hear our local officials salivating over the economic development opportunities.)

The whole business brings me back to a Special Operations Conference I attended nine years ago. One of the speakers was Col. Richard Samuels, Deputy Commander, Special Operations Command Africa. At the time US AFRICOM did not have a base on the continent. He spoke of the difficulties the command was experiencing getting access to many parts of that continent, but pointed out the “good” work that the Command was doing training and arming its partners there with latest cutting-edge technologies.

During the question and answer period that followed someone asked, “What is your relationship and how do you coordinate with the African Union, and the Arab League, and these other Trans National Organizations that also reside in that region?”

Col. Samuels replied, “The truth of the matter is: in addition to suspicions that linger of ‘Western Interests’, there’s lots of suspicion amongst the African countries, uh, themselves. You know, ‘What does my neighbor really want from me.’ Agencies like the African Union are not very effective because there is so much mistrust amongst nations. It’s difficult to make anybody over there a leader. So we try, we are trying to take an original approach. We are trying to work with our partners, individually.

When asked about China’s influence in Africa Col. Samuels said, “China is building schools, hospitals, and roads in Africa, hand over fist. Which is even in access that we don’t have. Um, it’s a very difficult situation. We have to be demonstrating how our approach (training and arming partners with cutting-edge weapons systems) is more effective to our First Nation Partners. That often does not resonate in fact. More often than not it doesn’t.”

If we could somehow train those active salivary glands that I mentioned earlier to invest their interests into making this planet a healthy and friendly place to live instead of making every inch of land, water, sky, and cyberspace etc. a battlefield for achieving Full Spectrum Dominance over the Multitudes of Domain, maybe that strategic approach wouldn’t resonate here either.

My first music selection says it all. **Edwin Star** sings **War What Is It Good For**.

Next **Jimmy Cliff** sings about the sad harvest from a recent – for me anyway – U.S. Power Projection past, in **Vietnam**

Next the **Neville Brothers** sing my favorite version of a Bob Dylan classic pointing to one of the roots of that misguided strategy as described in Friday’s Alaska Post, **With God On Our Side**.

What is to be done? The next tune goes out to my dear brother and sister warriors, stationed here in Interior Alaska. I hope you can take Phil Ochs, chosen path to heart. **I Ain’t Marching Anymore**

In imagining a future free of Multi Domain Full Spectrum Dominance, I offer **John Lennon’s Imagine**.

Wage Peace."

--Who Lies, Who Dies, Who Pays, Who Profits? by Emma's Revolution
--Ballad of Harry T Moore by Sweet Honey in the Rock
-- Bread and Roses
--Peace Is, by Fred Small

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