



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of March 28th, 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?
		<p>In the Alaska Legislature: SB 15 "An Act relating to the Open Meetings Act; and establishing a civil penalty for violations of the open meeting requirements by members of governmental bodies." Mar 31 Wednesday 1:30 PM (S)JUDICIARY -TELECONFERENCED -- Invited & Public Testimony</p> <p>--</p> <p>from Louie Flora: "HJR 12 passed its final committee hurdle in the legislature [last] week and will head to the Senate floor next. HJR 12 is essentially a very long and rather pitiful letter from Alaska to Washington D.C. which bears no legal weight yet has a stunningly long title: <i>Urging the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, to honor the recent lease sales and proceed with permitting in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; urging the President of the United States to defend the 2020 Record of Decision approving the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; opposing designation of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as a National Monument; and urging the Alaska delegation in Congress to uphold sec. 20001 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.</i> <i>"...Those wishing to oppose this resolution should send their comment letters to all Senators "</i></p> <p>-----</p> <p>In Congress: from winwithoutwar: "After a decade of calls, petitions, and work from so many people, we're seeing the tide turn. Rep. Barbara Lee introduced H.R. 256 that would finally repeal the overstretched 2002 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF), AND *this week* the House is set to take action on it... <u>Write Representative Don Young and urge him to co-sponsor H.R. 256 to repeal the 2002 AUMF immediately.</u> Or call his office: in Fairbanks 456-0210; in D.C. 1-202-225-5765.</p> <p>--from CodePink: "<i>The Biden Administration is deciding their proposed Pentagon budget for FY2022, so it's imperative that we make our voices heard!... We're officially one year into a devastating public health crisis that is wreaking havoc on the lives of millions across the globe, now is not the time to continue the failed strategy of pouring hundreds of billions into the Pentagon budget while we underfund public health programs. Add your name to tell Joe Biden: <u>Defund the Pentagon and invest in our communities!</u> "</i></p>	
MARCH 30 APRIL 1 APRIL 3 APRIL 6		<p><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! Register to volunteer to support the COVID-19 Response Effort either from your home or in the community! Please let us know if you would like to make, distribute or donate materials for community masks.</p>	https://www.fairbanksacc.org/

		REQUEST GOODS or SERVICES For businesses or organizations that need to request support for PPE, etc. DONATE For individuals and businesses who would like to donate PPE or other requested goods and services.	
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."	
	1-2pm	Missing & Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) and Human Trafficking education and awareness webinar series - join the Data for Indigenous Justice (DIJ) Executive Director and Native Movement Gender Justice and Healing Director, Charlene Apok, as they present on DIJ's newly published report, We Are Calling to You: Alaska's Missing and Murdered Womxn and Girls , as well as methodologies in healing-centered community events in response to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).	Register For MMIWG Data webinar
	5:30-7p	Renewable Energy working group mtg - follow links at https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/calendar	
	7-8pm	Community Coordination Committee/ Antiracism and Sensitivity Training Workgroup from https://www.fairbanksnaacp.org/	https://alaska.zoom.us/j/85717811672
Tuesday March 30	12-1pm	Compost: One Part of your Personal Sustainable Lifestyle Information: Jodie Anderson, jmanderson@alaska.edu .	
	12 pm	Where Ideology and Ecology Meet: Histories of Russian and American Resource Extraction at the Bering Strait -a discussion with Bathsheba Demuth, author of <i>Floating Coast: An Environmental History of the Bering Strait</i> ...connecting the past histories of humans in the Northwest region of Alaska to the current issues of extraction in the Brooks Range and beyond... questions from the audience at the end. It will be recorded for those who cannot attend at noon Alaska time but want to see the presentation. Read more about Floating Coast.	Register for this virtual zoom presentation here.
	5-6:30p	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.	
	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." <i>from pfd.alaska.gov</i>	
		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 >>	
	12pm	THRIVE Agenda community-oriented walkthrough... what it means to Alaska and ...the components that will directly support job creation, climate care, and justice. interactive webinar	FIND THE LATEST UPDATES
	5:30 pm	Earth Day 2021 Weekly Planning Mtg - To participate, contact Susan Grace, t. 907-699-0780; blackdog@ptialaska.net	Zoom
	6-8pm	NAACP Education Committee (CDEE) Zoom Meeting - NAACP Greater Fairbanks, Alaska unit #1001	https://alaska.zoom.us/j/89004073386
Thursday April 1		April is National Poetry Month April is Genocide Awareness Month [see April 6 event]	
	7 pm	<i>Alaska Peace Center Annual Meeting</i> welcoming new members and new board members - 3 board seats will need to be filled due to term limits - Help keep Alaska Peace Center advocating, educating, and activating for <i>Peace, Justice, and Sustainability!</i> P.S. See our just-published APC Newsletter and our website to learn about the work we do.	APC mtg via Zoom
		<u><i>After This Week</i></u>	
Tuesday April 6	7am	Global Atrocities: Is Prevention Possible? - Peace Direct and Centre Résolution Conflits... will discuss peacebuilding work that counters the root causes of violence as well as early warning signs in the U.S. that needs attention. RSVP to reeseste@kean.edu	
	1-3pm	<u>Nonviolence in Education</u> Two-hour Workshop on Zoom - Join the foremost authority on Kingian Nonviolence in Education [Robin Wildman] to learn how classrooms and schools can be transformed into Beloved Communities, places where all students are loved, included, and valued as human beings. \$25	
	4:30-6pm	InterFaith Working Group mtg. - meets regularly the 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday of the month. follow links at https://fairbanksclimateaction.org .	
Wednesday April 7	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 !
	4:30-5:30pm	Men's/Mxn's Online Gathering - Being a Provider - "We welcome anyone self-identifying masculine, men, mxn, and/or queer to join the conversation!" <i>from Native Movement</i>	Join the Men's/Mxn's Online Gathering Here
	5:30-7:30pm	Policy & Politics working group mtg - follow links at https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/calendar	

	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	
Friday April 9		<u>April 9: Revised Arctic Rule.</u> 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.	
Thursdays April 15- May 20	12-1:30pm	<u>Introduction to Nonviolence</u> Build community while studying nonviolence. Connect with up to 50 people who share your interests in discovering the many dimensions of active nonviolence. Use the <i>Engaging Nonviolence</i> study program to foster personal growth, healthy relationships and work for world peace. Facilitators: Veronica Pelicaric and Rivera Sun. \$80.	Six-week Course on Zoom
May-Sept		<u>Farmer Training Apprenticeship</u> applications available now! for participants interested in launching their own small-scale farm.	

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

" Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of March 28th, 2021,

The witness recalled a lifetime spent as a gangster, a muscle man in the employ of the rackets. He described a racket as, “something that is not what it seems to the majority of the people... Only a small ‘inside’ group knows what it is about. It is conducted for the benefit of the very few, at the expense of the very many”... and “the profits are reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives.” Looking back, he continued his testimony elucidating specific crimes: “I helped make Mexico and especially Tampico safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefit of Wall Street. I helped purify Nicaragua for the International Banking House of Brown Brothers in 1902–1912. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for the American sugar interests in 1916. I helped make Honduras right for the American fruit companies in 1903. In China in 1927 I helped see to it that Standard Oil went on its way unmolested... I might have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could do was to operate his racket in three districts. I operated on three continents.”

The previous testimony is real, the witness expert and credible. His name was Smedley Darlington Butler. At the time of his testimony he was a retired U.S. Marine Corps Major General who, during his career, had received five medals for heroism including two Congressional Medals of Honor. In a just world his testimony would have been heard by a court of law. Aside from the rare arrest and prosecution of a small time swindle like the recent arrest of an Air Force Senior Airman – the grade is E4, just a few steps above recruit – and a contractor for fraudulently obtaining information that benefited the contractor with lucrative contracts in Alaska, like building facilities for the F-35; itself a racket that likely will never see the inside of a court room; the big-time gangsters – the F-35's Lockheed Martin for instance – remain free to fleece and pillage. They are powerful, ubiquitous. Their fingers are everywhere.

Take Elon Musk, for instance. A snapshot of the \$157.4 billion net worth gangster's fingers can be seen in this week's (March 26) Fort Wainwright Alaska Post. The article titled “*Space break: An SMDC officer's internship with SpaceX* “ says “Capt. Cole Cupit, space superiority capability developer, Army Capability Manager for Space and High Altitude, Space and Missile Defense Center for Excellence, completed a Training with *industry*

fellowship program with Space Exploration Technologies Corp (SpaceX) on Hawthorne California, June 2019 – June 2020.”

“It was a great experience to be able to see the civilian space world and corporate America, and to see where it aligns with the military space world, Cupit said.”

Isn't that sweet; the civilian space world, corporate America, and the military, not only in alignment but full fellowship - with the multibillionaire maniac who sends Tesla Roadsters to the sun and wishes to bomb the red planet with 10,000 nuclear warheads, no less. ***This one begs investigation!*** If not in a U.S. Court of Law, then in the World Court; The Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration of Outer Space, applying.

General Butler was not speaking in metaphor. War Is A Racket! Let's keep space for peace!

“And who will tell the people that free speech is a ruse. The corporations run the country and then they make the news.” ***David Rovics*** sings ***Who Will Tell The People***.

I know I've played this tune recently; just can't help myself, and it fits; the shoe too, as you'll hear after ***Buffy Sainte-Marie Sings The War Racket***.

Next ***Emma's Revolution*** asks a question that begs investigation. Again, we played this recently, I know, but ***Who Lies***; Who Dies; Who Pays; Who Profits.

Next ***Country Joe and the Fish*** sing their darkly funny tune about another not so funny U.S. corporate fellowship alignment - ***The 'Fish' Cheer_I-Feel-Like-I'm-Fixin'-To-Die Rag***

I'll go out with this important public service message for my brother and sister warfighters, stationed here in Alaska. GI Rights Hotline

Wage Peace."

--*Too Much of Nothing, sung by Peter, Paul, and Mary*

-- *Patriot Game, by Dominic beha, sung by Liam Clancy*

-- *Raise a Rukus sung by Josh White and Paul Robeson*

-- *Crossroads by Tracy Chapman*

-- *Down In My Heart by Robin Dale Ford*

--*Peace Is by Fred Small (last verse)*

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