



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of April 4th, 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? |
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| | | <p>In the Alaska Legislature: Per The Alaska Center's Louie Flora, "Bills to watch [follow the link for more info on each bill] - HB= House Bill / SB= Senate Bill. Some bills have corresponding bills in House and Senate..."</p> <p>Some Support:</p> <p>SB1-Chokehold Ban; SB2 - Police Officer De-Escalation Training; SB 4 - Prohibit Police Officers from Shooting at a Moving Vehicle; SB 5- Proclaim Juneteenth a State Holiday SB 17 Energy Efficient Public Buildings HB 5 Consent Law update/Rape Kit Reform HB 17 - Anti-Discrimination Act HB 33 - Oil Spill Fines HB 38 - Expanding Resources for MIWG2S HB 39 - Young Voter Registration HB 66 - Accessible Elections HB 138 - Vote By Mail</p> <p>Some Oppose:</p> <p>SB 14 - Altering Selection & Review of Judges SB 23 - All or Nothing Initiative SB 39 - Voter Suppression Bill SB 43 - Relating to Campaign Finance SB 97 - Repealing Salmon Stream Protections HB 23 - Voter Suppression Bill HB 82- Kachemak Bay Subsurface Gas Development HB 95/SB 82 - Election Investigations HB 96/SB 93 - Voter Hurdles & Ballot Requirements</p> <p>More information on all bills, legislators, calendar, committees, etc, at www.akleg.gov. --Watch the legislature in session live or video footage at Gavel Alaska https://www.ktoo.org/360TV/.</p> <p><i>To express your preferences on issues to any of our Congressional delegation, you can call the Capitol switchboard at 1-202-224-3121. To leave comments for the President, call the White House at 1-202-456-1111.</i></p> | <p>Contact your State Rep & Senator via the Legislative Information Office (LIO) In Fbks: 452-4448 Also call the LIO to testify about bills.</p> <p>Watch live & past committee hearings by tuning in to 360 North on cable or visiting the Alaska legislative website.</p> <p>For recordings of previous committee hearings, visit Gavel Alaska.</p> |
| APRIL 6 APRIL 7 APRIL 13 APRIL 21 APRIL 27 APRIL 30 | | <p>Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics NEED VOLUNTEERS! 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!</p> <p>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. 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.</p> | https://www.fairbanksacc.org/ |

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| Sunday April 4th | 3pm | <p>'Breaking the Silence' celebrates Martin Luther King's prophetic Riverside speech - join a recreation of Martin Luther King's radical, intersectional speech and discuss its relevance for organizing today. "On April 4, 1967, Dr. Martin Luther, Jr, spoke out powerfully against the Vietnam War. Exactly a year later, King was assassinated. The words of MLK's 1967 historic sermon call us to urgent action - to eradicate racism, militarism, and poverty... The program ... will have simultaneous ASL and Spanish translation... A good way to prepare is to watch this powerful eight minute presentation by Michelle Alexander, author of "The New Jim Crow", at the 50th anniversary celebration in The Riverside Church of Dr. King's sermon. https://youtu.be/9dap8H8Z1YA Share it with friends, colleagues and on social media."</p> | <p>free webinar at www. kingandbreakingsilence.org.</p> |
| | | <p>Community Roots Program - a garden and leadership training program for young adults ages 17-24, launching this summer at the Hunter Elementary School Garden in South Fairbanks! Garden Leaders will grow and distribute food to the community throughout the summer as they learn about food justice, food security, and organic farming practices. They will plant and care for the Hunter Garden, lead young children in exploring the garden, cook garden produce, learn how to run a farm stand, and much more! May 24 - August 19, 2021. Pay: \$15/hour + a weekly veggie share. No experience necessary.</p> | <p>Apply now, by April 30th. info@calypsofarm.org</p> |
| Monday April 5 | comment until May 20 | <p>PUBLIC NOTICE - AK Dept of Environmental Conservation - Application for Oil Discharge Prevention & Contingency Plan received from Alyeska for plan renewal... Trans Alaska Pipeline System... State Contingency Plan # 21-CP-4131... See at 61- Univ Ave, Fbks 451-2164 or kama.mayne@alaska.gov.</p> | |
| | 9-8:30p M-F 9-4 Sat | <p>Mary Siah Recreation Center re-opens... In following the Borough's COVID-19 mitigation plan, building occupancy will be limited, and reservations are recommended. Programs will include Senior Fitness, Aquacise, Water Walking, Family Swim, and Lap Swim. The weight room and showers will also be available. The sauna, hot tub, and room reservations will not be available at this time. Link for checking the status of other Fairbanks North Star Borough facilities.</p> | <p>For more info & a schedule, visit http://parks.fnsb.gov or call 459-1070.</p> |
| | 3pm | <p>War & Warming: We Can't Save the Planet Without Taking on the Pentagon - how militarism and climate change are intricately linked, and the apocalyptic role the Pentagon is taking in climate crises worldwide.</p> | <p>Learn more and sign up.</p> |
| | 6 pm | <p>Trails Advisory Committee mtg</p> | <p>Q? 459-1401</p> |
| Tuesday April 6 | 7am | <p>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</p> | |
| | 11:30a - 1pm | <p>Know Your Rights Training ...because when you know your rights you can avoid paying more than you need to. AKPIRG invites you to this webinar ...where you will learn how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communicate with debt collectors within YOUR legal rights in Alaska - Identify and avoid potential scams - Avoid the costly trap that payday lending can pull you into </p> | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talk to your friends, family, and communities about debt and its impacts - Find resources and support to help get your debt under control | |
| | 1-3pm | Nonviolence in Education 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 , or email kristin@fbxclimateaction.org for more information. | |
| Wednesday April 7 | 12-2pm | Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation "FAST" Planning Technical Committee Mtg via Zoom | https://fastplanning.us/ |
| | 2 pm | FNSB Mayor Bryce Ward presents the State of the Borough - Live Address. He has said that the budget is our most important policy document, and encourages residents to give input . You can watch the March 9 Budget Presentation & Community Forum at this link . | 'Watch Live Facebook: @FNSBGov or via the Borough website . We will add that link soon!' |
| | 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 pm | Earth Day 2021 Weekly Planning Mtg - To participate, contact Susan Grace, t. 907-699-0780; blackdog@ptialaska.net | Zoom |
| | 5:30-7:30pm | fcac Policy & Politics working group mtg - follow links at https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/calendar | zoom |
| | 5:30-7:30pm | fcac Keep It In the Ground working group mtg. follow links at https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/calendar | zoom |
| | 6:30p | Fairbanks Open Radio - KWRK-LP 90.9FM/kwrk.org -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 | zoom |
| Thursday April 8 | 6 pm | Regular FNSB Assembly mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough); Agenda includes Citizens' Comments; PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance #2020-20-1R: Climate Action Plan & Committee, Ordinance #2020-20-1S appropriating \$2.2Million for a South Cushman Shooting Range; and calendaring Resolution #2021-05 A Resolution Opposing Legislative Bills That Restrict Voter Access, Limit The Ability To | Maybe Zoom only Sign up for telephonic participation |

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| | | <p><u>Exercise The Fundamental Right To Vote, Or Would Otherwise Act To Suppress The Votes Of Alaskan Citizens.</u></p> <p>For calendar and links <u>click here ... FNSB Assembly</u> <u>Participating in Assembly Meetings During COVID-19</u> There are 3 ways to listen to assembly meetings: Zoom, FNSB live Webcast, KUAC Radio 89.9FM</p> | Written Testimony |
| 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. | |
| | | <u>After This Week</u> | |
| Monday April 12 | 5:30-7p | Renewable Energy working group mtg - follow links at <u>https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/calendar</u> | |
| Tuesday April 13 | 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 <u>follow the link</u> to learn more and to sign up. | |
| | 5:30-7p | Fairbanks Diversity Council During the COVID pandemic, FDC meetings are being held on <u>Zoom</u> and in person. Contact: <u>diversitycouncil@fairbanks.us</u> | City Hall, 800 Cushman st. |
| Wednesday April 14 | deadline | We are in need of Poetry for the Poetry Art Walk at Creamer's Field , along the trails and along the river downtown! All work will be laminated & displayed outside at Creamer's Field & along the Chena River Walk April 17-25. More info Please call Susan Grace 479-0780 Sponsored by Fairbanks Community Earth Day Committee | <u>Submit to PoetryArtWalk2021@gmail.com</u> |
| | 12:30p | FNSB Health & Social Services Commission mtg Webinar link: <u>fnsb-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1602722604</u> | or 833-568-8864 ID 160 272 2604 |
| | 5:30-7:30pm | fcac Keep It In the Ground working group mtg. follow links at <u>https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/calendar</u> | zoom |
| Thursday April 15 | 12-1:30pm Thurs 4/15-5/20 | Introduction to Nonviolence 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 |
| | 3pm | <i>Jet Line: Voicemails from the [F-35] Flight Path</i> will premiere with a livestream followed by an audience discussion with the filmmakers. The "Sound of Freedom" is driving some away from the Green Mountain State. <u>jetlinefilm.com</u> | <u>Register for our free livestream premiere</u> |

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| Saturday April 17 | 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 | |
| | <u>One of America's \$135.8 Million Fighter Jets Shot Itself</u> - Read about the March 12 th incident and a few others in the short history of the most expensive boondoggle weapon ever. We have to laugh about something! Raytheon, Missile Offense, and Endless War - an <u>excellent short video</u> from Global Network (One of 5 weapons contractors that spend \$60 Million lobbying Congress) | <u>One of America's \$135.8 Million Fighter Jets Shot Itself</u> - |

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

"Hello from Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose: Wage Peace." (Snowed out of internet reach this week...)

--Officer Krupke, from *West Side Story* musical
--Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower & Peace Pilgrim from *Peace Is the Way*
--*Where Do the Children Play*, by Cat Stevens
-- Sarah James, from *Peace Is the Way*
-- *I'm Changing my Name to Chrysler*, by Arlo Guthrie
--*A Letter to America* by Don Ross
-- *Peace Is Not a Four-Letter Word* by Jane Roodenberg
--*America*, from *West Side Story*
-- *No More Viet Nams* by Fred Small

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!
