



**Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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?
		<p><b>In the Alaska Legislature:</b> from Louie Flora <a href="mailto:communications@akcenter.org">communications@akcenter.org</a>, "Bills/Hearings to Watch [This] Week (with editorial comments in Italics) - Note: I only include those bills/hearings that generally fall within the wheelhouse of The Alaska Center. For the complete list, go here <a href="http://w3.akleg.gov/index.php">http://w3.akleg.gov/index.php</a> [**The following listing is abbreviated; Please join Louie's e-list to get the scoop on these bills**]</p> <p><b>"Monday, April 19</b></p> <p>1:00 p.m. - House Resources Committee - <b>HB 98</b> FOREST LAND USE PLANS; TIMBER SALES ... would streamline vast timber production....</p> <p>1:30 p.m. - Senate Judiciary Committee - <b>SB 23</b> INITIATIVE SEVERABILITY - <i>This bill says if one piece of the initiative is unconstitutional, the whole kit and caboodle must be tossed out.</i> ... SB 23 itself could present an unconstitutional restriction on Alaskans' access to the initiative process. [from <a href="mailto:BTMF@akleg.gov">BTMF@akleg.gov</a>: <i>sb 15: Open Meetings Act; Penalty</i> is scheduled in Senate Judiciary ~ 4-19 at 1:30pm]</p> <p>3:30 p.m. - Senate Resources Committee - <b>SB 97</b> STATE LAND SALES AND LEASES; RIVERS</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 20</b></p> <p>10:15 a.m. - House Special Committee on Energy - <b>HB 170</b> ENERGY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM &amp; FUND; AIDEA PUBLIC TESTIMONY - ... many devilish details - such as: <i>why put a clean energy function in AIDEA and not The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation or some other more trusted part of state government?</i></p> <p>1:30 p.m. - House Finance Committee - American Rescue Plan Act Funding -</p> <p><b>3:30 p.m. - Senate State Affairs Committee - <b>HB 39</b> BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING VOTER REG;MAIL - PUBLIC TESTIMONY.</b> <i>This is "the voter suppression bill" ... Make a plan to provide public testimony.</i></p> <p><b>Wednesday, April 21</b></p> <p>1:30 p.m. - Senate Judiciary <b>SB 82 ELECTIONS; ELECTION INVESTIGATIONS</b> ...perpetuating fraud theories</p> <p><b>Thursday, April 22</b></p> <p>9:15 a.m. House Special Committee on Energy - Presentation: Update on Electric Reliability Organization ...</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - House Special Committee on Fisheries - Presentation: AK-BC Transboundary Salmon Rivers Update ...</p> <p><b>3:30 p.m. - Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee - <b>SJR 13</b> IMPROVE BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS -</b></p> <p><b>Friday, April 23</b></p> <p>1:00 p.m. - House Judiciary Committee - <b>HB 174</b> INITIATIVE SEVERABILITY - PUBLIC TESTIMONY - <i>This is the House companion to SB 23 discussed above.... Legislative Legal has said that this proposal might be vulnerable to a challenge in court. Read the memo <a href="#">here</a>. Plan to testify if you wish to help defend</i></p>	<p><b>Contact your State Rep &amp; Senator via the Legislative Information Office (LIO) In Fbks: 452-4448</b> <b>Also call the LIO to testify about bills.</b></p> <p>Watch live &amp; past committee hearings by tuning in to 360 North on cable or visiting the <a href="#">Alaska legislative website</a>. For recordings of previous committee hearings, visit <a href="#">Gavel Alaska</a>.</p>

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**1:30 p.m. - Senate Labor and Commerce - SB 17 ENERGY EFFICIENCY & POLICY; PUBLIC BLDGS - PUBLIC TESTIMONY -**

There are many many many more hearings of interest sandwiched into the next seven days. **These are the ones that The Alaska Center will be watching.** Please get in touch with us for more information on any and all of the bills and hearings listed here...

*P.S. On Thursday, 4/29 at noon, we will hold an hour-long legislative session briefing via Zoom Join me as I talk about this year's session and take your questions. [Please register in advance >](#)  
[HEARINGS TO WATCH >](#)*

\*\*\*\*More information on all bills, legislators, calendar, committees, etc, at [www.akleg.gov](http://www.akleg.gov).\*\*\*\*

--Watch the legislature in session live or video footage at Gavel Alaska <https://www.ktoo.org/360TV/>.

*In Washington, D.C.:*

**"In light of the Biden administration's announcement on Wednesday of plans to withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan by September 11, the Costs of War Project today released up-to-date estimated costs of the U.S. war in Afghanistan, in both dollars and lives.**

Since invading Afghanistan in 2001, the United States has spent \$2.26 trillion on the war, which includes operations in both Afghanistan and Pakistan. Note that this total, \$2.26 trillion, does *not* include funds that the United States government is obligated to spend on lifetime care for American veterans of this war, nor does it include future interest payments on money borrowed to fund the war.

The Costs of War Project also estimates that 241,000 people have died as a direct result of this war. This includes at least 71,344 civilians; 2,442 American service members; 78,314 Afghan military and police; and 84,191 opposition fighters. These figures do *not* include deaths caused by disease, loss of access to food, water, infrastructure, and/or other indirect consequences of the war..."

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*To leave comments for the President, call the White House at 1-202-456-1111.*

APRIL 21  
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**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!**  
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.

<https://www.fairbanksacc.org/>

**Sunday**  
**April 18**

**Celebrate Earth Week In Fairbanks April 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**  
**April 17-25th Poetry and Art Walk** -Displayed along the trails at Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl

More info at  
[BIT.LY/EARTHW](http://BIT.LY/EARTHW)

		<p>Refuge &amp; along the Chena River Walk downtown Fairbanks.</p> <p><b>All Week: Watch the film Kiss the Ground</b> A new film how about how regenerating the world's soils has the potential to rapidly stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies.</p> <p><b>Earth Week: April 18th-24th Five Senses Meditation Walk</b> -The Interior Alaska Land Trust is setting up an interpretive trail to celebrate the senses at the Chinook Conservation Park! This two-mile walking trail loops along the banks of Cripple Creek, restored to its original streambed after 80 years by the Interior Alaska Land Trust</p> <p><b>Wild Species Video Parade</b> - The Species Walk goes virtual! The Children's Museum is providing mask-making kits to make into your favorite species! <b>Make a mask, take a photo, &amp; send it to blackdog@ptialaska.net by April 18th</b> and be included in the video parade on Channel 11 news April 22nd.</p>	EEK2021
	5, 6, 9, 10 pm	<b>Eyes on the Prize</b> - documentaries about the 1960s civil rights struggles	TV ch. 9.2
Monday April 19	5:30 p	<b>Peoples Peace Treaty, The Vietnam Dimension</b> - 2021 is the 50th anniversary of the Peoples Peace Treaty. Its source was students in Vietnam and the idea was embraced by the National Student Association in the US. The text was adopted by meetings of US students with the Saigon Student Union and with its counterparts in Hanoi. It became a nationwide educational and organizing tool in hundreds of US campuses and communities during the winter and spring of 1971. Watch the first webinar held on February 27th <a href="#">here</a> This webinar will hear from participants in the meetings from both countries.	The text of the Treaty, the list of speakers and the link to register are <a href="#">here</a> , or directly register <a href="#">here</a> .
	6:30pm	<b>Reg. Mtg of Fbks City Council</b> -Items on the agenda related to peace, justice, &/or sustainability include: Public Hearings on 13 Ordinances amending Fbks General Code sections with Local Amendments, including #6159 Adopting the 2018 <b>International Energy Conservation Code with Local Amendments</b> ; and New Business Resolution 4963 <b>opposing</b> the proposed changes to...allow <b>use of ATVs and snowmobiles on public roadways until</b> a comprehensive study is done; and Ordinance 6163 authorizing a <b>lease of space in City Hall</b> to the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living <b>to House the Fbks Reentry Coalition</b> ; and executive session re <b>Firefighters Union Labor Negotiation strategy</b> . Agenda at <a href="#">fairbanksalaska.us/meetings</a> . ** <a href="#">how to provide testimony and stay connected with the City Council during the COVID-19 pandemic</a> **	800 Cushman St. & zoom webinar
	7pm	<b>North Pole City Council mtg</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays except if a holiday: <a href="#">Agendas &amp; Minutes</a>	
Tuesday April 20		Registration is open for the <b>AgrAbility National Training Workshop</b> that will meet virtually from 9-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Aug. 31. The programs address issues related to disability in agriculture, including assistive technology, dealing with stress and veterans in agriculture. A schedule of the sessions and registration information is available on the national <a href="#">AgrAbility website</a> .	Information: DeShana York at <a href="mailto:ddyork@alaska.edu">ddyork@alaska.edu</a> .
	2-7pm	<b>Covid-19 Vaccination Pod</b> Appointments are preferred and Walk-ins are Welcome! Vaccine: Pfizer.	Carlson Center

		<p><b>"We Need Volunteers!!!!" We are Critically Short of Volunteers!</b> We need Runner/Greeters, Walk-In Registration/2<sup>nd</sup> Dose Scheduler/Vaccine Handler/Parking Lot Volunteers and VACCINATORS! (**remember the vaccinator, post vaccine observer and vaccine handler positions need people who have a medical credential.**) Visit: <a href="http://www.fairbanksacc.org">www.fairbanksacc.org</a> for complete details with shifts.</p>	
	3pm (date may change)	<p><b>Intersectional Feminist Perspectives on the U.S. Military Draft: The Politics of Inclusion, Compulsion, and Progress</b> - Panel re National Coalition for Men v. Selective Service System, a soon-to-be landmark [U.S. Supreme Court] case regarding women and the military draft. This landmark decision could importantly lead to the abolition of draft ("Selective Service") registration, leave Selective Service registration limited to men, or establish a precedent for the expansion of draft registration to women. As grassroots opposition to the military draft and draft registration seems to be systematically ignored by Congress, this panel will feature student activists, academics, and intersectional activists outside of the university who have varying views on why the draft should not be expanded to women... <b>email <a href="mailto:sebastian.a.munoz-mcdonald.23@dartmouth.edu">sebastian.a.munoz-mcdonald.23@dartmouth.edu</a></b></p>	<p>zoom &amp; YouTube Open to Public (@FeministsAgainstTheDraft on <a href="#">TikTok</a> and <a href="#">Instagram</a>) or</p>
	5-6pm	<p><b>Alaska's Time to Thrive: Fireside Chats</b> pillar 5: <b>Combating environmental injustice and ensuring healthy lives for all.</b> <a href="#">Alaska's Just Transition Collective</a> is hosting a series of virtual listening spaces to gather feedback from the community about the <a href="#">THRIVE agenda</a>. We are envisioning listening spaces for community brainstorming, feedback, and engagement, facilitated by our JTC organizers and featuring local experts to provide insight and hold space for community contributions. If you weren't able to make it to the initial webinar you can <a href="#">watch and share the recording of "Alaska's Time to THRIVE" Webinar here</a>.</p>	<p><a href="#">Register for Alaska's Time to THRIVE Fireside Chats</a></p>
	6-7 pm	<p><a href="#">"Springing Out" – Next Generations Prepare for a New Season</a> April signals the beginning of spring here in Alaska. For many Alaska Natives that means time to start preparing for summer activities, like making and mending fishnets and beginning to hunt small game such as muskrat. Spring is also a time of renewal. In this talk our guests, Jessica Black and Tristan Madros, will discuss how younger generations are renewing Alaska Native traditions, including seasonal lifeways. 907-451-3906</p>	<p><a href="http://www.morrishompsoncenter.org/event/springing-out-next-generations-prepare-for-a-new-season/">www.morrishompsoncenter.org/event/springing-out-next-generations-prepare-for-a-new-season/</a></p>
Wednesday April 21	9-10 am	<p><b>Suicide Among Post-9/11 Service [Military] Members and Veterans: understanding Rates and Causes</b> All webinars will be broadcast live on the <a href="#">Pardee Center's YouTube channel</a>. Part of the "20 Years of War" Research Series – Spring 2021</p>	<p><a href="#">Please RSVP here</a></p>
	12- 1:30pm	<p><b>Alaska Food Policy Council <a href="#">Quarterly Food Systems Discussion Series: COLD STORAGE &amp; TRANSPORTATION</a></b> - presentation and working session on cold storage and food transportation in Alaska. The session will end with an active breakout session to gather feedback and thoughts... For more background information, take a look at our first webinar held in January - <a href="#">Food Transportation webinar!</a> [AFPC also reports, 'Financial assistance is available to Alaskan agricultural producers who manage cropland, rangeland, pasture, hayland or non-industrial private forest land via the 2021 <a href="#">Environmental Quality Incentives Program</a>']</p>	<p><a href="#">JOIN VIA ZOOM</a> phone: 253-215-8782 Mtg ID:813 6300 8700 Passcode: 984062</p>
Thursday		<p>Starting Thursday, <b>OneTree Alaska will distribute 200 birch tapping kits to Interior residents</b> who are</p>	<p>Contact OneTree at</p>

April 22	interested in learning about birch tapping. This year, the kits will cost \$40 and participants will have the opportunity to participate in a citizen science activity. Individuals may pick up kits at the OneTree Studio in the Lola Tilly Commons by appointment while supplies last.	<a href="mailto:onetreealaska@gmail.com">onetreealaska@gmail.com</a> to schedule a time.
	The <a href="#"><b>Children's Fundamental Rights and Climate Recovery Resolution</b></a> will be reintroduced in Congress on Earth Day, April 22nd. This forthcoming concurrent congressional resolution...supports the principles underpinning <a href="#"><i>Juliana v. United States</i></a> by recognizing the fundamental rights of children, the disproportionate impacts of the climate crisis on youth, and the need for national climate recovery planning. Visit <a href="#">Congress4Juliana</a> today to call, text, or email your legislators (we've provided easy tools for you to use <a href="#">on our site!</a> !)	
12 pm	<p><b>Earth Week: [EARTH DAY!] HOWL At Noon!</b> Get outside, howl, and raise a ruckus for the earth! Tell your neighbors and friends!</p> <p><b>Wild Species Video Parade</b> - The Species Walk goes virtual! on Channel 11 news</p>	More info at <a href="#">BIT.LY/EARTHWEEK2021</a>
12-1:30pm	There's still time to join Rivera Sun and Veronica Pelicaric's <b>Introduction to Nonviolence Course!</b> The first session began last week, but there are five more left. <a href="#">Learn more and register here</a> and we'll send you the recording for the session you missed.	
5-6pm	<p><i>Alaska's Time to Thrive: Fireside Chats</i> pillar 6: <b>Averting climate and environmental catastrophe</b></p> <p><a href="#">Alaska's Just Transition Collective</a> virtual listening spaces gather feedback from the community about the <a href="#"><b>THRIVE</b> agenda</a>. We envision listening spaces for community brainstorming, feedback, and engagement, ... and featuring local experts to provide insight and hold space for community contributions.</p>	<a href="#">Register for Alaska's Time to THRIVE Fireside Chats</a>
6 pm	<p>Regular <a href="#"><i>FNSB Assembly</i></a> mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough); includes Citizens' Comments; PUBLIC HEARING on <a href="#"><b>Ordinance #2021-17</b></a>.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>An Ordinance Amending FNSBC Title 5 To Provide For Ranked Choice Voting In Municipal Elections; And Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Appropriating \$75,000 From The General Fund Fund Balance To The Multi-Year General Subfund For The Implementation Of And Voter Education About Ranked Choice Voting In Municipal Elections.</u></a> (Sponsor: Assemblymembers Williams and Cooper)</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Participating in Assembly Meetings During COVID-19</u></a></p> <p>There are 3 ways to listen to assembly meetings: Zoom, FNSB live Webcast, KUAC Radio 89.9FM</p>	<a href="#">Zoom only</a> <a href="#">Sign up for telephonic participation</a> <a href="#">Written Testimony</a>
8 -9 pm	<p><b>Greta Thunberg: A Year to Change The World</b> - Activist Greta Thunbert draws attention to the impact of climate change and sails across the ocean. <a href="#"><b>Additional Airings</b></a> 4/23/21, 2 am &amp; 8 pm KUAC HD 9.1; 4/29:2 am KUAC HD 9.1, 5 &amp; 10 pm World 9.2, 4/30: 6 am World 9.2, <b>5/2: 3 pm KUAC HD 9.1</b></p>	KUAC HD 9.1
Friday April 23	11 am Dewey Canyon III, <b>The Historic Vietnam Veterans Protest in Washington: Lessons for Today</b>	Program and registration link <a href="#">here</a>
6-7 pm	<p><b>The Smell of Moosehide- Traditional Regalia Today</b> Join us as special guests Luke Titus and Miranda Wright discuss the importance of traditional regalia in contemporary ceremonies and how to respect the</p>	<a href="https://www.morrisoncenter.org/event/the-smell-of-moosehide-traditional-regalia-today">https://www.morrisoncenter.org/event/the-smell-of-moosehide-traditional-regalia-today</a>

		culture and traditions behind its creation and use. Guest Speakers: Miranda Wright and Luke Titus. Moderator: Sharon Hildebrand. 907-451-3906	moosehide-traditional-regalia-today/
<b>Saturday April 24</b>	all day	<b>Arctic Audubon 2021 spring bird walk</b> for waterfowl, raptors, and other early migrants in... Please contact Frank Keim at 775-762-3510 if you plan to attend	Delta Junction
	all day	<b>UAF Museum of the North Virtual Family Days: Wings: Explore the science and art of wings!</b> From butterflies and birds to bats and airplanes, discover how different wings work, how animals use their wings, and how humans design and build flying vehicles. 907-474-7505. <a href="http://uaf.edu/museum">uaf.edu/museum</a> .	<u>Hands-on activities and videos will be posted on April 24.</u>
	12-3pm	<b>Earth Day Celebration at Pioneer Park -Activities for Families, Seed Planting and More!</b> Co- sponsored by Calypso Farms & The Fairbanks Folk School	Outside at the Folk School, Pioneer Park
		<b><u>After This Week</u></b>	
<b>Tuesday April 27</b>	5-6pm	<i>Alaska's Time to Thrive: Fireside Chats</i> pillar 7: <b>Ensuring fairness for workers and communities affected by economic transitions</b> <a href="#">Alaska's Just Transition Collective</a> is hosting a series of virtual listening spaces to gather feedback from the community about the <a href="#">THRIVE agenda</a> . We are envisioning listening spaces for community brainstorming, feedback, and engagement, ...featuring local experts to provide insight and hold space for community contributions.	<a href="#">Register for Alaska's Time to THRIVE Fireside Chats</a>
	5-6:30p	<a href="#">Regenerative Economy Working Group</a> 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 <a href="#">follow the link</a> to learn more and to sign up.	
<b>Thursday April 29</b>	8-9am	<b>Veterans of the Post 9/11 Wars: The Long-Term Costs of America's Promise to Those Who Serve</b> All webinars will be broadcast live on the <a href="#">Pardee Center's YouTube channel</a> . Part of the "20 Years of War" Research Series – Spring 2021	<a href="#">Please RSVP here</a>
	noon to 1 pm	<b>Legislative session briefing</b> with Louie Flora, Government Affairs Director of the Alaska Center. " Join me as I talk about this year's session and take your questions." via Zoom	<a href="#">Please register in advance &gt;&gt;</a>
	3 pm	<b>Mayday 1971: What it Meant Then and Now - Webinar on May Day 1971 Mass Arrests for Civil Disobedience</b> - Mayday was the largest civil disobedience protest of the American war in Indochina and in US history. More than 12,000 people were detained or arrested in Washington. This webinar features an account of how it was organized and what took place by participants and writers. Panelists will discuss its effect on the war and on the antiwar movement and reflect on comparisons with the January 6 violent assault on the Capitol.	Register <a href="#">here</a> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_u0IDxrFOR3--jzX5MWmKuw">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_u0IDxrFOR3--jzX5MWmKuw</a>
	3 pm	<b>Militarism &amp; Climate Change: Disaster in Progress</b> - A just transition requires not only a transition from fossil fuels to renewables, but also demilitarization... the outrageous carbon emissions of...military, the devastating extraction of materials for war machines and toxic mine waste produced, and the terrible destruction of human life and ecological systems caused by the past few decades of Canada's war initiatives.	

		Host Contact Info: <a href="mailto:canada@worldbeyondwar.org">canada@worldbeyondwar.org</a>	
	5-6pm	<b>Alaska's Time to Thrive: Fireside Chats</b> pillar 8: <b>Reinvesting in public institutions that enable workers and communities to thrive</b> <a href="#">Alaska's Just Transition Collective</a> is hosting a series of virtual listening spaces to gather feedback from the community about the <a href="#">THRIVE agenda</a> . We envision listening spaces for community brainstorming, feedback, and engagement,... and featuring local experts to provide insight and hold space for community contributions.	<a href="#">Register for Alaska's Time to THRIVE Fireside Chats</a>
	5-7pm	Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation "FAST" Planning <b>Bicycle &amp; Pedestrian Advisory Committee Mtg</b> - Monthly on the last Thursday. <a href="https://fastplanning.us/calendar/">https://fastplanning.us/calendar/</a>	100 Cushman St, Suite 205 ( <a href="#">map</a> ) facebook event page <a href="#">HERE</a> .
<b>Friday April 30</b>	6 am	<b>April 30, 1975: Eyewitness Accounts of the End of the War</b> - a webinar of <a href="#">Vietnam Peace Commemoration Committee</a> <a href="https://vnpeacecomm.blogspot.com/">https://vnpeacecomm.blogspot.com/</a> - series of webinars	Register by clicking <a href="#">here</a> .
		<b>Community Roots</b> 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. <b>Pay:</b> \$15/hour + a weekly veggie share. No experience necessary.	<a href="#">Apply now</a> , by April 30 <sup>th</sup> . <a href="mailto:info@calypsofarm.org">info@calypsofarm.org</a>
		<b>KUAC Seeks Applicants for Community Advisory Council</b> If you would like to become further involved with KUAC, apply to serve on the Community Advisory Council. Apply here <a href="https://kuac.org/about-us/kuac-community-advisory-council">https://kuac.org/about-us/kuac-community-advisory-council</a> by April 30 to be considered for the next three-year term. Thank you.	
<b>April 30 - May 1</b>		<b>"Truth, Dissent, &amp; the Legacy of Daniel Ellsberg: A 50th Anniversary Conference Commemorating the Release of the Pentagon Papers"</b> A virtual event sponsored by the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.	<b>For agenda and registration, click <a href="#">here</a></b>
		Alaskans living above the 60 <b>North</b> Latitude line, including all portions of the Sterling Highway, <b>may use studded tires on Alaska roadways until May 15, 2021.</b> <a href="#">2021 Studded Tire Deadline Extended - Press Releases - PIO ...</a> <a href="https://dps.alaska.gov/AST/2021-Studded-Tire-Deadline-Extended-Press-Releases-PIO...">https://dps.alaska.gov/AST/2021-Studded-Tire-Deadline-Extended-Press-Releases-PIO...</a>	
<b>Saturday May 1</b>	8:15am	<a href="#">Juneau Veterans For Peace, chapter 100</a> , mtg. Chapter #100 meets first and third Saturday mornings. All are invited to attend these after-breakfast meetings. Info: chapter president via <a href="mailto:akwilco@gmail.com">akwilco@gmail.com</a>	
	deadline	<b>Tanana Valley Watershed Association 2021 Storm Drain Art Contest</b> - open to all ages - local artists are invited to submit design proposals and,if picked, paint selected storm drains in downtown Fbks area. 10 winners receive \$100 each!	<a href="#">contest rules and application here</a> .

**Also, Adopt-a-Stream is looking for volunteers for Summer 2021!** - a free, flexible program that trains you to be a citizen scientist and gives you all the tools you need to conduct water quality sampling at a local water body of your choice on your own schedule. **2021 training will be held on Saturday, May 15** from 12-2pm at FAST Planning- 100 Cushman Street Suite 205.

[Click here to learn more about Adopt-A-Stream](#)

**Good News category:**

**"The Selective Service Repeal Act of 2021 was introduced in Congress on April 14th with bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate (H.R. 2509 and S. 1139)..."** The Selective Service Repeal Act would:

- \* Repeal the Military Selective Service Act, in its entirety;
- \* Repeal Presidential authority to order registration for a military draft;
- \* Abolish the Selective Service System, including the data center, national and regional offices, and local draft boards that have been appointed and trained for every county in the US (the list of all draft board members has recently been released and posted online for the first time);
  - \* Repeal all Federal sanctions for not having registered with the Selective Service System; and
  - \* Preempt all state sanctions for not having registered with the Selective Service System...

**Urge your Senators and Representative to co-sponsor the Selective Service Repeal Act (H.R. 2509 and S. 1139)** and ask the House and Senate Armed Services Committees [on which Sen Dan Sullivan sits] to hold full and fair hearings that hear from anti-war and anti-draft witnesses, and to act promptly on this bill. <https://www.codepink.org/nodraft2021>

Web version of this article with hyperlinks (please link and re-post):  
<https://www.antiwar.com/blog/2021/04/16/selective-service-repeal-act-introduced-in-congress/>"

*by Edward Hasbrouck, 16 April 2021*

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**"Over twenty cities in the United States have defunded police to fund social services, mental health professionals, unarmed crisis responders, and community-led projects. In addition, citizens are launching a variety of alternative safety mechanisms, including street teams to reduce violence, protective accompaniment for vulnerable persons, and more..."**

All of these solutions share one thing in common: they are rooted in nonviolence. ..

Does your community have something similar?

If not, consider if you can build a culture of nonviolence by learning more and introducing these ideas where you live.

What else can you do?

- Find your local Black Lives Matter group (or Anti-Racist Ally Group) and support them.
- Don't be silent. Condemn the shooting of Daunte Wright and add your voice to those calling for change.

- Sign-up for Active Bystander Training and/or Peace Team Training to learn how to directly interrupt hate and violence. (You can find both Meta Peace Team and DC Peace Team's next trainings on our [Events Page here](#).)
- Train in how to respond to “social emergencies” like state-sanctioned violence toward Black people.
  - [This guide emerged](#) in the wake of Michael Brown’s murder and continues to be relevant today.
  - Learn more about the [alternatives to police that exist](#). Support them locally.

...In solidarity, Rivera, Ryan, Veronica, Erin, Shaina, Ken, Rosie and the [Pace e Bene](#) Team "

[https://www.gp.org/hr\\_1](https://www.gp.org/hr_1)

HR 1, also known as the “For The People Act,” is sold as a way to get money out of politics and to protect voters, but it contains **several poison pills for democracy** and opposition parties like the Green Party. Most alarmingly, HR1 *quintuples* the amount of money Green presidential campaigns will be required to raise to qualify for federal matching funds: from **\$5,000** in each of 20 states to **\$25,000** per state.

The Green Party stands opposed to the anti-democracy poison pills in HR 1, a package that is sold as a “voting rights” bill but would actually undermine everyone’s right to organize electorally against the parties of War and Wall Street. **In a recent Gallup poll, a record 62% of US voters said we need a new major party.**

In addition to quintupling the money presidential candidates must raise to access presidential primary public matching funds, other poison pills in HR1 would:

- Abolish the general election campaign block grants that parties can access by winning at least 5% of the vote in the previous presidential election. HR1 would *eliminate* this provision that was created to give a fair shot to alternative parties that demonstrate significant public support
- Replace the general election block grants (where each qualified candidate receives a set, lump sum of public funding for campaign expenses) with matching funds through Election Day — a huge step backwards for public campaign finance reform — using the above-mentioned criteria designed to squeeze out alternative parties and independent candidates
- Eliminate the limits on donations and expenditures candidates can receive and make — what kind of campaign finance reform is *that*?
- Inflate the amount of money national party committees can give to candidates from \$5000 to \$100 million, an astonishing increase of 1999900% that would give party bosses virtually unlimited power to flood elections with big money

HR 1 contains *some* good provisions to combat voter suppression and enact incremental electoral reforms in the right direction. But democracy depends as much on the right to *run* for office in elections as the right to *vote* in elections. As the infamous Boss Tweed said “you can vote for anyone you like, as long I get to pick the candidates!” The anti-democracy poison pills must be removed from HR 1 before it can be passed.

Instead of trying to fool American voters and eliminating alternative party voices, the Green Party calls for real reforms to democratize elections:

- The Fair Representation Act, introduced in 2018 and 2019, would enact Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) and multi-member districts for Congressional elections, giving voters more power and more choice.
- Individual state governments should enact RCV for their elections, including the presidential election.
- Fully-public campaign finance for every federal, state and local office through the Clean Money/Clean Elections model now used in Arizona and Maine

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

*"Hello from Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, for the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>:*

*In our last Asymmetrical Moose Inquest Into the Operations of the War Racket we heard testimony - curtesy The Alaska Post, Fort Wainwright Alaska - from **I. M. Ironman**, Major General Ross Coffman. Discussing plans to keep half of the world's population in line by invading **roughly 27 million square kilometers of the Indo-Pacific region with "optionally manned" armored vehicles**.*

*Today's inquiry will focus on a far too little addressed problem: the systemic seduction, abuse, and moral corruption of our young people by representatives of the U.S. Department of Defense via our system of public education.*

*A photo on the front page of the April 5<sup>th</sup> issue of the Fairbanks Daily News Miner speaks a thousand words more than does the article's author. In the photo a somewhat confused looking teenager is holding a giant (non-negotiable) check from the United States Marine Corps, written in the amount of \$180,000. Supposedly the value of a scholarship he was being awarded by the Marines. The boy and his obviously suspiciously-concerned parents are staring at a uniformed member of the Corps. Neither the parents, nor the young man, had a clue why they had been called into City Hall for the meeting. Mayor Jim Matherly did, so did Governor Dunleavy. The Marine sergeant having gotten the boy's contacts from the school district, played the young man with workout sessions and promises. Had anyone beside a military recruiter done similarly, might they not be considered, at best a pervert, possibly a stalker? The News Miner's Amanda Bohman called him a mentor.*

*Members of the Jury, please keep the above image in mind as you listen carefully to the following testimony from military veterans: Army Specialist Robert Acosta, Sergeant Kelly Dougherty, Demound Mullins, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Paul Rieckoff, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Melissa Stockwell, USMC Sgt. Rob Sarra, Army PFC Harold Noel, Spc. 4 Aidan Delgado, USMC Staff Sergeant (Recruiter) Jimmy Massey, US Navy Petty Officer Charlie Anderson, and US Army Lt. Col. David Grossan on the subject truth in recruiting.*

*As you listen, please also keep in mind Secretary of Defense General Lloyd J. Austin III's recent promise to route extremism out of the US military services, and then ask yourself this question, "Do these testimonies not point out the proper place to commence that necessary project?*

*The following interviews were excerpted from the movie **The Ground Truth** from Focus Features [www.focusfeatures.com/the\\_ground\\_truth](http://www.focusfeatures.com/the_ground_truth).*

*The following is a Public Service Announcement from Anti war comedy writer/director Jonny Lewis ([www.antiwarcomedyshorts.com](http://www.antiwarcomedyshorts.com)) on the same subject matter.*

*Wage Peace."*

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