



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of May 9th, 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?
<u>MAY 11</u>		<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><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.</p>	https://www.fairbanksacc.org/
		<p>"It's still happening," Nofziger told <i>Medscape Medical News</i>. "one of the largest health care fraud schemes ever charged." ...[V]arious enterprises collectively charged Medicare and other federal healthcare programs for \$2.1 billion for unnecessary cancer genetic tests, billed for as much as \$23,000 a piece, according to criminal indictments that were handed down in September 2019... the perpetrators of cancer genetics testing schemes may now be switching their marketing scripts to genetic testing for heart disease because the latter is a complication related to COVID-19 and therefore more sellable. "Scammers follow the headlines," <i>excerpts from article by nmulcahy@medscape.net and on Twitter: @MulcahyNick</i> <i>Find more about protecting from fraud here.</i></p>	
		<p>:: May 1-31: Fairbanks Birding Challenge. an all-ages, all-abilities, month-long outdoor scavenger hunt during spring migration in the Fairbanks North Star Borough! ...beginning birdwatchers, seasoned pros, and everyone in between... special level just for kids! You can participate as an individual, in a team, or as a family. The goal is to find all of the birds on your list during the month of May. All proceeds support the Alaska Songbird Institute's <u>Creamer's Field Migration Station</u>.</p> <p>:: May 7-28: Fairbanks Arts May Exhibitions: Megan Perra and Caitlin Scarano, and Klara Maisch. . TouchStone by Klara Maisch comprises 100 paintings of a personal collection of handheld-sized rocks from all over Alaska... [&] explores the ecology of the Porcupine Caribou Herd ...through visual art paired with poetry. ... For more information, contact (907) 251-8386 or email gallery@fairbanksarts.org</p>	within the Fairbanks North Star Borough
Sunday May 9		<p>The Missile Defense Agency Announces the Availability of the Long Range Discrimination Radar Operations, Clear Air Force Station, Alaska Final Environmental Impact Statement</p> <p>For a downloadable copy of the Final EIS, visit https://www.mda.mil/system/lrdr.</p>	Bear Gallery, Pioneer Park, Fairbanks. Open 12-6

Tuesday May 11	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.	
	5:30 - 7pm	Fbks Diversity Council Mtg "...to provide a citizens forum, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan for the community. The FDC supports many different cultural and social activities ...[and] comes together to discuss & work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. Contact info: cyclerk@fairbanks.us or 907-479-6702	zoom link or City Hall, 800 Cushman St
	6 pm	Airport Way/Steese Expressway Reconstruction Project AK DOT&PF online public mtg and online open house to learn more. www.GARSreconstruciton.com or 907-644-2000 or info@garsreconstruciton.com	
	7 pm	Fish Hatchery Tour & Talk - "Did you know that many Interior lakes & ponds are stocked with salmon & trout grown in Fairbanks at the Ruth Burnett Fish Hatchery? The public is invited to a mtg of Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Assoc... to see how [it] works... Please observe Covid-conscious measures." <i>FDNM 5/7</i>	Info: TVSA pres. Grant Lewis at 488-2884
Wednesday May 12	9 am	Suicide Postvention Training is happening on Wed. May 12 from 9am to 2:30PM. To register please contact Cindy at info@fairbankswellness.org .	
Thursday May 13	6:30	Reconvened Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly mtg	agenda here
	7 pm	Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg - All welcome! Finalizing plans for May 22 nd Peace Feast, a new bus sign; and getting a start on our booth at the Tanana Valley State Fair. Contact info@alaskapeace.org or visit www.alaskapeace.org for more information.	zoom link
Friday May 14		Volunteers Needed to help at the Interior Alaska Land Trust table at the Outdoor/Home Show. Meet like-minded volunteers; Get a free pass; Share your love for conservation. Please fill out this Doodle Poll to sign up for one or more two-hour timeslots. Facemasks are required to be worn at all times during the event.	Tanana Valley Fairgrounds Thank you!
	12-1pm	Tugging at Our Roots - Alaska Native Medicinal Plants part of Denakkanaaga's Our People Speak - Alaska Native cultural online series - 451-3906	www.morrishampsoncenter.org/live
Saturday May 15		May 15th is International Conscientious Objectors Day - The Value of Conscientious Objection - a perfect opportunity to take some time to contemplate and appreciate the value of conscientious objection (CO). The very process of applying for status as a conscientious objector challenges the institution of war. http://www.centeronconscience.org/pubs/articles/252-value-of-co.html . ccw@centeronconscience.org .	Center on Conscience & War 202-483-2220 1830 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009
		"Borough wants input as it updates its Comprehensive Recreational Trail Plan... to create an inventory of trail needs, issues, ideas, and valuesll to guide trail protection and management... [to] remain publicly accessible... 3 ways [to] provide feedback... detailed at www.fnsbtrailsplan.com ... 10-min anonymous survey ...completed by May 15... comment on interactive mapping tool... <i>Contact [News-Miner] reporter</i>	

		<i>Maisie Thomas at 459-7544.</i>	
	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	
	9am	Half-day Audubon Riedel Nature Reserve Field Trip . Explore the Reserve and learn about the songbirds and forest birds that call it home. Visit www.arcticaudubon.org to see a map of where to park and meet. Bring a lunch or snack; some people may find that walking sticks are helpful. Meet at the Reserve - parking is at the Fbks North Star Borough site accessed off Amanita Rd, first left after Milky Way.	Please contact Darla Theisen at 907-687-1929 if you plan to attend.
		Fairbanks Paddlers boat swap - 10-11am drop off non-motorized boats & paddling gear to sell... 11am - 2pm the sale will be live. Pick up unsold items after 2pm. 15% of sales donated to Fbks Paddlers Club. Face coverings required when interacting. Questions? info@fairbankspaddlers.org	Beaver Sports 3480 College Rd
	10-12p	Drip Irrigation Basics - https://calypsofarm.org/product/drip-irrigation-basics/	
	1:30pm film & 3 pm webinar	Webinar on "Sir, No Sir" - Free viewing of the upgraded film about resistance to the Vietnam war within the US military, followed by discussion with filmmaker. Sponsored by Vietnam Peace Commemoration Committee Sir No Sir Displaced Films https://www.displacedfilms.com/films/sir-no-sir/ see the trailer.	Register here
		War Tax Resistance Resources for Tax Season 2021 The National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC) is providing more online resources as part of a Tax Season 2021. Despite... the pandemic, payments to weapons manufacturers have not skipped a beat.	READ MORE
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Sunday May 16	8-9am 6-7pm	Community News & Opportunities for Action goes on break - substitute programming will be heard on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM until this show resumes.	
Monday May 17		Federal Income Tax Filing Deadline for 2021 (extended from April 15 due to the pandemic) There is no IRS office in Fairbanks. In support of tax filing, the library offers : Access to paper forms , Computer Use (currently by appointment) for printing forms or for filing your taxes, Forms printed by request for pickup, Information about current AARP Tax Aide options. And/or, go to irs.gov " https://www.warresisters.org/war-tax-resistance War tax resistance is refusing to pay some or all of those federal taxes that contribute to military spending." "Estimated U.S. military spending is \$934 billion. It covers the period October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021.1 Military spending is the second-largest item in the federal budget after Social Security," per U.S. & World Economies [Read about it] "The National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee supports individuals who refuse to pay for war, and promotes war tax resistance in the context of a broad range of nonviolent strategies for social change. Through the redirection of our tax dollars, war tax resisters contribute directly to the struggle for peace and justice for all." https://nwtrcc.org/	http://www.centeronconscience.org/pubs/articles/252-value-of-co.html ccw@centeronconscience.org

		<p>Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District FSWCD is looking for volunteers for the 2021 Tree Sale from Monday, May 17th to Saturday, May 22nd at the Tanana Valley Fairgrounds:</p> <p>Morning shift from 10:00am to 2:00pm Afternoon shift from 2:00pm to 6:00pm</p> <p>Tasks will include reading order spreadsheets, tagging and wrapping trees, and checking individuals in when they come to pick up their orders. This is a family-friendly event with volunteer tasks for all ages. Snacks and drinks will be provided!</p> <p>Please email vista.fswcd@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. Volunteer shifts are flexible, so let me know what day and times you are available and if you will be bringing anyone else with you.</p>	<p>Tessa Holmes Project Development Specialist Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District 907-479-1213 ext. 5 cell: 440-821-8274 vista.fswcd@gmail.com</p>
	10:30a 11:50a	Tree Plantings by Fairbanks Arbor Day Committee	Bluebell Park Slaterville Park Pearl Crk Elem.
	7pm	North Pole City Council mtg	
Wednesday May 19	comment deadline	<p>AK DEC Public Notice: Application for Oil Discharge Prevention & Contingency Plan received from ... Eielson Air Force Base, to meet all requirements for prevention and response for a realistic max discharge from the operations of the Air Force Base and associated facilities, over 19,790 acres across Fbks North Star Borough, including Oklahoma and Yukon Training Ranges, & Blair Lake Gunnery Range. Total storage capacity is 30.6 million gallons of petroleum products such as JP-8, diesel, and gasoline, plus a 13.2 mile pipeline from North Pole PetroStar refinery to Eielson Air Force Base. Potential risk exists of oil spills entering the lands or waters of the state.</p> <p>For more info or to provide comments, see https://dec.alaska.gov/comment/, or in writing - call DEC at 907-451-2164 or email kama.mayne@alaska.gov. Public hearing will be held IF good cause is determined.</p>	<p>See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eielson_Air_Force_Base#Environmental_problems for back-ground on EAFB history of superfund, VOCs, PCBs, PFOS, PFAS</p>
Thursday May 20	May 20 -30	10th International Uranium Film Festival Rio de Janeiro , Online from May 20 to May 30, 2021 - We are proud to announce the 10th International Uranium Film Festival Rio de Janeiro 2021. Due to the ongoing Corona Virus restrictions It will be the festival's first online edition in cooperation with the Cinemateque (link is external) of Rio de Janeiro's prestigious Modern Art Museum (MAM Rio) (link is external) . 10 Years Fukushima - 76 Years Hiroshima & Nagasaki - 10 Years Uranium Film Festival	https://uraniumfilmfestival.org/en/rio-2021
	May 20-22 11a- 4p	Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District will host its annual tree and shrub sale . Pre-order online at www.fswcdtrees.com We are still planning on having order pickups ready between May 20th – 22 nd . For all questions, contact FSWCD directly at 907-479-1213, Ext.108, or FSWCD.trees@gmail.com	590 University Ave. (USDA parking lot).
Saturday May 22	8-11am	Birding By Ear at Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge. What do you hear? Returning songbirds stake out nesting territory by singing, and this is a hopping time of year! Learn more about identifying birds by sound. JJ Frost will lead the walk. Please contact Beth Grassi at 907-957-1050 if you plan to attend.	
	10-11a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Out of the Darkness Walk. Register at: www.afsp.org/fairbanks . This is a fundraiser for	

		American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.	
	12-2pm	8th Annual PEACE FEAST - Celebrating Peace Makers in our community - Enjoy Free socially-distanced free barbecue supplemented by potluck, while learning from a wide variety of folks who have been doing work that strengthens Peace, Justice, and Sustainability. <i>info@alaskapeace.org for more information.</i>	Pioneer Park Square Dance Pavilion
Tuesday May 25	4:30-5:30pm	The Fairbanks Suicide Prevention Work Group is meeting monthly on the last Tuesday at 4:30 to 5:30 PM.	
Monday May 31		Memorial Day - per Sally McMillan A DAY TO. REMEMBER- -THE LOST LIVES -THE COST OF WAR -THE DESTRUCTION OF PLANET EARTH A DAY TO- -CHOOSE PEACE	Borough busses & offices closed, most government & business offices on holiday
June-August		Notice of Herbicide Use on the Alaska Railroad Rail System... "Vegetation Control... is necessary to allow track visibility & inspection, prevent tripping hazards, and to prevent accelerated deterioration of track... also includes manual and mechanical methods...All portions will receive one application. Some... second... Products Used: Alligare Glyphosate 4 Plus & MSM 60 Triclopyr 3; Bayer Oust Extra; Corteva Milestone; Novita MSO & Drift Control & Foam No More. e: public_comment@akrr.com ; 907-265-2671 (Stephanie) More Info: AlaskaRailroad.com >CORPORATE.Safety>Vegetation Management.	rail track from Seward to Fbks & Salcha
		Summer Camps for Kids are listed in a special section of the April 23 2021 Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. Topics of peace, justice, and sustainability include: Bug Camp; Clean Energy in Alaska, Eco Camp, Junior Gardener, Learning from Kk'eyh', (birch tree), Nature Scouts, Public Library Reading Programs, Bonanza Creek Science Adventure, Running, Junior Master Gardeners, Ocean Week, various arts, and more. Visit summer365.alaska.edu .	contact at summer@alaska.edu t. 474-7021 UAF Summer Sessions
Fri-Sunday June 4-6	register now	#NoWar2021 Virtual Conference: June 4-6, 2021 From Weapons Fairs to War Zones: Unraveling the War Machine	https://nowar2021.worldbeyondwar.org/
Thursday June 3	7 pm	Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg - All welcome! Plans for our booth at the Tanana Valley State Fair. Contact info@alaskapeace.org or visit www.alaskapeace.org for more information.	zoom link
Monday June 7	comment deadline	Oil Discharge Prevention & Contingency Plan # 21-CP-5261 of Borealis Alaska Oil exploration drilling in NPRA near Inigok, 50 mi SW of Nuiqsut. Copies at http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVCI/IPP/CPlansUnderReview .	https://dec.alaska.gov/comment/
June 7 -		6-Week Online Course: War & Environment - Grounded in research on peace and ecological security,	Register here

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this course focusses on the relationship between two existential threats: war and environmental catastrophe. We will cover:

- Where wars happen and why.
- What wars do to the earth.
- What imperial militaries do to the earth back home.
- What nuclear weapons have done and could do to people and the planet.
- How this horror is hidden and maintained.
- What can be done.

\$100 (Pay less if you have to, more if you can.) A local donor can sponsor a local participant.
Email alaskapeacenews@gmail.com with subject line: **I want to take Course: War & Environment**

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

" This is the Asymmetric Moose, Rob Mulford, reminding you active duty and reservist service members, out there: Are you experiencing trouble with your enlistment; considering conscientious objector status, or just in need of counseling by professionals trained in the Uniformed Code of Military Justice? Call the G.I. Rights Hotline at 877-447-4487. The call may save you a lot of grief. It may even save your life.

Wage Peace!"

-- *Breaking Down the Walls* by Susan Grace
-- *Where I'm Bound* by Robin Dale Ford
-- *Voices by October's Gate*
-- *World Without Tomorrow* by Floyd Crow Westerman
-- *Travelin' Soldier* by Dixie Chicks
-- *Boys and Their Toys* by Susan Grace
-- *By My Silence* by Ellen Bukstel
-- *Someday We'll All Be Free* by Keb' Mo'

Thanks to you who provided feedback to last week's news!

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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