

Alaska Peace Center Community News and Actions (and KWRK-LP 90.9 FM Radio Report on Mondays, 10am)

Week of April 24, 2017

Have your pens ready for opportunities to participate!

Briefly: (keep track of the numbers of items you are interested in; I will return to them by number in more detail.)

In the recent past:

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Model United Nations clubs in Alaska high schools Stand For Salmon Fairbanks Kick-Off event

oil well leaking natural gas on Alaska's North Slope

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Ongoing:

1. **KWRK 90.9FM schedule is available**

2. **Stand For Salmon campaign**

3. **Lawsuit: Army should factor PTSD in discharge decisions.**

In the near future:

Monday, April 24th :

4. **Safe City Fairbanks planning mtg**

5. **City Council mtg**

Tuesday, April 25th: Legislative committee hearings & public testimony

6. **PUBLIC TESTIMONY on HJR 19 Arctic Marine Safety Agreement.**

7. **PUBLIC TESTIMONY on HB 215 DHSS: Public Health Fees**

8. **PUBLIC TESTIMONY on HB 74: Driver's License, ID Cards, & Real ID Act**

9. **PUBLIC TESTIMONY on HB 115 Income Tax; PFD Payment/Credit.**

10. **statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Week of the Arctic's economic development**

11. **March On Steering Committee mtg**

12. **FCAC Policy & Politics Working Group mtg.**

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13. **PUBLIC TESTIMONY- HB 115: Income Tax; PFD Payment/Credit.**

14. **Community Feedback on Opioid Prevention**

15. **FCAC Interfaith Working Grp mtg**

Thursday, April 27th : Legislative committee hearings & public testimony:

16. **Approval of Bristol Bay Sulfide Mine.**

17. **Insurance Coverage for Contraceptives.**

18. **PUBLIC TESTIMONY on HB 115: Income Tax; PFD Payment/Credit.**

19. **PUBLIC HEARING, Additional \$229k...Related to F-35 Basing ...And Approving ...A Contract Of \$358k**

20. **HB 105: Denali Wolf Special Management Area**

21. **Alaska Peace Center Potluck & Movie**

Saturday, April 29th

22. **Fairbanks Out of the Darkness Community Walk**

23. **Clean Up Day**

24. **Celebrate the return of spring and migratory birds**

Sunday, April 30th :

25. **Kids for Environmental Action mtg**

After this week:

26. **Alaska Peace Center mtg**

27. **Fairbanks Peace Choir Spring concert**

28. **Friends of Fox Spring citizens' fundraising campaign**

In more detail:

In the recent past:

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Fairbanksan Rich Seifert, traveling in D.C. really liked this sign he saw there: Got polio? Me neither. Thank Science!

Model United Nations clubs in Alaska high schools have been gaining membership and activities.

Stand For Salmon had a Fairbanks Kick-Off event that was well attended.

--“[An oil well leaking natural gas](#) on Alaska’s North Slope was successfully plugged...Employees on Friday morning [4-14-17] discovered uncontrolled natural gas flowing from the top of a well house...45 minutes later, they determined the well was spraying a mist of crude oil into the air. BP reported the lead and set up a joint response team with state, federal, and municipal responders...[Per] a weekend statement... two leaks were detected...Responders...pump[ed] in a solution of methanol and saltwater, killing the well.”_(from FDNewsMiner)

“**The U.S. Supreme Court spared the life of an Arkansas inmate** minutes before his death warrant was set to expire Monday, scuttling efforts to resume the death penalty after nearly 12 years in the state with a plan to carry out four double executions before its supply of a lethal injection drug expires...Gov. Asa Hutchinson...said the state would continue to push for the other lethal injections to be carried out. Two inmates are set to be put to death Thursday.” (from AP via FDNewsMiner 4-18-17)

A note from history of this date: **April 18, 1967, 3 to 400,000 people participated in peace demonstrations** around the country. Secretary of State Dean Rusk accused them of being communists, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for speaking against the war the U.S. was waging in Vietnam.

Ongoing:

1. **KWRK 90.9FM schedule is available** on its website kwrk.org, and we will endeavor to make periodic announcements on air of what is coming up. KWRK has also been increasing its local programming, so keep tuned, and support your local, all-volunteer radio station that brings you programs you won’t hear elsewhere in Interior Alaska.
2. **Stand For Salmon campaign** to “update Title 16: Alaska’s Fish Habitat Permit Law to guide decisions on projects that have the potential to irreparably harm our salmon, now in House Bill 199. More information and links are at standforsalmon.org
3. **Lawsuit: Army should factor PTSD in discharge decisions.** from the AP via Fbks Daily NewsMiner 4-18-17: “A federal lawsuit alleges the U.S. Army has issued less-than-honorable discharges for potentially thousands of service members without adequately considering the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health conditions. Two Army veterans from Connecticut who served in Iraq and Afghanistan say in the lawsuit filed Monday in New Haven that they were wrongly denied honorable discharges. They say a review board set to give veterans a second chance often doesn’t do an adequate job in considering PTSD and related conditions. Acting Army Secretary Speer is named as the defendant. Students and professors with the Yale Law School Veterans Legal Services Clinic filed the case on behalf of the veterans. They are seeking class-action status. An Army spokesman said the branch doesn’t generally comment on pending litigation.” As someone who used to volunteer with G.I.Rights Hotline, I can attest that this kind of injustice has been widespread. If you have questions about a discharge upgrade, contact GIRights Hotline: www.girights.org, 1-877-477-4487, or call local attorney Alison Carter: 907-322-8661.

In the near future:

Monday, April 24th :

4. 6:30-8:30pm **Safe City Fairbanks planning** mtg at Sesame Place, 3535 College Rd, This group is working to engage in a dialogue with community leaders regarding underrepresented members in our community who are feeling disconnected and afraid due to the current national rhetoric and incendiary political climate. For more information please email safecityFBX@gmail.com.
5. 7pm Fairbanks **City Council mtg** at City Hall, 800 Cushman St.

Tuesday, April 25th: Legislative committee hearings & public testimony at the Legislative Information office (below).

Call 452-4448 to be sure times haven’t changed, submit public opinion messages, or to find out the status of legislation you care about.

6. 11:30am House Arctic Policy, Economic Development and Tourism Committee: **PUBLIC TESTIMONY on HJR 19 Arctic Marine Safety Agreement.**
7. 3pm House Health & Social Services Committee: **PUBLIC TESTIMONY on HB 215 DHSS: Public Health Fees**
8. 3:30pm House Finance Committee **PUBLIC TESTIMONY on HB 74: Driver’s License, ID Cards, & Real ID Act**
You can also call 907-465-4648 for a call-in #, and access online at www.akleg.gov, or watch on Gavel to Gavel. Submit written testimony to housefinance@akleg.gov.
9. 5pm Senate Labor & Commerce Committee **PUBLIC TESTIMONY on HB 115 Income Tax; PFD Payment/Credit.**
Not-In-Person options as above except call-in# is via 907-465-4968.
10. 3:30-5pm FNSB Economic Development Commission to include the draft goals and action plan of the **statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**, and Preview of **Week of the Arctic’s economic**

development initiatives and activities.

11. 5-6:30pm **March On Steering Committee** Mtg at Lunch Cafe & Eatery, 206 Driveway St.

Contact marchonfbx@gmail.com. (from FAF)

12. 7-8:30pm **FCAC Policy & Politics Working Group** mtg. Contact allison.in.ak@gmail.com or call Enei at 374-5950.

Wednesday, April 26th : Legislative committee hearings & public testimony at the Legislative Information office (below).

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13. 5pm Senate Labor & Commerce Committee **PUBLIC TESTIMONY- HB 115: Income Tax; PFD Payment/Credit.**

14. 10-11:30am **Community Feedback on Opioid Prevention**: Noel Wien Public Library Auditorium, 1215 Cowles St. **Fairbanks Wellness Coalition** will present the findings of our prevention needs assessment of the non-medical use of prescription opioids and heroin use in our community. This meeting will be held during the **Fairbanks Opioid Workgroup's April public meeting** so that we can hear feedback about the assessment and share ideas on how to develop strategies to address this issue in the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

If you have any questions, please call 907-374-0204 or email fwcinfo@iacnvl.org (from FAF)

15. 4-6pm, **FCAC Interfaith Working Grp** mtg: University Community Presbyterian Church, 3510 College Rd.

Thursday, April 27th : Legislative committee hearings & public testimony:

16. 10am House Fisheries Committee will discuss HB 14: Legislative **Approval of Bristol Bay Sulfide Mine.**

17. 1:30pm House Finance Committee will discuss HB 25: **Insurance Coverage for Contraceptives.**

18. 5pm Senate Labor & Commerce Committee **PUBLIC TESTIMONY** on HB 115: **Income Tax; PFD Payment/Credit.**

19. After 6pm, **PUBLIC HEARING** on 16 items...[#16] **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-20-2F, Appropriating an Additional \$229,197...to develop Growth Management Plan Related to F-35 Basing ...And Approving ...A Contract to Arcadis U.S. Inc In The Amount Of \$358,336 at FbksNorthStarBorough Assembly Mtg.** Assembly Chambers, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks <http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/>

Friday, April 28th : Legislative committee hearings & public testimony:

20. 1:30pm House Finance Committee will discuss **HB 105: Denali Wolf Special Management Area**

21. 6pm, **Alaska Peace Center Potluck & Movie**, 3535 College Rd. ste 203, across the parking lot from Gulliver's Books. info@alaskapeace.org.

Saturday, April 29th : There will be legislative committee meetings but no public hearings planned yet.

22. 9:30am 6th Annual **Fairbanks Out of the Darkness Community Walk** starting at Griffin Park next to the Morris Thompson Cultural Center! Check-in and registration opens at 9:30 am. Opening ceremony about 10:45 am. Start time is 11am. End time is at 12 noon. We walk rain or shine, so please be prepared for any weather. The walk is about three miles on a paved path and neighborhood roads. We do share the path with others, so please follow the path rules. The route is not technically challenging, has some elevation change, and is wheelchair friendly throughout the majority of its length; however not entirely flat. No registration fees but participants are encouraged to fundraise. To register please visit: www.afsp.org/fairbanks. More information: email bmclay08@gmail.com or call (907) 378-3824. (from FAF)

23. Fairbanks **Clean Up Day**. For bags & information: <http://midnightsunbsa.org/programs/council-programs/clean-up-day.html> (from NAEC)

24. **Celebrate the return of spring and migratory birds to Fairbanks.** [Creamer's Field](http://www.creamersfield.org), the [Arctic Audubon society](http://www.arcticaudubon.org), and [REI](http://www.rei.com) will all host events celebrating the birds of interior Alaska all day. (from NAEC, 830 College Rd Fairbanks, AK www.northern.org 907.452.5021)

Sunday, April 30th :

25. 1-2pm, **Kids for Environmental Action** mtg at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 4448 Pikes Landing Rd. (fr FCAC)

After this week:

26. Thursday May 4th: 7pm **Alaska Peace Center** mtg info@alaskapeace.org or www.alaskapeace.org.

27. Saturday May 6th: **Fairbanks Peace Choir** performs its **Spring concert** 7 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. 4448 Pikes Landing Rd.

Featured is the premiere performance of "Birches in May", with lyrics and music by David Bowen. Director Gianna Drogheo and pianist, Dr. Paul Krejci lead the choir in "helping to create a culture of peace through song". Come, enjoy the spirit and the singing. Dessert follows the concert. Info at 457-8086.

28. May 6th 4-8pm **Friends of Fox Spring citizens' group** is conducting a **fundraising campaign at the Howling Dog** in partnership with the local non-profit foundation, North Star Community Foundation, in order to follow through with an agreement with DOT-PF to financially support the Fox Spring/Well maintenance and operations budget for the coming fiscal year July 1, 2017-July 1, 2018. The Fox watering site will remain open to the public after June 30 this year ONLY if water users and supporters step up to completely finance this endeavor to the tune of \$30-50,000 for the year according to DOT-PF estimates and averages over the past 50 years. The Fox watering point will be shut down June 30 unless we act together. Donations can be made on-line <nscfundalaska.org> under the Friends of Fox Spring link or by mail to Friends of Fox Spring, PO. Box 82290, FBX, AK 99708. Call (907)378-6744 for further information. Keeping the Fox Spring in the public domain is the goal. In addition, a benefit for the Spring will be held at the Howling Dog on the evening of Saturday, May 6, from 4-8 pm.

Outside Alaska

Legislative Action

<https://www.veteransforpeace.org/take-action/legislative-action/>

Trainings, Speakers, other activities:

<http://www.paceebene.org/event/> <http://nonviolencetraininghub.org/> <http://www.codepink.org>

from <http://www.paceebene.org/event/> [Nonviolent Witness at Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab](#) 4-14-17 Livermore, CA

--From Veterans For Peace: ...

April 23-29 - [3rd Annual Shut Down Creech in Las Vegas, NV](#) **April 29** - [Peoples Climate Movement March](#) in Washington D.C. **May 1** - [May Day](#)

May 5-7 [National War Tax Resistance Gathering: Raising the Stakes: Resistance and Community Survival in Troubled Times](#)

Aug 9-13 - [VFP Annual Convention-"Education Not Militarization"](#), Chicago

Resources for Peace, Justice, and Sustainability;

Find much useful information and links at our updated website www.alaskapeace.org or <http://alaskapeace.wordpress.com>.

Alaska Peace Center Winter Open Hours Fridays 5-7pm: Come browse our library of literature & media relevant to peace, justice, and sustainability, have a cup of tea or coffee; discuss what's going on, or watch a movie.

Email Alaska Peace Center at info@alaskapeace.org. The website is alaskapeace.org; also Facebook.

We have many local, state, national, and international events and resources listed and available: please contact us at info@alaskapeace.org for more information and details, or to get on our email list, to which the expanded news brief is sent.

Northern Alaska Environmental Center <http://northern.org/>

Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition calendar: <http://fairbanksclimateaction.org/index.php/events-and-meetings/>

Fairbanks Activist Forum calendar: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=fairbanksactivistsforum%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Anchorage>

MarchonFBX: <https://marchonfbx.com/alerts/>

Rapid Response Alerts Hashtag #FBXaction for spur of the moment actions.

Fairbanks North Star Borough assembly meets alternate Thursday evenings:

<http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/cp/Documents/FNSB%20MEETING%20DATES%20AND%20DEADLINES.pdf>

2017 Alaska State Legislature... <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/start.asp>

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE [LIO]: 452-4448, in AlaskaUSA bldg. on Sadler Way just south of HomeDepot

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Senator.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov, (R-Fks, district A), 1-877-655-3709;

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Representative.Dave.Talerico@akleg.gov (R-Healy distr 6) 1-800-491-4527;

Representative.Steve.Thompson@akleg.gov (R-Fbks distr 2) 1-877-465-3004;

Representative.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov (R-North Pole distr 3) 1-800-860-4797;

Representative.Adam.Wool@akleg.gov (D-Fbks distr 5) 1-866-465-4976.

Alaska's Congressional delegation: Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121;

Rep.DonYoung in DC: t.202-225-5765 or toll-free 1-866-990-5979/fax 202-225-0425; in Fbks 456-0210/f.456-0279; in Anch 907-271-5978/f.907-271-5950;

Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov; AK offices in Fbks 100 Cushman St ste 307; Anch: 4241 B st, ste 203

Sen.LisaMurkowski in DC: t.202-224-6665; Fbks-t.456-0233/fax 451-7146; Anch-907-271-5978/f.877-857-0322; JNU-586-7277/f.(907)586-7201;

Wasilla-376-7665/f. 376-8526; Kenai-283-5808/f.283-4363 Email via: murkowski.senate.gov;

AK offices in Fbks-Federal Bldg101- 12th Ave, ste 329; in Anch-510 L St, ste 600; JNU-800 Glacier Ave, ste 101; Kenai-805 Frontage Rd ste 105;

Ketchikan-1900 First Ave,ste 225.

Sen.DanSullivan in DC:t.202-224-3004; in Fbks-456-0261/f.451-7290; Anch 907-271-5978/f.258-9305; JNU-586-7277/f.586-7201; Wasilla-357-9956/f.-9964;

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Anch-510 L St ste 750; JNU-800 Glacier ave ste 101; Wasilla-851 E.Westpt Dr.ste309; Kenai-805 Frontage Rd ste 101; Ketchikan-1900 1stave ste 225.

A reminder! Today and every day: visit, call, email, write your legislators, congresspersons and city and borough assemblies and write letters to the editor about issues being acted on and affecting peace, justice, and sustainability.

May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

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