**Alaska Peace Center Community News and Opportunities for Action**, reporting on events and issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska, now broadcasting on **Sundays, 8am & 6pm** on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska.

*Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

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| Sunday, Dec. 31    | 12:30-1    | **Invitation to join a rally** - Folks who are disturbed by being dominated by a man who bragged about sexually assaulting, uses bullying in place of diplomacy, acts unilaterally, and has led the race to opening ANWR and a tax bill to greatly increase inequality - join the call for IMPEACHment; also contact our congressional delegation every week calling on them to enact this call.  
- **Adeline K.** | The corner of University Ave & Airport Way                                                                                 |
|                    | 1-3pm      | **Last day of Drones Quilt Project display, 1-3pm**  
The Drones Quilt Project (dronesquiltproject.wordpress.com) was created as a way to remember the thousands of people who have been murdered by missiles launched from American combat drones. Each square of the quilts honors a person killed in a drone strike. Two of the quilts have been displayed in the lobby of the Library throughout the month of December.  
info@alaskapeace.org | Noel Wien Library, 1215 Cowles St, Fairbanks                                                                                   |
|                    | all day    | **Fbks - Stage 1 air alert** 12/29 through 5pm 1/2. No burning w/o a waiver or NOASH*.  
**North Pole - Stage 2 air alert** 12/29 through 5pm Jan 2nd. No burning w/o a NOASH. For more info call 459-1234 or AQFairbanks.com. **“No Other Adequate Source of Heat”** |                                                                          |
| Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 | deadline  | **“The future of downtown... your chance to offer ideas for improvements... to have a say in the future of downtown. Should there be more parks? Retailers? Entertainment venues?**  
A work group will sift through the responses and comments to look for themes. More public mtgs will be held throughout 2018 to discuss downtown’s future, and a plan for improving downtown will be submitted in about a year... This is a rare occasion to comment on the future of your city. If you have an idea to make downtown Fairbanks a better place, this is your chance to make your voice heard.  
**Take the survey** at goo.gl/Ujq7S9. **“Fairbanks Daily News-Miner editorial 12-29-17** | Online                                                                  |
| Tuesday January 2  | 6:45-8:30pm | **Fairbanks Activists Forum Mtg** - FAF is a locally-built social action network, contributing to the growth of Fairbanks through advocacy and education.  
More info: fairbanksactivistsforum@gmail.com | The HUB, 410 2nd Ave #100, Fairbanks                                                                                     |
| Thursday Jan. 4    | 6-?pm 5:30 pm | **Fairbanks North Star Borough Regular Assembly Mtg**  
*Under consideration in the 5:30 finance committee mtg will be 2 ordinances dealing with a proposed model biomass gasification unit.* FNSB Assembly holds regular mtgs on alternate Thurs of each month unless the presiding officer schedules otherwise. All regular and special mtgs, committee mtgs, & gatherings of more than 3 assembly members are public meetings. All mtgs are streamed live through the borough website and regular Assembly mtgs are aired live on Public Radio | Assembly Chambers, 907 Terminal St                                      |
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<td>7-8:30pm</td>
<td>Alaska Peace Center Monthly Meeting...to plan winter events. All are welcome. For more information: <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a></td>
<td>Alaska Peace Center office, 3535 College Rd Suite 203, Fairbanks</td>
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<td><strong>Gender Pioneers Support Group</strong></td>
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<td>Gender Pioneers is a peer-to-peer support group for all transgender, genderqueer, genderquestioning or otherwise gender-bending folks in Alaska's interior. Meetings are also open to friends, family members and supporters. We meet the first Thursday of each month.</td>
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<td>Fri,Sat. Jan.5,6</td>
<td>No local events of peace, justice, and sustainability known for these dates.</td>
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<td>Sunday, Jan. 7 10:30am</td>
<td>From Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks Calendar...Rev. Shirley Lee will join us this morning with an update on the Tanana Chiefs Conference Sobering Center. During the winter of 2007-2008, six people froze to death on the streets of Fbks due to being intoxicated and having nowhere safe to go. The new Sobering Center offers a place for intoxicated people to sober up for 12 hours in safety and warmth, and a chance to connect with the medical and social services they need.” <a href="mailto:minister@uuff.org">minister@uuff.org</a></td>
<td>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd.</td>
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<td>Tues, Jan 9 5:30-7</td>
<td>City Diversity Council Meeting</td>
<td>Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St</td>
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<td>6-7pm Monthly IWW Fairbanks Meeting</td>
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<td>Fri, Jan 12 12-1pm</td>
<td>Stone's Throw Open House</td>
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<td>Saturday, Jan 20</td>
<td>Women's March 2018 Annual Women's March since 2017 March On FBX calendar</td>
<td>FAIRBANKS. and Alaska Pl, Anchorage</td>
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<td>Tuesday, Jan 23 6:30–7:45pm</td>
<td>Fairbanks Activist Forum Facilitator's Meeting</td>
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<td>Fri, Jan 26 6-9pm</td>
<td>APC Potluck, movie Syrian White Helmets, and discussion <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a></td>
<td>University Community Presbyterian Church, 3510 College Rd, Fairbanks</td>
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**Good News category:**

**New Jersey and Several U.S. Cities Move to Establish Public Banks**

### Peace

**How It Could Finally Be Possible to Prosecute War as a Crime**

*By David Swanson: War is a crime. The International Criminal Court has just announced that it will finally treat it as a crime.*

> [Link](http://worldbeyondwar.org/prosecute)

**Justice**

> **12-30-17 from CodePink:**
> It has been almost two weeks now that 16-y.o. Ahed Tamimi has been sitting in an Israeli prison. For the 3rd time since she was arrested, her detention has been extended. Her next chance for release is Monday, Jan 1, 2018... Most of her time has been in a freezing cold isolation cell with a camera monitoring her every move. Israeli journalist Ben Caspit called for her to be sexually assaulted, saying, “we should exact a price at some other opportunity, in the dark, without witnesses and cameras.” **Tomorrow as she appears in court, we are demanding of Netanyahu that she be released immediately.** Read more and sign the petition at [http://www.codepink.org/freeahed](http://www.codepink.org/freeahed).

**Sustainability**

> **Regarding local water PFOS contamination, from wakeupalaskawater@gmail.com:**
> “...get the word out not to drink the water that has been hooked up from the city until you have purged the domestic water supply. That would include the [home] hot water tank which has been collecting toxins for however many years it has been hooked up. There's a very good chance that there is extreme amount of toxin in the sludge in the bottom of the hot water tanks. That can enter the water system either through mixer valves or by drinking warm water which some people do but shouldn’t do until they check the hot water tank for contamination.”

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### Recent Past Events, Ongoing Campaigns, and/or Issues not specific to Alaska

Recent Past Events, Ongoing Campaigns, and/or Issues not specific to Alaska have been murdered around the world 29-17 on KWRK countries, agents working in more than 70 other U.S. Dept of Homeland Security has KUAC. Barrasso Wyoming Republican Senator John is on the table... Agency tried to increase those usable water to reach for. The Environmental Protection Agency tried to increase those protections in 2015, but failed. Now, a similar version of those protections is on the table... On Dec. 14, Wyoming Republican Senator John Barrasso sent a letter to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to ask that his agency abandon the proposed rule on groundwater and in situ uranium recovery.” per Marketplace on KUAC.

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U.S. Dept of Homeland Security has agents working in more than 70 other countries, per Democracy Now! 12-29-17 on KWRK. Also: 46 journalists have been murdered around the world...
this year.

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from info@airwars.org: “...By any measure, 2017 has been the worst year for civilians in the fight against ISIS, as battles moved deep into Iraqi and Syrian cities. Despite the Coalition’s insistence that it was waging “the most precise war in history”, Airwars estimates that at least 3,875 non-combatants have been killed by Coalition actions during 2017 to November....”

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“In a statement released by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) — the organization which filed a lawsuit to protect Bears Ears, Under the Antiquities Act, the president may create national monuments...not diminish or revoke existing monuments—only Congress has that ability... the Antiquities Act does not authorize the President to do so. If this unprecedented and unlawful action is allowed, the 129 national monuments across the United States will be at risk. Sign the petition: Trump’s attempts to decommission Bears Ears National Monument is illegal and threatens the existence of every single U.S. national monument if he succeeds.”

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In a new study funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, ... “Objective magnetic field measurements and pregnancy outcomes were obtained for 913 pregnant women...Miscarriage occurred in...a nearly three times higher relative risk...in...women with the higher measured exposure level...Non-ionizing radiation...can be generated by a number of environmental sources, including electric appliances, power lines and transformers, wireless devices and wireless networks. Humans are exposed to magnetic fields via close proximity to these sources while they are in use. “This study provides evidence from a human population that magnetic field non-ionizing radiation could have adverse biological impacts on human health” from Kaiser Permanente 12-13-17.

Governance Investment session for a future board meeting...” Read the rest of the article at newsminer.com.

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There's an unsolved fish mystery playing out right now along a rugged, 300-mile stretch of Southeast Alaska coastline: What's killing off the thousands of king salmon that, at an increasing rate, swim out to sea and don't return to spawn?... Alaska fishermen and scientists don't know what, exactly, is causing king salmon returns to plummet across Southeast. But they're trying to adapt to the consequences: closures for certain fisheries and new limits on catches... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game last week released a set of grim salmon forecasts for a half-dozen Southeast rivers, from the Stikine near Wrangell to the Chilkat near Haines...”


More “Sustainability” items at the ends of “Peace” & “Justice” columns...

Spotlight

Throughout the country military recruiters are increasingly allowed to casually share lunch in high school cafeterias and interact freely with high school youth in hallways and classrooms. Military recruiters are on campus so frequently in many schools that they get to know kids on a first-name basis. They “chill” in the locker room and hang out in the parking lot and they play one-on-one basketball with kids after school. Meanwhile, college recruiters are typically required to meet with students by appointment in the guidance office. It’s not the “same” access called for in the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Forget the old adage that familiarity breeds contempt. With vulnerable 16 and 17 year olds, familiarity breeds trust and trust produces enlistment agreements. Read more at http://nnomy.org/index.php/en/resources/blog/pat-elder-series/item/760-should-recruiters-own-our-schools.html. See “What we can do” at nnomy.net. (The National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth)
also maintain an office in conjunction with this radio station, KWRK. If you would like to support these activities you can make a donation via PayPal at our website, www.alaskapeace.org, or if you would prefer not to subsidize PayPal you can send a check to the Alaska Peace Center, 3535 College Road Suite 203, Fairbanks, AK 99709. Email us at info@alaskapeace.org Visit our website: www.alaskapeace.org for more information and details, or to get on our email list, to which the expanded news brief is sent; also see our Facebook page.

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

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