

Community News and Opportunities for Action,

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

WEEK of JANUARY 7th, 2018

Be ready for opportunities to participate!

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
Sunday, January 7 2018	all day	North Pole - Stage 2 air alert 1/5 through 5pm Jan 8 th . No burning w/o a NOASH*. For more info call 459-1234 or AQFairbanks.com . **"No Other Adequate Source of Heat"	North Pole non-attainment area
	10:30am	Cancelled: update on the TCC Sobering Center due to illness.	(UUFF)
	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. - <i>Adeline K.</i>	at the corner of University Ave & Airport Way
Tuesday Jan. 9	5:30-7pm	City Diversity Council Mtg: Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) meets the 2 nd Tues of each month, in the City Council Chambers. The FDC includes 15 public members (3 appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 12 appointed by the City of Fairbanks). The FDC comes together to discuss and work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. The FDC was formed 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 in our community.	Fbks City Hall, 800 Cushman St
	5:30? or 6-	Monthly IWW Fairbanks Mtg: Fellow Workers - please join us for the monthly Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Fairbanks meeting at the Bread Line Inc.'s Stone Soup Cafe at 6pm on the second Tuesday of each month. All Wobblies (and recruit prospects) are welcome and encouraged to come.	507 Gaffney Rd
Wed., Jan. 10	5:30-7:30	Sustainability Commission Mtg For agenda, members list & contact information, and more information, see this sustainability link , or email info@iagreenstar.org Ph. (907) 452-4152 - Office hours vary	Noel Wien Library 1215 Cowles St, Fairbanks
Thursday Jan. 11	6pm - ?	Fairbanks North Star Borough Regular Assembly Mtg; includes Ordinance #2017-69 Amending the Foreclosure Process, #2017-71 Amending FNSB Code Title 20 Re Direct Sale of FNSB Land, #2017-63 Amending Chapter 21.28 FNSBC To Add Provisions For Electrostatic Precipitators And Gasification Heating Appliances, #2017-70 Waiving Title 16 For The Selection & Procurement of	Assembly Chambers, 907 Terminal Street ---- <i>FNSB Assembly holds regular mtgs alternate Thursdays each</i>

		<p>Biomass Gasification Combined Heat And Power Unit And For The Alaska Center For Energy And Power's Related Collaborative Data Collection And Testing Services, #2017-20-1P Amending The FY 2017-18 Budget By Appropriating \$217,945 In Federal Grant Funds To The Capital Projects Fund To Demonstrate A Biomass Gasification Combined Heat And Power Unit In A Borough Facility;</p> <p>Agenda items 6, 15, & 19: CITIZENS' COMMENTS (3 min. each);and RESOLUTION #2018-01 Opposing The State Of Alaska's Proposal To Implement Aircraft Registration And Fees For Aircraft In Alaska; & other agenda items not recognized as peace, justice, sustainability.</p>	<p>month unless the presiding officer schedules otherwise. All reg, special mtgs, committee mtgs, and gatherings of more than three assembly members are public mtgs. All mtgs are streamed live through the borough website & the regular Assembly mtgs are aired live on Public Radio (KUAC-FM 89.9).</p>
<p>Friday, Jan.12</p>		<p>January 12-14: Conference on U.S. Foreign Military Bases will feature national and international experts. Several expert panels will discuss the economic, political, environmental and health costs and impact of U.S. foreign military bases in various regions of the world, including South America, Asia-Pacific, Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. Read about all the speakers on the website. Watch the livestream here: http://worldbeyondwar.org/bases or NoForeignBases.org/live-streaming/ PLEASE SHARE THE LINK WITH ALL YOUR FRIENDS. For more information and to register for the conference: http://noforeignbases.org</p>	<p><i>online</i></p>
<p>Sunday, Jan. 14</p>	<p>12:30-1pm</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><i>at the corner of University Ave & Airport Way</i></p>
		<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>After This Week</i></u></p>	
<p>Monday, Jan. 15th</p>	<p>10am to 4pm</p>	<p>“Free legal services offered on Martin Luther King Jr. Day” from Fairbanks Daily News-Miner 1-5-18: “FAIRBANKS — Local lawyers will offer free legal advice on civil matters Jan. 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Lawyers will be able to give advice on family, landlord-tenant and public benefit law.”</p>	<p>JP Jones Community Development Center, 2400 Rickert St</p>
		<p>Alaska Civil Rights Day (no classes, most University of Alaska offices closed)</p>	
<p>Entire week of Jan. 15</p>		<p>FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION. “RESOLUTION 2018-10: HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District envisions excellence and equity for all; and. WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. also dreamed of an outstanding education ...Resolved:...time for teachers and students to conduct special studies of Dr. King’s life and achievements and engage in service activities...” Read the school board resolution...</p>	<p>Everywhere! ... including local schools</p>
<p>Saturday, January 20</p>	<p>11am – 3pm</p>	<p><i>from a Friend:</i> “Please consider participating in the GreenStar Swap o Rama on January 20. This is an opportunity to recycle some of your unused clothing/accessories and support an organization recycling</p>	<p>Carlson Center</p>

		<p>electronics from villages and elsewhere. Here is a link to their web page for further information. http://iagreenstar.org/swap-o-rama/ or call 452-4152. ["This event is a fundraiser for Green Star of Interior Alaska, a local nonprofit. Green Star promotes & preserves a healthy Alaska by encouraging and enabling our community to reduce waste and increase recycling. We are accepting items at our warehouse on 1205 1st Avenue across from the Aurora Energy power plant. We will be available to accept your items Monday through Thursday from 9am-3pm. Please ring the doorbell and we'll be there to assist you!..]</p> <p>Also, if you have time weekday mornings, please consider volunteer opportunities at the Food Bank. They need volunteers every day to help sort donations and pack food boxes for families. This is in the front of the Food Bank and is a separate program from the one we participate in to pack USDA surplus food. Here is their link: http://www.fairbanksfoodbank.org or call 45 SHARE for further info."</p>	
	12-1pm	<p>"It's Time for The Second Annual Women's March! To stay united in solidarity with like-minded folks around the globe. Together, we will show this administration that we are not backing down. The Venue and The Hub are generously supporting our event as follows: The Venue will be offering a discount to Rally goers and the Hub will be hosting tables for local nonprofits to share their work and for folks to warm up. "We will need lots of help...To sign up for specific jobs: http://signup.com/go/EyEPUZf "Planning Meetings Sunday, Jan 7th & 14th from 11-12 at the Venue on 2nd ave downtown. Quick meetings to touch base and distribute tasks. All are welcome. Venue doesn't charge us to use their meeting room so please order a coffee or tea Make a donation to help cover costs. All our events are funded by volunteer donations. Use your PayPal to send us a donation to MarchOnFBX@gmail.com OR: https://www.paypal.me/marchonfbx contact: MarchonFBX@gmail.com, https://marchonfbx.com/2018/01/06/2nd-annual-womens-march/</p>	<p>Golden Heart Plaza @ 516 1st Ave, Fairbanks</p> <p>and Alaska Pl, Anchorage</p>
Tuesday, Jan 23	6:30– 7:45pm	<p>Fairbanks Activist Forum Facilitator's Mtg More info: fairbanksactivistsforum@gmail.com</p>	
Wed, Jan.24	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	<p>Project Homeless Connect "Project Homeless Connect is a one-day, one-stop event to provide housing, services, and hospitality in a convenient 1-stop model directly to people experiencing homelessness in Fairbanks. It is a way to bring service providers, government agencies, and the general community together to address a problem that affects everyone. Contact Scott Wiser swiser@fairbanks.us or Mike Sanders msanders@fairbanks.us for more information about PHC or other FHHC events." You can volunteer or find out more at https://www.fairbankshomeless.org/upcoming-events.html.</p>	<p>JP Jones Community Development Center, 2400 Rickert St</p>
Fri, Jan.26	6-9pm	<p>Joint Alaska Peace Center- University Community Presbyterian Church potluck, movie <i>Syrian White Helmets</i>, and discussion. info@alaskapeace.org</p>	<p>UCPC, 3510 College Rd, Fbks</p>

Good News category: from Suzanne: [50 Ways 100% Clean Energy Won in 2017](#) Jodie Van Horn, EcoWatch, who writes: "We'd never argue that 2017 was a great year, but some really great things did happen!" [READ MORE](#)

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

“True peace is not merely the absence of tension. It is the presence of justice.” Martin Luther King, Jr.

Peace

from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): “...how **you can help prevent war with North Korea: [contact your members of Congress.](#)**”

info@worldbeyondwar.org “**Here's the first friendly competition vs war:** ... a new monthly contest for the most names & email addresses sent in on [signup sheets](#). You can use them at events, at your job, on a corner with a clipboard, or going door-to-door. When they're filled out, you can email photos of them or a file of the data in them to info@worldbeyondwar.org or mail them to World Beyond War PO Box 1484 Charlottesville VA 22902 USA. For January, the winner of this contest will receive free any item from our stores. **Here's another way to replace war with friendly competition:** The United Nations has asked its member states to observe an **Olympic truce** during the upcoming February 9-25 Winter Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, and for one week on either side. That would be **February 2 to March 4. South Korea has asked** the United States to delay its war rehearsal flights over South Korea until after the truce. **And the two Koreas have now agreed to talks leading up to the Olympics.** [Please click here to sign a petition that to be delivered to every nation on earth, urging their abstention from war and from provocative war "exercises" during this period, and urging them to continue the truce indefinitely thereafter.](#) This is a serious opportunity to prevent a catastrophic war. **Forward this to everyone you can.** -- The World Beyond War Team”

Justice

“On the night of January 23, 2017 there were **172 people in the emergency shelters in Fairbanks.** There were **43 more** people staying in transitional housing. There were **unknown numbers** of people seeking temporary shelter with friends and family. There were also **at least 28 people left utterly unsheltered.** It was **38 degrees below zero** that night.” You can help via www.fairbankshomeless.org.

from info@cpdaction.org: “**Millions of workers are ringing in the new year with a raise!** Thanks to worker organizing in communities across the country, **18 states and 20 cities just phased in minimum wage increases on January 1** – with many of them set to eventually reach \$12 and \$15 an hour. More raises are coming in 21 other jurisdictions later this year, impacting a total of **15 million workers from coast to coast!** These raises are long overdue and especially important right now, as working families face increased hardship with attacks on their health care, the GOP tax scam, and looming budget cuts to programs they rely on to live and thrive. [However,] Our work is far from over; millions of people are still overworked and underpaid. [We need] to make higher paychecks a reality for low-wage workers in at least 17 more states. ... In solidarity, JoEllen Chernow Director of Economic Justice”

from FCNL: **Election integrity panel:** The president [dissolved a controversial panel](#) convened to investigate false claims about voter fraud in the 2016 elections. Voting rights advocates cheered, but [they warned](#) that the Justice Department isn't through with using [myths about voter fraud](#) to limit the voting rights of low-income people and people of color.

Sustainability

from "Arctic Rose": “How come people aren't talking about **chemtrails?** Good video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IirWyOvuWYA>”

from FCNL: **Offshore drilling:** President Trump has opened up 90 percent of U.S. coastal waters to oil drilling -- a plan that has met [bipartisan opposition](#) in Florida and coastal states.

from info@paceebene.org: “Campaign Nonviolence ... activists set up a regular vigil in Honolulu to protest the warning sirens occurring there to deal with the threat of an attack from North Korea. ...There is really no defense against nuclear weapons,”... “Our message is that the only shelter is peace. The sirens are giving us the illusion that at some point we're going to run into a shelter or go under a desk and we'll be safe. We're saying we should get rid of the weapons.” ...[Continue reading here.](#)”

&...“Organizers in Tiffin, Ohio are ... celebrating their efforts to become the **51st city** in the Campaign Nonviolence **Nonviolent Cities Project**, officially launching as a nonviolent city on April 13, 2018, with an art exhibit titled “Do You See Me?” ...[Read more here.](#)”

from Bruce Gagnon, "Global Network" <globalnet@mindspring.com>: "While recently in Okinawa on the Veterans For Peace delegation Hiroji joined one of our protests at the front gate of Kadena AFB where my step-father was stationed in 1953 during the Korean War. I brought along some photos he had been taken in during his time there as he posed next to 500-lb. bombs. On the back of the photo he had written - "These are dropped on North Korea all day, every day."

The people have been protesting against this new US base construction every day on sea & land for at least the past 16 years. Imagine that kind of determination and love for one another and our Mother Earth. Hear Hiroji Yamashiro singing his iconic protest song いまこそたちがあがろう and [New Year's wishes for peace from Henoko](#)

Let's move into the new year determined to each do what we can to prevent such an insane war from happening. Help by writing a letter, making a call, speaking to others, resisting the massive Pentagon budget, sharing photos of protests from Korea and Okinawa and joining protests here in the US. We've all got to contribute something to bring peace in 2018.

Following the protest that day at Kadena AFB Hiroji taped a message that will be played at the January 12-14 [Conference on US Foreign Military Bases](#) in Maryland.

Bruce K.Gagnon, Coordinator
Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space
Brunswick, Maine"

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

From CNN on Jan.3: "Two major flaws in computer chips could leave a huge number of computers and smartphones vulnerable to security concerns, researchers revealed Wednesday."

[Read more from cmn...](#)

Following up about 16-yr-old Ahed, who returned a slap to the face of an Israeli soldier, from CodePink: "Ahed was only 10 years old when her father was sent to prison for organizing peaceful protests. She was 11 when Israeli soldiers killed her cousin, and 13 when they killed her uncle and shot her mother in the leg... Ahed's next court date is Tuesday, January 10. This will be the next opportunity for her to be released on bail pending trial. Israel's goal is to use Ahed's imprisonment to break the will and resistance of the Palestinian people. Please share the image at #FreeAhed on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and [join me in demanding Netanyahu free Ahed.](#)

Ariel and the CODEPINK Team"
Read more and sign the petition at <http://www.codepink.org/>.

Veterans For Peace future events:

- Jan 12-14 - Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases Conference in Baltimore, MD
- March 3-8 Greenpeace Action Camp
- March 4-21 - VFP Vietnam Tour
- July 9-10 - NO to NATO Counter Summit, Brussels, Belgium
- Aug 23-26 - 2018 VFP National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota

January 29 – March 19, 2018

With what do we replace the war system (aka the military-industrial-corporate-governmental complex)? What truly makes us secure? What are the moral, social, political, philosophical and pragmatic foundations of an alternative global security system – a system in which peace is pursued by peaceful means? What actions and strategies might we pursue in building this system? War Abolition 201: Building the Alternative Global Security System, explores these questions and more with the goal of engaging students in learning that leads to action. [Learn more](#)"

Spotlight

KWRK-LP update: Our all-volunteer station is coming up on 2 years broadcasting, 24 hrs a day. The newly updated schedule is on the website: www.kwrk.org. Among the new shows is *Loafers Glory*, dedicated to the late Fairbanks Wobbly (IWW-Industrial Workers of the World) organizer Chris White, who was also a member of the board of Alaska Peace Center. *Loafers Glory* was a weekly hour long (give or take) radio show by folk singer and Wobbly organiser, U.Utah Phillips. The show dubbed the Hobo jungle of the mind dealt with the history of America and the people who accomplished great things but were ignored by the history books. It will now be playing on Mondays at 5am and Tuesdays at 9pm on KWRK-LP 90.9FM here in Fairbanks.

Songs that increase our understanding of issues of peace, justice, and sustainability that were played with last week's newscast were;

- Peace, Salaam, Shalom, by Emma's Revolution*
- By My Silence, by Ellen Bukstel & Nick Annis, inspired by the famous poem "First They Came" written in 1946 by Martin Neimeller*
- Where Will the Children Play? by Cat Stevens*
- Soldier of Plenty by award-winning & VFP activist Jackson Browne*
- Ira Hayes by Peter LaFarge, included on Sing Out! 2010*
- Eisenhower quote read by Don Ross, and The War Way vs Overcoming Evil with Good by Peace Pilgrim, from The Way of Peace, a Fairbanks-produced compilation of songs and quotes.*

This week's songs, again to increase understanding:

- Peace Is, by Fred Small*
- instrumental clip from Break Out! by Susan Grace*
- Price of Oil by Billy Bragg*
- Self-Evident by Ani DiFranco*
- Hallowed Be Thy Name by Casey Neill*

This summary of issues of importance to citizens of Interior Alaska, and information on how, when and where to take action on those issues, has been brought to you by the Alaska Peace Center.

*The Alaska Peace Center works for peace, justice, and sustainability
- individually, in our community and globally -
with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

*We bring in speakers, sponsor exhibits, and encourage dialogue within our community on these issues.
We also maintain an office in conjunction with this radio station, KWRK.*

If you would like to support these activities

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Email us at info@alaskapeace.org

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*Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome.
Please include "for news" in the subject line.*

May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

Please respond via [<info@alaskapeace.org>](mailto:info@alaskapeace.org); please do not use "reply".