### 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 FEBRUARY 25th, 2018**

Be ready for opportunities to participate!

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<td><strong>(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up</strong> This week opportunities to <strong>TESTIFY to the Alaska Legislature:</strong> <strong>SB 202</strong> NATIVE CORP. LIABILITY FOR CONTAMINATION S RESOURCES <em>February 26, 3:30 pm; again 2/28,</em> <strong>HB 305</strong> OIL/HAZARDOUS SUB.:CLEANUP.REIMBURSEMENT TELECONFERENCED -- *Testimony &lt;Invitation Only&gt; -- <strong>HB 272</strong> TANGLE LAKES STATE GAME REFUGE H FISHERIES February 27, 2018, *10:00 am</td>
<td>Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO) to have them send Public Opinion Messages for you. In Fbks: 452-4448 <a href="http://www.360north.org">www.360north.org</a> dedicated to Alaska programming, information about Alaska and content of interest to Alaskans.</td>
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<td>Wed 1:30 PM Presentation: DHSS Office of Children's Services Response to Citizen Review Panel -- Testimony &lt;Invitation Only&gt; -- <strong>SB 173</strong> LIABILITY: PESTICIDES &amp; UTILITY POLES <strong>HB 43</strong> NEW DRUGS FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL “allow terminally ill patients who have exhausted other available treatments...gain faster access to safe, but experimental drugs in an effort to save their own lives...” <strong>HB 355</strong> FIRE:FOREST LAND; CRIMES;FIRE PREVENTION “...criminal negligent burning; protection of &amp; fire management on forested land; prohibited acts &amp; penalties...” <strong>SB 152</strong> SEPT. 11: PATRIOT DAY <strong>SJR 14</strong> CONST. AM: PARENTAL CONSENT TO ABORTION <strong>HB 312</strong> CRIMES AGAINST MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS: “arrest without a warrant for assault in the 4th degree at a health care facility; &amp; aggravating factor at sentencing for a felony offense against a medical professional at a health care facility.”</td>
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See more of the legislative schedule and links at this link.

from Rep.Kawasaki: “… Public Safety Action Plan … next stop will be the full House Finance Committee and then the House Floor. Now it is YOUR turn!”

KUAC 9.2 TV Airs Gavel Alaska: 8am-7pm Mon - Fri throughout the legislative session.
| Day & Date to be determined by events | on short notice | “Nobody is Above the Law Rapid Response - Fairbanks” - This is an event planned as a rapid-response protest in the event that Donald Trump fires Special Counsel Robert Mueller or acts in other ways to seriously threaten the Trump-Russia investigation. Please note that the listed date is a placeholder and will be updated to be within 24 hours of the firing, should it occur. RSVP to let the event host know that they can count on you to attend the event. Once you sign up, make sure to invite friends to join you at the event! In the event that Trump directs the firing of Mueller, we will hold a rally at the corner of Airport... see more [and] RSVP to attend this event. Note: If you choose to attend an event, you agree to engage in nonviolent, peaceful action, to act lawfully, and to strive to de-escalate any potential confrontations with those who may disagree with our values.” from links at paceebene.org. | Corner of Airport Way and Cowles (next to Noel Wien library) |
| Wednesday Feb. 28 | 9am | CHE-Alaska Alaska Collaborative on Health & the Environment call: Upholding Science and Protecting Environmental Health in the Era of “Fake News”: A Conversation with Investigative Reporter Sharon Lerner. ... her recent investigations into chemical industry cover-ups, the revolving door between industry employees & regulators, & industry challenges to the scientific evidence showing the danger of chemicals... show how we’ve gotten into the mess we’re in – and sometimes even how to get out of it.” This call is the first in a series of CHE-Alaska calls that will look into the important role of investigative journalism in holding industry and government accountable to protecting public health... also bring this “home” to Alaska with a short update concerning ... PFAS contamination in Fairbanks... | teleconference Sign up for this call
Presenter Sharon Lerner covers health and the environment for The Intercept ... New York Times, The Nation, and The Washington Post, ... [numerous] awards...” |
| 6pm | Air Control Commission Town Hall mtg. For Information call 459-1005. | Noel Wien Library |
| 9am- | The Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council will meet Wed, Feb 28 – Thurs March 1; The mtg will begin at 9:00 a.m. daily. The Council will discuss possible proposals to change Federal subsistence fish & shellfish regulations and nonrural determinations, and other issues related to subsistence in the Eastern Interior Region. The public is invited to attend and participate in this mtg. To teleconference into this meeting, dial toll-free (877) 407-8065 (passcode: 8201631).All mtg materials & mtg times for other regions may be found here: https://www.do.gov/subsistence/regions | Pike’s Waterfront Lodge in Fairbanks |
| Thursday March 1st | 5-7pm | Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg All are welcome. Agenda items will include planning the end-of-March potluck & movie, and other events. Contact: info@alaskapeace.org or 374-0577 (msg phone). | 3535 College Rd Suite 203 - above Fuji Steakhouse. |

The House Finance Committee will hold public testimony for the operating budget next week, which is a valuable opportunity to make your voice heard. Here are the dates, times and locations and how to participate at your local Legislative Information Office. You can also submit your written testimony to housefinance@akleg.gov now through Saturday, March 3, to be included in the public record.

Thursday, March 1 (remember to sign in or call 30 minutes in advance!)
3:15 - 4:45 p.m. Utqiagvik, Dillingham & Fairbanks

“Net Neutrality Bill Update

“On Tues Feb. 20, the Federal Communications Commission officially took the next step in handing the keys to the internet over to broadband providers by publishing the Destroying Internet Freedom Order in the Federal Register. This disappointing development means that Congress only has 60 days until the regulation takes effect and the internet ceases from being free and open. My resolution HJR 31 would urge Congress to reverse the FCC’s anti-consumer, anti-First amendment, anti-small business regulative order.

“ My bill implementing net neutrality regulations in Alaska, HB 277, will have a 2nd hearing Wed, Feb 28 at 3:15 pm in House Labor & Commerce Committee. I hope the bill moves from that committee to the House Finance Committee. If you are interested in voicing your support for net neutrality, please reach out to Sen Markowski, Sen Sullivan & Congressman Young ... before it is too late. You can also send your comments online here and here to Alaska legislators.

“Take My Survey!... online survey found here, ..

“Rep Scott Kawasaki, Alaska State Representative, City of Fairbanks”

Go to www.alaskapeace.org “Community News” for a link to Community organizations and contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.
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<td>5:30 pm; 6 pm</td>
<td>5:30 Assembly Finance Committee; moving school’s maintenance S. Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Assembly Regular Mtg</td>
<td>Borough Assembly Chambers, 907 Terminal Street</td>
<td>The FNSB Assembly holds regular meetings on alternate Thursdays of each month unless the presiding officer schedules otherwise. All regular and special meetings, committee meetings, and gatherings of more than three assembly members are public meetings. All meetings are streamed live through the borough website and the regular Assembly meetings are aired live on Public Radio (KUA-FM 89.9). Agenda and more information: <a href="http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx">www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx</a></td>
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<td>Gender Pioneers Support Group: Gender Pioneers is a peer-to-peer support group for all transgender, genderqueer, genderquestioning or otherwise gender-bending folks in Alaska's interior. Mtgs are also open to friends, family members &amp; supporters. We meet the 1st Thursday of each month.</td>
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**After This Week**

**Wed, 3/7**

| 6:30 pm | FCAC Policy & Politics mtg. Contact monak81@gmail.com. | Laborers Local 942, 2740 David Rd. |

**Wed, 3/14**

| From the Concert Across America Team remembersept24@gmail.com on 2/10: “March 14th: National School Walkout, hosted by the Women's March Youth. Students, educators and individuals across the nation will walk out for 17 minutes of protest. You can find an event near you or plan your own here. | |

**until 3/9**

| ACTION ALERT: Trump Administration announces "National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program." Public commenting period open until March 9th, 2018. Learn more HERE. | |

**March 21st**

| 7pm | “Northern Center will host FCAC to share our vision, how we are getting there and ways we work across Fairbanks and the state for a just transition.” “:: 3/21: Northern Voices Speaker Series: Fbks Climate Action Coalition. Alaska Salmon Fellows, Alaska Humanities Forum, and Island Institute welcome artists and writers to contribute to Salmon Shadows, an experimental public arts and humanities project. The project challenges Alaskans and others engaged in the salmon system to consider how we’ve developed our collective salmon narratives, what these narratives obscure, and how we can bring these shadows into the light. Apply through Submittable here.” | Noel Wien Library |

**Sat, 3/24**

| 10 am | “Decolonize Your Mind: Untangle History - Building Liberation Save the date for a Native Movement/FCAC training focused on decolonization, details to follow!! In the mean time, this is how we define decolonization: the conscious, calculated, & active – unlearning & resistance to the forces of colonization that perpetuate the subjugation and exploitation of minds, bodies, & lands. And it is engaged for the ultimate purpose of overturning the colonial structure & realizing Indigenous liberation. Training with Native Movement http://www.nativemovement.org/” | |

| “Protect Kids Not Guns ... MARCH FOR OUR LIVES: On March 24, the kids and families of March For Our Lives will take to the streets of Washington DC to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we end gun violence and mass shootings in our schools today. March with us in Washington DC or march in your own community. On March 24, the collective voices of the March For Our Lives movement will be heard.” from www.marchforourlives.com/ You can learn more about the march or work to plan a local coinciding event here. | |

**April 20th**

| “National Day of Action Against Gun Violence in Schools, hosted by the National Education Association. You can learn more about the event and sign up here.” | |
Decolonizing Alaska is a multimedia visual art exhibit featuring contemporary artists exploring and responding to Alaska’s history of colonization.

A collaboration of more than 30 diverse Alaska artists, both Native and non-Native, the exhibit introduces new ideas around Alaska culture. Artists move beyond stereotypical ideas to inspire conversation around self-definition and express ideas about identity separate from those that permeate popular culture.

Learn more about the exhibit

Good News category:
“New York City plans to divest $5bn from fossil fuels and sue the world’s most powerful oil companies over their contribution to dangerous global warming.” in The Guardian.

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

Peace

from Friends Committee on National Legislation 2-24-18: “In the past 10 days, led by courageous students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, young people around the U.S. have flipped the script we’ve seen over and over again following a high-profile gun tragedy. These students are speaking out, writing about reform, and standing up in town halls. Students are walking out of classes and are preparing to march on state capitals and Washington to demand change. They’re not letting the story go away.

We can’t let the story go away either.

Here’s what Congress can do

Any effective legislation that Congress introduces should include:

- Universal background checks on every gun purchase,
- A ban on all high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines, and
- Reintroduce the assault weapons ban.

There is no legitimate self-defense or sporting purpose for these military-style, high-capacity weapons and magazines whose only purpose is to kill large numbers of people in a short amount of time.

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Elsewhere:

- Climate Action in Congress –
  Good news! Two bipartisan bills were introduced in the past week in Congress to take meaningful action on climate change. Reps. John Faso (R-NY) and Dan Lipinski (D-IL) introduced the Challenges and Prizes for Climate Act to spur much-needed innovation to address climate change. Sens. Tom Carper (D-DE) and John Kennedy (R-LA) proposed a bill that allows the EPA to regulate HFCs, greenhouse gases that can be contribution to dangerous global warming.

Justice

from aclu@aclu.org: “Plans for coordinated student walkouts have been making national news and have already spurred disciplinary threats from some school administrators. That's why...it's so important that everyone learns about their rights.

Join Thurs, March 1, 4pm Students: Know Your Rights! Training: hear from student leaders and members of the ACLU legal team... on our constitutional right to free speech & expression, and what it means for students who want to speak out. We'll also share some details on how to report any possible First Amendment violations so that our team can track what's going on around the country. Whether you're a young person or a parent, teacher, school staff or ally, we hope you'll join us to learn about students’ rights. Register for the call,

Vera Eidelman, Brennan Fellow
ACLU Speech, Privacy, & Technology Project
P.S. Want some more information about student free speech? Check out this breakdown of school discipline and protest issues here.”

*Sustainable Civil Liberties Union

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from info@popularresistance.org:
“The FCC’s net neutrality rule does the opposite of the national consensus, and if members of Congress want support from Internet users, they need to reverse the FCC’s rule... Repeal the FCC Anti-Net Neutrality Order In Congress... put elected officials on record for their positions so they can be held accountable.... Net neutrality proponents have been organizing for a Resolution of Disapproval. There are already enough co-sponsors to ensure a vote in the Senate, but we are one vote away from victory. There are several possible Republicans, e.g.... Sen. Lisa Murkowski (AK),...who

Sustainability

from wakeupalaskawater@gmail.com: 2.20.18
“Dear Well Owners & Other Interested Persons Associated with the S. Fairbanks Ground Water Contamination Plume;

*Our poisoned wells are an urgent public health matter that you can do something about. Contacting your Interior Delegation Representatives and Senators is one way to insist upon state decision makers' attention to the travesty.

*It is very important to draw continuing attention to the urgency of our personal concerns over the carelessness at Regional Fire Training Center on 30th Ave. that has occurred at our expense.

*We are dealing with unregulated contaminants. Isn't it Better To Be Safe Than Sorry?

*What you may have to say about your situation is important now and can affect the outcome of how/what/when something is done about the safe drinking water. Quality standards are needed. Even 1 ppt of poison in the well water is still poison in the well water.

*Alaska has no protection standards for safe drinking water re PFAS. Federal EPA has a non-binding (not Regulation) Health Advisory recommended for PFAS combined or singly not to exceed 70 ppt. How much does your well contain? Now we are eligible for City Water hookup if numbers are less than 59.9 ppt. Is that satisfactory to you?

*State of Alaska has the authority and duty to protect the peoples' drinking water from all contaminants. New Jersey set legal limits at 14 ppt for PFOA for the Maximum Containment Level. A bill in Michigan Legislature sets a Health Advisory Level of 5 ppt. Vermont, NY, and other states in the East have already taken...
**Olympic Diplomacy** – The Olympic flame will be extinguished by Sunday at the closing ceremonies, but that doesn’t mean that the diplomacy between North and South Korea has to die down. It’s up to the U.S., South Korea, and North Korea to push forward for peace. New harsh sanctions and new U.S.-South Korean joint military exercises send us in the wrong direction.

**Immigration Reform** – The March 5 deadline for Congress to protect Dreamers from deportation is approaching quickly. Here’s what’s at stake.

**State of Indian Nations Response** – Jefferson Keel, President of the National Congress of American Indians, delivered the State of Indian Nations address to Congress, government officials, and tribal leaders on February 12. ECNL’s Lacina Tangnaqdo Onco responds.

**Even More Pentang Spending** – In their recent budget deal, Congress increased Pentang spending by $1.4 trillion over the next two years. Now what?

--Congress must re-center their efforts on a solution that offers a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, while protecting families and border communities.

**Email your senators now.**

“Stopping gun violence takes courage,” former US Rep. Gabriele Giffords who was shot Jan.8, 2011, along with 18 others [6 died, including the federal District Court Chief Judge]: “Speaking is still physically difficult for me, but my feelings are clear: I am furious... the root of this issue lies in the outrageous amounts of money the corporate gun lobby spends buying candidates and elected officials.

**Sign my pledge:** I promise that I will Vote Courage in November and support candidates who will stand up to the gun lobby and take action to make our communities safer from gun violence.”

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from info@codepink.org: ‘Why is the War Machine In Our Schools?’. But one of the reasons for mass school shootings is precisely because our schools are already militarized. Florida shooter, Nikolas Cruz, was trained by U.S. Army Junior Reserve might join Collins in opposing the FCC rule.... A majority of House members are needed to move forward. This movement intends to make net neutrality an issue in the 2018 election.

**Net Neutrality in the Courts**
The publication of the FCC rule repealing net neutrality also restarts litigation.

**Net Neutrality in States & Local Communities**
The campaign for net neutrality is also working at the state and local level. In more than half of the states, net neutrality protections are moving forward.

And activity at the community level. A new map from Community Networks shows that more communities than ever are building their own broadband networks to end big telecom’s monopoly. We need to build an Internet for the 21st Century. ... create a public broadband system that serves people, not corporate profits. 

Join our Internet campaign Protect Our Internet - take action today at Battle for the Net.

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“... two court decisions uphold people’s right to “clean air, pure water.” For all of its natural bounty, Pennsylvania has environmental woes aplenty — 19,000 miles of impaired streams, 5,500 of them from abandoned coal mines; state environmental agencies and programs starved of funds as PA fails ... to maintain safe drinking water and clean up the Chesapeake Bay; and state forests carved up by drilling pads & pipelines. But the state does have an Environmental Rights Amendment. Since 1971, PA’s constitution has guaranteed that the people have a right to clean air, pure water and the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic values of the environment. The amendment also says that the state’s natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come, and that the state shall conserve and maintain them. ... lately, ...Pennsylvania’s Supreme Court has rendered decisions putting teeth in the environmental rights amendment ... [N]early two dozen states have language about environmental protection in their constitution...” Read the rest of the article at the Circle Blue link underlined above.

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Action Alert: Alaska Offshore Ocean & Coastal Drilling public commenting period open until March 9th, 2018!

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From ‘www.akaction.org’, a well-documented [letter to Governor Walker on behalf of ‘citizens & members of Alaska Community Action on Toxics, Citizens for Clean Air, and W.A.T.E.R.](http://www.akaction.org)’ (Wake-Up Alaskans to the Toxic Environmental Reality) in Fairbanks who are affected by contamination of their drinking water caused by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (collectively, PFAS), associated with dispersion of aqueous firefighting foams (AFFF) in groundwater plumes from Eielson Air Force Base, the Regional Fire Training Center, and most recently, the Fairbanks International Airport...

Specifically, we request the following:

- Set statewide health-protective maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) in drinking water for PFAS (including PFOA, PFOS, and PFNA) and other related substances. An MCL for PFOA should not exceed 6 ppt, although we recommend 1 ppt as a more prudent health-protective MCL;
- Institute a community-advised biomonitoring program to assess levels of PFAS in blood serum of people affected or likely to be affected by the drinking water contamination in Fairbanks;
- Conduct health screening/medical monitoring of people within the affected communities;
- Institute a comprehensive groundwater monitoring program to assess the full extent of PFAS contamination plumes in Fairbanks and other possible PFAS-contaminated areas around the state (including communities in proximity to other military bases, aviation facilities, fire training areas, and oil and gas facilities);
- Require stringent and health-protective clean-up of contaminated areas and remediation of groundwater according to best available technologies and standards;
- Prevent further harm by prohibiting the use of AFFF for training purposes and require replacement of PFAS in AFFF with safe, non-fluorinated alternatives.

We appreciate that you are a grandfather, lifelong Alaskan, and public servant with a long and dedicated history of protecting Alaskans’ best interests. PFAS contamination is a significant public health issue in Alaska. It is in the best interest of the people of Fairbanks and Alaska that we work together to address this urgent public health matter.’
The Armed Services Committees in Congress can stop the JROTC programs in our schools. Tell Senator McCain and Representative Thornberry, of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, to take the war machine out of our schools!

Yesterday, Divest from the War Machine coalition member, Pat Elder, was featured on Democracy Now discussing his recent article about the JROTC in our schools. The JROTC teaches children how to shoot weapons. It is often taught by retired soldiers who have no background in teaching. They are allowed to teach classes that are given at least equal weight as classes taught by certified and trained teachers. We are pulling our children away from classes that expand their minds and putting them in classes that teach them how to be killing machines.

The JROTC program costs our schools money. It sends equipment. But, the instructors and facilities must be constructed and paid for by the school. The JROTC puts our children’s futures at risk. Children who participate in JROTC shooting programs are exposed to lead bullets from guns. They are at an increased risk when the shooting ranges are inside. The JROTC program is designed to “put a jump start on your military career.” Children are funneled into JROTC to make them compliant and to feed the military with young bodies which are prepared to be assimilated into the war machine.

Instead of funneling children into the military, we should be channeling them into jobs that support peace and sustainable development.

Tell Senator McCain and Representative Thornberry to take the war machine out of our schools! The JROTC program must end immediately. The money should be directed back into classrooms that educate our children. The Divest from the War Machine campaign is working to remove our money from the hands of companies that make a killing on killing. We must take on the systems that keep fueling war, death, and destruction around the globe.

And, we must take on the systems that are creating an endless cycle of children who are being indoctrinated at vulnerable ages to become the next killing machine.

Don’t forget to post this message on Facebook and Twitter. Onward in divestment.

P.S. Do you want to do more? Start a campaign to get the JROTC out of your school district or state. Email divest@codepink.org and we’ll get you started!

from The Shortwave Report 2-23-18 via KWRK-LP: “From JAPAN- An Insight concerning the disposal of nuclear waste in Japan. The government plans to bury highly radioactive materials, much of it from the 2011 Fukushima disaster, deep in the ground in various places. Public hearings were held to inform citizens about the dump locations, however it was revealed that the company responsible for the dumping hired people to attend and support the plans. This has further undermined public trust in the use of nuclear power.” If you missed the show on Saturday 3:30pm, you can find a link at http://www.outfarpress.com/podcast.xml.

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from Emma’s Revolution: “Hello, friends. We join you in the collective horror and grief in response to this latest shooting and in the commitment to make real change in our gun laws and our gun-centered culture. Sandy wrote this new song, "Another 17", days after the event and we have recorded it for you on Youtube. We will begin singing it at our performances and, while our hearts are still heavy from another 17 tragic deaths, we are heartened by the fervor and determination of the young people in Parkland FL and around the country who are standing up to say #NeverAgainMSD, to #CallIBS and to warn #MeNext. Join the March for Our Lives on March 24th ... wherever you are.”

To Call the Governor’s office: (907) 465-3500, or Email or request a meeting with the Governor at https://gov.alaska.gov/contact/email-the-governor/.

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Northern Alaska Environmental Center:

“::: Seismic Surveys Planned Off US Coasts Pose Risk to Marine Life. More than 70 scientists have written to Trump asking him to cancel the surveys anyway. They note that the surveys cover regions populated by several kinds of whales that are close to extinction. “The magnitude of the proposed seismic activity is likely to have significant, long-lasting and widespread impacts on the reproduction and survival of fish and marine mammal populations in the region,” the letter stated.

NPR:

“::: A Running List of how Trump is Changing the Environment. The Trump administration’s tumultuous first year has brought a flurry of changes—both realized and anticipated—to U.S. environmental policy. It’s a lot to keep track of, so National Geographic will be maintaining an abbreviated timeline of the Trump administration’s environmental actions and policy changes, as well as reactions to them. We will update this article periodically as news develops. and...

“::: America’s Most Toxic Town is Not Where You Think. Many Kotzebue residents stick as much as possible to a subsistence lifestyle, hunting seal from the sea, and journeying onto a rolling tundra landscape of braided rivers and majestic mountains to hunt geese, ptarmigan, moose, and caribou of the great Western Arctic Caribou Herd, which recently numbered 259,000, the largest in Alaska. But the city also has a less savory distinction, detailed in a little-known EPA dataset called the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI). National Geographic.”

Spotlight
Greetings, Supporters of Fairbanks Open Radio!

In recognition of the widespread demand for our bona fide audio content, **we have begun an Internet audio stream trial** with Mixlr. The stream mirrors the KWRK-LP 90.9 FM broadcast in Fairbanks and is now accessible 24 hour a day, 7 days a week.

Our intention in sharing our content online is to reach dedicated supporters beyond our humble LPFM broadcast area and to expand our audience. Specifically, we want this to work for folks who live and work in and around Fairbanks, particularly where the LPFM signal does not reach and Internet speeds are slow.

This will likely require us to hone our streaming service based on demand, so we encourage you to try out the live stream at your earliest convenience and to spread the word. Look for a question poll in the next few days, where we’ll invite you to tell us (1) whether you can hear our LPFM broadcast and (2) how the Internet audio stream is working for you.

To access the stream, you have several options.

1. Visit [KWRK.org](http://KWRK.org), click the shortcut or scroll down to “Live Audio Stream”, then click the play button. This method will work as long as we have a live audio stream, although the player’s appearance may change.
2. Using the media player of your choice, stream KWRK-LP directly from [https://edge.mixlr.com/channel/qgemi](https://edge.mixlr.com/channel/qgemi). A variety of open source web browsers (e.g., [Firefox](https://www.mozilla.org)) and media decoders (e.g., [VLC](https://www.videolan.org)) can play this link natively.
4. Visit us on [TuneIn](https://www.tunein.com).

Our latest broadcast schedule is attached but is also available at [KWRK.org](http://KWRK.org), where it is updated regularly.

Whether or not we stick with Mixlr, the audio stream will be accessible via KWRK.org and TuneIn.com. Should we choose a different stream provider in the future, the Mixlr links will cease to function and will be replaced, at which point we will notify you of the change through this group.

Regardless how the live stream pans out, our future aspirations include acquiring an FM translator to reach beyond the hills around Fairbanks using the irreplaceably reliable, accessible technology that is radio and to assist other Interior communities in creating their own broadcasts. Using the features available to us through this google group, we plan to continue soliciting both your feedback to help us determine priorities and your support to help us sustain our operations.

We hold meetings and workshops on Wednesday afternoons at 5:30 at our studio office. We encourage you to offer your general feedback or questions with a voice message at +1 907 374 0577 or with an email to [info@kwrk.org](mailto:info@kwrk.org).

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Fairbanks Youth Court gave an impressive presentation last Friday. Excerpts accompany this radio broadcast.

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**Songs that increase our understanding of issues of peace, justice, and sustainability**

**played with today’s newscast:**

--*Emma’s Revolution* singing *Another 17*

-- *Charlottesville*, by David Rovics

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- individually, in our community, and globally -

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