# 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 September 16, 2018

Be ready for opportunities to participate!

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<td><strong>Into November</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Road Closure</strong> - University Avenue between Thomas St (just south of College Rd intersection) and Johansen Expressway/Geist Rd intersection is CLOSED to through traffic. This CLOSURE is expected to last into November.</td>
<td>See the map at <a href="http://alaskanavigator.org">alaskanavigator.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Sept 10 - Oct. 10 or so</strong></td>
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<td>Attention Fox water users! <strong>Fox Spring will be closed</strong> ... for necessary repairs by Alaska Dept of Transportation and Public Facilities. Closure is expected to last about a month. Friends of Fox Spring and North Star Community Foundation hope these repairs will help keep the well running all winter and prevent future freeze-ups. To make a donation and support your Fox Spring, please visit foxspring.org or call 907-378-6744.</td>
<td>Updates on the project can be found on DOT Northern Region's Fox Spring webpage, <a href="http://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/foxspring">dot.alaska.gov/nreg/foxspring</a></td>
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<td><strong>Sunday Sept. 16</strong></td>
<td>8am-noon</td>
<td><strong>:: AK Virtual Run for Courage.</strong> Join the Alaska Virtual Courage to Run 5K... run and walk that celebrates the rising wave of women getting civically active and running for office...Northern Alaska Environmental Center</td>
<td>241 Alaska Pl, Anchorage</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday Sept. 18</strong></td>
<td>6-8 pm</td>
<td><strong>:: Intro to the Alaska Climate Movement.</strong> Let's continue the momentum in Fairbanks for climate action, good renewable energy jobs, &amp; environmental justice! Learn about the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition, &amp; the efforts our community is taking to shape our future. Bring a friend! Northern Ctr (NAEC)</td>
<td>1744 Farmers Loop Road</td>
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<td><strong>Wedneday Sept. 19</strong></td>
<td>5-7 pm</td>
<td><strong>Fairbanks Peace Choir fall season rehearsals.</strong> All welcome; No audition. We begin at 6:45 and sing till 8:30 pm. Come early to register. Flyn Ludington, director; Paul Krejci, pianist. For more information call 457-8606.</td>
<td>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks 4448 Pikes Landing Rd</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday Sept. 20</strong></td>
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<td><strong>:: Willow Prospect Scoping comments due.</strong> The Bureau of Land Management is conducting an Environmental Impact Statement scoping period on the recently discovered Willow prospect within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. <a href="http://www.naem.com">Go here for information on how to comment</a>, from NAEC</td>
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<td><strong>Friday Sept. 21</strong></td>
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<td><strong>WORLD PEACE WEEKEND SEPT 21 - 23, 2018, from <a href="http://unify.org/">http://unify.org/</a></strong> <strong>WORLD PEACE DAY SEPT. 21</strong> Decentralized Dance Party and EarthDance will be hosting parties around the world</td>
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<td>9am-4pm</td>
<td>Farmers Market - Last for the season! (per website, though rumor says later...)</td>
<td>2600 College Rd, Fairbanks</td>
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<td>10am-4pm</td>
<td>Alaska Solar Tour Fairbanks - Kick-off at the Fairgrounds Kiwanis Bldg. Self-guided tour/ Speakers/ Art exhibits/ +more. AlaskaSolarTour.com</td>
<td>1800 College Rd, Fbks</td>
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<td><strong>GLOBAL SYNCHRONIZED MEDITATION</strong> Sept 23 - Join millions around the world by creating a meditation flash mob in your region</td>
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<td>2pm</td>
<td>Public hearing on Stand for Salmon measure -- Fairbanks “Only in-person testimony will be allowed during mtgs in communities. Meetings can be followed online at <a href="http://akl.tv">http://akl.tv</a>, or by phone at (844) 586-9085” ADN</td>
<td>LIO Office, #308 1292 Sadler Way</td>
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<td>7-9pm</td>
<td><strong>Fbks Municipal Candidate Forum</strong> sponsored by League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley. “We will hear from candidates in the FNSB Assembly races and candidates for the mayors race.” <a href="https://www.facebook.com/lwvtv.org/">https://www.facebook.com/lwvtv.org/</a></td>
<td>Fbks N.Star Borough Assembly Chambers, 907 Terminal St.</td>
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<td>12-1pm</td>
<td><strong>Fairbanks Housing &amp; Homeless Coalition September Mtg</strong> - a “No Agenda” mtg. We did this once last year and it was great. We’ll have introductions then roll into whatever anybody wants to work on. We’ll have the FHHC updates written out to give us more time for the conversations that will break out.</td>
<td>Council Chambers of City Hall (800 Cushman St).</td>
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<td>4-5pm</td>
<td><strong>What: Webinar: How War Threatens the Environment - One of the most destructive of human behaviors, war is a leading contributor to the growing global environmental crisis. Hear from experts Gar Smith and Tamara Lorincz about the deep ecological impact of the war system. <a href="http://akl.tv">Register here!</a></strong></td>
<td>Where: Your computer or telephone!</td>
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<td>6pm</td>
<td><strong>Regular FNSB Assembly mtg.</strong> (Fbs North Star Borough); <a href="http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx">http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx</a></td>
<td>Assembly Chambers Borough bldg, 907 Terminal St, Fbs</td>
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### OPEN THROUGH SEPT. 2018

| Hours for the summer season: OPEN DAILY: 9 am - 7 pm | **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](http://www.alaskapeace.org) | University of Alaska Museum of the North Special Exhibits Gallery 1962 Yukon Dr, Fbs Admission free |

**Alaska’s Congressional delegation:**
*Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121*
Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, and/or Issues not specific to Alaska

Peace

from unify.org: “JOIN OUR 30 DAYS OF PEACE IN ACTION CAMPAIGN - You will receive an email each day for the next 30 days with ideas on how you can ‘BE THE PEACE YOU SEEK IN THE WORLD’. Share photos of you in action on our social media, so we can pulse the love all over the globe!” Check out the inspiring video!

from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): “The State Department official in charge of Syrian engagement announced that U.S. forces will be in Syria indefinitely. We must not accept another endless war... Defense Appropriations The Senate passed the $675 billion Defense Appropriations bill for 2019 with almost no debate. There’s no such thing as a Useable Nuclear Weapon. Congress appropriated $65 million in funding for new lower-yield nuclear weapons. Why is feeding our war machine less controversial than feeding our war machines? “Working to End our War in Yemen- U.S. support for the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen continues despite outrage over the school bus bombing in August—but that could change. On Sept. 6, Rep.s Ro Khanna & Adam Smith announced plans to introduce a bill next week to end U.S. involvement in the war in Yemen. It’s up to Congress to end our role in the devastating violence.—... we could see a vote soon on new measures to end bomb sales.”

from WorldBEYONDWar: “A Global Security System: An Alternative to War (2018-19 Edition) is now available...blueprint for an alternative security system – one in which peace is pursued by peaceful means. This 4th edition features several updates ...as well as a mind-map / flowchart [of] the interrelationships amongst all the dynamic parts of the system. Learn more & get yours.”

“Say No to an 18th Year of War on Afghanistan - Sign letter we’ll deliver to Trump.”

Justice

“Local volunteer opportunity with Fbks Reentry Coalition: The Education Coordinator at Fairbanks Correctional Center (FCC) is seeking volunteers to teach between 1 and 9 parenting classes to incarcerated dads. A full description of the opportunity and contact info are available [here]. Or contact UUFF Social Justice Committee member, Alison Carter at alisoncarter2@yahoo.com.”

from Innocence Project: “6 reasons we need prosecutorial accountability - ... Under current U.S. law, prosecutors are almost entirely immune from civil lawsuits even when they intentionally violate the laws... There are numerous opportunities to improve prosecutorial oversight and accountability through the creation of independent oversight entities as New York has just done with groundbreaking legislation... Add your voice to the call for prosecutorial accountability across the country.”

from ACLU® of Alaska: “We’re proud to announce that we’ve struck a major victory for the rights of immigrants in Alaska. You may remember the case we filed in March on behalf of Alex Caceda, a Peruvian immigrant who had been badly beaten by three men when he came to the aid of a female bartender. When the Palmer Police Department (PPD) arrived, they let the three assailants go free and instead took Alex to jail for four days for no other reason than Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) had issued a detainer warrant. Alex Caceda had committed no crime. The City of Palmer chose to settle our lawsuit rather than see it go to court. In exchange for dropping his lawsuit, Caceda received a written apology from the City of Palmer and $50,000 in compensation. The City of Palmer has also agreed to make the following changes to PPD’s Standard Operating Procedures dealing with immigration warrants and detainers: - Direction that an ICE warrant shall be treated as administrative and not a criminal warrant unless the warrant is signed by a judge. “

Sustainability

“Gov.Walker signed HB 217...[which] encourages schools, municipalities, and other governmental institutions to buy locally grown and produced food.” from Gov. Walker

“...Public hearings statewide on Stand for Salmon measure ...--In Anch Sept. 18, 2 pm in the Legislative Information Office [LIO] Auditorium. -- Sitka 9/21, 10am - Harrigan Centen. Hall. -- Fairbanks 9/24, 2 p.m. in the LIO Office. -- Bethel 9/25, 2pm. at the Yupiit Pircyraiat Cultural Center. -- Dillingham 9/29, 2pm Bristol Bay Campus A statewide teleconference hearing will also be held on Oct. 13 at 1 p.m., with testimony taken by phone only. Only in-person testimony will be allowed during meetings in communities. But those meetings can be followed online at http://akl.ty, or by phone at (844) 586-9085.” from Anchorage Daily News 9/5

from Food & Water Watch: “How does your Rep. stack up? Check out the new scorecard from Food & Water Watch” & others.

from Northern Alaska Environmental Center: “[Last] Wednesday, Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) hosted a webinar on the proposed Donlin gold mine, featuring Tom Waldo from Earthjustice, Mary Matthias from the Orutsaramiut Native Council, and Lindsey Bloom from Stand for Salmon. The recorded webinar is available as a podcast here.

“...The Shadowy Backdrop to the Corporate Campaign Against Alaska Salmon, Pebble, Donlin, ConocoPhillips, British Petroleum and the other big corporations have engaged a ... shadowy public relations firm named DCI to create ... fear designed to confuse and bully Alaskans. DCI thrives in the swampy backwaters of ... DC, and its client list reads like a who’s who of corporate bad actors – ExxonMobil, Koch Industries, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company,


Debunked: 100 Years of War Lies - This is the title of a new video by James Corbett. They always begin with the reasonable-sounding proposition that war is sometimes justified, and lead us from there down the slippery slope...

World Peace Through Law: Replacing War With the Global Rule of Law - a concept that has been strangely neglected for the past fifty years which deserves reconsideration by government officials, academia, and the general public." is a new book by James Ranney. The link shows more.

from Medea Benjamin: “We at CODEPINK just put out this 39-page report, WAR PROFITEERS: THE U.S. WAR MACHINE AND THE ARMING OF REPRESSIVE REGIMES, about the five major weapons companies—Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, Northrop Grumman and General Dynamics—and their dealings with three repressive nations: Saudi Arabia, Israel and Egypt.

from Samira Abrar, CODEPINK Divest from War Campaigner: “As we pause to remember the ... 9/11 ... victims here in the United States, let’s remember the millions of Afghans who have been killed, maimed and/or displaced over these years. I am one of them. When I was six, we fled our home and country in the middle of the night after a rocket blew up our neighbor's house. By age 24, I had already lived in five countries... And the women the U.S. was supposedly helping through its invasion of Afghanistan are now worse off than they’ve ever been.

That’s why we are yet again sending a letter to U.S. Secretary of Defense James Mattis asking him to finally withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan. Add your name now!”

from Center for Victims of Torture: “...Brutal violence in places like Syria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and Myanmar drove more than 68 million people from their homes last year, many of them survivors of horrific torture. [Contact your Congressional delegation to prevent the number of refugees being admitted to the U.S.A. being slashed from 80,000 to below 45,000.]”

from FCNL: “The Trump administration moved to undermine standards to protect migrant children from the harmful effects of

- Acknowledgment that PPD values the diverse population of the community it serves.
- Acknowledgment that unauthorized presence in the United States is not a crime and enforcement of civil violations of unlawful presence is reserved for ICE.
- Express statement that officers shall not stop or detain an individual based on the knowledge or suspicion that the person is in the United States without authorization.
- Recognition that the following ICE detainer and hold requests are never criminal and require no analysis to determine that they are administrative: I-200, I-203, I-205, I-247.

This is a stunning and unequivocal acknowledgement by the Palmer Police Department that local police have no legal authority to arrest or detain anyone just for being undocumented, even if ICE requests it. The ACLU of Alaska is sending this letter to every local police chief in Alaska reminding them of this and asking them to review their own operating procedures with their rank and file officers to ensure a case like this does not happen in their jurisdiction.

We ask you to also forward that letter your own local police chief and request similar action. We’ve won this case and the law is clear, but we must all remain vigilant of overzealous and unlawful enforcement against Alaska’s most vulnerable communities.”

*American Civil Liberties Union

from CREDO Action: “Tell Congress: Shut down criminal megabanks like Wells Fargo. Click here to sign the petition.

Just a few of Wells Fargo's recent include:

- Blaming a computer glitch after it foreclosed on 400 homes for absolutely no reason (the bank was ‘very sorry’).
- Forcing redundant car insurance on more than 800,000 people, raking in $73 million while 25,000 people had their cars reposessed.
- Playing a role in funding... immigrant prisons as one of the lenders to private prison companies GEO Group and CoreCivic.
- Opening 3.5 million unauthorized bank and credit card accounts and blaming it on low-paid workers struggling to hit incentives.

Big Pharma & many others. They specialize in creating phony front groups, attacking scientists and creating the noise & confusion needed to fulfill the profit-at-all-costs agenda of their corporate clients. Cook Inletkeeper.

“::: Sturgeon case would affect subsistence lifestyles. Subsistence is the term used for the traditional system that underpins the cultural and economic existence of Alaska Native communities. It has nothing to do with sport or recreation. It is a customary group activity that involves much more than just filling a freezer. It comprises community education, employment, sharing, spirituality, economics, sustenance and more. “Subsistence,” when understood this way, cannot be available to everyone who is an Alaska resident on some kind of “equal access” premise, nor does it need to be: State law provides equal access to sport, recreational and personal-use harvest. Jenny Bell-Jones in Fbks Daily News-Miner.

“::: Light Beams from 9/11 memorial pull in huge flocks of migrating birds.

from Co-op Market Grocery & Deli: “No more Roundup pesticide use... Bachner Companies, owners of our building, have committed not to use Roundup pesticide at any of their properties.

“A co-op Owner spotted maintenance workers spraying dandelions sprouting outside our building earlier this year. Concerned about glyphosate and other toxins, she brought it to our board’s attention, and staff contacted the Bachners. Here’s what they said:

“Thank you for bringing that to our attention. [We] were unaware that Roundup was being used and have told the maintenance crew that Roundup should not be used on any of our properties, ever.”

“Home Depot, Lowe’s, and Costco: Remove Roundup From Your Shelves!

Petition by Moms Across America - Dear Craig Menear, Chairman and CEO of Home Depot; Marvin Ellison, President and CEO Lowe’s; and Walter Craig Jelincic, CEO Costco: The California EPA Prop 65 Carcinogen List mandated that all products in California containing the chemical glyphosate, a key ingredient in Roundup, must carry a WARNING label, identifying them as cancer and reproductive harm-causing products, by Saturday, July 7, 2018. Monsanto sued and has temporarily stopped this 30-year practice of labeling. Yet, the judge in that case agreed to keep glyphosate on the Prop 65 List. acknowledging that glyphosate is a carcinogen, but not...
detention. Tell Congress: **family detention is not the solution, and we must not invest in more detention.**

“The House and Senate are engaged in intense negotiations on a final farm bill (H.R. 2), the largest source of food assistance for millions of families struggling with hunger in our country. The biggest hurdle remains the future of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps). Please contact Rep. Young and Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan today and urge them to protect SNAP in the final farm bill.”

1. Celebrate National Voter Registration Day on Sept 25. Share a photo of your voter registration card, an “I’m registered” sign or a voter registration application on social media with a link to our [online voter registration tool](https://vote411.org). Be sure to include the #NationalVoterRegistrationDay hashtag. Encourage your friends to take action!

2. Guide a friend who is new to the elections process. Help show new voters the ropes by sharing our online elections resource, VOTE411.org with them. VOTE411 can help voters learn about upcoming elections, including who will be on their ballot, important deadlines and information regarding in-person and absentee voting in every state. Then commit to going to the polls with them on Election Day.”

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**Spotlight**

*from End Slavery Now:* “**Call your Representative** - The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) expires Sept 30th. This act allocates federal funds to combat domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. [Learn More](https://www.cause.gov/)

*Rep Don Young* in Fbs 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov.

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**Songs related to peace, justice, sustainability played with today’s broadcast:**

**Hello this is the Asymmetric Moose with the Alaska Peace Center News Music picks for the week.**

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The following is a reading from American Naturalist and philosopher John Muir’s “The Story of My Boyhood and Youth”.

“I well remember my father’s discussing with a Scottish neighbor, a Mr. George Mair, the Indian question as to the rightful ownership of the soil. Mr. Mair remarked one day that it was pitiful to see how the unfortunate Indians, children of Nature, living on the natural products of the soil, hunting, fishing, and even cultivating small corn fields on the most fertile spots, were now being robbed of their lands and pushed ruthlessly back into narrower and narrower limits by alien races who were cutting off their means of livelihood. Father replied that surely it could never been the intention of god to allow Indians to rove and hunt over so fertile a country and hold it forever in unproductive wildness, while Scottish and Irish and English farmers could put it to so much better use. Where an Indian required thousands of acres for his family, these acres in the hands of industrious, god-fearing farmers would support ten or a hundred times more people in a far more worthier manner, while at the same time helping to spread the gospel.

Mr. Mair urged that such farming as our first immigrants were practicing was in many ways rude and full of mistakes of ignorance, yet, rude as it was, and ill-tilled as were most of our Wisconsin farms by unskilled, inexperienced settlers who had been merchants and mechanics and servants in the old countries, how should we like to have specially trained and educated farmers drive us out of our homes and farms, such as they were making the same argument, that god could never have intended such ignorant, unprofitable, devastating farmers as we were to occupy land upon which scientific farmers could raise five or ten times as much on each acre as we did? And I well remember Mr. Mair had the better side of the argument. It then seemed to me that, whatever the final outcome might be, it was at this stage of the fight only an example of the rule of might with but little or no thought for the right or welfare of the other fellow if he were the weaker; that “they should take who had the power, and they should keep who can,” as Wordsworth makes the marauding Scottish Highlanders say.”

The following two songs by Dakota Sioux musician, political activist, and actor, Floyd Red Crow Westerman bring that continuing conflict and its consequences into the present day light. The first song is Custer Died for Your Sins.  

In the next tune Red Crow sings about a World Without Tomorrow.

Next is Margo Price, singing about some of those things that are “All American Made”.

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*Rep Don Young* in Fbs 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov.
**A special request from Fairbanks Open Radio, on which this news & action is broadcast:**

"... Even if it's just a couple of bucks, we enthusiastically encourage you to help us keep the only completely independent, community-sponsored radio station in Alaska on the air.

- At KWRK.org we have listed all of our contact information for direct donations. We also have a convenient paypal portal there and at paypal.me/KWRK. Or you can send a check or money order to Fairbanks Open Radio at 3535 College Road / Suite 203 in Fairbanks, Alaska 99709. You can also leave a message for us at (907) 374-0577 or info at KWRK dot org.
- Thanks for listening, Fairbanks and the wider world"

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**Will You Help Support Alaska Peace Center Activities?**

*A couple of examples of what advocacy costs:*

**Potluck Presentations, Peace Feast and Special Events**

Facility use fees for events:
- $250 or more rental, plus insurance if required

Sound Engineering if needed:
- $250-$750

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Mail check to: Alaska Peace Center
3535 College Rd Ste 203
Fairbanks AK 99709-3722

THANK YOU!

Donate online: www.alaskapeace.org

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May Peace Be With You! Have a Good Week!