**Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of January 27th, 2019**

reporting on events & issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska, broadcasting on Sundays, 8am & 6pm on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM/kwrk.org Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska. Be ready for opportunities to participate!

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<td>Sunday January 27</td>
<td>11:30am</td>
<td><strong>Kids Environmental Action (KEA)</strong> will start meeting this Sunday after [UUFF] service and once or twice a month thereafter. Anyone interested is invited to join. KEA kids are currently working on banning plastic bags from Fairbanks and supporting AYEA with banning them state wide by writing letters and creating artwork to send to stores, the Daily Newsminer, and the borough assembly, by collecting signatures, and educating the public. If you can't make it on Sundays you can join the weekly meetings at Boreal Sun Charter School at 3.30.</td>
<td>(UUFF) Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd</td>
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<td>Monday January 28</td>
<td>6:30 pm</td>
<td><strong>Regenerative Economy Working Group mtg</strong> - If interested, please see information and fill out the form at <a href="https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/regenerative-economy/">https://fairbanksclimateaction.org/regenerative-economy/</a></td>
<td>Native Movement 1327 Hayes Ave.</td>
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<td>6:30pm -or 5:30?</td>
<td><strong>Fairbanks City Council Mtg</strong> - Various local groups urge you to testify during Citizens’ Comments in support of City of Fairbanks Ordinance 6093, the anti-discrimination measure; and/or to contact the City via email or phone; write a letter to the of the local paper; have your business/work sign a letter of support.</td>
<td>Fbks City Hall, 800 Cushman St.</td>
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<td>Tuesday January 29</td>
<td>5 pm</td>
<td><strong>Radon, carbon monoxide and arsenic workshops</strong> - [by] Extension energy specialist Art Nash. Free. No registration required. For more information, contact Nash at 474-6366. <strong>5 p.m. Radon</strong>: The Radioactive Intruder —Who would think that uranium under the ground would pollute your lungs in your own home? Learn how radon gas, the second leading cause of lung cancer, can be detected and blocked.</td>
<td>Nenana Student Living Center, 610 E. Sixth St.</td>
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**Alaska State Legislature.** “The people elected 23 women to the Legislature this election cycle,” notes District 1 Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; “One of the main tasks the Legislature is designated to address, found in the Alaska State Constitution, is to confirm by a majority of the members of the Legislature in joint session, appointments by the Governor... Commissioners-designees...**

Topics of Peace, Justice, &/or Sustainability on this week’s agenda:

Monday - Consideration of Governor’s Appointees: TELECONFERENCEED Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang, Department of Fish & Game -- Public Testimony;

Wednesday - SB 22 SHELLFISH ENHANCE. PROJECTS; HATCHERIES

Schedule [http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/](http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/). (Check for updates, as it often changes!)

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You can follow 360 North, Alaska’s public affairs channel, at [https://www.360north.org](https://www.360north.org) or on KUAC TV 9.9, including “Gavel Alaska,” unedited live, tape-delayed coverage of state government activities, AK Supreme Court, and more.

To send a msg to a legislator, contact Legislative Information Office (LIO) 452-4448 1292 Sadler Way, Fbks.

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“:: Interior’s Stealthy Plan to Hide Public Records. The [proposed changes](https://www.outsideonline.com/speak/2019-01-21-proped-changes-to-the-interiors-foia-regulations) would give the agency almost unlimited discretion to deny FOIA requests. In the Federal Registry notice, the DOI says that in “light of the unprecedented surge in FOIA requests and litigation,” it would now deny “burdensome” or “vague” requests, or those that require “the bureau to locate, review, redact, or arrange for inspection of a vast quantity of material.” [Outside Online](https://www.outsideonline.com), [Comment on the proposal by January 28 here](https://www.outsideonline.com/speak/2019-01-21-proped-changes-to-the-interiors-foia-regulations).

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| 6:30 pm   | 6:30 pm. Carbon Monoxide: The Silent Killer - How can something you can't see, taste or feel poison your blood in such a short order of time? Join this discussion on how to check your combustion devices so that you don't become overwhelmed by this harmful gas.  
6:30 pm. Arsenic: Water Poisoning — Did you know pure tasting water can have a toxin that will accumulate in your body? See how you can test your water and investigate ways to filter it out before you ingest it with the water you use for cooking and drinking. | Raven Landing Center, Cowles St                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 7 pm      | Science for Alaska Lecture Series: The Science of Smoke: Fairbanks’s particulate problem from Bill Simpson, UAF. Are you interested in a free, fun way to get out of the house and learn about science that impacts you, your community and the state? The Science for Alaska Lecture Series has you covered. Lectures will be Tuesdays through March 5; complete schedule here. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Wednesday Jan. 30 | Deadline for Comments | From Northern Alaska Environmental Center: “On Tuesday, the scheduled comment period deadline... was quietly extended 'National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Integrated Activity Plan (NPR-A IAP) is being rewritten to allow more drilling in areas that were recognized decades ago as containing extraordinary wildlife, habitat, and subsistence resources. Emphasis is being put on the Teshekpuk Lake special area and the Colville River special area as interest in oil resources underlying them has grown... See ... Action Alert here. ” Also, ‘Alaskans, take the Senate's public opinion poll. This poll asks Alaskans what we think about drilling in the Arctic Refuge, Pebble Mine construction, and other questions about state funding, services, and national policies. Make sure your voice is included!’ |
| 5:30 pm   | Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising...           | info@kwrk.org or 374-0577 3535 College Rd, suite 203                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Thursday Jan. 31 | Fairbanks Climate Action      | is running a matching giving campaign. Through January 31 a matching donor will give up to $10,000. Please share the giving link with your networks!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7 pm      | “Newsies” - Lathrop High School play adapted from a Disney movie, loosely based on “When newsboys held a strike against NewYork newspapers in 1999, their actions brought forth a new era of child labor laws.” (klong@newsminer.com) If interested in the true story, see An Uncivil War: The Newsboys' Strike of 1899 (Roosevelt not involved...) | HeringAuditorium 901 Airport Way, Fbks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7 pm      | Conservation in a Time of Transition - 'Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition coordinator and former Northern Center program director Jessica Girard will offer an examination of how our nation’s history of colonization influenced concepts of conservation... [T]here will be an opportunity to share and reflect together. See the Facebook event here, and save the date for February's Northern Voices event, A Call to Life. [Feb.22]' | UUFF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| February  | Black History Month - ‘The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District has partnered with the NAACP to host an annual contest for all students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The contest celebrates Black History Month and the lifelong work and educational advocacy of Alaska Senator Bettye Davis. Students of all ages can enter the contest...  
- 4th-6th Grades: create a poster featuring at least five African Americans who made a difference in their lives.  
- 7th-8th Grades: submit a typewritten, original, 150-word essay that includes a notable African American.  
Add an illustration with original artwork.  
- 9th & 10th Grades... submit a typed, original 250-word essay using this year’s theme: “Be Creative Through Fine Arts, Past or Present.” Include a notable African American in the essay and illustrate it with original artwork.  
- 11th & 12th graders... essay. The theme is the same, but it is 350 words long and should also include an original artwork. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places with an honorable mention in each grade. Return entries to the school district’s EEO Department, 520 Fifth Ave. by 4 p.m. on Feb. 12. For more information, contact David Rucker at 452-2000, Ext. 11466 or david.rucker@k12northstar.org. Reach columnist/community editor Kris Capps at kcapps@newsminer.com.” | Hering Auditorium 901 Airport Way, Fbks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Friday    | 7 pm “Newsies” - Lathrop High School play ... (See description at Thursday)                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
### 2019 Winter Fairbanks Folk Fest

This family friendly event will showcase musical talent from all around Alaska. The Festival will feature two different stages. Check [http://fairbanksfolkfest.weebly.com/winter-folk-2019.html](http://fairbanksfolkfest.weebly.com/winter-folk-2019.html)

#### After This Week

**Tuesday February 5**

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<td>6:45-8:30 pm</td>
<td>Peace Choir: Join the spirit uplift by attending Fairbanks Peace Choir. Spring rehearsals begin February 5, in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks (UUFF) sanctuary. Flyn Ludington, director, Paul Krejci, pianist - Creating a culture of peace through song! Come early to register. $75 donation asked. Scholarships available. Info. 457-8086.</td>
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<td>5:30pm</td>
<td>Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg. Come help create events to promote peace, justice, and sustainability! All welcome. For more information contact <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a>.</td>
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**Wednesday 5:30 pm**

Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577

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<td>2 - 4 pm</td>
<td>Fundraiser: Friends of Mary Siah Rec Center - About the cause - The Friends of Mary Siah Recreation Center are a group of citizens working to keep the rec center open and operational. Mary Siah is the only handicapped accessible swimming pool in the area and offers many much needed and valued services to our community. Created by Paint Nite Fairbanks.</td>
<td>Mayan Palace Taco Azteca Mexican Restaurant, 3401 Airport Way</td>
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**Monday February 11**

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<td>9 am</td>
<td>‘[T]he comment period on the Draft EIS for Coastal Plain leasing is open until February 11. Public meetings have yet to be scheduled. For more information, talking points, and background, visit northern.org.’</td>
<td>Barnes &amp; Noble Booksellers 421 Mehar Ave,</td>
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**Alaska’s Congressional delegation:** Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121

- **Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210:** Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov
- **Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks:** 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov
- **Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via:** sullivanc@senate.gov

**Email Fairbanks City Council:** people (keep it polite, positive, and honest, and remember that any information you share about your identity and story is public record). (Per Doug Toelle, Access Alaska)

- cityclerk@fairbanks.us
- dpruhs@fairbanks.us
- iclworth@fairbanks.us
- jmatherly@fairbanks.us
- jrogers@fairbanks.us
- kottersten@fairbanks.us
- skun@fairbanks.us
- vtherrien@fairbanks.us

OR call our City Council people (feel free to leave a message after 5PM if that's easier)

- Jim Matherly - Mayor: (907) 459-6793
- Shoshana Kun - Seat A: (907) 590-8313
- June Rogers - Seat B: (907) 451-0122
- Valerie Therrien - Seat C: (907) 388-0272
- Kathryn Otterstein - Seat D: (907) 978-5461
- Jerry Cleworth - Seat E: (907) 452-6461
- David Pruhs - Seat F: (907) 750-2888

**OR! leave a comment here:** [https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/citycouncil/webform/contact-council](https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/citycouncil/webform/contact-council)
“[Last week], the Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) Board of Directors approved a Carbon Reduction Goal as policy for the electric co-op! GVEA is now instructed to reduce emissions from 2012 levels by 2030 by 26% through a variety of strategies including efficiencies, renewable energies, energy storage, and other innovative strategies... Find and contact your Board representative (based on your residence) and be sure to thank them + encourage them to take the steps to implement this but also move even more ambitiously! Review the policy here!” from FCAC

**Good News category:**

“An opportunity to contact our Senators and Rep. in DC on the health travesty of PFAS in the water at EAFB and Ft. Wainwright: “A major source of ... deadly contamination in hundreds of locations around the United States and around the world is U.S. military bases, which use PFAS for putting out fires, despite full knowledge of the effects, and despite the availability of alternatives... Click here to email your Representative and Senators to demand an immediate moratorium on the use of PFAS in military exercises, and the revision of agreements with U.S. state and local governments and with foreign nations to allow them oversight of the environmental damage done by U.S. bases. Please share this action on Facebook and Twitter. Also share this photo essay, this video, and this series of articles.”” from NP

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**Spotlight**

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**The audio weekly news includes recordings from last Thursday’s “Conversation from Death Row” and Friday’s “Racism and Climate Change” events in Fbks, Music played: -- Josh White - Prison Bound Blues  
-- Phil Ochs: Paul Crump, and There But for Fortune  
-- Tim Evans, sung by Judy Collins  
-- Give a Damn, by Odetta  
-- All That You Have Is your Soul, by Tracy Chapman  
-- People Gotta Be Free, by Keb Mo**

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**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 (APC).**

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- individually, in our community, and globally -  
with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.

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**Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome. Email alaskapeacenews@gmail.com.**

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**Will You Help Support Alaska Peace Center Activities?** *Thanks to all who have done so recently!*

**Just a few examples of what it costs to educate & advocate:**

**Presentations, Peace Feast and Special Events**
Facility use fees for events: $15-$250 rental, plus insurance if required
“True peace is not merely the absence of tension. It is the presence of justice.” Martin Luther King, Jr.

Guest speakers or musicians: $600-$2,500 per guest, can include airfare, stipend or compensation, lodging, local transportation and meals
Sound Engineering if needed: $250-$750
Advertising: $75+ per event for printing flyers; $250 - $500 banner ad, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner; $2000 for 1/3 page ad

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

Donate online: www.alaskapeace.org

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!