# Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of February 10th, 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><strong>Black History Month</strong> - - - FNSB School District/NAACP annual contest - Complete information at ‘Feb. 12’</td>
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<td><strong>February</strong></td>
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<td>“The final Salcha-Badger Road Area Plan, slated for a mid-February 2019 release. Core components of the plan will include: ...Check the project website, <a href="http://salchabadger-plan.com">salchabadger-plan.com</a>, often for updates on community meetings and opportunities to learn and participate.” <em>from <a href="mailto:shelly@agnewbeck.com">shelly@agnewbeck.com</a></em></td>
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<td><strong>Monday</strong></td>
<td>6-7pm</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 <a href="http://northern.org">northern.org</a>.’</td>
<td>507 Gaffney Rd</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday</strong></td>
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<td>University of Alaska Fbks Cooperative Extension Service <strong>Certified Food Protection Manager training</strong> <em>Sign up by Jan. 30</em> so that you can become familiar with the study book before class. Studying is recommended! Register at <a href="http://bit.ly/cesCFPM">http://bit.ly/cesCFPM</a>...If you are in another location, please contact <a href="mailto:jmcascio@alaska.edu">jmcascio@alaska.edu</a> with location info before signing up so videoconference and proctoring can be arranged. *Website: <a href="http://www.uaf.edu/ces">www.uaf.edu/ces</a> Flier CFPM 2.12.19.pdf from Cooperative Extension Service Tanana District</td>
<td>videoconference in Fairbanks, Delta Junction, Juneau, Palmer, Sitka and Valdez.</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Black History Month</strong> - “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...</td>
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<td>- 4th-6th Grades: create a poster featuring at least five African Americans who made a difference in their lives.</td>
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<td>- 7th-8th Grades: submit a typewritten, original, 150-word essay that includes a notable African American. Add an illustration with original artwork.</td>
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<td>- 9th &amp; 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.</td>
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### Chinese New Year celebration presented by UAF Chinese Student Association
Celebration includes: Buffet dinner, stage show [Chinese dances, singing (Chinese opera aria & songs) Chinese instrument playing, and open floor dancing]
Tickets: $20 Adults, $10 Children (5 to 12)
Contact: Rosalind Kan <rkan@alaska.edu> (907) 474-0928 or others listed on the flier [Flyer 2019 Chinese New Year.JPG](#)

### Peace Choir: Join the spirit uplift by attending Fairbanks Peace Choir.

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

### Sustainability Commission mtg.
- Agenda includes citizens’ comments, consent agenda* including Sustainability Plan
- Final, FNSB Energy Handbook, (planning) presentation of the Plan.
- Contact: Brittany Smart, Special Assistant to the Mayor | Fairbanks North Star Borough | Direct: (907) 459-1302
- *per Robert’s Rules of Order, “The consent agenda (or in some cases, the consent calendar) allows members to vote on a group of items en bloc (as a group) without discussion. This is a good way to dispose of business that is noncontroversial.”

### Regular FNSB Assembly mtg.
- (Fbks North Star Borough): [http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Calendar.aspx?Category=Municipal%20Election%20Day|Regular%20Assembly%20Meeting&mm=1&yy=2019](http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Calendar.aspx?Category=Municipal%20Election%20Day|Regular%20Assembly%20Meeting&mm=1&yy=2019)
The agenda includes Ordinance No. 2019-09: amending FNSB code.. to to modify any and all masculine and/or Feminine Language to gender neutral pronouns...

## Upcoming 2019 Programs at Creamer’s Field - Plan ahead now!

### February 16, Saturday
- Preschool Nature Discovery - 11:00 am - Noon
- For children 3-6 years old "OWL Always Love You!"

### March 2, Saturday
- Babes in the Woods - 11:00 am - Noon
- For children birth-2 years old "Figuring Out FOX"

### March 10, Sunday
- Star and Night Sky program - 8:00 PM - TBA
- For all ages with parents. Come view the night sky with telescopes (cancelled if weather does not cooperate!)

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### March 23, Saturday
- Spring Equinox Walk - 1:00 pm - For all ages.
- Come see how the season is changing as the sun returns to the interior of Alaska

### March 30, Saturday
- An Afternoon With Owls at Morris Thompson Visitor Center 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- For all ages - Come learn about all things OWLS. Dave Dorsey of Bird TLC will again give a presentation with "Ghost" the Snowy Owl education bird.
- Education and craft opportunities available for all ages.
## After This Week

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<td>Feb 18 – March 31</td>
<td><strong>War Abolition 101 (online course registration)</strong> How we Create a Peaceful World. 6-week online course: February 18 – March 31, 2019.</td>
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<td>Seedy Saturdays Feb. 23 &amp; March 2</td>
<td>Join the John Trigg Ester Library, local gardeners, and other seed savers for seed swaps and garden lectures. Garden lectures will be at 3p.m. each Saturday. *For more information about these events, please contact Karla Secor at <a href="mailto:karlaruth14@gmail.com">karlaruth14@gmail.com</a>.</td>
<td>Hartung Hall, Ester, Alaska</td>
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<td>March 1 - May 18</td>
<td>Spring 2019 <strong>Health Fairs</strong> in Fairbanks, Nenana, Salcha, Healy, Eagle, Tok, and Central. Visit <a href="http://www.alaskahealthfair.org">www.alaskahealthfair.org</a> or call 374-6853 for more information.</td>
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<td>Thurs, Feb. 28</td>
<td>&gt; The crowd-sourced film <strong>“Vermont Energy Independence Day”</strong> will be shown at the Blue Loon, Thursday, February 28 at 5pm. It documents how the citizens of Vermont are leading the State’s transition to sustainable energy and energy independence.</td>
<td>Blue Loon, 2999 Parks Highway</td>
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<td>Saturday &amp; Sunday April 20, 21</td>
<td>&gt; Lower cost! Cleaner air! Upgrade the grid to get us there! The future is bright for Alaska! The <strong>Resilient Cities Summit</strong> is coming to Fairbanks, April 20 and 21.</td>
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<td>Wed Feb. 20 5:30 pm</td>
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**Peace**

*from Danny Glover via CodePINK*: “I am frankly frightened by the U. S. Government’s dangerous bellicose backing of a coup in Venezuela.

Sidestepping respectful, peaceful mediation among the divided citizenry can easily result in more human suffering, violence, and instability. Thankfully, two initiatives are underway in Congress to promote a peaceful solution:

Representatives Ro Khanna and Pramila Jayapal have penned a Dear Colleague letter addressing the harm US sanctions are having on the Venezuelan people and the need for dialogue facilitated by Mexico, Uruguay, and the Pope, and Representative David Cicilline has introduced legislation making it clear to President Trump that without congressional authorization - authorization he does NOT have - he may not use military force in Venezuela.

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**Justice**

“**State Elections Division Puts Inactive Voters On Notice**” from [http://www.kyuk.org/post/state-elections-division-puts-inactive-voters-notice](http://www.kyuk.org/post/state-elections-division-puts-inactive-voters-notice): "If you haven't voted in the last four years, you have [until the end of the] month to save your voter status. The state Division of Elections tracked the status of registered Alaska voters and sent out notices to those who had not voted recently. The notices warn people who haven't been voting that they have until February 28 to contact the Elections Division before being deactivated. Once a voter is deemed “inactivated,” future ballots will be put in “questioned” status and have to be reviewed before being counted. The Division of Elections' Native Language assistance line is 1-866-954-8683.”

Information at Alaska Division of Elections: [http://www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov)

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**Sustainability**

“Dear Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition supporters and allies, [Monday’s Arctic Refuge hearing](http://www.kyuk.org/post/arctic-refuge-hearing) was a flashpoint in the fight for climate justice, land protection, and Indigenous rights in Alaska.

Hrrl Scouts livestreamed much of the event (as did many others) and had [probably the most complete video](http://www.kyuk.org/post/state-elections-division-puts-inactive-voters-notice). Skip to 13:00 to see Defend the Sacred's intervention”

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Winter Storms and Flu Prolong Blood Shortage

Red Cross Issues Emergency Call for Blood as Winter Storms Prolong Shortage (dated 2/7/19)

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“Collaboration Opportunity: Transitional Housing Grant..."
**Thank you. forward to solve this crisis peacefully.**

**people by the sanctio**

**language on the harm being done to the Venezuelan**

Khanna should be toned down and revised to be similar to the legislation, please encourage revision.

Venezuela. After becoming an original co-sponsored by the Maduro government and the opposition. Mexico and Uruguay have offered to mediate, as has the Pope. A democratic process, not a coup, should be supported.

As your constituent, I ask you to add your name to the Ro Khanna and Pramila Jayapal Dear Colleague letter to Mike Pompeo (current signers are Khanna, Jayapal, Grijalva, Omar, and Hank Johnson) addressing the harm US sanctions are having on the Venezuelan people and the need for dialogue facilitated by Mexico, Uruguay, and the Pope.

Please also become an original co-sponsor of Representative David Cicilline’s legislation to lift sanctions and reverse military authorization. The law was inspired by financial conflicts of interest from then-Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon.

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**Songs broadcast with this week’s Community News:**

--Peace Is Not A Four-Letter Word, by Jane Rooodenburg  
--Mansion on the Tundra, by Glacial Erratics  
--John Henry by Paul Robeson  
--Zaman El Salam (Time of Peace) by Yuval Ron Ensemble  
--Liberty, by Susan Grace  
--Where I’m Bound, by Robin Dale Ford  
--Ak’a Tamaani by John Angaiak  
--Angoyoqaagma, by John Angaiak

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!