### Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of March 31st, 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>To Contact your Elected Public Officials,</strong> see lists of contact information at the end of this news brief</td>
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<td>A reminder! Today and every day: visit, call, email, write your legislators, congresspersons and city and borough assemblies and write letters to the editor about issues being acted on and affecting peace, justice, and sustainability.</td>
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<td><strong>(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up</strong></td>
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<td>See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info here: 3/31-4/7/19*</td>
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<td>-- SB 89 Legis. Ethics, Conflicts (trying to weaken ethics standards)</td>
<td>-- Pebble Mine -- LNG storage tax credit</td>
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<td>*Schedules often change. Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO). In Fbks: 452-4448</td>
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<td>-- SB 35 Crimes, sex crimes, sentencing, parole</td>
<td>-- Consider Jason Brune for DEC Commissioner</td>
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<td>-- Dunleavy’s Proposed state Constitutional Amendments: SJR 4,5,6 state tax; initiative; Permanent Fund &amp; Div; Approp limit, reserve fund;</td>
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<td>-- HB 32 AK Energy Efficiency Loans; -- HB 99 Hydroelectric site</td>
<td>-- SB 41 Superior Court Judges #</td>
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<td>-- presentation by Dept of “Defense” state liaison; -- SB 83 telecommunications regs/exemptions</td>
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<td>-- HB 115 Absentee Voting -- HB 27 Regulate flame retardant chemicals</td>
<td>-- HB 3 State land sale; PFD voucher</td>
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<td>-- SB 87 Limit nonresident taking of big game</td>
<td>-- HB81 Prohibit plastic retail bags -- SB 66 Labor standards/Safety; Worker Comp. -- HB 65 Fish Tax: Repeal muni refunds/rev.share</td>
<td>--SB 32 Crimes/sentences; ment.illness --SB78 Establish May 31 as Katie John Day</td>
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<td>-- HB 92 Direct Health: Not Insur; Add to Medicaid</td>
<td>--HB 118 Offender Re-entry planning by corrections</td>
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**This Week Opportunities for Action**

- **Sunday March 31**
  - Deadline to apply for Alaska’s Permanent Fund Dividend.

- **Monday April 1**
  - 8-9am, 12-1pm, 5-6pm: Some KWRK-LP 90.9 FM news program changes. PLAY FLYN PSA. Rising Up with Sonali production changed to afternoon, so it will now air from 5 to 6pm, bumping the Democracy Now! late showing to noon. Background Briefing will fill the 9-10am spot.
  - 1pm AKDT: H.R. 1585: Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019 is scheduled for. [U.S.] House Committee on Rules more on this below
  - 7pm: April 1: South America: Exploring the Bird Continent From Sea to Summit. Presentation by Gerald “J.J.” Frost. Northern South America is a land of superlatives in terms of its biodiversity, varied landscapes, and cultures. The region’s geographic setting, mountainous topography, and extensive tropical forests conspire to create a riot of bird diversity. In this talk JJ Frost will...
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<td>Tuesday April 2</td>
<td>8am - 5pm</td>
<td>UAF Cooperative Extension Service will offer <strong>food safety management training</strong> via videoconference April 2 in seven Alaska communities. State regulations require that all food establishments have at least one certified food protection manager to ensure compliance with food safety regulations. March 20 was the deadline to sign up and receive a study guide before the class. Registration, locations and more information are available at <a href="http://bit.ly/cfpm">http://bit.ly/cfpm</a>. The $200 fee includes one certification exam. For additional information or to request another location, contact the instructor, Julie Cascio, at 907-745-3677 or <a href="mailto:jmascio@alaska.edu">jmascio@alaska.edu</a>. (See flyer attached for more information and to share with others who may be interested in the Workshop. Thank you!) <a href="http://bit.ly/cfpm">CFPM 4-2-19-V.pdf</a>.</td>
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<td>Wednesday April 3</td>
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<td>&quot;<strong>Sharing Nature and History of Creamer's Field</strong>&quot; “Enjoy the Outdoors each session Wednesdays April 3 to May 15. CLASS REGISTRATION OPEN NOW! Class limit 25 participants. <a href="http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org/">http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org/</a> 459-7301 Also, “Give a hand - Learn to help at the Refuge Nature Training. Learn yer birds and other critters. 459-7301,” or mark.ross@alaska. 6-week free* class. Donations can be made to Friends of Creamer's Field.</td>
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<td>5:30 pm</td>
<td>Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg -... [email protected] or 374-0577 “Fairbanks Open Radio is presently looking for folks willing to kick down an hour or so weekly to help program the broadcast. No radio experience is necessary, although basic computer skills are almost essential for this particular task. In order to expand our capacity to pursue this and our many other endeavors, we are changing up the way we do meetings. As ever, we invite you to join us every Wednesday at 5:30 PM at 3535 College Road in Suite 203 - upstairs from Fuji Japanese Restaurant. Heretofore shall we dedicate the first Wednesday meeting of every month to discussing the business of running the station and soliciting feedback from those who attend. The other Wednesdays will be used for volunteer trainings on topics like live radio production, post-production, broadcast programming, etc. that will be announced in advance. Other weeks, we’ll just keep office hours and host informal banter and political discourse.”</td>
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<td>Thursday April 4</td>
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<td>Arbor Day [Planning]Mtg [Help plan planting trees where they are beneficial in our area.] See you there! Jim Smith, Stewardship Forester (907) 451-2668 Meet in the large Conference Room.</td>
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<td>5 pm</td>
<td>FNSB Trails Advisory Commission</td>
<td>Trail Plan Rewrite Working Group mtg: Address issues with and procedure for a Comprehensive Rewrite of the FNSB Comprehensive Recreational Trail Plan.</td>
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<td>5:30 pm</td>
<td>Alaska Peace Center monthly &amp; annual mtg</td>
<td>- All welcome! Board of directors elections - Join the work for peace! - and planning events such as the Peace Feast, Fair booth, and more. Contact <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a> or call 479-0981.</td>
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This is the 52nd anniversary of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr’s **Beyond Vietnam - A Time to Break Silence**” speech. The internationally revered leader in struggles against racism, poverty and war was assassinated one year later to the day. **Hear Dr. King’s** “and more at notonato.org.

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Dept. of Natural Resources (off Airport Way)

5 pm


Big Dipper 2nd fl, west conference Rm 1920 Lathrop St

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Raven Landing Community Centr 1222 Cowles St. Fbks [View Map]
:: Denaakk'e Through Bird Songs with Susan Paskvan. “During the K'edon Ts'ednee times, a time long ago, the animals and birds were able to talk to each other. Many of our beliefs originated during these legendary times. The bird songs tell about events that happened during the K'edon Ts'ednee times.” Join us to learn about the Denaakk'e language of Interior Alaska and its remarkable vocabulary to describe bird songs - or should I say bird conversations?

| Saturday April 6 | 8am - 5:30pm | Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training - No Charge. Participants will gain a basic understanding of:  
- Microorganisms relevant to produce safety and where they may be found on the farm;  
- How to identify microbial risks, practices that reduce risks, and how to begin implementing food safety practices on your farm;  
- FDA Produce Safety Rule Requirements and how to meet them. For info/registration: 375-8278/ barbara.hanson@alaska.gov | Morris Thompson Center  
Univ. Park Bldg  
1000 Univ Ave  
Rm 156 |
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| 11am-noon | Preschool Nature Discovery - Babes in the Woods - "Are BEARS out There?" for ages 3 - 6, siblings & parents or caregivers. Story, song, craft, finger play, and a walk on [Creamer's Wildlife] refuge. Free (Donations appreciated.) | 1300 College Rd  
Fbks |
| 11am | 28th Annual Empty Bowls event: Fbks Potters’ Guild & other local groups create beautiful bowls for sale with all proceeds donated to Fbks Community Food Bank | Fbks Community Food Bank |
1000 Univ Ave  
Rm 154 |
| 12-4pm | Historic Creamer’s Dairy Farmhouse, Visitor Ctr, Gift Shop Saturdays through May 31 & during all programs. | 1300 College Rd  
Fbks |
| 5pm | :: 27th Annual Fabulous Feminist Fundraiser, supports lobbying efforts on behalf of women, children & families. Proceeds from this event support the Alaska Women's Lobby and local advocates to lobby on behalf of Alaska's women, children & families. | Westmark Hotel,  
Fbks |

**Next Week**

**Monday April 8**

| 6-7pm | 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 Monday of each month. All Wobblies (and recruit prospects) are welcome and encouraged to come.” Info: [iwwfbx@gmail.com](mailto:iwwfbx@gmail.com) | 507 Gaffney Rd |
| 6:30pm | Fairbanks City Council Mtg [Agendas and calendar at [https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month](https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month)](https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month) This page contains a link to live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio, & audio stream ([http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live](http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live)) | Fbks City Hall,  
800 Cushman St. |

8 – 10 April

Peace Direct and the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY) are convening an [online consultation to broaden the conversation on... Youth and Peacebuilding...](http://bit.ly/fishandmeat) a global conversation between practitioners and academics to explore some of the questions surrounding youth-led peacebuilding, such as:  
- What does youth-led peacebuilding actually look like?  
- How do we understand the relationship between youth and peacebuilding in different contexts?  
- What are the key enabling factors for successful youth-led peacebuilding?  
- What does it mean in practice to integrate youth participation across all peacebuilding areas? Together, we will [map the experiences of youth peacebuilders around the world](https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month) and look for ways of operationalising the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) agenda. [Learn more and register »](http://bit.ly/fishandmeat)from Peace Insight [info@peaceinsight.org](mailto:info@peaceinsight.org)

**Tuesday April 9**

| 8am-5pm | Research and Creative Activity Day - This annual event showcases undergraduate research and creative projects in all disciplines, with posters, displays and performances. Free poster printing for all participants who [register by April 2.](http://bit.ly/fishandmeat) Will there be submissions about increasing PEACE? Justice? Sustainability? | UAF Wood Ctr,  
lower level lounge |
5:30 -7pm **Fbks Diversity Council Mtg** “...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 activi-ties in our community...” The Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) meets the second Tuesday of each month. 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. Contact info: cityclerk@fairbanks.us or 907-479-6702

6 pm **Regular FNSB Assembly mtg.** (Fbks North Star Borough); includes Citizens’ Comments; PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance #xx “xx;” and Resolution #xx [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-Meeting-Documents.aspx](http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx)

Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week

### April 15-16
- **Alaska-Yukon Wood Energy Conference, April 15-16 in Fairbanks,** post-conference workshops, April 17
- **State FFA (Future Farmers of America) Convention, April 16-19 at Mat-Su College**

From **UAF School of Natural Resources and Extension newsletter**

### April 16-19

12 noon **Fbks Diversity Council Accessibility Committee mtg**
Contact info: cityclerk@fairbanks.us or 907-479-6702

UAF Cooperative Extension Service Tanana District Office - **Spring Food Preservation Series!** Leslie Shallcross, health, home and family development agent, will present... the following classes. Register for each class individually, depending on your interests, and the fee for each class is $20. Visit [http://bit.ly/fishandmeat](http://bit.ly/fishandmeat) to reserve your spot. For more information, call 474-2426.

- April 23, 5:30-9:30 p.m. — Making Jerky and Sausage; ---May 4, 1-4:30 p.m. — Pickles, Chutney and Sauerkraut
- May 15, 5:30-9:30 pm — Fermentation: Making Kimchi & Kefer --June 8, 1-3:30 pmMaking Fresh Cheese, Kefir & Yogurt

**3.16.19 canning fish and meat.pdf**

**July 24–28**

Save the date! **2019 Northern Organizers Summit** Application to be released soon. Follow Native Movement on Facebook to stay updated.
“The NRA Comes Out Against The Violence Against Women Act: The bill would tighten gun laws for domestic abusers, but the NRA calls it a “poison pill.” per 3/27/19 article in Huffpost.

Women in the U.S. are 16 times more likely to be killed with a gun than women in other high-income countries, making this country the most dangerous in the developed world when it comes to gun violence against women. Every year American women suffer from 5.3 million incidents of intimate partner violence. In an average month, 50 American women are shot to death by intimate partners, and many more are injured. Nearly 1 million women alive today have been shot, or shot at, by an intimate partner."

“Ballot Fairness Act could make it more likely for third-party congressional candidates to win… Should third-party candidates be disadvantaged when it comes to ballot access?”

Raven About Broadband  “Electric Cooperatives Are the Solution to Rural Internet Access Problems
Add Your Name to the Petition: Dear GVEA Board Members,
Please conduct a feasibility study on Golden Valley Electric Association providing broadband services. Based on over 100 electric cooperatives successfully implementing broadband services in the lower 48, we must investigate this for GVEA and its service area. This is important because underserved communities have a bleak future without affordable and high-speed internet. Lastly, I urge you to support efforts that encourage GVEA to offer broadband services.
Please support a modern economy and quality of life for Alaskans within the GVEA service area.”
Share your story: Speaking to the GVEA board during member comment periods is an important demonstration of demand for broadband. Join us to share your personal story and bring a friend. Member comment period starts promptly at 6:30, come early to sign in. Comments are limited to three minutes.
GVEA Board Mtgs  DATES: April 22, May 20   TIME: Starts promptly at 6:30, come early to sign-in
LOCATION: 758 Illinois Street, the 2-story building behind the GVEA customer service office.”

per govtrack 3/22/19: “The American Forces Going Home After Noble (AFGHAN) Service Act would formally end the war in Afghanistan once and for all… [Introduced by] Sens. Paul and Udall, … It awaits a possible vote in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.” To contact AK Sen. Sullivan (on the committee),
in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov; Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov-

Audio & Songs broadcast with this week’s Community News:
-- excerpt from Beyond Vietnam - A Time to Break Silence” speech by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Hear the speech and and more at notonato.org.
-- Not So Soft, by Ani DeFranco
-- I’m A Big Man by Tootsie and the Matelles
-- Imagine by John Lennon
-- John Brown Off to War by Bob Dylan
-- Custer Died For Your Sins by Floyd Red Crow Westerman
--Heart of the Appaloosa by Fred Small
Have you seen our Borough bus ad?

3% of U.S. military spending could end starvation on earth.
alaskapeace.org
Number explained: worldbeyondwar.org/explained

Will you help sponsor this bus panel at $120 for a month or a week at $30?

Mail check to: Alaska Peace Center 3535 College Rd Ste 203
Fairbanks AK 99709-3722
Donate online: www.alaskapeace.org

THANK YOU!

*The Alaska Peace Center is a non-profit charitable and human rights organization incorporated in Alaska under IRS 501(c)3.

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). Views & news reported do not constitute endorsement by APC, KWRK-LP, or other entities in which they may be replicated.

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

Visit our website, www.alaskapeace.org, for more information and details, or to get on our email list, to which the expanded news brief with active hyperlinks is sent; also see our Facebook page. Feedback to, Corrections/Clarifications, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome. Email alaskapeacenews@gmail.com.

May Peace be with you! Have a good week!
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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). OR call our City Council people (feel free to leave a message after 5PM if that’s easier)

Jim Matherly - Mayor: (907) 459-6793 Shosha Kun - Seat A: (907) 590-8313 June Rogers - Seat B: (907) 451-0122 Valerie Therrin - 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

Fairbanks City Council - https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/citycouncil

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North Pole City Council - https://www.northpolealaska.com/citycouncil

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Agendas & Minutes at https://www.northpolealaska.com/meetings

Fairbanks North Star Borough -

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Andrew M. Gray - Seat C; agray@fnsb.us; 907-978-5317; term exp. 10/19

Aaron Lojewski - seat H; alojewski@fnsb.us; 907-978-1766; exp 10/20

Liz Lyke - seat F; llyke@fnsb.us; 907-378-3727; exp 10/21

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Marna Sanford - seat A; msanford@fnsb.us; 907-546-7505; exp 10/21

Shaun Tacke - seat B; stacke@fnsb.us; 907-978-7647; exp 10/19

Leah Berman Williams - seat G; lbwilliams@fnsb.us; 907-347-4021; exp 10/21

To contact the full Assembly you may either send an email to assembly@fnsb.us, use the Contact Full Assembly contact form, or mail to PO Box 71267, Fbks, AK 99707. Written communications to individual Assembly Members regarding current matters before the Assembly will be copied to the full Assembly.
Alaska State Legislature
Legislative schedule and links to related info here: 3/31-4/7/19 Schedules often change.
Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO) In Fbks: 452-4448

Interior Alaska Legislators
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