Community News and Opportunities for Action, **WEEK of May 5th, 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>Sunday May 5</strong></td>
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<td>The Interior Alaska Food Network will celebrate <strong>Alaska Agriculture Day 2019</strong> with a variety of festivities. Learn about Alaska agriculture with booths and activities for the whole family. There will also be a dedication of the new Drew Plaza! <a href="#AKAgDay2019">AKAgDay flyer</a></td>
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| | 1-4pm | **National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls**
**Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Rally**, walking to Veterans’ Memorial Park and back, with speakers & information tables including "Being a Good Ally". Hosted by [Native Movement](#Golden Heart Plaza, by Cushman St Bridge) |
| | 1-4pm | **Chena Tool Library TOOL SWAP**  More info  (Drop off tools 9-11am) | Carlson Center |
| | 1:30pm | Hearing on **HB 49**  Title "An Act relating to criminal law and procedure; relating to controlled substances; relating to probation; relating to sentencing; relating to reports of involuntary commitment; amending Rule 6, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure; and providing for an effective date."
Per [tstampas@acluak.org](#) on May 1: “The current version of HB 49 is a major improvement over Governor Dunleavy's original draft, which would have turned the clock back on the proven justice reforms that are currently underway. There are, however, aspects of the bill that need to be fixed.” | **TELECONFERENCED**
May 05 Sunday 1:30 PM
(H)FINANCE |
<p>| <strong>Tuesday May 7</strong> | 10am-4pm 5:30-7pm 7:15-9pm | “Alexis Danzig (who is a rockstar trainer of “ACT-UP” &amp; “Rise &amp; Resist” fame) heard about our recent social justice woes &amp; is flying up/over from NYC to do a <strong>FREE</strong> Civil Disobedience training with our very own Kathy Ottersten! They’ll be teaching about the philosophy &amp; strategy of nonviolence, civil disobedience as ONE method of direct action,” | 799-0319 for more information<strong>These trainings are...</strong> |</p>
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<td><strong>Wednesday</strong>&lt;br&gt;May 8</td>
<td><strong>Deadline to sign up for 5/22</strong>&lt;br&gt;Certified Food Protection Manager workshop training via videoconference May 22 in four Alaska communities. Registration, locations and more information are available at <a href="http://bit.ly/cesCFPM">http://bit.ly/cesCFPM</a>. The $200 fee includes class, study guide and one proctored exam. For additional information or to request another location, contact the instructor, Julie Cascio, at 907-745-3677 or <a href="mailto:jmucasio@alaska.edu">jmucasio@alaska.edu</a>. See flyer attached for more information and to share with others who may be interested in the training.</td>
<td>5:30pm&lt;br&gt;5:30-8pm&lt;br&gt;6:30pm&lt;br&gt;7:15pm&lt;br&gt;5:30-7PM&lt;br&gt;3:00-7PM&lt;br&gt;</td>
<td><strong>Fairbanks Open Radio (KWRK-LP 90.9 FM) volunteer trainings</strong> <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a>&lt;br&gt;<strong>FNSB Sustainability Commission mtg</strong> Agenda includes “UN’s 17 sustainable development goals as a framework for topics... in the classroom... concept of circular economics; UAF student recommendations for a climate plan for Fbs, and how to involve the public; Earth Day events reports; FNSB Staff Sustainability Handbook update; A Resolution... supporting HB81... Prohibiting Disposable Plastic Shopping Bags...” Please see Full Agenda Packet here</td>
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6:30pm | **Fairbanks City Council Mtg** (twice per month on Monday evenings*) | Agendas and calendar at [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. Please click the Listen Live image below to start streaming the audio. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. Listen live via Mixlr if you have iPhone/iPad app ([http://bit.ly/163ZvLg](http://bit.ly/163ZvLg)) - city_of_fairbanks and you will be able to follow our audio stream ([http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live](http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live)).

| **Tuesday May 14** | 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

FDC Education/Outreach & Media/Communications Committee 5/10/2019 - 12:00pm
FDC Accessibility Committee 5/16/2019 - 4:00pm

| **Wednesday May 15** | 5:30pm | **Fairbanks Open Conscience Radio (KWRK-LP 90.9 FM) volunteer trainings** info@kwrk.org

| **Tuesday May 14** | 5:30-9:30 p.m. | Spring Food Preservation — **Fermentation: Making Kimchi and Kefer** presented by Leslie Shallcross, health, home and family development agent with UA Cooperative Extension Service Tanana District Office. Register soon as space is limited. Visit [http://bit.ly/fishandmeat](http://bit.ly/fishandmeat) to reserve your spot. Class fee is $20 and preregistration is required. For more information, call 474-2426.

| **Friday May 17** | 12-2pm | **Fairbanks Community Mental Health Services** (FCMHS): FCMHS is hosting a BBQ.

| **Saturday May 18th** | 10am | **Really Free Market** - This is the ultimate freecycling event that gives you the opportunity to declutter your life and find a new home for things that are still clean, safe and usable. [https://news.uaf.edu/2019-really-free-market](https://news.uaf.edu/2019-really-free-market)

| **Friday May 17** | 7pm | **Plenty for All Concert**: Plenty For All will be holding a concert and fundraiser featuring ... Susan Grace along with others. Plan to join them to support this wonderful organization that helps folks out of foreclosure. Visit their webpage: [http://www.plentyforallfairbanks.org/](http://www.plentyforallfairbanks.org/). Or call Jane at 479-6832.

| **Saturday May 18th** | 8-10am | **Birding on Saturday Mornings with Arctic Audubon Society - Birding By Ear & Songbird ID** - JJ Frost, Local birding expert will lead a morning birding field trip. Bring binoculars, snack, rubber boots if you have them. More info at arcticaudubon.org or Beth at 907-957-1050.

**Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week Events**

| **Monday May 20** | 7:30pm | **Arbor Day tree planting, honoring Chris White**, Alaska Peace Center board member, Laborer, member if IWW - International Workers of the World, aka Wobblies - and persistent defender of workers' rights. |
**Good News category:**

*May 3rd would have been* **Pete Seeger’s** *100th birthday, and his legacy lives on!*

*Rise Up Singing* & *Rise Again* *songbooks*... “reflect our commitment to peace & justice... we are working to honor and continue the life-long work of Pete & Toshi Seeger, empowering people to create a better world through singing together, including the new *Carry It On Fund* which is raising funds to help carry forward the Seegers’ vision and work."* 

[Read more...](#)

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**Sustainability in many areas means Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Reducing the need for everyone to buy a new tool, there is a Chena Tool Library at 1072 Dolphin Way by Chena Marina off Chena Pump Rd. 455-tool “Lend tools. Build community.**

Welcome to your local Fairbanks tool library! We lend tools for your DIY projects. Yes, just like a library, except with tools!

To start borrowing tools, simply become a member, check out our inventory of tools, then stop by to pick them up!"

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**Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date**

**Peace Justice Sustainability**

*from Susi Snyder, Author, Don’t Bank on the Bomb, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons: “These 28 companies are making nuclear weapons. The research shows that these companies are fuelling a new nuclear arms race and putting the world in danger and should be blacklisted by any responsible bank and financial institution. [Click here to see which companies you need to avoid](#) [including Boeing, Lockheed, Raytheon, Northrop Grumman, others]. Read the full report [here].”*

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*from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks: “[Special Announcement - We have] learned that a number of congregations have been hit with an [email scam]. It involves making a fake Gmail account in the minister’s name, and then sending a request for gift cards allegedly from that minister to the congregation’s directory. Apparently when you send the gift card it gets cashed by the scammer. This article about this scam may be helpful: [http://ow.ly/U8qI30oD6ms](#) If you receive such an email [purporting to be from UUFF], please notify Rev. Leslie (minister@uuff.org) or Mel (admin@uuff.org) immediately. Thank you!”*

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Fairbanks found to be #3 of ‘Most polluted cities for year-round particulate pollution,’ *per NewsMiner 4/25/29.*

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One item that has received relatively little attention so far in Gov. Mike Dunleavy’s draconian budget proposal is his plan to eliminate state support for public broadcasting. Many communities in rural Alaska depend on their public radio stations for news and information.

“Included in the public broadcasting budget line is Gavel Alaska, which provides live coverage of the Alaska Legislature, including committee meetings, Alaska Senate and House floor sessions, press conferences and other legislative events. Each meeting is archived so that Alaskans can watch it even if they miss the original broadcast or livestream. Gavel Alaska allows Alaskans in in widely dispersed communities — with a state capitol that is off the road system — to keep themselves informed about what is happening in Juneau.”

Legislative contacts are listed at the bottom of this newsletter.

from AkPIRG: “The Senate Can Restore Net Neutrality - Take Action! The House of Representatives voted 231 to 190 to pass the Save the Internet Act to restore net neutrality. But now we need to focus on the U.S. Senate, where we’ll need the support of 60 Senators to win. Tell your Senators to cosponsor the Save the Internet Act to block ISPs from throttling traffic, censoring content, and imposing unfair fees.”

from AmericanPromise.net: “The numbers are bleak but tell the story:

- 130 Americans die every day from opioid overdose.
- The death rate from opioid overdose is up 200 percent since 2000.
- Nearly one in three people know someone addicted to opioids.

There’s another important number—$30,000,000. That’s the average amount the drug industry has donated annually to federal campaigns since the early 2000s. Donations from “Big Pharma” go to candidates on both sides of the political aisle as drug companies seek policies that lower regulations, speed drug approvals, and increase prices and their profits... This month New Hampshire is poised to become the 20th state to call on Congress for the 28th Amendment. Through the momentum of local movements like this, we move closer to winning the 28th Amendment [declaring corporations are not people] and ending the grip of Big Pharma and other special interest groups on our lives.”

Audio & Songs broadcast with this week’s Community News:

-- Asymmetric Moose Music 05/05/19

This is Rob Mulford. Welcome to the Asymmetric Moose’s Music Picks for the Week of May 5, 2019. This past Friday, the third of May, was the one hundred year birthday of, my hero, the tireless activist for human rights and dignity, folk music legend, Pete Seeger. Being as I’m still basking in May Day’s glorious spirit of working class-consciousness, I decided this week to play tunes that evoke that spirit and celebrate the man whose banjo said, “This machine surrounds hate and forces it to surrender.”

In this first tune, Pete put words from a 19th century Mining Union rulebook to music, Step By Step.

Next is a medley of two tunes, one written by Aunt Molly Jackson, I Am A Union Woman, and the other Which Side Are You On, by Florence Reece, two powerfully courageous women who fought the mine bosses, shoulder to shoulder with their husbands

Harriet Tubman was born into slavery, escaped and subsequently made some thirteen missions rescuing approximately seventy enslaved people, family and friends using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad. She later helped abolitionist John Brown recruit men for his raid on Harpers Ferry. During the American Civil War, she served as an armed scout and spy for the United States Army. In her later years, Tubman was an activist in the struggle for women’s suffrage. Jane Sapp sings about her here in, Harriet Tubman.
Because, hearts starve as well as bodies, give us bread, but give us roses. The powerful message and song that came out of the great Industrial Workers of the World led textile workers strike, **Bred and Roses**, sung by Si Kahn.

Rosa Luxemburg said, “Freedom is always and exclusively freedom for the one who thinks differently.” I’ll let Pete introduce the next tune **Die Gendanken Sind Frei**.

Next is Ralph Chaplin’s 1915, is a popular IWW anthem. **Solidarity Forever**.

Next Pete, in the spirit of John Henry, drives his **Rainbow Around This World**. Happy belated, Birthday Pete.

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

**Just a couple of examples of what peace advocacy costs, despite all volunteer effort:**

**Potluck Presentations, Peace Feast and Special Events**
- Facility use fees for events: $15-$250 rental, plus insurance if required
- Advertising: $75+ per event for printing flyers; $250 - $500 banner ad, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner; $2000 for 1/3 page ad

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

Donate online: www.alaskapeace.org

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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.

**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).
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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)
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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

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

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Alaska State Legislature

legislative schedule and links to related info here: 3/10-3/17/19 Schedules often change.

Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO) In Fbks: 452-4448

Interior Alaska Legislators

Sen. Click Bishop - (R) District C Fbks - Juneau office: 907-465-2327. Tollfree: 800-336-7383 Email: senator.click.bishop@akleg.gov
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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: sullivan.senate.gov
Links for social services helpers, from FHHC:

- Access Alaska
- Boys & Girls Club
- Breadline Inc
- FNSB Libraries
- Fairbanks Soil Water Conservation District
- Fairbanks Wellness Coalition
- Fairbanks Youth Advocates
- JP Jones Community Development Center
- North Star Community Foundation
- ThrivAlaska
Boys & Girls Club
Fairbanks Reentry Coalition
Fairbanks Soil Water Conservation District
Love INC
Noel Wien Library
ThrivAlaska
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