

Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



Creating political will for a livable planet

Core values: focus, optimism, relationships, integrity, personal power, being non-partisan

CCL NEWS

As the focus on the **Budget Bill** shifts to the **Senate**, **CCLers** around the nation are sending messages to **Republican Senators** – preserve the **IRA** clean energy tax credits! Without them the impacts would be very destructive: reducing energy security, increasing pollution/ worsening our health, imperiling jobs and economic growth. Read about a few [dissenting Senators](#).

DIRTY DOZEN REPORT

[Communities for a Healthy Bay](#) is a wonderful environmental advocacy and engagement resource for our area. On **May 20** they released a [South Sound's Dirty Dozen report](#), "highlighting 12 industrial facilities with ongoing pollution concerns and enforcement gaps." Read how you can help **CHB** in their work [here!](#)

PREVIOUS MEETING

In our **May** meeting we reviewed the **IRA** home energy rebate programs for households and how to apply. Rebates will be available late summer or early fall. (Link to [factsheet](#).) We also discussed future meeting venues and topics, deciding to meet in person at the **UP Atrium** in **June**. [Minutes here.](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Friday, 10 am
Resilience group at Cutters Point Coffee, 5104 6th Ave.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
from 12:30-2:30,
1st & 2nd Sundays from 1-3,
Postcard Writing group

Wednesday, June 18,
6:45 pm *In person!*
CCL Chapter meeting
University Place Atrium,
3906 Market Place West
(just outside the UP Library)
Topic: Working Together to
Get Our Messages Out

Saturday, June 21, 10:30-
11:30 am, Summer Solstice
tree walk with Tacoma Tree
Foundation, [details](#)

Wednesday, July 2, noon,
CCL Study Group on Zoom.
Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

Thursday, July 3, 6-8 pm,
[Tacoma Green Drinks](#)

Saturday, July 12, 10-2,
[EarthGAY](#)
Swan Creek Park

Wednesday, July 16, 5:30-
CCL Tacoma July Picnic!
Details on p.2

[CCL Summer Conference](#)
[and Lobby Day](#)
Washington DC, July 19-22
Register by July 3rd

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Tabling—The tabling committee is looking for a few more tabling or clip-boarding venues for this summer, since our next scheduled event is not until **August 23 ([Hilltop Streetfair](#), 11-7)**. The **Puyallup Farmer's Market** idea did not work out. If you have suggestions or want to join in, contact [Linda Cohan](#).

The postcard-writing group is at it again, helping good causes and having fun! We've been meeting **Tuesdays & Wednesdays 12:30-2:30** and **1st & 2nd Sundays 1-3**. Just contact [Cathy Carruthers](#) for location and project details.

The **June** update of **Climate ARTivism** is now ready to see on our [website](#). Enjoy!

Please post, like, and comment on our [Facebook](#) page, managed by **Nancy Atwood**, as well as our [Instagram](#) and [Bluesky](#) accounts, managed by **Sue Lepore**.

See **Tom Giske's** update letter on **p.2**: about how we can help reach the goal of a **30%** city tree canopy, and the upcoming website **ReforestTacoma.com**.

John Doherty's "Climate 360" has a broad reach, airing on **KTAH Radio Tacoma, KVSH Voice of Vashon, & KBCS Bellevue**.

See [past newsletters](#)

Summer is Picnic Time!

The Annual CCL Tacoma Potluck Picnic Wednesday, July 16, 5:30-dusk

Junett Community Garden, N. Junett St & N. 16th St.

Families are welcome to join this social event
Bring a potluck dish to share, table service, perhaps a folding chair,
and your own drink (or enjoy our provided lemonade or water)

An update from Tom Giske, Reforest Tacoma

Hello Tree Canopy Partners,

City Council unanimously passed a resolution to begin a comprehensive process that will review all aspects of **Tacoma's** tree canopy with the purpose to find the best possible solution for reforesting the streets of **Tacoma**. This process, reviewed and approved by all departments within the city, including **Urban Forestry, Environmental Services, Public Works, the City Manager** and the **City Attorney**, includes an agreed timeline that ensures the **Planning Commission** completes its necessary work, that funding alternatives are assessed, and a budget for executing the result is ready for the 2027/2028 schedule. See resolution [here](#).

I have spoken to **CM Kristina Walker**, the primary sponsor of the resolution, and she is encouraging us to remain involved and to look for ways to support this 2 ½ year process. As a result, we have obtained ReforestTacoma.com as a domain and are creating a website to offer support and track the process from beginning to end. We are also establishing an **Instagram** link to extend support and to drive activity to the website. The **Tacoma Tree Foundation (TTF)** and **Tacoma Urban Forest Friends (TUFF)** have agreed to participate, and we hope your organization will also do so.

Participation could include informational contributions to the site, distribution of updates to your members, links to appropriate sections of your own website, and any other creative ideas you may have. Thank you for considering this request to help in our efforts to ensure the city's process culminates in a funded project to reach the city's goal of a 30% canopy within a reasonable timeframe.

Of further interest

Articles about people who are rising to the challenge, websites to find more!

[“Why I quit the film industry to work on ecological restoration”](#) [John D Liu](#)

[“The emerging field of pollution and mental health research”](#) ([environmental health news.org](https://environmentalhealthnews.org))

[“From American factories to global rooftops—climate tech goes mass market”](#) ([SUPERCOOL](#))

[“Former Navy SEALs are diving to save the ocean”](#) (reasonstobecheerful.world)