

Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



Creating political will for a livable planet

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

CCL NEWS

At last month's **Conference and Lobby Day** in D.C., CCL volunteers lobbied **Congress** about federal climate programs. We can continue that effort and help reach the goal of sending **10,000** messages-- "*support robust funding for key programs in NOAA, NASA, and the Dept. of Energy.*" Here's an [easy online action tool](#).

LOCAL

The Pierce County Dept. of Emergency Management's [Wildfire Protection Plan Draft](#) is up for review and comments.

September's "Green Drinks" networking meeting, at scenic Old Town's historic tavern **The Spar**, looks like a great one! The highlighted group is [Washington Conservation Action](#).

MEETINGS

The **July** summer picnic was just for fun, food, and socializing. We met at the lovely **Junett Community Garden** and heard from **Barbara Menne** about what keeps it thriving. **August's** meeting will focus on national efforts like [SunDay](#) and how we can participate. **September's** meeting will have a speaker from [Communities for a Healthy Bay](#), a valuable local organization that recently published its impressive study, the "[South Sound's Dirty Dozen Report.](#)"

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tues. & Wed. 12:30-2:30, 1st & 2nd Sundays from 1-3
Postcard Writing Group at "Cathy's Cottage"

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 7pm
CCL Tacoma August Chapter Meeting. On Zoom. [get link](#)

Saturday, Aug. 23, 11-7
Tabling at [Hilltop Street Fest](#) 900 MLK Jr. Way

Sunday, Aug. 24, 4-7
Tabling at [National Drive Electric Event](#), Steilacoom

Wednesday, Sept. 3, noon
CCL Study Group on Zoom. Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

Thursday, Sept. 4, 6-8 pm
Tacoma Green Drinks The Spar, 2121 N. 30th St. Host, [Washington Conservation Action](#)

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7pm
CCL Tacoma September Chapter Meeting with speaker from [Communities for a Healthy Bay](#)

Sunday, Sept. 21, 12-4
[SunDay event](#) Tacoma Mountaineers, 2302 N. 30th St.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

July 20—Congratulations to **Jason Berkowitz**, whose letter to the editor was published in the **News Tribune**! **Full text p.2**

Aug. 12—**Chuck Jensen** and **Barbara Menne** attended the **27th state legislative district** "coffee chat." There will be two more this fall—details on **p. 2**.

Aug. 15—**Elly Claus-McGahan**, **Linda Cohan**, **Sue Lepore**, and **Barbara Menne**, along with members of **The Mountaineers**, are organizing Tacoma's [SunDay](#) event and contacting other local environmental groups to join in. More about this exciting project on **p. 2!**

Tabling—We will need extra volunteers for the [Hilltop Streetfair](#), **Sat, August 23** from **11-7**, and the [Drive Electric Event](#) on the next day from **4-7**. It's a busy time but fun and worthwhile! If you can help out even for just a couple of hours, please contact [Linda Cohan](#).

Cathy Carruthers' postcard group has exceeded the **2500** mark! [Contact her](#) for location details if you want to join in.

Please engage often on our [Facebook](#) page, as well as [Instagram](#) and [Bluesky](#). Let's keep them lively and interesting!

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Surrendering on Climate Change

July 20, 2025, Tacoma News Tribune

As a climate change advocate with Citizens' Climate Lobby in Tacoma, I was disappointed to see the budget reconciliation bill recently signed by President Donald Trump once again sideline critical climate investments.

Climate change isn't a distant threat—it's here. From smoky summers in the Pacific Northwest to erratic weather, the evidence is clear. Yet this budget prioritizes short-term interests over long-term sustainability, ignoring clean energy, innovation, disaster preparedness and efforts to cut carbon pollution.

Washingtonians understand the stakes. We see salmon runs dwindling, forests burning and coastal communities threatened by sea-level rise. Our national budget should reflect those realities—not ignore them.

We need Congress to look beyond short-term politics and invest in a livable future. That means putting climate solutions—like carbon pricing, clean energy tax credits and support for workers—at the center of budget policy.

Our children and grandchildren deserve better than a budget that pretends climate change isn't real.

Jason Berkowitz, Tacoma

Sen. Yasmin Trudeau, Rep. Jake Fey, House Speaker Laurie Jenkins

If you live in the 27th state legislative district, your representatives are dependable environmental champions in **Olympia!** Hear what they have to say at these upcoming "coffee chats":
Sept. 25—Franklin Park, 10:30-noon Oct. 13—Cutters Point Coffee, 2209 N Pearl St. 10:30-noon

"SunDay is a global day of action on September 21st, 2025, celebrating the unstoppable rise of clean energy. We'll come together to showcase the power of the sun and wind, the energy sources that can power our world without pollution."

