

Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



Creating political will for a livable planet

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

CCL NEWS

ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT

[H.R. 2307](#) has 94 co-sponsors. (To get a current tally click [here](#)).

The [Reconciliation Bill](#) passed the House, but without a carbon fee. The Senate will be deliberating for some months, so you can still keep up the pressure for a carbon fee and dividend by contacting **President Biden** & your **Senators**—make [calls](#) or volunteer to [phonebank!](#)

The war in **Ukraine** adds extra urgency to this transition. *Imported oil funds corruption, instability, and war. Energy independence fosters peace.*

JUNE NATIONAL CCL CONFERENCE

JUNE 11-13, Washington, DC., in person. An exciting opportunity to network and learn! [Click](#) for more information and to register.

Earth Day is Coming!

This year's theme is **INVEST IN OUR PLANET**. Let's make a fresh new **word cloud** to decorate our website home page! Please contribute a 1-3 word phrase to [Sue Lepore](#).

There are many local activities to join. Things are gearing up! Check these out for starters:

[City of Tacoma Earth Month](#)

[Port of Tacoma Earth day event at Gog-le-hi-ti wetlands](#)

[Earthday.org Great Global Cleanup](#)

[Sierra Club Rally in the Streets](#)

WA STATE LEGISLATURE

"Move Ahead Washington," the most environmentally sustainable transportation package in state history, plus bills for **methane capture, salmon restoration projects, and green stormwater infrastructure** all passed in the recent short session. Kudos to all who lobbied for these bills!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next chapter meeting **ON ZOOM**
Wed., Mar. 23, 7–8:30pm

Program: Updates (includes WA Legislative Session), action team reports, breakout rooms.

[RSVP](#)

Monday, Mar. 21, 5:45-6:45pm,

Virtual Town Hall with

Representative Derek Kilmer.

Sign up [here](#).

Study group

Wed. April 6 at noon, discussing articles that members share.

Join us! Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

[South Sound Sustainability Expo](#)

UW Tacoma Campus

Saturday, April 16, 10am-3pm

To help at the CCL booth, contact [Linda Cohan](#)

Be a 5-minute Activist!

By participating in the **Monthly MOC Calling Campaign**. Sign up [here](#) to call your federal representatives once a month. You'll receive a text reminder on your assigned day, phone number and optional script provided. Easy yet effective, try it!

PREVIOUS MEETING

Our **February** meeting was **hybrid**: in-person/Zoom. The meeting site had bandwidth issues, so it's "back to Zoom—back to the drawing board" for now. The speaker, **Jim Conca**, gave a detailed account of new-technology nuclear power, its prospects and advantages. For minutes plus a link to the outstanding visuals, click [here](#).

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

LTE's—Congratulations to **Donna Green**, whose letter to the editor was published in the **TNT** Sunday Mar. 13! See full text on [p.2](#).

Climate Talk radio program, with interviews and commentary by **John Doherty**, is on **KTAH** and **KVSH 101.9 FM**, and is archived on our [website](#).

[Ginny Lohr](#) is doing a great job with **Facebook**, but she would really like some help! [Take a look](#).

The **Fircrest lobby group** is working on a local park issue, [SEE p. 2](#).

WE CAN HELP! Send comments to **City Council** to oppose a proposal to build 3 huge warehouses directly above the **South Tacoma aquifer**. The land had been designated a green zone. [More information](#)

The "Branching Out" tree-planting group headed by [Mary Forman](#) will be working at [Swan Creek Park](#) Saturday from 1-4pm.

[Past newsletters](#) are on the website

Letter to the Editor

STOP IDLING

The News Tribune Mar. 13, 2022

One would have to be living under a rock to not be aware of skyrocketing gas prices and the devastating impacts of climate change. Many feel helpless about how each of us can make a difference on both fronts.

One very easy way to make a slight difference is to stop needlessly idling our motor vehicles. How often are we idling while waiting to pick up our children from schools, while sitting in a drive-through line or while waiting for our turn at a road construction site? Idling is wasting gas and polluting the air in addition to our lungs as we are breathing that exhaust.

Most newer vehicles do not need to be warmed up prior to being driven, and idling is actually harmful to the vehicle.

Idling for more than 30 seconds is simply wasteful and unnecessary. Schools, municipalities and other places where idling too often occurs can easily enact no idling policies. People who idle to keep the heat or air conditioning running can turn off their vehicle with little to zero harm to them.

Idling gets us nowhere.

Donna Green, Steilacoom

Lobby Report

From Nancy Atwood: I, Mary Forman, and Elly Claus-McGahan, as well as many Fircrest residents, have been busy with **Resolution No. 1759**, which the **Fircrest City Council** approved 4-3 February 22nd. It allows Fircrest to contract with **Forterra** to arrange to buy a property in Fircrest for conservation & use as a public park. Forterra will obtain grants for this purchase & Fircrest will possibly be eligible for additional grants to remove the last barrier on **Leach Creek** that prevents salmon from returning all the way to the wetland. Groups of Fircrest residents are meeting to discuss ways we can support the Resolution. When we are clear on all the details, we will welcome the **CCL-Tacoma** chapter's support.

While you can **express your support** for the **Open Space Park Project** to all seven council members (this includes the mayor), you can also write individually to CMs Reynolds, Viafore, & Andrews, as they were the "no" votes. *(You do not have to be a resident of Fircrest to send letters to their councilmembers on this issue)*

Of Further Interest

CCL National Executive Director Madeleine Para's op-ed, "Break the Grip of Oil States Like Russia with Clean-Energy Transition," was published in the [Seattle Times](#) as well as other newspapers across the nation. [Read text.](#)

[Hilltop Heritage School's "Watts Up" project](#) to put solar panels on the school roof is having a fundraiser Friday, April 22. Details TBA.

Senator Whitehouse resumes his "Time to Wake Up" speeches: [watch here.](#)

CCL PNW Coordinator Tamara Staton's interview on "Five Things You Can Do to Become More Resilient During Turbulent Times" was published in [Authority Magazine.](#) Her "[Resilience Hub](#)" is on the **CCL Community** page.