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Covid19 is the news, but we don't have to let it drown everything else out. Stay climate focused with us.

CCL News and Events

- HR 763: [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act \(EICDA\)](#) now has **80** cosponsors.
- Our fearless national leader, **Mark Reynolds**, shares a message of trust [here](#), you be you and meet your needs.
- Several of us went to the **2020 CCL Greater Pacific Northwest Regional Conference**. About 200 people attended. See if you can find us (Barbara, Chuck, Elly, Hezekiah, Jason, Linda) in the group photo on our [facebook page](#). Read commentary from Jason Berkowitz below; this was his first conference.
- **June 7 - 9 10th Annual Citizens' Climate International Conference and Lobby Day** is still on and open for registration. This annual event keeps growing, though this year may be different. If you make travel arrangements make sure you can get full refunds. Conference registration fee will be refunded if it is cancelled. Ask [Ginny Lohr](#) why she finds them so inspiring. Training, workshops, practice, and lobbying, what fun! Find more information and register [here](#).
- Watch the Far Middle Video: <https://farmiddle.com/> for inspiration and tool around on [this page](#) to explore more.
- Read and watch the clips [here](#) to see what congress is working on through the words of Representative Kilmer. CCL Mike Kelly joins him. Then explore some more as you like.

Local Climate Events

Stay tuned. Many events have been canceled and not may be rescheduled.

04/25: Fircrest Arbor Day, 9am – 12pm, Fircrest Park is still scheduled. Contact [Nancy Atwood](#) for more info.

04/11 & 04/18: Humans and Climate Change at Tacoma Community College, Continuing Ed taught by [John Doherty](#). **Canceled by Covid19.**

04/22: Tree Hug and Celebration, 4:00 – 7:00 pm, Wright Park.

October: Still in the works, a tree planting day for our chapter. Tacoma Tree Foundation is leading the tree planting effort, 100K trees this year.

Zoom Meeting: Wednesday March 25, 6:30 – 8:30, In the comfort of your own home with your computer. Url is <https://zoom.us/j/679025791>.

We're trying out a virtual meeting with Zoom. Come try it with us. This is a good time to be part of a community and stay connected with one another. Agenda will have an invitation to join.

Member Activities Recent and Upcoming

Find your passion, get in touch with the Point of Contact (POC), or suggest something new.

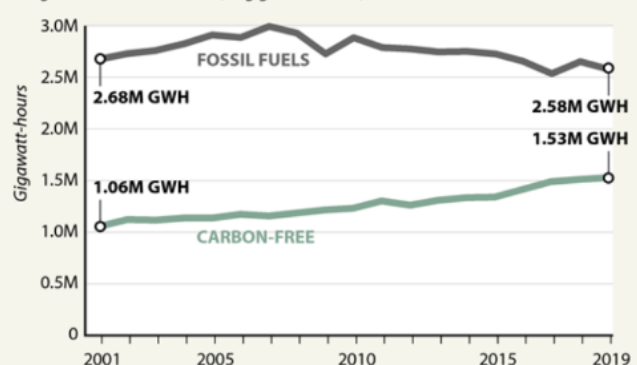
- **CCL website:** <https://www.ccltacoma.org/>, POC [Ray Lepore](#). It's under design and this is the perfect time to get involved. Learn more at our Zoom meeting.
- **CCL New member training**, POC [Ana Lia Barragan](#). Come see a draft at the Zoom meeting and share your thoughts. Or join the team.
- **Lobbying**, POC [Elly Claus-McGahan](#). **03/11** Met with three Pierce County Councilmembers to introduce CCL, HR 763, and find out about Pierce County efforts related to climate change.
- **Media:** CCL's [John Doherty's Climate Talk](#) on [KTAH 101.9](#) at 10:00AM and 10:00PM or on your own time at <http://radiotacoma.org/>. The current topic is: *Lessons learned from COVID 19 applicable to climate change*.
- **Facebook**, POC [Ginny Lohr](#). Take a look, like and love, or find out how to add content and be an administrator. Check it out: [Facebook CCL-Tacoma](#).

Why we need to keep working:

Fossil Fuels vs. Carbon-Free Power

Carbon-free electricity sources are slowly reducing the gap with fossil fuels, thanks largely to the growth of wind and solar and the decrease in coal, but these lines are likely many years away from crossing.

U.S. ELECTRICITY GENERATION: FOSSIL FUELS vs CARBON-FREE*
Net generation for all sectors, in gigawatt-hours, 2001-2019



*Includes nuclear, hydroelectric, wind, solar and other renewables

SOURCE: U.S. Energy Information Administration

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We need you. There's lots to do and it's roll-up-your-sleeves fun. At the meeting we'll be exploring options.

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Reflections on my CCL Conference Experience
Commentary from Jason Berkowitz

Several weeks ago, I attended the Pacific Northwest Regional CCL Conference with some other Tacoma CCLers. The conference kicked off at 9 am on Saturday, and the itinerary continued straight through 5 pm. On Sunday, we started at 9 am and finished around noon. This relatively brief conference was jam-packed with value!

Participants attended sessions on topics such as “The Power of the Dividend to Spur “Innovation & Jobs” and breakouts such as the “Getting Endorsements from the Business Sector”.

Adrian Rafizadeh, a high school senior, spoke passionately about his journey from climate change denial to a climate advocate. As a proud Republican, he was able to provide valuable insight on effective ways of reaching young conservatives. In the nation’s often deadlocked political environment, building such bridges might prove instrumental in the adoption of a national carbon dividend.

Honestly, I enjoyed every session I attended and learned quite a lot. The interactive component of many of the breakouts enhanced the value and enjoyment level of the sessions.

I met fascinating individuals from Alaska, California, Oregon, and Washington. During the weekend, we engaged in stimulating conversation. It was amazing spending time with others anxious about climate change but determined to act.

I left inspired to contribute more in our CCL group wherever the help is needed. For example, I look forward to tabling, writing letters to the editor, and engaging with conservative student groups around the Greater Tacoma area.

For those of you who have not come before, I strongly encourage you to attend the next CCL Regional Conference. For one, I will be there with you!

This second page will be available for membership commentary. If you have something you think our CCL chapter would be interested in, please send it in to [Nancy Atwood](#).