

Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



Creating political will for a livable planet

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

CCL NEWS

Save the date!

The June CCL conference in D.C., “Making Moves and Moving Congress,” will be held **June 8-11**. Registration and more info [here](#).

EARTH DAY 2024 “Planet vs. Plastics”

(Monday, April 22) This year’s theme calls us “to advocate for health risk of plastics, rapidly phase out all single use plastics, urgently push for a strong **UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution**, and demand an end to fast fashion.” Send [Sue Lepore](#) some suitable words to help construct an **EARTH DAY WORD CLOUD** to decorate our [website](#)’s homepage!

“NO ON I- 2117!” CAMPAIGN

Initiative 2117 is a serious attack on WA’s groundbreaking [Climate Commitment Act](#), also blocking any future carbon pricing. **CCL** state leaders along with other environmentalists aim to defeat **I-2117** in the fall election—so we have our work set out for us in the months ahead! Stay tuned, updates on how to help will be on the [website](#).

PREVIOUS MEETING

Our **February** meeting included a **2024 state legislative session** recap. The **Zero Emission School Buses** passed, but our other top priority bills did not. [Minutes here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Mar 17, 3-5pm, GET OUT THE CLIMATE VOTE postcard-writing party, [Contact](#) to RSVP and for address.

Wednesday, Mar 20, 7 pm Chapter Meeting IN PERSON Central Co-op 4502 N. Pearl St.

Saturday, Mar 30, 11am— “Waterwise Wondering: How do Trees Protect Water Resources?” Tree Walk **Tacoma Tree Foundation** McKinley Park. E. I St. & 31st

Sunday, Mar 24, 3-5pm, GET OUT THE CLIMATE VOTE postcard-writing party, [Contact](#) to RSVP and for address.

Wednesday, Apr 3, noon CCL Study Group meeting discussing articles that we email ahead of time. To join on Zoom. contact [Sue Lepore](#)

Thursday, Apr 4, 6 pm Green Drinks (a local environmental networking group), **7 Seas Brewery and Taproom**, 2101 Jefferson Ave.

Saturday, Apr 13, 10-3, Tabling at [South Sound Sustainability Expo](#), UW-Tacoma campus

SAVE THE DATE! **June 8-11, CCL National Conference**, Washington, D.C.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Tomorrow! March 17— **GET OUT THE CLIMATE VOTE** party. More to come **Sundays Mar 24, Apr 14 & 21** from 3-5 pm. [Contact](#) to RSVP and for address.

Linda Cohan phonebanks with the [Environmental Voter Project](#), a partner with CCL. See [p.2](#)

From **Nancy Atwood**—the city of **Fircrest** was awarded bronze-level **EVAL (Electric Vehicle Adoption Leadership)** certification for its commitment to investigating clean energy solutions like EV charging stations.

Chuck Jensen and **Barbara Menne** recently attended a meeting with the [News Tribune](#) editors and discussed publishing letters to the editor. So get your pens flowing! Contact [Chuck](#).

Tabling —**Barbara Menne** is working with Expo organizers to create a household “**GO ELECTRIC**” hub at the **April 13 Sustainability Expo**. Our **CCL Tacoma** booth will be busy! Our **Mar. 20** meeting will discuss how to join into this important chapter activity!

You can help [Ginny Lohr](#) post on our [Facebook](#) page by sending her photos (captioned, please)

[Past newsletters](#) are archived on the website

Visit us on [Twitter \(@CCLTacoma\)](#) and [Instagram \(ccl_tacoma\)](#).

Environmental Voter Project

[EVP](#) identifies environmentalists that are registered to vote, but rarely do so, and encourages them to vote in all elections, which brings climate change to the attention of politicians. [EVP](#) currently targets 19 states with large populations of non-voting environmentalists.

WRITING--Get trained to send postcards to low propensity environmental voters with [EVP](#) on Tuesday, March 19, at 6-7pm. [Link](#)

CALLING--CCL partners with [EVP](#) and hosts a weekly phone bank on Zoom every Wednesday from 4-5:30 pm. [Link](#). Other shifts are available daily and no prior experience is necessary.

Of Further Interest

[MethaneSAT](#), a groundbreaking methane emissions-monitor developed by an [Environmental Defense Fund](#) subsidiary, was successfully launched on March 4th and “will see and quantify total methane emissions over wide areas that other satellites can’t and identify large emitters in places they aren’t looking, paving the way for heightened accountability and faster reductions.” Methane is 28 times more potent than CO₂ at trapping heat in the atmosphere. Achieving significant reductions in its emissions would have a rapid and significant effect on global warming.

[Earthday.org](#) 2024 poster contest winner

Luke P.B, 5-17-year-olds

