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Latest Commentary and LTE's:

04/22: [Four messages Coronavirus is delivering on 50th anniversary of Earth Day](#) by Elly Claus-McGahan in the TNT

CCL News and Events

- HR 763: [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act \(EICDA\)](#) still has **80** cosponsors, no change. Perhaps after June lobby days and congress gradually turns its attention to other things than Covid 19, we'll see some pick up.
- **The 10th Annual Citizens' Climate International Conference and Lobby Day: A community stronger than Covid:** Saturday, June 13, 10 – 2pm PDT. Speakers: climate champions Senator Chris Coons (D), Senator Michael Braun(R) and former Representative Carlos Curbelo (R). 3 breakout sessions to choose from on Sunday, June 14, 10am PDT. **FREE**, and no travel required. You do need to [REGISTER](#).
- **CCL's VP of Government Affairs, Dr. Danny Richter:** June 11, 5pm PDT. Providing up to the moment insights on the dynamics in Congress and how we can most effectively use our time in meetings to support our agenda. This is recommended training for those planning on joining their local 2020 June Lobby Meeting.: Zoom: <https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/2017201717> or call in at 1-408-638-0968 and enter meeting code: 2017201717

CCL Youth Events

- **5/27, 6/10, 6/24 Virtual Climate Café for Students** biweekly series aimed at elementary students hosted by our own [Caroline Brandau](#). This next episode is about *Finding Solutions to Climate Change*, with [Ana Lia Barragan](#).
- **05/23, 5/30, 6/6 Climate Livestream Series for Youth.** Put together by the NC Triangle CCL Youth Team, learn about climate and political action, climate and covid-19, and the economics of climate.
- **Summer Training Program for Youth:** a 15 week free climate advocacy training program that begins with attending the June conference above. Join our chapter and we'll support you. More info. [here](#) (<https://community.citizensclimate.org/bulletin/2101/136>).

CCL Tacoma May Zoom Meeting: Wednesday May 27, 6:30 – 8:30.

Zoom Invitation is coming with the agenda.

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](#). Join some conversations for members only in the forum. Join the book club through the forum.
- **CCL New member training,** POC [Ana Lia Barragan](#). It's closer to completion, but still could use your input. Join the team.
- **Virtual Climate Café for kids,** POC [Caroline Brandau](#). See CCL youth events.
- **Lobbying,** POC [Elly Claus-McGahan](#). Virtual meetings are being organized for June by the liaisons to representatives and senators. Join our zoom meeting on 5/27 if you are interested in participating. More info. coming out by email.
- **En-ROADS,** [Elly Claus-McGahan](#) has shared the En-ROADS workshop with 9 leaders of our city and county, to give them another tool when making policy decisions around climate change.
- **Tabling,** POC [Linda Cohan](#). All events are on hold.
- **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/climate-talk-archives/>.
- **John Doherty** is in the CCL volunteer spotlight, take a look [here](#).
- **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](#).

CCL monthly calling campaign

Be a climate activist in 5 minutes! CCL assigns you one day in the month and contacts you by text or email to remind you to call, a script is provided created by our liaisons to our MOCs, and the call is logged. Help create the political will for our national leaders to act on climate. To learn more go [here](#) or contact [Elly Claus-McGahan](#).

Book Discussion Group

Next meeting June 3 at noon. We're reading [The Future We Choose](#) by Figuerres and Rivett-Carnac. Check the book forum on www.ccltacoma.org for the Zoom invite or contact [Sue Lepore](#) to join the list.

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Covid 19 spread around the world, and at first, all we could do was watch and disbelieve. Then we acted, at first slowly and then more quickly as the virus reality set in. We will win against the virus in the end but there has been a cost in human life, economically, and mentally that will remain with us for quite a while to come.

First message: act quickly based on science to reduce the harm, don't wait and hope, or worse, disbelieve the science. The coming climate crisis is building more slowly than the Covid 19 spread, but it is just as harmful to us, and has the potential to have much longer lasting consequences unless we follow the science and reduce the harm now.

Second message: We can have blue sky and cleaner air by using clean energy. India and China are seeing that very dramatically with the smog gone from their skies as social distancing has emptied the roads and factories have slowed down or stopped entirely. And clean air means less respiratory disease, means fewer people susceptible to a virus like Covid 19. The science and technology are already here to do clean energy and more is on the way, to even help with clean fuel for airplanes and ships. The price of clean power is now on a par or lower than fossil fuel generated power and will keep coming down in price because the sources, like solar and wind, are free and the technology to collect them is improving all the time.

Third message: Our government and economists are figuring out that cash handouts increase spending and support economic growth and recovery in our current Covid-19 economic situation. So let's use that tool preemptively to push for renewable energy, put a price on carbon but give the money back to us all and grow our economy, just in a different direction.

Fourth message: We can choose to protect ourselves and the habitats and ecosystems we depend on from harm. We can choose to shift our energy use to renewables and keep our atmospheric blanket from trapping more and more heat by not adding fossil fuel generated carbon to it. This protects our oceans from heating, from rising, and changing chemically. That in turn protects our climate from changing too drastically, think hurricanes and atmospheric rivers of rain, and protects the food chain. The point is, with the help of science now, we can choose for a better future. Let's not ignore the messages even from a source like Covid-19.

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