

# Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



Creating political will for a livable planet

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

## CCL NEWS

The bipartisan [PROVE IT Act](#), a powerful climate policy, was recently introduced in the Senate. It is in essence a precursor to eventually establishing a carbon border adjustment mechanism or [CBAM](#), one of CCL's central policies.

[The Washington Post's](#) June 30<sup>th</sup> [editorial](#) on taxes made **carbon pricing** one of its three key recommendations, calling it “economically efficient and fair.”

## STATE CONFERENCE

The WA State CCL Conference will be held in person on **Sept. 22-24** at the [Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center](#) in North Bend, a beautiful facility and location. CCLers can attend this great educational, networking, and social event either on an overnight basis or as a daily commute (about a 40–50-minute drive). [Larry Steele](#) is the coordinator and is inviting input.

## PREVIOUS MEETING

Our June meeting speaker was [Chrissy Cooley](#), Executive Director of the [Puget Sound Clean Air Agency](#). (Formerly chair of the Tacoma Public Utilities board and longtime friend of CCL Tacoma!) The Agency enforces the [Clean Air Act](#) and also aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address environmental justice concerns. [Minutes here.](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, July 19, 5:30 pm,  
ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC  
Social only! Families welcome!  
Point Defiance Park  
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**Saturday, July 22, [Tacoma Tree Foundation “Earth Gay,”](#) 11-3,  
[Dickman Mill Park.](#), 2423  
Ruston Way. Help restore a local park and have fun in this official Tacoma Pride event.**

**Saturday, July 29, 9am-12pm  
[Pierce County Trails Day](#), Pierce Co. Conservation District. Sign up to volunteer in the Puyallup area.**

**Tuesday, August 1, 5-8 pm,  
Tabling at [Fircrest National Night Out](#). Contact [Linda Cohan](#).**

**Wednesday, Aug. 2, noon on  
Zoom, CCL Study Group meeting** discussing articles that we email ahead of time. Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

**Thursday, August 3, 6 -8 pm,  
Tacoma Green Drinks–** networking for local environmental groups, check [website](#) for location.

**Wednesday, August 16, 7pm,  
Monthly Chapter Meeting on  
Zoom.** Program: Local candidate interviews (TBD)  
[Zoom link](#)

## MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Congrats to [John Doherty](#), who was appointed by the Mayor and City Council to the [Sustainable Tacoma Commission](#) starting in September!

[Elly Claus-McGahan](#) helped to coordinate the first **Pierce Co. ‘Climate Conversation’** meeting to mitigate effects of climate change. **More on p.2**

**June 26–John Doherty, Chuck Jensen and Ginny Lohr** met with **Rep. Jake Fey** to discuss the **WA Clean Energy Coalition’s** concerns with **Puget Sound Energy** (see May meeting [minutes](#))

**July 2–The tabling committee** tried out some independent tabling at **Owen Beach**. We had good public engagement at the (very beautiful) venue. We hope to go for “round two” on the 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. Join us! Contact [Linda Cohan](#).

**Climate Talk** and **Climate Minute** radio programs, interviews and commentary by [John Doherty](#), is on **KTAH & KVSH 101.9 FM**, and archived on our [website](#) and **Tacoma Public Library**.

You can help [Ginny Lohr](#) post on our [Facebook](#) page by sending her photos (captioned, please). Want to help post on our social media sites? Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

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

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

## ***Come to a picnic!***

The **CCL Tacoma** annual potluck picnic will be July 19, from 5:30 to 8:30, at **Point Defiance Park\***

Bring: a potluck dish to share, table service, and a folding chair. Bring your own drink or enjoy our provided lemonade or water.

**Families welcome! Social gathering only, not a business meeting.**

\*\* (Directions in the park: do the loop past the Pagoda, past the garden entrances, and just past the Rose Garden, look for the **CCL** sign in the open area to the left under the big trees. We will be about 40 yards from the road, at the picnic tables).

## **First Climate Conversation Meeting for Pierce County**

**Elly Claus-McGahan**– **Climate Pierce County** just hosted their initial meeting in Puyallup. 11 cities and the Puyallup tribe sent councilmembers and representatives, about 40 people in all. There was a lot of excitement about keeping it going in the future. Still missing a lot of small municipalities such as Orting, Bonney Lake, Buckley, Eatonville, and Sumner. **Chrissy Cooley** was there, talking about an **EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant** they could use in multiple ways. An expert on the **Clean Buildings Act** was there, the fact that there will be penalties if cities don't comply with energy saving features in buildings by 2026 was eye-opening, and lots of discussion ensued. The **Peak Sustainability Group** from Whatcom County shared their database which lines up cities' interests with available grants and their deadlines. A lot of potential for using this in Pierce County, especially if municipalities could collaborate.

**WA 27<sup>th</sup> District Reps. Laurie Jinkins and Jake Fey** are holding their Community Conversations on the following dates. These are not specifically focused on climate topics but our presence there is important to bring climate issues to attention.

## **27th District Community Conversations**

Thurs, July 13: 2-3:00PM, Fife Pierce County Library Branch

Thurs, July 27: 6-7:00PM, Center at Norpoint

Tues, August 29: 11:30AM-12:30PM, Heritage Coffee & Plant House

Tues, September 5: 12:30-1:30PM, South Tacoma Library Branch

