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<p>Latest Commentary and LTE's: 04/08: Disasters: Covid-19 now, climate change next by Chuck Jensen in the TNT 04/19: Economy: Clean Energy can help us recover by John Doherty in the TNT</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">CCL News and Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR 763: Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (EICDA) still has 80 cosponsors, no change. • Saturday, April 25, 10 – 3 PT Virtual Earth Day 2020 Uniting From Home with Katherine Hayhoe. Her topic is <i>Healthy People, Healthy Planet</i>. What follows: 15 minutes: 3 easy actions we can all do, and then a choice of 1 hour breakout sessions. See topics and Register here. She's a great speaker, approaches climate from the science and stewardship point of view. Please consider taking notes and sharing what you learned at our next meeting. • The 10th Annual Citizens' Climate International Conference and Lobby Day is going virtual. The program is not yet up, but one piece of it is required training for those joining the lobbying effort – June 11, 5pm PDT, on Zoom: https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/2017201717 or call in at 1-408-638-0968 and enter meeting code: 2017201717. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Local Earth Day Events</p> <p>04/22 Virtual Climate Café for Students hosted by our own Caroline Brandau, featured speaker is a recently evacuated Peace Corps volunteer from Benin in West Africa.</p> <p>04/22 Earth Day South Sound: variety of at home events and shared postings.</p> <p>04/22 WA Youth Climate Strike is hosting a series of one-hour trainings from 10 am - 4 pm, followed by events on the 23rd and 24th.</p> <p>04/22 Sunrise Tacoma is hosting three live streamed Power Hour webinars from 3-6 pm focusing on the ways the Green New Deal would bring about environmental, social, and economic justice.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Book Discussion Group</p> <p>Reading <i>Overstory</i> by Richard Powers. First meeting will be on Zoom on April 29 at noon. Check the member's book forum.</p>	<p>Zoom Meeting: Wednesday April 22, 6:30 – 8:30. Invitation is coming with the agenda. Emily Pinckney from the state Environmental Justice Task Force is joining us to tell us what they're doing and what they need from us. Share in an Earth Day message, and hear what new efforts members are starting in this stay at home time.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Member Activities Recent and Upcoming</p> <p>Find your passion, get in touch with the Point of Contact (POC), or suggest something new.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCL website: https://www.ccltacoma.org/, POC Ray Lepore. Still evolving. Join some conversations for members only. Learn more at our Zoom meeting. • 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. Caroline is organizing a bi-monthly class for elementary students on climate. She would love suggestions and welcomes guest speakers. Stay up to date with the facebook page. Earth Day event on left. • Lobbying, POC Elly Claus-McGahan. Some virtual meetings are being organized for June by the liaisons to representatives and senators. Stay tuned. • Tabling, POC Linda Cohan. South Sound Sustainability Expo fingers crossed on 06/27. • 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/. There are 10 archived talks to listen to, 34th LD Representative and Chair of the Washington House Environmental Committee Joe Fitzgibbon • 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. <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">CCL monthly calling campaign</p> <p>CCL assigns you a day and will contact you by text or email to remind you to call, a script will be provided created by our liaisons to our MOCs, and the call is logged. This helps create the political will for our national leaders to act on climate. To learn more https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/390 or contact Elly Claus-McGahan.</p>
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Member submitted commentary

CCL Tacoma Chapter Website by Ray Lapore

We are pleased to announce that the new CCL Tacoma website is up and running. You can find us at www.ccltacoma.org. Here is a screenshot of part of the first page.

Our goal is to provide relevant information and a place to discuss topics of interest for CCL regulars and new folks interested in our work. Included is information about the work we do to help mitigate climate change, upcoming events, the action teams, local, regional, and national resources, member training resources, and of course, how to sign up and get involved.

We also have a members-only section. To become a website member, just click on the Member tab and hit Sign Up. This gives you access to the Member page which, as of now, is a listing of current members. Under the Member heading is the Forum. This is the community discussion section. For now, there are two categories: a General Forum for any topic of choice and a Book Forum for discussion of the current book being read by the community (The Overstory, by Richard Powers). Additional discussion forums can be created by any member at any time.

This is a work in progress; much is still to be done and will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. We would appreciate your comments and suggestions for this site. By all means, please sign up and get involved. We need you. Our climate needs you.

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Economy: Clean energy can help us recover
by John Doherty

I've found a couple takeaways from the recent daily toll of coronavirus cases and deaths:

Bad things can happen to us, and our ideological perspectives can't change the science of the physical world. And there is starting to be a glimmer of this pandemic coming to an end – at least for a time.

As we recover, attention to our crumbling and outdated infrastructure is being offered as a way to get the economy going again.

This is a good idea – and an opportunity to work on replacing CO2-polluting electricity generation and transportation with clean-energy infrastructure.

Perhaps we'll have the political will to be proactive in addressing our climate change slow-motion train wreck, given our experience with COVID-19.

