

WHIDBEY CLIMATE ACTION

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We have something more valuable than a \$1.8B slush fund — each other.



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Island Conversations

DOWN-TO-EARTH TALK ABOUT WHIDBEY'S FUTURE

At our May conversation, Rep. Clyde Shavers talked about getting Big Money out of our State elections. He is drafting a bill for the 2027 legislative session, modeled after the Montana Plan and other state efforts, such as in CA and HI. This will not be easy, so we need to talk it up and ask our friends in other districts to contact their representatives in Olympia in support. This is likely the most important bill for democracy that will be debated in the 2027 legislative session. See how one Hawaii state legislator described their effort [here](#), and read our [blog post](#) to learn more.

Pacific Salmon at a Crossroads

Continuing our theme of "water is life," our June Conversation is a life-or-death detective story about salmon and water quality. Our guest, Amirah Casey, a UW graduate student, will discuss the interaction of stormwater runoff, salmon survival, climate change, and the "green infrastructure" solutions we need to help restore our ecosystem.

Thursday, June 4, 6 PM
Snacks & Social 5 45 PMSt.
Hubert's Church804 3rd St,
Langley



Island County Acts



Curbside Recycling: At their May 12th meeting, Island County Commissioners adopted curbside recycling in a 2 1 vote. Customers of Island Disposal will be issued a second bin for recycling mixed paper, metals, and some plastic. Glass will not be accepted. Although rates will rise by about \$6 per month, a customer might save money by reducing garbage pickup frequency. Our partner, rePurpose Whidbey, continues to offer memberships to drop-off hard to recycle items. Camano Island, Oak Harbor, and Coupeville already have curbside recycling.

Final Comp Plan: The Island County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to receive testimony on the proposed Comprehensive Plan, May 20, 2026, 6 PM. The public is invited to provide testimony, in-person or via Zoom. Submit written comments [here](#).

Langley Gas Station?



WCA and Langley Climate Crisis Action Commission have submitted letters of concern about a possible new gas station in Langley, on the bluff along Cascade Avenue. On May 18, the City Council passed a six-month moratorium on applications for service stations to allow time to develop design standards. If you share our concern that gas stations are incompatible with our walkable, localized, sustainable future, please let us know and we'll keep you updated on next steps.

While we're on the subject, tell Congress to pass the Big Oil Windfall Profits Tax Act [here](#).

Give to Build Community



WCA's 3rd year Climate Fund supports great local projects by great local organizations helping to reduce carbon, restore habitat, and make our communities healthier. See last year's grantees [here](#).

DONATE to Climate Fund

Help produce a youth play about climate, *The Hoax*. Synopsis: youth hired to expose global heating as a hoax, turn the tables and expose the deniers. Phase one is funded and underway with a playwright working with Coupeville drama students. We are looking to fund phase two to develop the script and hold readings. Two ways to give:

- Non-tax-deductible: Write a check (indicating "climate play") and mail to WCA, PO Box 198, Langley, WA 98260.
- Tax-deductible: Give through the Community Foundation [here](#) (type "climate play" in the Additional Notes).

Calendar

- Wed, May 20, 6 00 PM
Island County: [Final Comp Plan Hearing](#)
- Thu, Jun 4, 6 00 PM
Island Conversations:
[Salmon at a Crossroads](#)
- Thu, Jun 25, 6 00 PM
Robin Greenfield: [The Year of Foraging](#)



HOP Aboard!

Ports of Everett and South Whidbey will be launching a "Harbor Hopper" foot ferry with two Everett and two Langley trip options on Thursdays and Saturdays June 4 - August 29 aboard the Hat Island Ferry.



ACT NOW!

WEAN protects Whidbey ecosystems and brings the community together for education and action. Checkout their [ACT NOW](#) page, and [podcasts](#).



LISTEN to Youth!

USL uplifts youth voices around climate action, equity, educational reform, intersectionality, and social justice issues.



RECYCLE Your Food Scraps!

Whidbey Compost Collective is now open to individual memberships for food scraps drop-off! Don't send them 400 miles to the dump, return those nutrients to the soils right here. See [website](#) for additional services and commercial offerings.



REPURPOSE Your "Trash" !

If you can't reduce it and it's not recyclable, repurpose it with [rePurpose Whidbey](#). Checkout their membership, accepted materials, and drop-off hours, and note their drop-off site has moved.



PREPARE Yourself!

South Whidbey Prepares helps neighborhoods organize themselves for when disaster strikes and EMS cannot respond. [CONTACT SWP](#) to get prepared.

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