

WHIDBEY CLIMATE ACTION

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Island Conversations

DOWN-TO-EARTH TALK ABOUT WHIDBEY'S FUTURE

Once Upon a Coming Time...

Thursday, October 1, 6 PM

Snacks & Social 5:45 PM

THIS MONTH:

United Methodist Church
301 Anthes Ave, Langley



Story is how we make sense of the past, make meaning in the moment, and imagine the future. Join Whidbey Climate ACTION and local storycatcher and activist author, **Christina Baldwin**, for an interactive evening gathering stories to set our course for a future Whidbey.

Last month's electric rate exploration: Many thanks to NW Energy Coalition Sr. Policy Associate **Charlee Thompson** for an engaging talk on the case and electricity system planning, **Whidbey Island Democratic Club** for initiating and cosponsoring the event, and Cassandra Diamond of the **Whidbey News Times** for an excellent

[article!](#) (If you don't already subscribe to our local paper, do it now!) The bottom line? To keep power affordable, we must **REDUCE** our energy consumption (no data centers!) and **ADVOCATE!** Reducing is the only sure way of both keeping costs in check and cutting back on the climate and environmental harm of our energy system. Advocating in PSE's Rate Case is an opportunity to make our voices heard for a cleaner, healthier tomorrow.

Resources

[Charlee's presentation](#) - [Take Action blog post](#) - [Quick comment](#)

Money Out of Politics



A movement is gathering in states across the country to reclaim the peoples' voice after having lost it to the 2010 Supreme Court decision "**Citizens United**" and ever rising corporate wealth. The legal underpinning is that states currently govern corporations as "artificial persons" and, so, control what powers they have. States also control elections. States can, therefore, DENY to corporations and other artificial entities the power to spend money on elections. [Hawaii passed a law](#) to this effect in May of this year. Montana and Michigan are expected to enact such a law this November. Rep. **Clyde Shavers** is leading this effort in the state legislature: **MOP-WASH!** Find out more, support the movement, and spread the word.

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News Reel

- **Whidbey Environmental Action Network:** WEAN has taken the county to court over its Comprehensive Plan (see [here](#)), which WEAN says "opens rural Island County to more growth than the Growth Management Act allows and fails to plan for concurrency between septic capacity and septic needs." Dean Enell has been trying to work with the county on that very issue, figuring out how Freeland could support a higher density to take growth pressure off the rural areas. See his posts [here](#).

Book Nook

A member writes, "I just finished reading a climate change novel, ***The 2084 Report: A Novel of the Great Warming*** by James Lawrence Powell. The novel is structured like a Studs Terkel interview book (examples, *The Good War* and *Hard Times*). Powell is a world-class scientist of the geochemistry variety. You can't interview people from 2084, and so he makes up the interviews. The imagined interviewees basically provide today's science predictions as answers to the questions asked. Not great literature, however, an overall informative and scary read."

WHIDBEY CLIMATE FUND

Whidbey's Climate Fund will open for applications on October 1. With increased participation from you, our donors, we are hoping to have over \$40,000 to award. We encourage local non-profits to develop a proposal! See last year's grantees [here](#).

Thank you for contributing!

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Calendar

- Thu, Sep 17, 5:30 PM - Democratic Club: [Will our election system work this November?](#)
- Sun, Sep 27, 3:00 PM - St Hubert: [Care for Creation through Indigenous Lens](#)
- Mon, Sep 28, 12:00 PM - Kicking Gas: [Heat pump and electric appliance subsidies info session](#)
- Thu, Oct 1, 6:00 PM - Island Conversations: [Once Upon a Coming Time...](#)



ACT NOW!

WEAN protects Whidbey ecosystems and brings the community together for education

and action. Check out 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](#). Check out 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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