

SATURDAY MORNING LIVE FOR OCTOBER 7, 2017 ~
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LIBERTY ALERTS:

October 18th, 2017: Pre-Release Premier Showing of “Same Kind of Different as Me.” Starring Jon Voight, Greg Kinnear, Rene Zellweger, and Djimon Hounsou. The event is sponsored by the Lighthouse Mission Ministries. [Pre-sales can be purchased at this link.](#)

October 19th, 2017: Wake-Up Whatcom Event

A *Wakeup Whatcom County*, event. Guest Speakers: Tim Eyman, Glen Morgan, and Lars Larson are confirmed to entertain and inform the audience on issues affecting Whatcom County and Washington State.

Event location - Meridian High School.

Doors open at :15 PM. Event begins at 7:00 PM and ending at approx. 9:00 PM. Event Sponsor: CTNW

COMMON CENTS:

"Where-oh-where did all that flood money go?
Oh, where-oh-where did it go???"

RESOLUTION No. 2017-251A

Resolution requesting the Executive develop a special funding district to fund water quality improvements in the unincorporated Lake Whatcom Watershed to provide local fees to be used in conjunction with other funding to address water quality concerns specific to Lake Whatcom no later than Nov. 8, 2017.

This will bring in "more revenue" and there is nothing within this resolution that holds the weight of law (it is not an ordinance) but a statement using highly influential language asking the W.C. Executive to establish a, "long-term deficit reduction alternatives that maintain or enhance current levels of service and authorized the expenditure of \$40,000 in the 2017 FCZD budget to enable this work." FCZD means Flood Control Zone District.

<http://www.whatcomcounty.us/.../Flood-Control-Zone...>

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Economic vibrancy of Whatcom County...County’s role in promoting that.

Streamlining of environmental and building regulations to reduce costs and speed up process of local developments.

Moratoriums on exempt-well permitting and un-refined fossil fuels. Why are these moratoriums necessary and how are they hurting the County?

Shutting down of 4th Pier at Cherry Point. Approve? Why?

Future of farming in Whatcom County. Losing farms every month due to regulations and inability to farm profitably. Concerns and Solutions?

Urban Growth Areas: County’s responsibility to lead the cities to plan for the existing and coming growth? Is the lack of land available due to lack of planning and putting infrastructure in place to develop the properties in a sustainable manner?

The Hirst, Postema, and Foster decisions have severely impacted the County’s ability to provide affordable single-family homes, support rural lifestyles, and provide the business infrastructure to the existing rural businesses. Solutions?

What are your thoughts on removing or redefining the “Instream Flow Rule,” to deal with the water issues the County is dealing with?

Is there a water shortage?

Are the existing stream buffers too extreme? Should they be reviewed based on size and scope of property and property use?

At last Thursday’s forum the candidates addressed [PSNERP](#) Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project.

The Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project (PSNERP) is a comprehensive assessment of Puget Sound’s 2,500 miles of shoreline to understand how humans have impacted the nearshore zone – our beaches, bluffs, inlets and river deltas - and what opportunities exist to improve the health of the nearshore zone and its ability to support biological features humans value such as shorebirds, shellfish, salmon, orcas and great blue herons.

The Council was recently presented with recommendations from the Wildlife Advisory Committee, which made recommendations on re-connecting wildlife corridors throughout Whatcom County and began a listing of existing wildlife that the committee has been and continues to be affected by urban development and landscapes. What is your understanding of this and will it set the county up for more lawsuits like Hirst, Postema, and Foster, if the Council adopts these recommendations?

Resolution 2017-251A: Requesting the WC Executive to move \$40k from the Flood Fund to begin the process of setting up a Special Funding District in the Lake Whatcom Watershed.

What is this and how much will it cost the property tax payers in the watershed? Will it require an elected board with taxing authority?