

SATURDAY MORNING LIVE FOR OCTOBER 14, 2017 ~
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LIBERTY ALERTS:

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:

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.](#)



**Pre-Release Premiere
Hosted by
Lighthouse Mission!**

**October 18th, 7PM, \$12 Tickets (pre-sale only)
Regal Barkley Village Stadium 16**

Join us for a special premiere of *Same Kind of Different as Me*, an inspiring film about a couple with a struggling marriage who befriend a man who is homeless and at a rescue mission and all three are led on the most remarkable journey.

Watch the trailer & get your tickets at:
TheLighthouseMission.org/same-kind-of-different/



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Economic vibrancy of City of Bellingham and Whatcom County...City’s role in promoting that. *Each candidate given an opportunity speak to their vision and concerns for Bellingham.*

KEY ISSUES - WHAT HAS VISIBLY CHANGED IN BELLINGHAM

Good Things:

More public trails
Bike lanes
Pedestrian friendly
Improved local waterways
Cleanup of Georgia Pacific
Finalizing Georgia Pacific development
Development of Barkley Village
Expansion of Costco in North Bellingham
Farmers Market in Downtown Bellingham and South Bellingham
Retention of Municipal Golf Course

Concerning Things:

Growth of homelessness
Increased drug use and presence on the streets of Bellingham
Lack of public feeling safe after hours in downtown area
Slow and expensive permitting for development
Working with County to expand water services in growth areas
Reduction in urban growth areas
Affordable Housing (not subsidized)
Rental barriers; rental inspections reduced the amount of available rentals

New programs not evaluated for effectiveness; cost benefit analysis

RECENT COUNCIL MEETING TOPICS

Master Plan for WCC

What is that?

Revenue forecast for Bellingham and Property Tax Levy

More details please

Rental barrier issues

What are they?

Change in Landlord requirements on 60-day eviction without cause and/or 10% or more increase in rents

Additional housing choices

What are you considering and will you fast-track them?

Whatcom County Jail; favor the new tax? Yes or No?

Why?

GP redevelopment suffering due to lack of affordable, single-family homes.

What are your plans? More infill? More density?

What the people want vs. what the City of Bellingham wants?

Whatcom Waterway Park

Where is this located? GP site?

Fair housing?

What is this all about and will it make the rental markets better or worse? Will more restriction increase the rental shortage and costs of rents?

COB recently approved to exempt the new management bidders (have they been approved?) from paying the City’s Living Wage requirements.

Was the previous managing company given this choice?

The City of Bellingham was asked to base the monthly rents and redistribute the responsibility for repairs and maintenance of the golf course; to my knowledge they didn’t ask to reduce the wages of the people working there. How does that square with each of you?

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