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LIBERTY ALERTS:

Sept. 28th: Host Vince Buys will moderate a debate between Skip Richards and Eric Hirst about Whatcom County's water issues including the "Drought Commission," which is now forming a plan for, what?

Common Threads NW forums:

Oct 2nd - **Cherry Point, the Environment and Lake Whatcom**

Oct. 17th - **All Whatcom County forum:** County Executive, County Council, Port of Bellingham, Mayor of Bellingham, WC Sherriff and other races. More info shared later...

Candidate Forums:

Oct 5th - Sheriff Elfo and Joy Gilfilen, candidates for W.C. Sheriff, debate on 5 topics for the full program

Oct 12th - Port Comm Bobby Briscoe and Anthony Distenano, candidates for Port of Bellingham - Part 1

Oct 12th - Jon Mutchler and Greg Hansen, candidates for Mayor of Ferndale - Part 2

Oct 19th - Ben Elenbaas and Natalie McClendon, candidates for W.C. Council Dist. 5 - Part 1

Oct 19th - Rebecca Xczar and John Romaker, candidates for W.C. Assessor - Part 2

Oct 26th - Kathy Kershner and Brian Estes, candidates for W.C. Council Dist. 4 - Part 1

Oct 26th - David Ramirez and Carol Frazey, candidates for W.C. Council At-large - Part 2

Nov 2nd - Bham City Councilperson April Barker and Seth Fleetwood, candidates for Mayor of Bellingham - Part 1

Nov 2nd - W.C. Councilperson Satpal Sidhu and Tony Larson, candidates for W.C. Executive - Part 2

COMMON CENTS:

350 Bellingham - an eco-activist organization is promoting a "Global Climate Strike," on Sept. 20th, from 11 AM - Noon in front of Bellingham City Hall, and they're using our children to promote it.

On September 20th, local youth will lead a strike for the climate in downtown Bellingham. The goals of the strike are: 1) Support the Bellingham resolution that requests a 100% renewable-energy target for the city; 2) Protect Cherry Point from further development or expansion with a moratorium on fossil fuel development; and 3) Promote the Lummi Nation's efforts to protect the Salish Sea. 350 Bellingham is providing resources and support to the Bellingham chapter of the Washington State Youth Climate Strikes in the form of outreach and event logistics.

350 Bellingham promotes everything equal. Equal Justice. Equal Income. Equal Access to just about everything. Their strike to demand 100% renewables now and promotion of damaging regulations to the legal entities operating family wage jobs and affordable energy for the benefit of everyone will do more to harm to those people they claim to support and defend.

Everyone who plans to attend these types of public strikes need to walk their talk. If you want 100% renewables, then live it now on your own. No fossil fuels in your life. No personal transportation unless it uses only renewables. No petroleum products in your personal, everyday lives. Travel to your strike by electric bus with no manmade plastics or carbons, ride a bicycle that has been constructed using only renewable energy. Walk to the strike in shoes that have been constructed from all-natural materials and no fossil fuel byproducts.

No one is demanding that you live your everyday life with fossil fuels. We only ask that you leave those of us who understand that to have a clean environment we need to have the money to pay for it. In order to have the money to pay for it and provide the things needed to sustain life, there must be sustainable, economic vitality in our community. Those businesses and jobs need things to sustain them: affordable energy, housing, and access to the infrastructure to make these things possible. We want you to live your life your way and we demand that we get to live our lives our way, just as the U.S. Constitution mandates; equal opportunity for all. That’s equal opportunity not equal outcomes.

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- Introduction of David Spring.
- David's curriculum vitae's?
- What is ransomware?
- How does it occur?
- Why is it happening more often?
- What are the best remedies?
- The State of Washington is considering making it mandatory to gain access to private vehicles. Why?
- What are they proposing to do?
- What are the concerns?
- What listeners do or Who should listeners contact with their concerns about this?

speaking publicly; emailing them; calling them; or writing them a letter.

Contact the County Council here: <https://wa-whatcomcounty.civicplus.com/268/County-Council>

Contact the Planning Commission here: <https://wa-whatcomcounty.civicplus.com/.../Planning-Commission>

The dates of the Planning Commission meetings are:

- * **September 12, 2019 - A "town hall" meeting hosted by the Whatcom County Planning Commission;**
- * **September 26, 2019 - Whatcom County Planning Commission meeting;**
- * **October 10, 2019 - Whatcom County Planning Commission meeting;**
- * **October 24, 2019 - Whatcom County Planning Commission meeting (if needed); and**
- * **Date TBD - A County Council hearing.**

Attached is a link to the proposed changes being sent to the Planning Commission for you to read and understand the "big changes" proposed. The Council began this action and numerous "emergency moratoriums," under the premise of public safety. After implementing these changes, it will be very time consuming and much more expensive just to keep BP, Phillips 66, Petro Gas and Intalco Aluminum maintained at the current levels that they have been for the past 50 years. All of this being done in the name of safety, yet these facilities will likely be less safe because of the changes being proposed.

<http://documents.whatcomcounty.us/.../0/d.../4451795/Page1.aspx...>

You can weigh in on the proposed changes to the County Council and the Planning Commission by attending meetings and