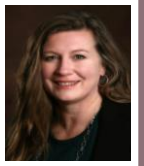


## Chairman's Chat

Chairwoman, M.J. Bolt,  
SCRCC Chair/CEO  
chair@spokaneGOP.com

*This Issue: Infrastructure (Energy/Utilities, Transportation and Technology) - We understand that government must continue to invest wisely in infrastructure and transportation projects, especially those critical to growth and safety and strive to be a leader in energy and information technologies through our free market system rather than with government intervention.*

*Next Issue: Family Values - Family Values - We support the right of families to be free to raise their children according to their personal morals, values and spiritual beliefs.*



Go to [SpokaneGOP.com](https://SpokaneGOP.com) and click on Donate and Volunteer Today!

And remember to visit us on FACEBOOK. [Facebook.com/SpokaneGOP](https://Facebook.com/SpokaneGOP)

Happy April everyone! It is wonderful to experience that warm sun on our skin again! Do you know what else is wonderful? *The thought of more Republicans winning a bunch of these elections this November!!!!* We can do it, we just need each one of you to get involved and take action! Here are 3 things you can do TODAY to help us WIN in November:

1. Reach out to your PCO. Go to [spokaneGOP.com](https://spokaneGOP.com) and click on the "Leadership" tab. You will need your precinct number. If you don't know it, click on "How do I find my precinct #?."
2. Talk to 10 of your neighbors and friends. Make sure they are registered to vote!
3. Volunteer and donate! Go to [spokaneGOP.com](https://spokaneGOP.com) today!

Here is our new vision and mission statements to help us achieve our goals:



### SPOKANE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Champions and Defenders of Faith, Family and Freedom

**VISION STATEMENT:** Champion and Defend the Unique and Inherent American Values and Principles centered on Faith, Family, and Freedom upon which this country is founded.

#### PILLARS AND CONCEPTS

- Faith: Focused on the Shared Values, Spiritual Guidance, Hope, and Eternal Optimism that Faith embodies to produce Moral Integrity, Accountability, Responsibility, Trust and Transparency.
- Family: The fundamental building block of a civil society that fosters relationships, builds character, drives community engagement, and protects the sanctity of life.
- Freedom: Our Rights, "Endowed by our Creator," (The Declaration of Independence) and guaranteed in the Bill of Rights; combined with Liberty (the state of being free from tyranny and oppression) result in Freedom; the product, vested in the rule of law, guaranteeing individual agency (free will) and choice without constraint, coercion, or intrusion from Government's "heavy hand."

#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To defend and preserve the bedrock of American principles of **Faith, Family, and Freedom**, we are resolved and committed to:

- Champion the Constitutional principles of limited government, individual liberty, and personal responsibility, ensuring that every citizen has the opportunity to flourish.
- Support and Defend the rights of individuals to worship, live, and express themselves freely and pursue happiness without interference or intrusion.
- Ensuring the inherent dignity, worth, and protection of every Life.
- Advocate for and support policies that strengthen the foundational institution of Family.
- Emphasize the importance of sound, fiscally responsible decision-making and hold elected officials accountable for their stewardship of public funds.
- Foster trust in institutions and leaders by demanding morality, integrity, transparency, and accountability.

We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you to elect Conservative leaders in our County and our State in 2024!

# NO simple answer to the circular enigma.

It's **Spring!**

One's inclination and interest during this season of renewal may be to celebrate its beauty by getting back to nature and taking a camping trip to one of the many pristine hidden treasures throughout the Pacific Northwest. You pack appropriate clothing, prep meals, inventory supplies of water, matches, propane and toilet paper. You arrive to your destination and set up camp in exciting anticipation to the awesome 3-day weekend ahead of you. Fresh air, flora, fauna, adventure and good friends; it doesn't get any better...until day 3 rolls around and all you want to do is free the pine needles from your socks. You break down camp and head home where a luxurious shower awaits you; not to mention oatmeal that won't taste like campfire and a bed that won't spawn spiders. You settle into your castle and on a soft couch, under a warm fresh smelling blanket, you begin to appreciate those little conveniences you have. We may take for granted the origins to which our conveniences are brought but still, there's no need to get neurotic about it. You had a great time and fail to see why the climate crazies are making you panic.

They control us by fear, guiltling us by lifestyle; cars we drive, garbage we throw and food we eat. It's obvious we want a clean sustainable Earth so it's silly to accuse us otherwise. We're just suspect to the driving force behind paper straws (made of CO2 eating trees that melt before finishing a coke), EVs (that leave their own unfavorable footprint) and (vomit-worthy) paper bacon and garden burgers. Climate alarmists preach and push renewables without providing failsafe evidence to its advantage over fossil fuels. They believe that the dangers of fossil fuels far outweigh any disadvantages associated with renewables and regurgitate the same old fantastic reasons why fossil fuels must be eliminated. The *Greenmatch (UK)* contributors offer the same tired arguments: *Wind, Solar and Water energy lower greenhouse gases, require less maintenance, stabilize retail pricing, benefit our health, create job opportunities and independence but downplay weather limitations, start-up costs, government involvement and land management challenges.*

<https://www.greenmatch.co.uk/blog/2021/09/advantages-and-disadvantages-of-renewable-energy>

Numerous counter arguments on renewable energy start with the claim that low consumer costs for energy offset high start-up costs. Repair, retrofitting recycled parts, disposal, market trends and hazardous working conditions make it cost-

prohibitive however. Coal and natural gas costs remain low if not for restrictive regulations by the Left. Discarded parts are not environmentally friendly. Biomass energy from organic waste produces carbon dioxide. And finally, to be clear, we were energy independent just three years ago.

Perhaps the worst byproduct of renewable energy is the forfeiture of valuable land. As of now, Wind, Water and Solar power apparatuses need lots of accommodation to operate. Large acquisition of land means depletion of other precious resources.

[https://www.brookings.edu/articles/renewables-land-use-and-local-opposition-in-the-united-](https://www.brookings.edu/articles/renewables-land-use-and-local-opposition-in-the-united-states/#:~:text=Wind%20and%20solar%20generation%20require,and%20transport%20the%20fossil%20fuels)

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<https://extension.psu.edu/how-forests-store-carbon#:~:text=Trees%20are%20without%20a%20doubt,in%20sugar%2C%20and%20release%20oxygen>

Our country isn't even in the running for high polluters. According to the Left leaning Wikipedia, *we are the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest populated country of 131 but 99<sup>th</sup> in a list of high polluters (2018-2022). Additionally, the chart shown below only garners more questions on the correlation between CO2 emissions and our habits.*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_countries\\_by\\_carbon\\_dioxide\\_emissions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_carbon_dioxide_emissions). Washington forest fires, it is said, cause high levels of pollution. But if we clean out the deadfall, wildlife habitats will be destroyed. It is said that "Renewables lower carbon dioxide emissions" but renewables rely on fossil fuels to build equipment needed for renewables! Confused? Oh yea. It's a quandary. We are set up to fail. The bottom line is that we cannot trade jam for jam on an invalid theory. And we elect officials to represent us on common-sense policies. Right now, it is anything but.

Though it is debatable that we have 98 years of fossil fuel reserve and 5.5 million years of sunshine, there is no harm in continuing to responsibly research alternatives to energy. **In the meantime, reflect.** If you believe that God is in everything and He provides resources needed to live, then the system of millions of years of decomposing prehistoric plants and animals extracted for natural gas and oil and air-cleaning photosynthesis cannot be a mistake.

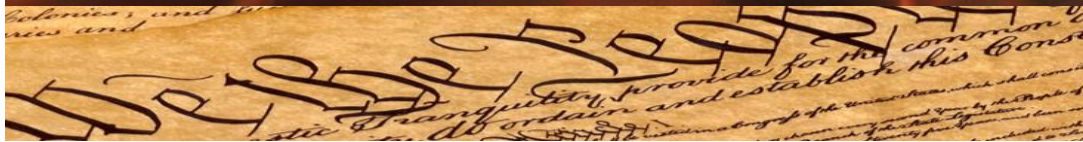
<https://www.fraserinstitute.org/blogs/renewable-energy-cant-replace-fossil-fuels>

**GOD** provides.

**OUR WSRP CHAIR JIM WALSH:** "The main measure of success here is simple: At the precinct caucuses, get good people elected as delegates to the county conventions. But there are other goals, too. Attract new people to WAGOP. Give them a forum. Encourage new and existing activists about WAGOP policies and candidates. Energize them to stay engaged through November. And beyond."

211 delegates were elected on March 2 at the Spokane County Convention. Delegates are being elected to the **WAGOP State Convention to be held in Spokane April 18-20**. As Jim Walsh said: "This will be a State Convention unlike any other in years. The delegates (2,500 are planned) will nominate and endorse Republican candidates for the nine statewide executive positions (Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Atty. General, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Commissioner of Public Lands, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Insurance Commissioner), the 10 U.S. Congress positions and the one U.S. Senate position on the ballot in 2024." It is important that we all get involved and nominate excellent candidates that support our GOP principles; candidates that will have our support and can raise the funds to get elected.

Country/territory	Fossil CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (ktCO <sub>2</sub> /year)					Per capita (tCO <sub>2</sub> /year)	% of world	Change (1990=100%)
	1970	1990	2005	2017	2022			
United States	4,595,406.7	4,984,066.7	5,888,498.7	4,959,631.9	4,853,780.2	14.44	12.600%	97.4% ▼



# The Constitutional Corner

By Lori Burns

Washington state in its infinite wisdom has determined that new gasoline powered vehicles can no longer be purchased in our state by 2035. They are also trying to prohibit small gasoline powered engines such as those found in lawn mowers. This will couple nicely with their endless efforts to remove our dams, prohibit the use of natural gas appliances in new homes and their over-reaching nosiness and oppression. This is not how a government acts in a free society.

Try as I might I have not found anything in the Constitution that allows the government, federal or otherwise, to force us to buy the products they have chosen for us. Oh wait, I forgot that we must thank Supreme Court Justice John Roberts for making that legal by labeling Obamacare as a tax. Since that time, we have been forced to purchase an insurance product mandated and outlined by government diktats. Consequently, the flood gates have been opened by bureaucrats at every level of our system...our betters, really...who determine every day what we dumb worker bees must do, what we must buy, what we can discard, etc.

One of the biggest lies being told worldwide today is that we are “doing something” about climate change, or indeed that we can or must. They ignore the science that demonstrates the futility of our efforts in the US

when China and India go forward without any polluting at will. They ignore the facts that their extreme policies, while having a minimal impact on “the environment”, will cause widespread food rationing and even starvation in third world countries. As their policies result in reduced production, the world’s poor, whom they profess to care about, will be hit the hardest. They ignore the science that battery-powered cars will strain our power grid to the breaking point, pollute more than gasoline powered cars, are more deadly on our highways due to their weight and potential speeds and the impossibility of recycling their toxic batteries. That doesn’t even begin to contemplate the ridiculous mandates that will cripple those who live in rural areas and depend on heavy machinery to farm and ranch. The obvious stupidity of their policies is agonizing.

If all of their efforts were as useful and wonderful as they pretend while cramming them down our throats, no force would be necessary. Once Henry Ford automated auto production and the price came down, nobody had to force the world to move from one horse-power to the automobile. If their policies worked and were practical, we would embrace them willingly. Their constant preaching and pressure belies the confidence they feel in their own beliefs. We must push back, hard, in the fall election and send representatives at every level of government who will stand with courage against their lies and their disastrous policies. Lip service is not enough. We must require action from our representatives or remove them and install those who will provide it.

## WAKE UP SPOKANE COUNTY

### **PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS (PCOs)**

**PCO ALERT!** Precinct Committee Officer candidates may file for office between April 22 – May 10, 2024. There is no fee. ALL CURRENT PCOs MUST FILE IF YOU WISH TO RETAIN YOUR POSITION after November. Information on the Spokane County election’s website describes the three ways to file and the timeline:

<https://www.spokanecounty.org/4065/Precinct-Committee-Officer---Candidate-F>.

*IMPORTANT: Spokane County in-person, mail, and online filing closes Friday, May 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m*

PCO races will be decided at the August 6, 2024 Primary Election for the two-year term, which begins December 1. For more information, contact

[Spokane County Republicans](https://www.spokanecounty.org/4065/Precinct-Committee-Officer---Candidate-F) - 509-838-6162 ext. 802.

If you do not know your Precinct number, you can find it at: <https://voter.votewa.gov/>

Submit your name and birthday & click registration link to get your precinct number.

PCOs are such important connections between the people and the candidates. Please let us know if you do not have a PCO in your precinct.

<https://wsrp.org/assets/uploads/2022/05/2022-PCO-Manual.pdf>

**Would you consider volunteering?**



Excerpt from a column first published September 2, 2021 in The Spokesman-Review in celebration of Labor Day. For the complete column see <https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2021/sep/02/sue-lani-madsen-apprenticeship-logjam/>

## ***Apprenticeship logjam***

Before we can rebuild aging infrastructure, we need to rebuild respect for the men and women who make it happen. It takes apprentices who invest as much or more time and effort into learning their professions as most undergraduates put into pursuing a four-year college degree.

A bachelors degree at the University Washington requires 180 credits, typically earned within four years. Figuring classroom and study time at a generous 60 hours per week, a proud Husky will have invested 7200 hours and over \$40,000 in tuition. If they've chosen a major wisely, they may find a job that pays enough to cover their student loans before they're ready to retire.

To become a Journeymen Lineman requires an apprenticeship with 7000 working hours, plus seven months of Saturdays in the classroom and 10 days of intensive training at a specialized controlled facility, according to Will Power, IBEW Local 77 Eastside Construction Representative. "It's basically equivalent to a four-year college degree and possibly more time commitment," wrote Power in a recent email exchange. "There are written quizzes, midterm and final tests each year and requires the endorsement of three Journeymen Linemen with over three years experience at the Journey level."

And successful apprentices "graduate" without a mountain of college debt. We do society and individuals a disservice in pushing "college for all."

The slogan of the men and women of IBEW Local 77 is "We bring power to the people." Lineman makes the top 10 list of most dangerous trades according to the Department of Labor, which is one reason the final hurdle is a personal endorsement from future coworkers. Their lives will literally be in the hands of their former apprentice.

Plumbers, pipefitters, HVAC technicians and other essential construction trades have similar requirements for 8,000 to 10,000 hours of training to complete an apprenticeship. There is no spigot to turn on and flush out competent plumbers, or any of the other skilled crafts workers needed to build and rebuild our infrastructure.

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### **Primary on August 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 2024 Washington Gubernatorial Election \*General - November 5, 2024.**

Inslee is one of many prolific purveyors of the big climate lie, leading other states in mandates that have more to do with self-elevation and propagation of "manmade" climate change misinformation than truly improving future lives of Washingtonians. (Maybe he should use his energies to object to the term "manmade" instead. Following Leftist logic, "Womanmade or "Peoplemade" isn't as offensive right? In all seriousness, we can all thank God our Progressive governor will be relinquishing his throne but another one, whom has been endorsed by him, is waiting in the wings.

For years we have been under Democrat rule and our lives have not benefited from it. Have you gotten used to the highest fuel prices nationwide, second only to California? Are you looking forward to paying more for energy through forced adoption of renewables? How do you like paying for others' time off work? We long for change. We want change. Honesty is refreshing. Elect a Conservative.

**Honestly... VOTE DEMS OUT!!!**

### **Republican Candidates for Governor: [Semi Bird](#) AND [Dave Reichert](#)**

Spokane GOP has endorsed Semi Bird. Keep in mind, WSRP delegates meet April 18-20 at the State Convention to endorse a candidate. \*\*\*We support any Conservative Candidate who will win and move our state forward.

### **Republican Candidates for U.S. Senate: Raul Garcia <http://garciaforwa.com/>, Issac**

Holyk, <http://voteholyk.org/> and Ryan Scott Searcy <https://www.facebook.com/people/Ryan-Searcy-for-US-Senate-WA/100088875635909/>

For proactive knowledge on current surveys, polls and concerns for Washingtonians, please visit Concerned Taxpayers of WA. Great information!! Concerned Taxpayers of Washington:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16Av7N4u93fhgQ47hKJ7ihmzjKqlqstpA/view>

**WHY **VOTE?** BECAUSE THEY DO!**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### GOP calendar

<https://www.spokanegop.com/calendar>

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April 18 -  
20 2024

WA State  
Republican  
Convention  
Spokane

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July 15 -  
18 2024

Republican  
National  
Convention

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### LEGISLATIVE UPDATES IN WASHINGTON as 2024 REGULAR SESSION ENDS:

**SOON TO TAKE EFFECT:** initiatives *I-2113*, restores reasonable police pursuit; *I-2081*, establishes parental notification rights; and *I-2111* codifies Washington's longstanding tradition of no personal income tax.

Democrat lawmakers declined to hold public hearings on *I-2117*, officially known as the Climate Commitment Act (a repeal of the egregious cap-and-trade scheme); *I-2109*, a repeal of the capital gains tax; and *I-2124*, an opt-out of Washington's long-term care retirement program. They will appear on the November ballot for voters to decide whether or not they become law. One of the worst bills to pass at Governor Inslee's insistence during the final hours of the legislature is ESHB 1589. The new law will allow Puget Sound Energy to move away from natural gas. Read further details at <https://wsrp.org/legislative-session-signals-turning-point-for-wagop-and-all-washingtonians/>

For more policy issues and petitions, go to <https://letsgowashington.com/>.

"TO FLORIDE or not to FLORIDE OUR CHILDREN".

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/fluoride-trial-week-1-takeaways-neurotoxic-effects/>  
<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/landmark-fluoride-trial-final-day-us-water-fluoridation-future/>. We **STILL** wait for a decision by U.S. District Court Judge Edward Chen which could affect more than 200 million Americans who drink fluoridated water **AND** Spokane residents who are continually pushed to add fluoride to our water.

**Ponderosa Republican Women (PRW)** - On 4/9/24 Sheriff John Nowels and County Prosecutor Larry Haskell gave a very informative but alarming presentation entitled The Fentanyl Crisis in Spokane, Perspectives from Law Enforcement and Our Judicial System. All are invited to register for future PRW luncheons and join in the effort to make our communities better. For more information on the presentation and PRW, visit: Ponderosa Republican Women, <http://www.PonderosaRepublicanWomen.com>

### LEGISLATIVE WATCH

**Time to Take Action.** Contact your legislators to voice your support or opposition. Your input is critical.

<https://www.spokanegop.com/legislative-action-team-sign-up>

WA Legislature regular session ended March 8. Keep track at <https://governor.wa.gov/office-governor/office/official-actions/bill-actions>. Familiarize yourself with the vast information you as a voter have at your fingertips. With a Bill number and year, you can access a great deal of information. Visit <http://leg.wa.gov>. You can also visit <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>. Watch the progress of BILLS, get the text, summary, public hearing information and videos and when a Bill has passed out of one chamber, you can see who voted "yea" and "nay" by clicking on View Roll Call.

Keep track of "Good", "Bad" and the "Ugly" bills in the legislature: **WSRP Olympia Watch**, <https://wsrp.org/olympia-watch/>. Other resources: <https://houserepublicans.wa.gov/our-priorities/>.

House Republicans  
<https://houserepublicans.wa.gov/2021/02/01/how-you-can-be-involved-in-the-legislative-process/>

Interested in sharing your ideas, knowledge or time?

Please consider volunteering for a GOP committee position.

If interested in helping with the Communications Committee or submitting work, you **MUST** meet the submission deadline. Contact Terri for more information at [terrizalevits@gmail.com](mailto:terrizalevits@gmail.com).

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