

Welcome to the April 2024 Meeting

Tucson Citizens Climate Lobby




Texas Blue Bonnets and Indian Paintbrush,
Goldthwaite, TX





Land Acknowledgement

- ▶ Pima Community College acknowledges that all College facilities sit on the ancestral lands of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Tohono O'odham Nation.
 - ▶ We take this opportunity to thank and honor the region's indigenous people, the original and ongoing caretakers of these lands.
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Slides and links in this presentation can be found on our website home page later today

<http://tucsonccl.com>



Welcome!

Here you can find out more about us, find out where and when we meet, get information about special events, and get details on how to contact us.

This is the website for the Greater Tucson chapter of Citizen's Climate Lobby. Our local chapter is involved in a number of activities, including grassroots outreach at public events, engaging community leaders, organizing public presentations on climate change, communications with the media, and direct meetings with candidates for, and elected representatives to, local, state, and national offices.

Special Announcements and News *(Click buttons for details)*

Next Meeting
Saturday, Feb 10th, 10:30 AM
Pima Community College
Downtown Campus
1255 N. Stone
(Click for more information)

Slides from Jan 13, 2024 Meeting
(Click to download PDF)

Book Club
On Zoom:
Wednesday, Feb 21st at 8PM



Look for CCL's National Call Speaker

<https://www.youtube.com/@CitizensClimateLobby/featured/Monthly Meeting>



April Monthly Meeting w/ Ernesto Alcantar, Potential Energy
Senior Strategy and Insights Analyst

Citizen's Climate Lobby

243,500 supporters, 530 chapters worldwide

Dedicated to creating political will to solve the climate crisis by advocating for

- ▶ Policies that are effective in reducing net emissions: carbon price, electrification, permitting reform and healthy forests
- ▶ Building bridges, both in Congress and our communities.



<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/informational-session/>



Welcome to **62** New Members Who Have Joined Tucson CCL Since March meeting!!

Alicia		Denise		Jim		Paris
Alison		Diarmuid		Kaitlyn		Paul
Anastasia		Elizabeth		Kalpana		Pilar
Ash		Elizabeth		Kris		Priscilla
Athena		Eric		Kristopher		Robin
Barbett		First Name		Lori		Sally
Bill		Gabrielle		Luis		Sandra
Bill		Gary		Marcia		Sophia
Blake		Georg		Marian		Stan
Bruce		Georgia		Marina		Stephanie
Bryan		Hans		Matthew		Stephanie
Colette		Isa		Melanie		Stephen
Daniel		James		Michaela		Susan
David		Jayne		Mylos		Suzette
Deb		Jeanne		Nathan		Vicky
				Nell		Yihua

Thank You, Corliss!



HOME RUNS BY SUPER STARS RICK AND MIKE !!

Rick Rappaport Reminds Us that Climate Change and Water Scarcity Go Hand-in- hand - March 21, 2024

Mike Carran's op-ed April 10,

Tucson Daily Star

TUCSON OPINION

Disappointing carbon-tax vote by Ciscomani, Gallego

*The following is the opinion
and analysis of the writer:*

On March 22, both Juan Ciscomani and Ruben Gallego voted in favor of HR-86 which states that a carbon tax is detrimental to our economy. That vote is at odds with scientists and 3,500 economists who have embraced a carbon tax



MIKE
CARRAN

and dividend as the best tool we have to combat climate change. A well-designed carbon tax is not economically detrimental. It strengthens our economy, promotes better health, enriches almost all of us, and encourages other countries to impose a tax on carbon. Most importantly, it drives us quickly toward a cleaner and healthier environment. Here's how a well-designed carbon tax and dividend would work.

At the wellhead, mine, or tanker port, a very modest fee of \$15 per ton of carbon released when those fossil fuels are burned would be assessed. That fee would increase by ten dollars every year until we have reached net zero. Knowing that the cost of burning fossil fuels will steadily increase, industry, business, and citizens all would seek energy from cleaner and more efficient sources. Because the fee is only gradually increased, everyone has time to adjust.

Prices would go up, but the fees assessed on carbon could

be returned to the citizenry as a dividend. Studies done by Columbia University show that over 80% of the citizens would receive a dividend that is equal to or greater than the increase in prices. Effectively, middle and lower-income Americans would be taking a dollar out of their right pocket and putting a dollar and ten cents in their left. Industry, business, and citizens would switch to energy in its least expensive form. There would be no need for coercion because the least expensive energy forms would be chosen by the free market thereby releasing human creativity and innovation. But there are other benefits from a carbon fee.

If we place a rising fee on the carbon in our economy, we are allowed, under World Trade Organization rules, to impose the same carbon fee on imported goods. Goods manufactured in countries whose industries are less efficient and who use dirty forms of energy, especially coal, would become more expensive. Today, that is not true and countries with robust regulations on carbon emissions must compete with countries who do not have those regulations and who can produce exported goods with dirtier energy. Chinese steel, for example, would be assessed the same fee for carbon that would be paid by U.S. producers. Because U.S. firms are more energy efficient, U.S. steel would be cheaper. To compete, foreign firms would either adopt an equal or greater tax on their

carbon emissions or lose market share. The playing field would be level, and all exporting countries would move toward the use of cleaner energy.

Fossil fuels are not less expensive; it's just that much of the expense of burning those fossil fuels is hidden. An unstable climate imposes costs in more disastrous drought, wildfires, hurricanes, and tornadoes. Those costs are borne by ordinary citizens who pay higher premiums for insurance or, even worse, are left homeless. Human health is also impacted. Pulmonary diseases such as asthma are exacerbated by dirty air. The prevalence of childhood asthma has increased dramatically and symptoms have only been held down by better medications and treatment. Those better medications and treatments cost money to develop and those costs were not paid for by coal or oil companies. In short, your body was not designed to breathe the noxious and dangerous contaminants released by burning coal, gasoline, diesel, kerosene or other fossil fuels.

It is too bad that our representatives did not take time to study the issue before voting. Had they taken time, they would have voted for a resolution embracing a carbon tax and dividend plan. It is the best way to move us quickly to a cleaner and safer world.

Mike Carran is a retired educator and longtime member of Citizens Climate Lobby.

Greg Lewis Talks Climate and EVs

a great demonstration
of how to keep the
conversation going...

April 5, 2024 Tucson Daily Star

Climate sanity

Re: the April 1 letter “Climate change insanity.”

“I’m going to buy an electric car and save the planet.”

I want to thank the writer for sharing his intention to purchase an electric vehicle. My wife and I are planning to do the same. A less-expensive model (perhaps used) with a 50 mile range that we can plug in at home and use for the short trips we make every day.

We’ll keep our Toyota Tacoma for a few more years until there is better charging infrastructure. Then we’ll go fully electric. I can hardly wait! My sister, who recently purchased an EV, reports feelings of mild euphoria every time she passes a gas station.

Of course, we’re not going to “save the planet” by ourselves. And we can’t keep electing science deniers to set government policy. But together we can do a lot to mitigate global warming.

Greg Lewis
Midtown

2024 Festival of Books is a Wrap

We connected with nearly 800 attendees at the Festival!



Tucson CCL Book Club

Braiding Sweetgrass

by Robin Wall Kimmerer

In Person

April 14th, Sunday, 4pm

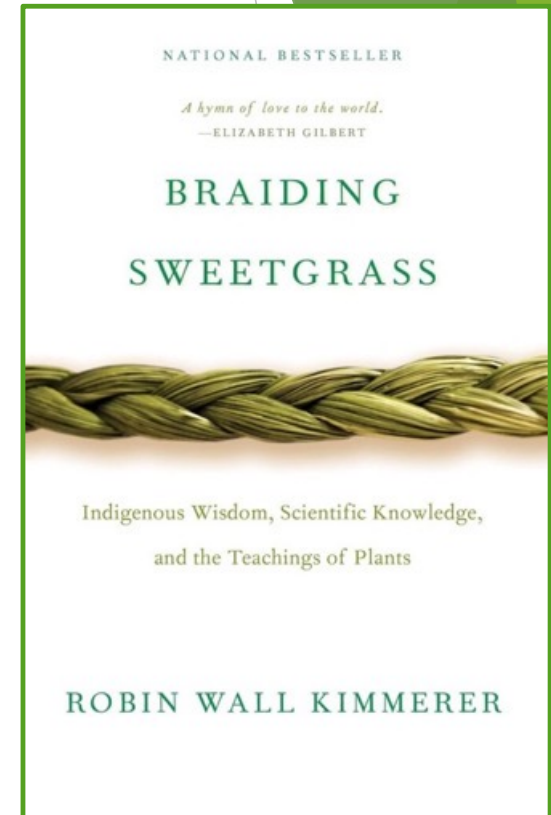
Flora's Market Run

2513 East 6th

Zoom

April 17th, Wednesday, 8pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89601981169>



Financial Report



2024 Student Scholarship Selections Are Made



Emily Miller (UA)



Rhys Williams (UA)



Aster Schaefer (PCC)



Sylvia Garcia (PCC)

Making Moves and Moving Congress

CCL's Summer Conference & Lobby Day

June 8-11, 2024

Washington, D.C.



For more information, go to

<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-change-conferences/summer>

**Come Canvass with Us on
May 4th**

**Himmel Park - optional birding
at 7:45, Canvassing is at
9:00 – 11:30 AM**

**Also June 1, Aug 3, Sept. 7, Oct 5
and 19th, Nov. 2nd.**

To join the crew, register at:

<https://www.environmentalvoter.org/tucson-may4>



CCL volunteers: Dan Roskey, Marian Fish, Linda Karl, Rick Rappaport, Scott Bordon, Jane Conlin and Garrett Weaver

Grassroots - Tabling is Education!

April 20, Children's Museum 9AM - 1PM

Contact: janeconlin5@gmail.com



April 22, UA Mall with Students for Sustainability 10 AM - 2 PM

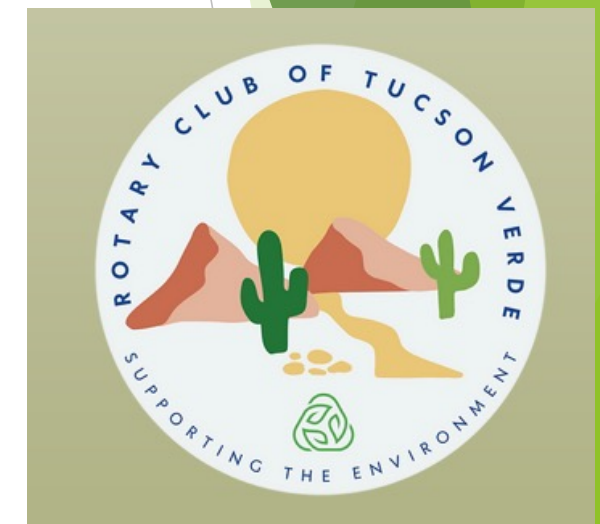
Contact: ebeshore@mac.com

Green Rotary Home Tour April 21

**CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!
JOIN THE TUCSON VERDE ROTARY CLUB
HOME AND BUILDING TOUR
SUNDAY APRIL 21
10 AM TO 2 PM**

Featuring:

- An all-solar net-zero energy home in San Clemente neighborhood
- Three award-winning auxiliary dwelling units (ADUs) in Arroyo Chico and Feldman's neighborhood
- A new-build by students in UArizona's College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture
- A Barrio Viejo home built in 1880 with sustainable features
- Examples of Water Conservation at Watershed Management's campus
- Net-emissions DIY townhouse remodel in Midtown
- Restoration of the 1915 Teatro Carmen in Barrio Viejo
- A Barrio Libre urban infill net-zero two-story home



<https://www.rotarytucsonverde.com/ht24>

Efforts to Electrify TUSD by AZYCC



Ojas Sanghi



Status of Effort to Press for Climate-Friendly Arizona Corporation Commission Members



Rick Rappaport

Featured Speaker



Dr. Crystal McKenna



Report on Commission on Climate, Energy and Sustainability



Garrett Weaver



Current Action - Have A Climate Conversation

Climate change is harming communities, but most folks don't talk about it or hear about it — so, they assume it isn't that big of a problem. That means our lawmakers don't feel pressure to act, and the problem keeps getting worse



Earth Month Action 

**Our goal: 25,000
conversations
about climate
change in April**

 cclusa.org/conversations

The graphic features three small photographs of people in conversation: a man and a woman standing outdoors, a man and a woman sitting on a bench, and two women sitting on a bench. The background is a blue and green geometric design.

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“No one does anything unless it feels important. And if no one is talking about it, how important can it be?”



Dr. Katharine Hayhoe

Science Moms

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Glossary of **terms**

Say **less** of this... and **more** of this...

Climate change

Sustainable

Warming

Emissions

Renewable energy

Ban

Transition or transformation

Carbon tax

Greener

Sacrifice

Big Oil

Decarbonize

Extreme weather

Safe and healthy

Over heating

Carbon pollution

Clean energy

Upgrade

Progress

Pollution fine

Cleaner, quieter, faster

Enjoy

Dirty fossil energy

Eliminate pollution

Eight Principles of Climate Communication

- ▶ Talk like a human. Connect using language everyone understands
- ▶ Don't exaggerate. Catastrophic messages are polarizing
- ▶ No partisanship. "Protect my Community, Safe and Clean Energy", not "save the planet, sacrifice, green", or tying climate to other issues.
- ▶ Keep it local. Avoid "planetary" – instead "our state", "our town", "my neighbors" or "our kids"
- ▶ Humans, not concepts. Loss aversion frames beats gain. Include kitchen table issues such as high air conditioning bills, days you can't go outside, water shortages, high food prices due to drought, air quality.
- ▶ Fight pollution. Not Climate Change.
- ▶ Focus on today.
- ▶ Messengers make the message. People trust scientists, farmers, doctors and firefighters. Not politicians.