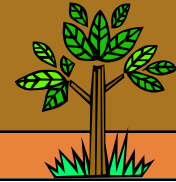


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Meeting Notice

The 31st L.D. Democrats will meet on:

April 16, 2008

At

Marion Grange

27725 Buckley-Summer Hwy E

Buckley

Coffee Hour 6PM

Meeting 7PM

Program for April

- John Ladenburg, who is running for Attorney General, will be here. Mr. Ladenburg was previously Pierce County Executive. Mr. Ladenburg is also a former prosecutor and trial lawyer who protected our communities against powerful corporate interests.
- Middle Green Valley Coalition will be here to talk about the Green Valley Gorge-see letter to the right.
- Voting on giving the 31st LD support to the different Judges that were here last month.
- Voting on whether the 31st LD supports Darcy Burner in her run to defeat Dave Reichert (R).

Middle Green River Coalition

Speaker and Executive Director: Lisa Parsons

There is a great Washington State Treasure within the 31st Legislative District (LD) unknown even to most within the LD. This great and secret place is the Green River Gorge (map of area next page). Unfortunately, this wonderful gem is becoming more at risk every day.

The Green River Gorge has some of the most productive salmon spawning areas in Western Washington, challenging whitewater rafting, beautiful hanging gardens, numerous spring-fed waterfalls and amazing angling. Geologically, the area features amazing cuts, cliffs and is heavily laden with fossils and petrified wood. All of this is available by hiking, biking or horseback (limited access). However, this gorge is now facing incredible development pressure from suburban sprawl. In some places, where there were once pristine wilderness views, homes are now beginning to dot the gorge's rim, and other forms of damaging encroachment are beginning to increase.

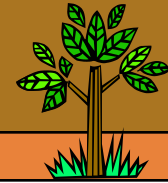
There are groups of aware people who are beginning to come together to protect this treasure. One of these groups is the Middle Green River Coalition, which is currently led by Lisa Parsons, its executive director.

Lisa Parsons will be joining our April 16th meeting to speak about this area, its needs, and current activities to protect the Green River Gorge.

(For more information see

<http://friendsofthegreen.googlepages.com/home>)

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Things Happening Around Our Area:

- 1) **April 12-13, 2008 10AM-8PM & 11AM-6PM. Green Festival at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle.** Discover some of the best green products and services the Northwest has to offer. Learn how your neighbors, community nonprofits and city departments are working together to make our city a healthier place to live. Take in more than 350 exhibits and see more than 125 speakers on 5 stages; including Mayor Greg Nickels, Amy Goodman, Thom Hartmann, and Jim Hightower
- 2) **April 26, 2008 1:30 - 3:00 PM. Darcy Burner**, running against Dave Reichert in the 8th Congressional District, **will be at the Masonic Hall** (42810 264th Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA) to meet and talk with YOU. For question go to campaign @darcyburner.com or call Bev Olson (360) 802-1411.
- 3) **Every Sunday (12:00 - 1:00 PM)** citizens gather at the corner of Pacific Hwy and 320th in **Federal Way** to protest the war(occupation) in Iraq.
(If you want something posted- please [email szot.patricia@gmail.com](mailto:email_szot.patricia@gmail.com) with the information)

Map of Green River Conservation Area



ONGOING FOOD DRIVE

Please bring any food item for our ongoing food drive to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

War Statistics (<http://www.antiwar.com>)
4023 US Military Deaths (Iraq)
29628 US Military Wounded (Iraq)
151,000-1,197,469 Iraq Civilian Deaths