

Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship

September 12, 2018

Follow-Up on Assistance to the Families of local Detainees and Deportees

On August 29, Immigration and Customs Enforcement obtained a list of undocumented employees of Granite Precast in Ferndale, and subsequently detained individuals on their way to work and at their homes. Because the raid was carried out in many different places at once, it's difficult to know exactly how many people were detained. We do know that the number reported in the Bellingham Herald (16) was based on information given by ICE, and that it is considerably lower than the reports from the affected families themselves (28). Some of the workers are now imprisoned at a for-profit detention center in Tacoma. Several have already been deported.

It has been heartening over the past week to see an outpouring of support for these families -- who gathered in the BUF sanctuary the next day to tell their stories, to catch their breath, and to pull together in solidarity. We feel strongly about standing in solidarity with these families. The ramifications of this incident are far reaching. We are hearing reports from the medical community, from more than one school district, from employers and from individuals who have all been adversely impacted.



Many of these people have been here for ten years or more, and their absence is being felt in many ways. Efforts are being made to provide immediate financial relief to the families who have been left without a source of income — and in many cases still do not have adequate information about where their family members are being detained or when they will hear from them again.

BUF has been providing logistical support to the families, and the use of our building. We're in the fortunate position of being able to respond rapidly ... even as many other community partners are ramping up to provide larger-scale support for the long haul. Contributions from throughout the community are being directed to BUF; we are accounting for and passing these contributions to the family's own organization — Raid Relief to Reunite Families — not as charity, but in solidarity.

We've received about \$8,000 so far. We're still receiving contributions by mail, and during office hours. If you wish to add your support, please write a check payable to BUF, with "raid relief" in the memo line. We are also receiving many contributions in the form of gift cards. Our sister congregation, University Unitarian in Seattle, will be sending up their entire collection from this past Sunday. Their collection was introduced from a temporary pulpit, as the congregation has just begun a major building renovation, and were therefore — beginning last Sunday — displaced into temporary accommodations for the coming year. Here's an excerpt from the introduction to that collection:

"Though it may be a bit unsettling for us have a homecoming service in an unfamiliar space, we are so fortunate to be able to continue coming together, despite the changes in our lives. As renovation of our building progresses, let us remember what we stand for – the worth and dignity of every person and justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. Because what are we building for, if not to ensure the preservation of these ideals?"

Peace,
Paul

Sunday Service on September 16

Who Are We?

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Unitarian Universalists and BUFsters are not unique. Our allies are legion. Let's talk about how our particular congregational community can serve as a beacon for these ideals.

BUF Goals- A message from Board President Kara Black

In fall of 2017, the BUF Board decided on four 5-year goals. These have and will continue to guide the focus of our efforts in our leadership role with the congregation. These were presented at the spring 2018 congregational meeting. Last month, the Board, including newly elected members, reviewed, updated & revised these goals. We will present a summary of each of the four goals over the next four weeks of mid-week updates. We ask that you take a few minutes to review and become familiar with each one. Each goal has an oversight team, which will publish regular updates through the year and collect feedback and input to bring to future goal reviews/revisions.



Thank you for all the care and dedication you give to our community,
Kara Black, Board President

From the leader of the Volunteer Development Goal team, Kaitlin Davis:

When the Board met in fall of 2017 to determine our organizational goals for the next 3 years, there wasn't a single thing that we wanted to do that didn't require some additional leadership. All of our staff were relatively new in their positions, and we were struggling to find volunteers for major tasks at BUF. How could we take on more when we were struggling to accomplish what we had already set out to do? As we listened to each other, we found that a common theme emerged; a few folks were in charge of a lot of the work at BUF. Some key volunteers were feeling burned out and stretched to the max, and our staff members were struggling to do the things that were already on their plate. It became clear that we couldn't put *more* demands on our leaders; we needed instead to equip and support our leaders, to recruit new volunteers, and to figure out ways to make lay leadership positions at BUF more sustainable. As I review this goal again, I think of the line in our covenant "service gives it life." Service, when performed wholeheartedly and in right relationship with community, can be energizing and life-giving!

GOAL: BUF has knowledgeable, supported, and energized leadership

Objectives:

- 1) Form a Leadership Development Team to accomplish this goal
- 2) Increase practices for volunteer recruitment, training, retention, and appreciation
- 3) Increase access to technological tools for group communication, advertising, and event coordination
- 4) Increase knowledge of funding strategies for programs
- 5) Increase resource sharing, both internally and externally (i.e. PNWD, UUA, other UU's)
- 6) Increase support of BUF leadership to avoid burnout
- 7) Make volunteering fun and win-win

Possible Activities:

- Form a Leadership Development Team
- Provide training for BUF leadership on volunteer recruitment, training, retention, BUF organizational structure, time management, running meetings, healthy boundaries and appreciation
- Develop "how to" guides for communication, advertising, events -- tools regularly used by lay leadership plus communication streams to get information & provide feedback
Develop and communicate fundraising guidelines for BUF groups
- Regularly bring resources to Leadership Development meetings and/or send via e-mail lists that are relevant to BUF leadership
- Conduct a needs assessment and informally check-in to see what support leaders need
Hire a volunteer organizer
- Encourage participation in GA & other UUA activities
- Involve the congregation via survey and clear information on how to navigate BUF/volunteer

Caring For Each Other: Living Our UU Principles

This year, ALL OF BUF is invited to focus on a specific theme each month, bringing us together to study, serve, grow and play with the issues and causes that we most care about. These themes were introduced to the congregation last Sunday by those coordinating each month's activities.

September - Our UU Principles

Exploring our UU principles and sources

October - Crossing Borders

Looking at what it means to leave home, realities of crossing political borders, reaching out to community members who have crossed borders, and border crossing as a metaphor in various contexts

Coordinator: Ann Lackland

November - Caring Locally

Putting our global perspectives into local action

Coordinator: Ann Stevenson

December – Holidays

Celebrating the season with a pageant, concerts, caroling and a Christmas Eve service.

Pageant Music Directors: Amy Van Auker, Annie Sorich



January - Welcome Table

Exploring race relations and cultural diversity in light of current affairs and our UU Principles and Sources

Coordinator: Hilde Bootstrap

February – Pilgrimage

Experiencing the transformative power of pilgrimage, with partners in Romania, India and beyond.

Coordinators: Lisa Moss and Jan Krouskop

March - Lhaq'temish

Nurturing and celebrating BUF's relationship with our Coast Salish neighbors

Coordinator: Beth Brownfield

April - The Web of Life

Loving the earth, and experiencing a life more in tune with the natural world

Coordinator: Barbara Davenport

May - Rainbow Connection

Lifting up the LGBTQ+ richness of humanity

Coordinators: Francie Gass and Cathy Campbell

June – Gratitude

Wrapping up the lessons of the year with gratefulness, and celebrating our relationships

Coordinator: Genia Allen-Schmid

Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship seeking aid for ICE raid families

On August 29th ICE conducted an immigration sting in Whatcom County where up to 28 workers were arrested and detained. Using e-Verify for hiring a new employee, it signaled suspicious activity to ICE authorities who then conducted an “enforcement operation.” The “criminal investigation” as it is being called, was on Bellingham-based Granite Precasting & Concrete. It is reportedly the largest series of arrests by ICE in Whatcom County since the raid at the Yamato Engine Specialists in 2009. Five people have already been deported.

That's 28 families in Whatcom County that are in need of our support, especially those five families whose loved ones have already been deported. The Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship has been providing space and resources to assist the affected families, and is calling on everyone's help for additional support. **The Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship has a fund set up for immigrant justice.**



From Community to Community (C2C): “Community support is crucial in this kind of crisis. There have been many questions about what is needed, and while there have been specific requests for things like diapers and toiletries, it becomes overwhelming to collect and distribute physical items, and often times families receive too much of one thing and not enough of others. **The very best thing to contribute at this time is gas vouchers or visa gift cards so that the families can be in control of getting the things that they need.** The most efficient way to help the families affected is to mail or bring gas vouchers, visa gift cards, or checks to 1207 Ellsworth Street Bellingham, WA 98225. If you are sending a check, please make it out to BUF and write “ICE raid relief” in the memo line. If you are sending gas vouchers or gift cards, please note that they are for ICE raid relief. BUF has committed to working with C2C to get these donations to the families directly. We will keep updating the community as the needs of the families change and as we get more information about those detained.”

BUF Choirs Tonight and Every Wednesday

6:45-8pm Chalice Choir

New singers may try us at any time, and we promise to help you feel welcome!
No previous choral experience necessary. Newcomers arrive early to get a folder.

8:10pm Treble Voices

This non-auditioned soprano & alto group (the former Women's Ensemble), rehearses in the flex room upstairs. Newcomers always welcome!

Contact director Karen FitzGerald karen@karenfitzgerald.com

8:10pm Phoenix Ensemble

Second round of user-friendly, group auditions for this select, auditioned group of 16-20 singers will be tonight after Chalice Choir. Nothing to prepare, just come.

Phoenix Ensemble members must also belong to the Chalice Choir. The ability to sight-read and memorize music is valued. Phoenix performs an eclectic mix of challenging and inventive repertoire for once-monthly Sunday morning services, and also sings for community events.

For more information about BUF music, please visit <http://bufchoir.blogspot.com/> or email music director Kevin Allen-Schmid at kevin@buf.org

Social and Environmental Justice Committee First Quarterly Meeting

If you care about social and environmental justice, please come to our meeting!!! The BUF Social and Environmental Justice Committee will convene it's next regular meeting in the Library on **Sunday, September 23rd at 11:45** am with a healthy and delicious potluck lunch, followed at noon by our well facilitated agenda of important social action reports and business. We are busy here at BUF, but we always welcome new ideas and team efforts. As drops of water together, we can move mountains.

MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OCTOBER 28, AT NOON IN THE BUF LIBRARY

On Sunday, October 28 the BUF Memorial Garden Committee will share a presentation and panel discussion with interested members of the congregation in the library, after the morning worship service. We'll include a proposed three-stage plan for a space dedicated to honoring deceased members and friends of BUF. Rev. Paul Beckel will facilitate a discussion assisted by Carrie Koehline. The following Sunday, November 4, there will be a table during coffee hour hosted by members of the committee where you can bring further questions and input.

WELCOME TO DINNERS WITH 8 OR 6



We are ready to commence those wonderful, casual social gatherings known as “**DINNERS WITH 8 OR 6**”. Focused on getting to know each other better, we meet in small groups at one another’s homes, engaging in fascinating conversation while enjoying delicious potluck meals. This is a popular program for those new to BUF or members and friends who have been a part of our community for years.

HOW IT WORKS: Each month from October through May there are potlucks for groups of 8 or 6 participants. Each dining group has a different host and different guest list. Attending one dinner per month, by the end of May 2019 you will have enjoyed up to 8 small group dinners and met/talked with/ enjoyed the company of 50 or more people.

TO BEGIN THE PROCESS: You complete a **REGISTRATION FORM** with your desire to attend as a **PARTICIPANT**, a **HOST** (to 8 or 6) or a **CO-HOST** for your choice of months. The Form can be found at: <http://buf.org/files/121/DINNERS-WITH-8-6-Registration-Form.pdf> or pick one up at Coffee Hour.

The 2nd Annual Family Promise Bed Race is less than 3 weeks away, and we invite you to come watch the bed race this year! Next year BUF hopes to have Rev. Paul in our bed with a BUF sponsored team! But, in the interim, BUF will host a Family Promise BAKE SALE at the BED RACE. Can you help with baking? Let Ann Stevenson know at 360-738-7083. Easy finger food items like cookies, cupcakes, brownies or fresh fruit from our gardens would be appreciated and can be dropped off in the kitchen with a label: Family Promise.

Here's a youtube slideshow of what to expect. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZtWQigY2WU>



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**Family
Promise Bed
Race to
Help
Homeless
Children
September 30, 2
– 4 p.m.
Civic Field
Parking Lot**



The Humanitas Team - Special Collection Recipient, September 30

The Humanitas Team provides support to local people in need by listening to their stories and offering limited, emergency, financial assistance, such as a car breakdown on the way to work, (up to \$40 in pledges or vouchers--no cash), in a safe and non-judgmental atmosphere. Nine volunteer members of the Team participate at a time.

In addition, currently a tenth member of the Team oversees the "Laundry Love" program. Every Wednesday morning they give vouchers to individuals to wash a load of laundry. Upto 28 people per week have availed this facility.

Interacting with these needy people can be very difficult some days due to their emotional turmoil. But our patient Team members are there to listen and offer relief.

Thus the Humanitas Team is BUF's crucial connection to the Bellingham community in easing some unexpected financial pressures. The Team works in collaboration with other churches in the community sharing this burden. Your contribution this month will be of great help to maintain this effort.



~ Sita Amba-Rao, SEJC.

To all UU members and friends who are concerned about the state of social and environmental justice in our times!

Angered by the recent immigration raids? • Heartbroken by the death of our Orcas?

Holding your breath about the pipelines? • Alarmed by aggressive law enforcement and racial profiling?

Believe the criminal justice system needs reform? • Overwhelmed by the ever-growing state of poverty?

On October 20, 2018, you are invited to connect with UU justice colleagues at a Justice Summit being held at the Edmonds UU Congregation in Edmonds, WA.

WA UU Voices for Justice and the Northwest UU Justice Network are evolving into

JUJustice Washington, a state action network that will be assisting and mobilizing individuals and congregations to take on the justice issues of our time more effectively and in greater depth.



This is your opportunity to strengthen your existing justice efforts, forge strong, new justice relationships and join or create issue & advocacy teams for our State and beyond. We will provide you with the skills, tools, support and encouragement to establish relationships and partnerships with those individuals and organizations that are allied with our causes and begin reaching out to those communities where we need to work on establishing a supportive presence and build right relationships. Celebrate the formal unveiling of the new organization and its increased efficacy, professionalism and capacity. Join us and become a force in its evolution to take on the many and intersecting issues of our day and forge a pathway to a more just future for us and for the Earth.

To registers for the Summit or to get more information [Register Here](#). Then, save the date on your calendar for the Legislative Conference on November 18, 2018 where you can align your justice work with Washington State legislative priorities!

Note from Deb Cruz: We've been working on this organization fast and furious to launch it on October 20th! However, even after launch, we have a long ways to go in making a real difference and will need all your participation and help along the journey. Join us and move Washington State and the Pacific Northwest forward on the road to real and enduring justice for all.

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Applications to join a Chalice Circle are available online at <http://www.buf.org/files/121/BUF-CHALICE-CIRCLES-Registration-form.pdf> The registration must be downloaded, printed and completed and may be mailed to BUF at 1207 Ellsworth St, Bellingham 98225 or can be dropped off at the BUF admin office.

Register Soon for the BUF 2018 All Church Retreat At Beautiful Camp Kirby

September 21-23 Camp Kirby, Samish Island

Join us for a weekend of food, fun, and fellowship—all on the beach!

There will be plenty of fun, age-appropriate activities for kids and adults, opportunities for intergenerational connections, campfire sing-a-longs, etc.

And don't forget the famous Talent/No Talent Show as well as the 5 meals you don't have to cook and the wealth of relaxing, walk-on-the-beach time.

On Saturday afternoon, we will enjoy a workshop led by Rev. Tandi Rogers, a Congregational Life Staff member for the Pacific Western Region of the UUA. Tandi will take us on an exploration of our congregational values and goals as we create the inclusive, diverse, and exciting Religious Education environment for our congregation.

Register here: <http://buf.org/retreats>



TO ALL PARENTS OF K THROUGH 1A a reminder that we will be offering Our Whole Lives, or OWL in an eight-session curriculum for five- to seven-year-olds. It is based on the philosophy that parents or whoever is filling that role in a child's life, have primary responsibility for sexuality education with their children. And educating institutions such as BUF, can form a meaningful partnership for positive and responsibly sexuality education. It is our belief that sexuality is a lifelong process of acquiring information and forming attitudes and values about identity and relationships, intimacy, and health. Our Whole Lives is a positive, comprehensive, and age-appropriate educational program that supports those beliefs. For more information on OWL, please visit the UUA website to learn more: <https://www.uua.org/re/owl>. The cost is \$25.00, and registration can be done online here: <https://buf.breezechms.com/form/e5a11799>.



Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a series of sexuality education curricula that helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about sexual health and behavior.

The dates and times are:

- **Mandatory Parents'/Legal Guardians' Information Night: Wednesday, September 19th from 6:30-8pm**
- **Grown up/Child Orientation Program Night: Wednesday, September 26th from 6-8:30**
- **OWL dates: September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18 during service 10:30-11:45.**

Childcare will be provided at the information and orientation nights. Any questions? Please contact Mullane Harrington at 360-319-9853 or muhwane@hotmail.com.

Meet the Artist after service on Sunday, September 16th. Ron King will meet with interested folks in the Narthex following service, to discuss his works displayed in the BUF gallery and talk about his techniques in producing such interesting images.



Plan Ahead to Volunteer for a Work Party at BUF on Saturday, Sept 29th!

The BUF Building & Grounds Committee is working on a plan to clean up and improve our parking lot and we will be bringing the volunteers and tools together on Sept 29th to make our mark on the parking lot and other landscaped areas around the church. For more details or to volunteer,

please email Leslie DeBrock at leslie@surepost.com.

Humanitas - Helping People In a Pinch



Our doors will be open throughout the summer, but we will not be in touch again until September 5. Then, we will once more share with you some stories from people who have requested our assistance. Thanks to you, we have been able to provide most of them with a little relief from their struggles. We hope you enjoy your summer, dear people, and here is our blessing: “May you be peaceful, happy and well, and may no harm come to you.” ~ *The Humanitas Team*



Lummi Food Bank

“Glad you are back from summer activities and thinking of me again. I have missed you!”

From your Lummi Food Cart

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, September 12

10:00 AM Humanitas

Community Dinner

This Wednesday, we will have a burrito bar with all the toppings, gluten free options, shredded chicken, refried pinto beans, cheese, fresh garden tomatoes, cucumbers, olives, avocados, etc. etc. and for dessert a GF apple crisp with ice cream choices.

I could use a couple choppers on Wednesday afternoon, if anyone can do some prep cooking from 3:00 pm on. Contact Ann Stevenson 360-738-7083 or ann.v.stevenson@gmail.com





6:45 PM Chalice Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM Phoenix Choir Rehearsal
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HARNESSING THE POWER OF LOVE TO CREATE CHANGE



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Thursday, September 13

1:30 PM Hospitality Committee

A Miracle of Mindfulness

Flowering Cherry Sangha engages in meditation practice, study and topic-focused discussion. Join us in the Meditation Room downstairs next to the BUF library every Thursday at 2:00 pm. Chairs are provided; bring a cushion if you wish. For more information contact David Gillespie at davidgillespie72@gmail.com

Friday, September 14: No events or activities

Saturday, September 15: No events or activities

Sunday, September 16

9:15 AM **At the Sunday Forum on September 16th, BUF Chalice Circles** coordinating team will introduce the ways Chalice Circles help connect Bufsters, through small groups meeting regularly throughout the year, to explore themes for spiritual deepening. BUF's Healthy Relationships Team will also share the communication practices that support BUF's covenant of Healthy Relationships. As part of the Forum, an abbreviated Chalice Circle meeting will offer a sample of a Chalice Circle meeting, for those considering joining a Chalice Circle.

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11:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Social Hall

12:30 PM Chalice Circle Facilitators in the library

4:00 PM YRUU (High School Youth) in the loft

Monday, September 17

The Natural Balance in All Things . . .

Join us at 4:30 pm for Life Exercise, a program of gentle movement drawn from Chinese Tai Chi and Japanese health exercises. All levels of fitness are welcome. For more information, contact Lee Seaman, (360) 676-8543, lseaman@seamanmedical.com.



6:00 PM Indivisible Bellingham - All Hands Meeting

Tuesday, September 18

12:00 PM Lunch with Paul

Wednesday, September 19

*Voices
of BUF*

6:45 PM Chalice Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM Phoenix Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM Women's Ensemble

10:00 AM Humanitas

6:00 PM Community Night Dinner

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1:30 PM Hospitality Committee

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Friday, September 21

5:00 PM Family Retreat at Camp Kirby

Sunday, September 23

9:15 AM Sunday Forum

10:30 AM Worship

11:30 AM Coffee Hour

11:45 AM Fall SEJC Meeting

11:45 AM Kids' Choir

12:15 Men's Group Social and spiritual sustenance for BUF's Men

- All men are welcome, including newcomers and friends.
- We try to avoid politics and sports.
- We'll start with two minutes each for a brief check-in -- try to talk about how we are not what we've been doing.
- We'll avoid cross talk during the discussion.
- As always, we'll observe a policy of confidentiality.
- Feel free to bring your lunch or a snack to share.

4:00 PM YRUU (High School Youth)

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Tuesday, September 25

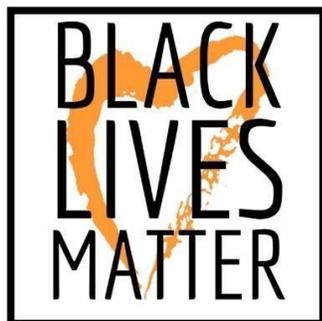
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Friday, September 28: No events or activities

Saturday, September 29:

Sunday, September 30

9:15 AM Sunday Forum

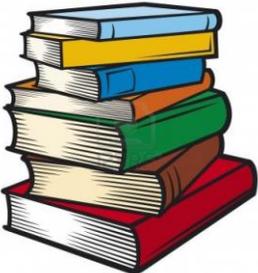
10:30 AM Worship

11:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Social Hall

12:15 Sunday Brunch at the Hearthfire

4:00 PM YRUU (High School Youth)

And Later in September and October



Booktoberfest comes to BUF on Saturday, October 13th 5-9pm, book sale, games and activities (polka-ing) and cook-out!

Alternatives To Violence Project Sept 28-30

Join us on Sept 28-30 for an Experiential Workshop in Creative Conflict Resolution, at the Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center. Friday 6:30 to 9:30, Saturday 9-6 and Sunday 9-6. More information to come: bellinghamavp@gmail.com

To register www.whatcompjc.org/alternatives-to-violence-workshop.html

No one will be turned away for lack of funds.



Northern Vietnam & Angkor Wat With Rev. Wayne Walder and Joan Walder | March 15 – 27, 2019

I am writing to let you know about our upcoming trip to North Vietnam led by Rev. Wayne Walder from the Neighbourhood U.U. Congregation of Toronto. We have led over a dozen trips in the last 12 years for UU's and have found that UU's enjoy a shared travel experience with an emphasis on Mindful Travel. We seek to go deeper and to interact more directly with the culture we are visiting. Daily meditation and reflection are part of our travel experience.

Tour Cost (per person): US\$4245 (incl. US\$250 taxes and gratuities) Single Supplement: US\$995 |
Group Size: 12 – 18 participants
CONTACT WORLDWIDE QUEST Please contact Kerry in the Worldwide Quest office to reserve your
spot. 416-633-5666 | 1-800-387-1483 travel@worldwidequest.com

2018 League of Women Voters Election Forums [Bellingham, September 11, 2018]

Excitement is building for the mid-term election on November 6, 2018. Nearly 45% of Whatcom County voters participated in the August primary election, and while that might not seem like a great percentage, it is significantly higher than the participation rates for primary elections in recent years.

The League of Women Voters of Bellingham/Whatcom County invites the public to attend four election forums. Before you hire one of these candidates to represent you, learn about their plans and goals. Attendees may submit their questions to candidates and speakers.

The League is non-partisan, we do not endorse candidates or political parties and we have invited all candidates to participate.

Pro & Con Debate on Local & State Ballot Issues Saturday, October 13, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., County Council Chambers (311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225). Doors open at 9:00 a.m. High school students from the Bellingham United Debate Club (serving Bellingham, Squalicum, and Sehome High Schools) will debate the gun ownership measure, Initiative 1639. Representatives from the organized pro and con groups for other Washington state measures will debate other initiatives. Information will be shared about Bellingham Fund Renewal Levy. Find details about speakers and ballot measures on <https://www.lwvbellinghamwhatcom.org>. Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney, WA State Court of Appeals Division 1, District 3 Judge, Whatcom County Council At-Large, and PUD Commissioner Candidates Wednesday, October 17, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Whatcom County Council Chambers (311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225). Doors open for the public at 6:00 p.m. and forum begins at 6:30 p.m.

42nd Legislative District Representative Positions 1 and 2, 42nd Legislative District State Senator, and 1st Congressional District Candidates Saturday, October 20, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Ferndale High School Auditorium (5830 Golden Eagle Drive, Ferndale, WA 98248). Doors open for the public at 9:00 a.m. and forum begins at 9:30 a.m.

40th Legislative District Representative Positions 1& 2 and 2nd Congressional District Candidates Wednesday, October 24, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Whatcom County Council Chambers (311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225). Attendees are invited to meet the candidates and talk informally with them from

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6:00–7:00 p.m. Candidate debates will begin at 7:00 p.m. and include contested races for the 2nd Congressional District and the 40th Legislative District Position 1.

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