**COMING EVENTS + ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES
on MANY ISSUES**

* **Events on SPECIFIC DATES are LISTED IMMEDIATELY BELOW.**
* **After that I list events occurring EVERY DAY,** **every WEEK,** **and** **EVERY MONTH. These are listed in THESE sections only, BUT VERY FEW of them are listed also on the “SPECIFIC DATES.”**
* **Occasionally I post just a few items to the “COMING EVENTS” category in the right column of my blog’s home page at** [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org)
* **Also, I keep posting new information and resources at the various issue categories of my blog,** [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org)**, which are listed alphabetically in the lower right corner of my blog’s home page.**

**SPECIFIC DATES**

**On various dates you can learn about Ranked-Choice Voting. See** [**https://www.mobilize.us/fairvotewa/event/434070/?followup\_modal\_context=email\_shift\_followup\_other\_events**](https://www.mobilize.us/fairvotewa/event/434070/?followup_modal_context=email_shift_followup_other_events)

**Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) has a calendar listing many climate-related and environmental activities throughout the month.** See their list of coming events at this link**:** [**https://thurstonclimateaction.org/upcoming-events/**](https://thurstonclimateaction.org/upcoming-events/)

**See many events on a variety of peace-related issues and other issues at this list:** [**https://worldbeyondwar.org/events/?link\_id=15&can\_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-wbw-news-action-new-anti-war-pro-peace-resources-database&email\_referrer=email\_1341959&email\_subject=wbw-news-action-nowarnowarming**](https://worldbeyondwar.org/events/?link_id=15&can_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-wbw-news-action-new-anti-war-pro-peace-resources-database&email_referrer=email_1341959&email_subject=wbw-news-action-nowarnowarming)

**SUN SEPT 24 through SAT SEPT 30: Defuse Nuclear War Week of Action:** [**www.defusenuclearwar.org**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/69753041/427154820/1428265727?nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNS8xLzk0MjIzIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogImE2ZTkyZTg2LTQwNTMtZWUxMS05OTM3LTAwMjI0ODMyZTgxMSIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ2xlbkBwYXJhbGxheHBlcnNwZWN0aXZlcy5vcmciDQp9&hmac=9uJkLRBCLnBMiQT6hjfg3l3EwQDIjac-0qvqOlPX-BU=&emci=1042da3a-be52-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=a6e92e86-4053-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=13947300)

**TUES SEPT 26: Hold signs in Lacey to oppose nuclear weapons:** The United Nations has called for September 26 of each year to be the **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**.  Many people around the world will be taking peaceful actions for peace instead of nuclear weapons. We invite you to hold signs opposing nuclear weapons from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on sidewalks on College Street South of 3rd Ave SE, Lacey, west of the building housing Representative Marilyn Strickland’s office. The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (OCANW) is organizing a sign-holding event and providing some signs.  You may bring your own signs opposing nuclear weapons. **Rain is likely, so dress for rain and consider making waterproof signs.** A few members of OCANW have scheduled a 30-minute meeting with her local staff member to discuss nuclear weapons and urge Strickland to take certain actions in Congress.  Our sign-holding on College Street will begin at 11:30 a.m. and continue until 1:00 p.m.  We invite you to participate for whatever amount of time you can.

We are totally peaceful, nonviolent, and safety-conscious.  We will not block traffic in any way.  If any pedestrians come along our sidewalk, we step back deferentially and give them the right-of-way. Our local organizers have many years of experience holding signs for peace and being friendly with any pedestrians who come along.  Our signs, our smiles and our friendly waves share the spirit of peace with motorists and pedestrians.  For many years we have been enjoying very positive responses from motorists elsewhere throughout our local community.

The sponsoring organization – the Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons – has been organizing local activities toward reducing the likelihood of nuclear war.  We have been educating the public, meeting with elected officials (federal, state, local), and seeking peaceful foreign policy, especially to prevent nuclear war. Our statewide coalition – Washington Against Nuclear Weapons – is organizing rallies, etc., near several offices of our members of Congress.  See WANW’s information at [**www.wanwcoalition.org**](http://www.wanwcoalition.org). For more information, please contact Glen Anderson at (360) 491-9093 **glen@parallaxperspectives.org** or Mark Fleming at (360) 357-1060 or **rezdog02@hotmail.com**.

**WED SEPT 27: Very practical online workshop to strengthen your skills in telephoning Congress about nuclear weapons, etc.:** The Global Security Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists invites you to attend a virtual skills-building workshop on how to make an effective call to Congress. Join UCS organizers and fellow supporters to learn how you can be an advocate for science. 9:00-10:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Register now for this online skills-building training: [**Register for the skills-building training today.**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/69256199/425554286/1171130185?contactdata=O90ykHWN8XSYuPgh4wS1CHDi3cxGn6u/F3ULhcthcWKzSBX11Dinu/lTwUoV0Crb5E1yJxi9O/d7LUSsITuR84Gb/Tn1PVDmwKIask4C2g79GnID1nEfyM7gdPJFBLfewEGCKoQEb6+pr6P23dPAD5RQatGpUzJmZ3rfgDcjDGlPzYu0yvDelcQcC4OVvSDuC1qEB6J0KSZiaHo2UL+TfRvUj3IpzU607rD0V1N+3ioCRw2G4JkricS59FFk02dp&utm_campaign=email&utm_medium=email&utm_source=email&nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9VQ1MvVUNTLzEvNTgwOTciLA0KICAiRGlzdHJpYnV0aW9uVW5pcXVlSWQiOiAiNzkxOTNiOTAtMjg0Yy1lZTExLWEzZjEtMDAyMjQ4MzJlYjczIiwNCiAgIkVtYWlsQWRkcmVzcyI6ICJnbGVuQHBhcmFsbGF4cGVyc3BlY3RpdmVzLm9yZyINCn0%3D&hmac=kQAX2PxgXzJU1lOFAyS-X_Up3uwLmxIMmQ-HPJ5ncaw=&emci=6ab7ed9c-ba49-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73&emdi=79193b90-284c-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73&ceid=2380919)

**WED SEPT 27 (and the 4th Wednesday of each month): Zoom meeting to strengthen the movement to divest public employees’ pension funds (and other entities) from fossil fuels:** This savvy group of people in Washington State has been increasing its efforts. Not only is the Washington State Investment Board (WSIB) using public employees’ pension money to invest in fossil fuel projects that seriously hurt the climate of Planet Earth, but these also are increasingly risky investments. See these recent sources of information: (1) “Public Pension Funds Have Lost Billions on Their Fossil Fuel Investments: New Analysis” at [**https://www.desmog.com/2023/06/27/public-pension-funds-lost-billions-on-their-fossil-fuel-investments/**](https://www.desmog.com/2023/06/27/public-pension-funds-lost-billions-on-their-fossil-fuel-investments/) (2) “The Financial Sector Is Failing to Estimate Climate Risk, Say Two Groups in the UK” at [**https://insideclimatenews.org/news/22072023/the-financial-sector-is-failing-to-estimate-climate-risk-say-two-groups-in-the-uk/**](https://insideclimatenews.org/news/22072023/the-financial-sector-is-failing-to-estimate-climate-risk-say-two-groups-in-the-uk/) and (3)“California’s pension funds are wrecking the planet and losing billions. It’s quite a trick” written by Bill McKibben: [**https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-06-28/climate-change-divest-california-fossil-fuel-pension-funds-senate-bill-252**](https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-06-28/climate-change-divest-california-fossil-fuel-pension-funds-senate-bill-252) To connect with Divest-WA, e-mail **barbmcoly@comcast.net** or **donna.albert@gmail.com**

**WED SEPT 27: “Healing the Harms of Nuclear Testing”:** This conversation hosted by the Quaker-based lobby Friends National Committee on Legislation ([**www.fcnl.org**](http://www.fcnl.org)) explores the impact of nuclear testing and the call to advocate with communities that still bear the scars of our country’s nuclear history. 3:30-4:30 Pacific Time. [**MORE INFO HERE**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/69753042/427154821/1685687923?nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNS8xLzk0MjIzIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogImE2ZTkyZTg2LTQwNTMtZWUxMS05OTM3LTAwMjI0ODMyZTgxMSIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ2xlbkBwYXJhbGxheHBlcnNwZWN0aXZlcy5vcmciDQp9&hmac=9uJkLRBCLnBMiQT6hjfg3l3EwQDIjac-0qvqOlPX-BU=&emci=1042da3a-be52-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=a6e92e86-4053-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=13947300)

**WED SEPT 27: Mass meeting to increase organizing against Israeli oppression of Palestinians. Jewish Voice for Peace recognizes the Jewish New Year as a time of renewal and recommitment, so they invite everyone to join them in working to end U.S. support for Israeli apartheid:** Sign up now for this online opportunity from 5:00 to 6:30 Pacific Time: [**https://www.mobilize.us/jewishvoiceforpeace/event/577219/?sourceid=1002268&emci=3f66eb28-3948-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73&emdi=ba7c2124-a84d-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73&ceid=463180**](https://www.mobilize.us/jewishvoiceforpeace/event/577219/?sourceid=1002268&emci=3f66eb28-3948-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73&emdi=ba7c2124-a84d-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73&ceid=463180)

**FRI SEPT 29: “The End of an Era:  The Long Journey to Eliminate the Deadly U.S. Chemical Weapons Stockpile”:** Hear four expert speakers from 7:00-8:30 a.m. Pacific Time. When the United States ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) in 1997, it took on the legal obligation and the complex technical and engineering task of destroying its massive Cold War-era chemical weapons stockpile, which consisted of some 31,500 tons (63,000,000 pounds) of deadly chemical agents much of which were loaded in various forms of munitions. After years of delay, all U.S. declared chemical weapons stockpiles were irreversibly and verifiably destroyed in July 2023, two months ahead of the Sept. 2023 deadline set by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). The event is a major milestone in disarmament: the United States was the last declared stockpile possessor state to complete its safe and permanent demilitarization of chemical weapons. On Sept. 29, this webinar will feature perspectives from a senior Defense Department official on the long path to successfully eliminate the U.S. chemical arsenal, and the experiences of two local leaders who worked to reshape the government’s original plans for chemical weapons destruction to reduce the risks to local communities where the U.S. stockpiles were once stored. **Sign up here through Zoom:** [**https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_N3yOaJhBTaOPVD9IB80z-g?emci=9212bd7c-8c58-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&emdi=8be88f5d-5059-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&ceid=28946431#/**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N3yOaJhBTaOPVD9IB80z-g?emci=9212bd7c-8c58-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&emdi=8be88f5d-5059-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&ceid=28946431#/)This discussion will be on the record. The webinar is organized by the Arms Control Association and the [**Chemical Weapons Convention Coalition**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/70160146/428498391/-1173524099?nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAwNy8xLzg4NDc5IiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjhiZTg4ZjVkLTUwNTktZWUxMS05OTM3LTAwMjI0ODMyZWI3MyIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ2xlbkBwYXJhbGxheHBlcnNwZWN0aXZlcy5vcmciDQp9&hmac=YubKU0W0x5BOA05YlCSTwSbTgmRx8QQRmX5-DOjri0Y=&emci=9212bd7c-8c58-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&emdi=8be88f5d-5059-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&ceid=28946431).

**SAT SEPT 30 through SUN OCT 8: Global Days of Action for Peace In Ukraine:** [**www.peaceinukraine.org**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/69753043/427154822/531035371?nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNS8xLzk0MjIzIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogImE2ZTkyZTg2LTQwNTMtZWUxMS05OTM3LTAwMjI0ODMyZTgxMSIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ2xlbkBwYXJhbGxheHBlcnNwZWN0aXZlcy5vcmciDQp9&hmac=9uJkLRBCLnBMiQT6hjfg3l3EwQDIjac-0qvqOlPX-BU=&emci=1042da3a-be52-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=a6e92e86-4053-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=13947300)

**SUN OCT 1: Ukraine Eyewitness:  Report from the Front.” Peter Lumsdaine speaking in Olympia on his recent experiences there.** Washington state resident Peter Lumsdaine, who travelled through Ukraine just before the start of this summer's military counteroffensive, will report on his experiences there, the views of Ukrainians who he and fellow team members interviewed, the global resource issues at stake, and the rapidly rising danger of escalation to nuclear world war.  Both sides increasingly shift towards military systems that are enabled by Artificial Intelligence (AI). The talk and discussion will start at **4:30 pm Sunday October 1 at New Traditions, 300 5th Avenue SW (west of Water Street SW) in downtown Olympia**.  The event is sponsored by Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (OCANW).  We invite the public.  It is free, but we invite donations to support the educational work of a planned national *Ukraine Eyewitness* tour. Lumsdaine serves on the national Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) committee for abolition of nuclear weapons.  He was in Ukraine with three other delegates from the Zaporizhzhia Protection Project, an informal spin-off of PSR.  The global affiliate of PSR, International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985. This past summer Lumsdaine has spoken about this in various places in the U.S. For more information or interviews with Peter Lumsdaine, contact:  **tierralinda@live.com** 360-344-8350. For information about the Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, contact Glen Anderson at (360) 491-9093 **glen@parallaxperspectives.org**

**MON OCT 2: International Day of Nonviolence:** Organize local activities to promote nonviolence today (Gandhi’s birthday). Consider holding nonviolence teach-ins at your local schools, faith centers, workplaces, and/or community groups. See much info here: [**https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o22dhZ--Z1SZBmS2arcIo\_ZT7K\_-2gQo4\_c48tUEpZw/edit#heading=h.l8sxxy3qh6rq**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o22dhZ--Z1SZBmS2arcIo_ZT7K_-2gQo4_c48tUEpZw/edit#heading=h.l8sxxy3qh6rq)

**MON OCT 2: *Light in Gaza: Writings Born of Fire, with speakers Yousef Aljamal and Jennifer Bing*:** Come and hear Yousef Aljamal, Palestinian writer and translator from Gaza, speak about the ongoing struggle for Palestinian liberation, freedom of movement, and the impacts of the Israeli occupation. Joining the events will be Jennifer Bing, National Director of the Palestine Activism program at the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). We hope to see you as we take advantage of this unique opportunity to focus on Gaza, where Rachel Corrie, a young Olympia woman took strong nonviolent action and was murdered by an Israeli military bulldozer while she was protecting a Palestinian family’s home. 7:00-9:00 p.m. atNew Traditions Fair Trade, 300 5th Ave SW (west of Water Street), Olympia, WA 98501. This is presented by the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice and the Tacoma part of Jewish Voice for Peace. More information about the book and the overall issues are at [**www.rachelcorriefoundation.org**](http://www.rachelcorriefoundation.org)

**FRI OCT 6 (6-10 pm) and SAT OCT 7 (12 noon to 6 pm): Fall Arts Walk includes the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice:** They will mark the 20th anniversary of the Foundation and Rachel Corrie’s bold nonviolent action in Gaza. The Foundation will re-dedicate the Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural Project [(**ORSMP**)](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0012X_4_f8I5KjLz0C1-R-HrzkFMQR_RQCvC10qmzmgD6DlNQHagWtUgbNst_DJSrnoODpqOVr8hRi3qeJq1mAsrs_BTOXyuq6YB1SaBAIauW_GRoSinn8KDBywsDe8xDXKjgeN1jOP0v3dxrlUp3Nk42m4v9yjkV2l&c=-osS_LnXMabQRktqijNfKT05SiqhEK7PhMFxFX-168ynY7uJaKqkHg==&ch=lJeGnXYzaKAhSPqfvSuCrA7xuvfOe3J6NX5LQeyHpZtY5O4NDmHDuA==), 119 ½ Capitol Way N near State Ave, downtown. Community activists will speak of the mural’s history, its impact in our community, and its future. See a photo exhibit from RCF’s partners at the Palestinian Cultural Palace. This gathering place for Gaza’s young people celebrates Palestinian cultural heritage. Also at the Arts Walk location near the mural, the Foundation will be selling beautiful Palestinian embroidery, handcrafted olive tree wood carvings, Middle-Eastern jewelry and artisan olive oil products from Canaan Palestine. Info: Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice, [**www.rachelcorriefoundation.org**](http://www.rachelcorriefoundation.org) and (360) 754-3998

**SAT OCT 7 through SAT OCT 14: OCTOBER 7–14 International Keep Space for Peace Week:** Each year the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space holds Keep Space for Peace Week in early October. This year our theme is the dangers of crowded orbits. Information: [**www.space4peace.org**](http://www.space4peace.org) and [**space4peace.org#095294**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/69753044/427154823/1321677099?nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNS8xLzk0MjIzIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogImE2ZTkyZTg2LTQwNTMtZWUxMS05OTM3LTAwMjI0ODMyZTgxMSIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ2xlbkBwYXJhbGxheHBlcnNwZWN0aXZlcy5vcmciDQp9&hmac=9uJkLRBCLnBMiQT6hjfg3l3EwQDIjac-0qvqOlPX-BU=&emci=1042da3a-be52-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=a6e92e86-4053-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=13947300)and Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space, P.O. Box 652, Brunswick ME 04011 **globalnet@mindspring.com** (207) 844-8187

**MON OCT 9: Reduce gun violence:** Since 2016, our local Thurston Gun Sense has been meeting and taking smart actions. They meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm through Zoom and also in person at The United Churches, 11th Ave SE between Capitol Way and Washington Street SE. Info: Stacy Steck **steckstacy@gmail.com**

**WED OCT 11: Monthly speaker series about reforming our health care system:** On the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm a different speaker provides fresh, interesting information about a different aspect related to health care reform. This series is FREE on Zoom. It is organized by our statewide organization Health Care for All – Washington. Info: [**https://www.hcfawa.org/**](https://www.hcfawa.org/)

**THURS OCT 12: STATEWIDE meeting: Abolish nuclear weapons! Join today’s online meeting of Washington Against Nuclear Weapons:** This statewide coalition meets from 6:00 pm on the second Thursday afternoon of each month. Participants are well informed and keep pushing ahead toward abolishing nuclear weapons. (The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons is an active member of our statewide coalition.) Info: [**www.wanwcoalition.org**](http://www.wanwcoalition.org) or (206) 547-2360

**SAT OCT 14: “Women: The Heart of the Village” – Learn about efforts to help people in Africa and other places to get safe drinking water through smart, low-tech ways that empower the local people:** This event is sponsored by “Friendly Water for the World,” an Olympia-based effort that has accomplished great things in the past several years. They invite you to RSVP to their invitation for a complimentary authentic Kenyan lunch and a celebration of women from the villages of Kenya. Keynote speaker Dr. Imali Abala will provide context. This academic editor of a professional journal about Kenyan studies is a native-born Kenyan teaching in the United States. He builds bridges between our two nations by providing a global perspective on issues we confront in our contemporary world. 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia Street NW in downtown Olympia. [**www.friendlywater.org**](http://www.friendlywater.org) (360) 214-3145 **PLEASE RSVP** so they’ll know how much food to prepare.

**THURS OCT 19: Abolish nuclear weapons! Join today’s online meeting of the Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons:** The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (OCANW) meets on the third Thursday of each month. You may join as early as 4:45 pm to make sure your video, audio, etc., are working OK and enjoy informal social conversations before we start promptly at 5:00. I hope you will join us! Our monthly meetings are informative, productive and enjoyable. **To join this Zoom meeting, e-mail me so I can send you the Zoom link.** If you can’t use video and must call in by telephone, call (253) 215 8782 through Tacoma WA. Info: **glen@parallaxperspectives.org** or (360) 491-9093

**SUN OCT 22: Daniel Ellsberg's Celebration of Life:** 1:00-3:00 Pacific Time on Zoom. For info, contact his family at**contact.ellsberg@gmail.com**

**SOMETIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE: Glen Anderson will invite you to sign up FREE online workshops will help you strengthen your skills and strategies for organizing big, strong grassroots movements for whatever issues you care about.** Nonviolent grassroots organizing has been proven to be effective in the past on a wide variety of issues. Now we need experienced activists and new people to strengthen their skills and strategies so we can make much more progress on the issues YOU care about. This series of workshops really can help us build a stronger, savvier, more effective grassroots movement to abolish nuclear weapons! These user-friendly workshops are good for people of ALL ages and ALL levels of experience. People who have taken these workshops have found them informative, inspiring, practical, and empowering. For more information, see a FLYER about a previous series of these workshops and a SUMMARY of the topics each workshop covers. SEE THEM HERE: [**https://parallaxperspectives.org/free-online-workshops-will-strengthen-your-skills-for-abolishing-nuclear-weapons**](https://parallaxperspectives.org/free-online-workshops-will-strengthen-your-skills-for-abolishing-nuclear-weapons) For more information,e-mail **glen@parallaxperspectives.org**or phone (360) 491-9093.

**EVERY DAY:**

**Here is an easy way to learn about important federal legislation and policies about nuclear weapons (including the powerful Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons):** Glen Anderson compiled information and posted it to his blog: [**https://parallaxperspectives.org/nuclear-weapons-legislation-and-policies-need-our-actions-now**](https://parallaxperspectives.org/nuclear-weapons-legislation-and-policies-need-our-actions-now)

**Democracy Now! broadcasts news from a progressive perspective on TV and radio and e-mail.** See [**www.democracynow.org**](http://www.democracynow.org). For example, in Thurston County WA people can watch cable channel 22 every Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., and listen to KAOS 89.3 FM from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time (and through [**www.kaosradio.org**](http://www.kaosradio.org), adjusted for your time zone).

**Here are sources of alternative and progressive media covering many issues.
Visit their websites and/or sign up to receive their frequent e-mails with multi-issue news:**

**Alternet:** [**www.alternet.org**](http://www.alternet.org)

**Common Dreams:** [**www.commondreams.org**](http://www.commondreams.org)

**CounterPunch:** [**www.counterpunch.org**](http://www.counterpunch.org)

**Democracy Now!** [**www.democracynow.org**](http://www.democracynow.org)

**Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR):** [**www.fair.org**](http://www.fair.org)

**Mother Jones:** [**www.motherjones.com**](http://www.motherjones.com)

**Nation of Change:** [**www.nationofchange.org**](http://www.nationofchange.org)

**Op Ed News:** [**www.opednews.com**](http://www.opednews.com)

**Parallax Perspectives (Glen Anderson’s multi-issue blog):** [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org)

**Popular Resistance:** [**www.popularresistance.org**](http://www.popularresistance.org)

**Progressive Populist:** [**www.populist.com**](http://www.populist.com)

**Public Citizen:** [**www.citizen.org**](http://www.citizen.org)

**The Intercept:** [**www.theintercept.com**](http://www.theintercept.com)

**The Nation:** [**www.thenation.com**](http://www.thenation.com)

**The Progressive Magazine:** [**www.progressive.org**](http://www.progressive.org)

**The Young Turks:** [**www.tytnetwork.com**](http://www.tytnetwork.com) **and** [**www.tyt.com**](http://www.tyt.com)

**TomDispatch:** [**www.tomdispatch.com**](http://www.tomdispatch.com)

**Truthout:** [**www.truthout.org**](http://www.truthout.org)

**Waging Nonviolence:** [**www.wagingnonviolence.org**](http://www.wagingnonviolence.org)

**EVERY WEEK:**

**Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (and anytime online): “Glen’s Parallax Perspectives” TV programs are on CABLE TV in THURSTON COUNTY WA – Each month a new TV interview program focuses on an issue related to peace, social justice, environment, economics, or other progressive issue. It airs three times a week on Thurston Community Media (cable channel 22 in Thurston County WA): Mondays at 1:30 pm, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm, and Thursdays at 9:00 pm.** **Also, people anywhere can watch at any time through Glen’s blog,** [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org).
Each program is posted to the blog’s “TV Programs” category and also to categories related to the topic (*e.g*., “Peace” or “Economics”). Each blog post includes a link to the video and a link to a thorough summary Glen typed up, so you can read what we said during the interview. The thorough summary also includes links to many sources of information. Info: Glen Anderson 491-9093 **glen@parallaxperspectives.org**

**SEPTEMBER TV PROGRAM: “Prosecute Corporate Crime to Hold Big Businesses Accountable”:** The September TV interview helps us understand how some big businesses are allowed to break federal laws – and get away with it. Big business corporations have enormous wealth – so they also have enormous power. The federal government should be making them obey the laws, but – instead – the government keeps refusing to hold them accountable. This hurts all of us – and our health – and our environment – and our sense of having an honest government. Glen interviewed an expert guest, Rick Claypool, who is a research director for Public Citizen ([**https://www.citizen.org**](https://www.citizen.org)). This is the non-profit organization Ralph Nader founded in 1971 to serve the broad public interest and protect people and democracy from abuses by governments and big businesses. Rick Claypool’s job focuses on corporate crime and wrongdoing and the ways corporate power distorts democracy. He researches and reports on federal enforcement against corporations, deregulation, and conflicts of interest.

**OCTOBER TV PROGRAM: “How to Communicate Your Issues to the General Public.”** The October episode of the “Glen’s Parallax Perspectives” TV series provides a wealth of information, insights, and practical ways for you to strengthen your skills and strategies, so you will be more effective in reaching out to the public and decision-making bodies so you can achieve the goals you want for the issues you care about. The TV program and blog post include several easy-to-understand visuals. The blog includes more resources. **This TV program will help you make much better progress on the issues you care about.** In order to achieve our goals for the issues we care about, we need to change public opinion and build a strong, smart movement from the grassroots up to accomplish our goals. This means we need to communicate our messages effectively to the general public. To be effective, we must design our public outreach strategically and carry it out skillfully. This TV program provides a wealth of fresh insights and practical methods.

**Every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (Pacific Time): Speakers and discussions about peace, international issues, transcending nationalism by becoming “world citizens,” etc., on Zoom:** Hosts Arthur Kanegis and Melanie Bennett provide this informative and often inspiring opportunity to connect. For information about upcoming programs and previous ones, visit [**theworldismycountry.com/club**](http://theworldismycountry.com/club). Click on JOIN US at the top for the current program for previous ones. This is **The World is My Country Club’s People-Powered Planet Podcast.** The organization promotes world citizenship instead of narrow nationalism. **See** [**TheWorldisMyCountry.com**](http://TheWorldisMyCountry.com) and [**People-Powered Planet Podcast**](https://www.theworldismycountry.com/club)

**Every Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm: Peace Vigil in downtown Olympia WA** in NW corner of Sylvester Park (at Legion & Capitol Way) has persisted every Wednesday since March 5, 1980, regardless of weather or holidays. Please come for all or part of the hour to witness in a friendly way for peace and nonviolence. **We provide plenty of signs, including some about nuclear weapons.** Info: **glen@parallaxperspectives.org** (360) 491-9093

**Every Wednesday at 5:00 pm Pacific Time: Democracy Happy Hour summarizes the week’s news and reform opportunities related to electoral-related matters – AND ALSO features a special topic near the end of the session.** It is organized by Fix Democracy First, [**https://fixdemocracyfirst.org**](https://fixdemocracyfirst.org) **Register for the Zoom session here:** [**https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uJAlc-yppjstDIEL3JGv7m62A9TlapYR6g?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=80dc3c9f-f3f6-446c-8027-a97c71f4e19c**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uJAlc-yppjstDIEL3JGv7m62A9TlapYR6g?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=80dc3c9f-f3f6-446c-8027-a97c71f4e19c)

**Every Thursday from 12:00 to 1:00 pm (Pacific Time): Kim Dobson’s “Parallel University”** on KAOS 89.3 FM interviews knowledgeable, interesting experts on peace, social justice, the environment, progressive politics, and other alternative viewpoints. Info: Kim Dobson. 951-4382 **parralleluniversity@yahoo.com** Listen locally at 89.3 FM or anywhere at [**www.kaosradio.org**](http://www.kaosradio.org)

**Every Friday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in downtown Olympia WA: Peace Vigil** at Percival Landing’s south end and SW corner of 4th& Water. Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We provide plenty of signs (including some about nuclear weapons, nonviolence, human rights, etc.), so you can choose one that resonates with you. The Artesian Rumble Arkestra street band joins us at 5:00 with lively music to support our vigil! The vigil has persisted every Friday regardless of weather or holidays since November 1998. Info: 491-9093 Info: **glen@parallaxperspectives.org** (360) 491-9093 and [**www.oly-wa.us/artesianrumble**](http://www.oly-wa.us/artesianrumble)

**Fridays from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in Olympia WA: “Women in Black” Silent Vigil for Peace** on the south side of W 4th Ave near the fountain (across the street from Olympia Oyster House). Women only. Please wear black. They provide signs. Since 1988 “Women in Black” has been a loose network of women worldwide opposed to war and violence. Info: (360) 866-6468 or (360) 866-4768 or **rosemary.b@comcast.net**

**EVERY MONTH:**

**Climate: Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) has active committees that meet monthly and other activities about the environment and climate:** Their website provides information about what is happening: [**https://thurstonclimateaction.org/**](https://thurstonclimateaction.org/) and [**https://thurstonclimateaction.org/upcoming-events/**](https://thurstonclimateaction.org/upcoming-events/)

**Climate: Carbon Free Thurston (Thurston County WA) meets every third Wednesday of the month,** alternating from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. For more information and Zoom link please email **info@thurstonclimateaction.org**

**Climate: Climate** **Lobby’s Olympia group invites you to their monthly meeting on the second Saturday** from 9:30 am to 12 noon. Citizens’ Climate Lobby is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to relieve the climate crisis, especially by putting a price on carbon-based fuels. [**http://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-resolution**](http://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-resolution) Info: [**www.citizensclimatelobby.org**](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org)

**Divest public employees’ pensions (and other entities) from fossil fuels:** A savvy group of people in Washington State has been increasing its efforts through our organization Divest-WA. Not only is the Washington State Investment Board (WSIB) using public employees’ pension money to invest in fossil fuel projects that seriously hurt the climate of Planet Earth, but these also are increasingly risky investments. See these recent sources of information: (1) “Public Pension Funds Have Lost Billions on Their Fossil Fuel Investments: New Analysis” at [**https://www.desmog.com/2023/06/27/public-pension-funds-lost-billions-on-their-fossil-fuel-investments/**](https://www.desmog.com/2023/06/27/public-pension-funds-lost-billions-on-their-fossil-fuel-investments/) (2) “The Financial Sector Is Failing to Estimate Climate Risk, Say Two Groups in the UK” at [**https://insideclimatenews.org/news/22072023/the-financial-sector-is-failing-to-estimate-climate-risk-say-two-groups-in-the-uk/**](https://insideclimatenews.org/news/22072023/the-financial-sector-is-failing-to-estimate-climate-risk-say-two-groups-in-the-uk/) and (3)“California’s pension funds are wrecking the planet and losing billions. It’s quite a trick” written by Bill McKibben: [**https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-06-28/climate-change-divest-california-fossil-fuel-pension-funds-senate-bill-252**](https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-06-28/climate-change-divest-california-fossil-fuel-pension-funds-senate-bill-252) To connect with Divest-WA, e-mail **barbmcoly@comcast.net** or **donna.albert@gmail.com**

**Gun violence:** Since 2016, our local Thurston Gun Sense has been meeting and taking smart actions to reduce gun violence. They meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm through Zoom and also in person at The United Churches, 11th Ave SE between Capitol Way and Washington Street SE. Info: Stacy Steck **steckstacy@gmail.com**

**Health care reform: Interesting speakers on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm:**  A savvy statewide organization working for Universal Single-Payer (“Medicare for All” without insurance companies) hosts speakers every month on Zoom. (See WED JAN 11 below about Norway’s health care system.) Contact Health Care for All-WA at [**http://www.healthcareforallwa.org/**](http://www.healthcareforallwa.org/)

**Immigrants’ rights:** The Olympia area’s Strengthening Sanctuary Alliance meets from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom on the first Tuesday of each month. New members and ideas welcome. Contact**:** **olympia.sanctuary@gmail.com** or email direct to **zeiglerbob@msn.com** or call (360) 570-0848

**Nuclear weapons: Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons** meets on the third Thursday of each month from 5:00 sharp to 7:00 pm by Zoom video. Info: Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 **glen@parallaxperspectives.org**

**Nuclear weapons: Washington Against Nuclear Weapons – Our statewide coalition** meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm by Zoom video. (The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons is an active member.) Info: [**www.wanwcoalition.org**](http://www.wanwcoalition.org) or (206) 547-2360

**Ranked-Choice Voting – Meeting of Thurston County’s chapter of statewide organization FairVote:** Meet on Zoom on the first Saturday morning of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Info:[**Thurston County Chapter Meeting**](https://email.mg.mobilize.us/c/eJxNTrtuxCAQ_BpTWjzW2C4o0txvRNi7-JAwWJgcSr7-VldlNNI8itGgCx4koIhOS60-sHJWZkSjVwC9GwSp7BwGkOcxnmWLKf7R-HOLp1v2ZZp3QKtwC2Y2OCmpbdhhMdsEPojknq1d92C-Bv1g9t7_T3ATfKyv0qh7DvSi3FiNtetq2YjqjkTZZ6R6l8wfYm50VD9maqK5XmpCXr9qQY50-pi-2-9F3MHyBvPMRKI)

**Veterans for Peace Chapter 109 (the Rachel Corrie Chapter) meets on the first Sunday of each month** from 12 noon to 2 pm. Info about the meetings – or about joining the local mailing list: Mark Fleming **vfp109@protonmail.com** or (360) 357-1060. Their website is [**www.vfp109.com**](http://www.vfp109.com)

**🡪 Look for another calendar within a few weeks for future dates.**