

David Madore

July 30 at 10 19pm Edited

New County Parks plans in the works:

Until two years ago, we used to pay Vancouver City to manage our Clark County parks. Vancouver paid a consultant \$30,000 for their opinion on how well that arrangement was working. They concluded that it was costly, inefficient, and dysfunctional. We agreed.

That same consultant, right after Vancouver's new park tax vote failed, recommended that we create a new regional tax anyway. We said no way! And we made the decision to manage our own parks.

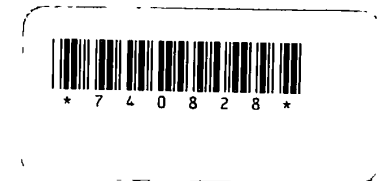
We removed the park and boat launch fees, saved hundreds of thousands, repurposed our fee collectors to serve as park ambassadors, built 2 new parks, increased our volunteers, added online reservations for those wanting to reserve shelters and sports fields for their exclusive use, added Frisbee Golf, rebuilt our Klineline Water Park, restored better-than-ever lifeguards, and created our own Clark County Parks Advisory Board.

That wonderful Board presented their latest work to us in a Work Session yesterday. For the first time, we have our own wonderful vision for the future of Clark County parks and trails. The draft Comprehensive Parks Plan and the audio recording of that meeting are available in the July 29 entry of The Grid. <http://clark.wa.gov/thegrid/>

We plan to build 2 new parks next year and continue connecting more trails. We are also, park-by-park, changing to the very successful all volunteer Camp/Park Host program similar to these: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/275/Hosting>
<http://www.oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm>
<http://www.camphost.org/>

Our new smarter better way to champion Clark County Parks now keeps them beautiful, well cared for, free to use, and saving us money. No new taxes needed.

Thank God! Yea Clark County!





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Benjamin Ford But the columbian has told me over and over that without the fees our parks will turn to crap!

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Jonathan Johnson Not to mention the high crimes and misdemeanors that happen there now!!!!1

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Eric Cordova We go to DayBreak most often, always clean and well kept!

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Wade McLaren Operating government like a for profit business and guess what, it saves taxpayer funds, allows more opportunities to our citizens, allows us to provide other services Go figure Keep up the great leadership Mr Madore.

Like Reply 17 July 30 at 11 00pm



Bonnie Sabel Welte We enjoy the free parking at Klinline Thanks

Like Reply 7 July 30 at 11 03pm



Juha Tyni I like the fact we are adding more parks and trails, and making them more accessible to the public! So, fellow couchies, let's get off Facebook, and go enjoy the great outdoors instead!

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Chuck Lycksell having inmates from clark county jail pick up trash,rake leavesclean out bbq,s helps alot

Like Reply 6 July 30 at 11 32pm



Tony Carlson Maybe we need an 18th or 19th candidate for President

Like Reply 4 July 31 at 12 33am



Steven Cox Great job

Like Reply 3 July 31 at 5 38am



Jim Kullberg This sounds great, and I hope it works But we don't know yet if the parks will turn to crap

Like Reply July 31 at 6 59am Edited



Kathy Amarin You could always volunteer, insuring this does not happen .

Like 2 July 31 at 7 42am



Jim Kullberg So that's the plan? Cut funding and hope people volunteer to do it for free?

Like July 31 at 10 56am



David Madore Jim Kullberg, you misunderstand We saved substantial amounts and provided the necessary funding for the first time in many years We didn't cut funding, we cut expenses

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Jim Kullberg Excellent Thank you. It wasn't clear to me how long these new policies had been in effect and it seemed premature for everyone to be congratulating each other on a job well done If its real, lasting, and effective policy then I congratulate and and thank you.

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David Madore Jim Kullberg, you can see the records beginning in the Grid [http //clark wa gov/thegrid/](http://clark.wa.gov/thegrid/) for April 2, 2013, Sept 25, 2013, Nov 13, and 2013, Dec 4, 2013 There has been plenty of time to develop a track record Thanks



The Grid - Minutes, videos and audio files - Board of Clark County...

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Ronald Nickels they havent yet .

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Anson Service I am so pleased with your work, David.

Like Reply 5 July 31 at 8 22am



Sheila Holyk Have you thought about building more Dog Parks in the county? Not just fenced muddy fields, but actual summer/winter dog parks I've always dreamed of winning the lottery and buying the empty lot here in BG by the police/ fire complex Grooming the grounds, putting a covered astro-turf area in the back , benches, trees, a paved trail for the kids who cut thru on their way to school With Clark County becoming more and more urbanized, we need places for those of us who are apartment dwellers to take our pups to be, well, pups

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David Madore Sheila Holyk, I invite you to talk with our Parks Advisory Board They are passionate about our parks and trails including dog parks

- Meetings - Second Friday of each month, 1-3 p.m Locations vary.
- Contact - Bill Bjerke, bill bjerke@clark wa gov, (360) 397-2285 ext. 1656

<http://clark.wa.gov/publicworks/parks/advisory.html>

Clark County also works together with nonprofit organizations to build and improve sports fields Harmony Sports Complex near NE 192nd Ave and 18th Street just completed two new artificial turf fields and are adding lights - all at no cost to our county

The Miracle League is on track to build two new rubberized baseball fields and a handicap accessible playground at NE 172nd Ave and 18th Street - all at no cost to our county

Dog Paws is a great local partner for dog parks <http://clarkdogpaw.org/dog-parks/hazel-dell-ross/>

Parks Advisory Board - Parks and Trails - Public Works



Clark County is in the process of appointing a

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Steven Cox Pride in ownership, empower the people and the best in each of us comes forth This is how to bring a community together.

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Sheila Holyk Cool, thanks David Madore - I'm shocked and pleasantly surprised that you responded I mean, I'm sure it's probably an aid doing it

for you, but still...thanks!

Like · 1 · July 31 at 9:56am



David Madore Sheila Holyk, thanks. No, it's not an aid. It's my job to respond to you, my bosses.

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Joseph Matter David Madore, does this mean you'll start responding to The Columbian?

A large percentage of voters, I'm sure, read The Columbian and don't get a chance to hear answers to some of the questions they may have. After all, The Columbian staff and readers live in Clark County and are your bosses too.

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David Madore Joseph Matter, I went out of my way to be open and proactive with the Columbian for much of my first year in office. They used to be a newspaper established long ago to serve our community. But as sometime happens, businesses and resources when inherit... See More

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Sheila Holyk Very cool, and I agree one hundred percent with what you stated about the Columbian. I've lived here all my life and it's always been a little bit biased about certain things. I quit taking it 10 years ago - other than to line the cat box, it's pretty much worthless

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Steven Cox So glad some one finally called out the Clombian for what it has become.

Like · July 31 at 3:26pm



Joseph Matter Regardless of personal feelings, with a weekly circulation of 45,000+ newspapers (The Columbian, 2013), there are a lot of citizens not hearing your voice on local issues, and not hearing the rationale behind your decisions. As a candidate for the council chair position, this should concern you. As a voter, this concerns me.

It is important to remember that the chair is the "county's spokesperson to articulate council policies, vision, strategies and plans" (2.2.B.). While I will admit that the text following this quote of the Charter does not reference the media, it seems to go without saying that constituents should also be aware of the rational of policies, vision, strategies, and plans. How can this be done without being responsive to all reporters, not just the ones that the Council approves of or those who tend to put the Council in a positive light more often? It is the ethical responsibility for all elected officials to take the higher ground and talk to the media, regardless of personal feelings. What would happen if Governor Inslee or President Obama decided to only speak to the media that represents their political ideologies and neglect the more conservative news outlets? I would be outraged if that happened and I would hope everyone else would be outraged too.

You are an elected official who consistently praises the First Amendment. One of the protections under the First Amendment is freedom of the press. While the Council has not abridged the freedom of the press per se, Council members have extremely limited The Columbian's ability to report the views of the Council. How can anyone expect The Columbian to report the Council's side of the story if the Council fails to talk to them or issue corrections directly to Columbian staff? Columbian reporters can only report on what is given to them. When they are given nothing—aside from the comments made in public meetings—they are limited in their ability to report on what the Council believes they should report.

You referenced professional journalism standards, so please allow me to address that. According to the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), at least three ethical standards/principles apply to how journalists report on public officials and others in positions of power:

- "Be vigilant and courageous about holding those with power accountable. Give voice to the voiceless."

- "Recognize a special obligation to serve as watchdogs over public affairs and government. Seek to ensure that the public's business is

conducted in the open, and that public records are open to all."

- "Realize that private people have a greater right to control information about themselves than public figures and others who seek power, influence or attention ."

Public figures, such as those seated on the County Council, are held to an extremely high standard and for a very good reason. I believe those can be why The Columbian may be viewed as being "harsh" on the Council. However, public figures cannot, and should not, be allowed to control the messages being sent, positive or negative. Journalists are required to gather information and condense it in a concise manner. If there are any factual errors, they are to correct them. However, they have to be given a chance first.

Like 1 July 31 at 4 30pm



David Madore Joseph Matter, the fundamental problem is not personal feelings, ideology, or preferences. As a community, our health is upheld by a commitment to decency, honesty, truth-telling, and trust.

I do not give matches to an arsonist even though fire, when put to good use, can provide great good. In the wrong hands, it will destroy indiscriminately. Your argument is akin to always supporting fire even though some fires destroy lives and communities. I will not do that.

Leadership must build community and oppose anything that undermines community. For that reason, will not give matches to that arsonist.

Like 1 July 31 at 4 48pm Edited



Joseph Matter You are quite skilled at using imagery and rhetoric, I'll give you that. However, you are using a logical fallacy (Strawman) by misrepresenting my argument to make it easier to attack.

My arguments are these:

Cogent Argument, with true premises (All As are Bs. Most Xs are As. Therefore, most Xs are Bs)

Premise 1. All Clark County citizens have the right to be informed of Clark county councilors' actions and opinions on issues that directly affect Clark County citizens (through legislation, for example).

Premise 2. Most readers of The Columbian are Clark County citizens.

Conclusion. Therefore, most readers of The Columbian have the right to be informed of Clark county councilors' actions and opinions on issues that directly affect Clark County citizens (through legislation, for example).

Logical Argument (All As are Bs. X is an A. Therefore X is a B)

Premise 1. All elected officials should speak to their constituents through large forms of media to keep as many constituents informed as possible.

Premise 2. David Madore is an elected official.

Conclusion. Therefore, David Madore should speak to their constituents through large forms of media to keep as many constituents informed as possible.

Logical Argument, building off previous argument (modus ponens, If A is true, then B is true. A is true. Therefore, B is true)

Premise 1. If The Columbian is a large form of media, then David Madore should speak to his constituents through it to keep as many constituents informed as possible.

Premise 2. The Columbian is a large form of media (since it has a circulation of more than 45,000 papers).

Conclusion. David Madore should speak to his constituents through it (The Columbian) to keep as many constituents informed as possible.

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David Madore Joseph Matter, discretion: the trait of judging wisely and objectively; "a man of discernment"
<http://onlinedictionary.datasegment.com/word/discretion...> See More

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Joseph Matter Your argument is not structured in a logical form and is, therefore, an illogical argument. In order to refute a logical argument, one has to refute a premise or the argument's structure. That, you did not do. Instead, you chose to use an illogical argument to say my argument (which is logical in structure) is illogical. That is not the same thing.

For example, you said "if used wisely" and jumped straight to "should set fire to their home" which anyone can agree is not a "wise" or logical conclusion given any formation of your premises.

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Steven Cox Joseph Matter, you arguments is circular. David Madre stands on good principles. If Colombian wants to quote Madore's FB post, constituents will get the same message. This is a non issue.

Like · July 31 at 6:31pm



Joseph Matter My argument isn't circular. I'm not saying something like: All As are Bs. All Bs are Cs. All Cs are Ds. Therefore, all Ds are As (though this is a logical argument structure should all premises be true). Explain how it is circular. Unless you provide a... See More

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David Madore Joseph Matter, let's set the record straight:

The jurisdiction of the county commissioners is primarily the unincorporated area of the county, not the city of Vancouver. That unincorporated area of the county is best covered by the official newspaper ... See More



Yellow journalism - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Yellow journalism, or the yellow press, is a...

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Joseph Matter While I acknowledge that the jurisdiction of county councilors is primarily the unincorporated area of the county, not the city of Vancouver, the actions of the Council DO affect citizens in Vancouver and the other cities. The county receives tax dollars from Vancouver and the other cities. The Council spends/allocates/budgets those dollars. That can't be ignored. The Council also represents the whole county, not just the unincorporated area, at the regional and state levels, officially or otherwise. These reasons, and more, are why ALL Clark County

citizens are eligible to vote for the County Council positions. Thus, all county citizens have a right to have truly open communication with their representatives

My numbers, as I have already stated, are from 2013. Even if The Columbian lost a quarter of its circulation, that is still more than 33,750 subscriptions--roughly 7.5 percent of Clark County citizens (443,817 people in 2013, US Census) or 13.5 percent of registered voters (250,707 registered voters in 2015, Auditor's Office) You cared enough about The Columbian's readership to purchase approximately \$7,691 60 in it, according to the PDC expenditures. It's clearly a population you are targeting for votes, so the readers must be important enough to have access to your opinions on local issues and access to the rationale behind your decisions through the source they use for news, regardless of your feelings toward the paper. If you can get over your feelings of The Columbian by giving them \$7,600+ for the sake of your campaign, why can't you get over your feelings and talk to them for the sake of citizens?

Regarding "yellow journalism," it seems to me that The Columbian has accurately reported what has been going on with the then county commissioners, and now county councilors. One cannot do the things the BOCC has done in the past two and a half years without expecting some backlash from the public The BOCC did it, The Columbian reported it, citizens read it, citizens got outraged, and The Columbian was there to continue reporting it I don't want to beat a dead horse with examples because you know the examples which are always brought up, but needless to say, they were newsworthy

Like 1 July 31 at 10 57pm



David Madore Joseph Matter, nonsense They are a classic example of propoganda misrepresenting their opinions in place of local news to advance their political agenda

Propaganda is a form of communication aimed towards influencing the attitude of a population toward some cause or position

Propaganda is information that is not impartial and used primarily to influence an audience and further an agenda, often by presenting facts selectively (perhaps lying by omission) to encourage a particular synthesis, or using loaded messages to produce an emotional rather than a rational response to the information presented

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Propaganda>



Propaganda - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Propaganda is a form of communication...

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Like 1 August 1 at 2 37am Edited



Steven Cox David Madore, Joseph Matter has used logic to the point of being illogical. You accurately identify some of the critical omissions in his logic I have read the nonsense published by the Columbian. You were correct in calling them a tabloid Your results speak for themselves This voter is satisfied with your methods. Good job

Like August 1 at 6 41am



Joseph Matter Using Steven Cox' comment, I'm going to assume you are trying to refute Premise 1 of my second argument by claiming that there are certain large forms of media that should not be used those that deal with yellow journalism and propoganda (the negative kind of propoganda, yes, there are positive kinds of propoganda I read that Wikipedia page you linked) That claim is legitimate So, I will amend that

argument and the argument following that one to this (updated with 75% of initially cited circulation numbers):

Logical Argument (All As are Bs. X is an A. Therefore X is a B)

Premise 1: All elected officials should speak to their constituents through large forms of media that are not widely accepted (50% +1) as dealing with propoganda and yellow journalism tactics as to keep as many constituents informed as possible.

Premise 2: David Madore is an elected official.

Conclusion: Therefore, David Madore should speak to their constituents through large forms of media that are not widely accepted (50% +1) as dealing with propoganda and yellow journalism tactics to keep as many constituents informed as possible.

Logical Argument, building off previous argument (modus ponens; If A is true, then B is true. A is true. Therefore, B is true)

Premise 1: If The Columbian is a large form of media that is not widely accepted (50% +1) as dealing with propoganda and yellow journalism tactics then David Madore should speak to his constituents through it to keep as many constituents informed as possible.

Premise 2: The Columbian is a large form of media (since it has a circulation of more than 33,750 papers) that is not widely accepted (50% +1) as dealing with propoganda and yellow journalism tactics.

Conclusion: David Madore should speak to his constituents through it (The Columbian) to keep as many constituents informed as possible.

I said "widely accepted (50% +1)" because anyone can claim or believe something is propoganda and yellow journalism, especially when looked at with a fine-toothed comb. I can name at least one example that could be considered propoganda and yellow journalism, and it is not The Columbian.

I see that you did not respond with my feedback that people who live in Vancouver are affected by the actions of the County Council, even if not through ordinances.

I also see that you did not respond to my comment regarding your use of The Columbian to spread your campaign, but not to spread clear understanding of your views and rationale behind decisions.

Like · August 1 at 9:38am



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Liz Pike I love to read these stories about smarter, more efficient and better government! Thank you for great ideas backed up by strong leadership Council Chair David Madore!

Like · Reply · 9 · July 31 at 9:41am



Orlin Yoder I see a day coming when Big Brother goes away, and the whole world will run this way. It will be a very different world indeed!

Like · Reply · 1 · July 31 at 10:38am



Jon S Hurtley Seattle is working on a garden park with planting space and fruit & nut trees. Has Vancouver or the county considered at least planting some nut trees in the parks? They are the lowest maintenance of these three choices.

Like · Reply · 1 · July 31 at 11:28am



David Madore Volunteers are now also covered by our county's liability insurance. For too long, we told volunteers that they could not help except to do menial tasks because our insurance did not allow it. We fixed that. Now volunteers can jump in and help build trails, use most equipment, and help to get'er done.

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William BruddahBuddah Gardner Thank you for your service to the community and the future of the kids More disc gold in the parks would be great I have played for 5 years and every month more and more people and children are playing of all ages Happy kids in nature is a necessity Thank you again.

Like Reply July 31 at 12 56pm



Matt Grubb How about inmate work programs? They want to get outside and Clark County wants good use of tax dollars, Think about it!

Like Reply 5 July 31 at 1 20pm



Orlin Yoder In Oregon, inmates are required to work forty hours a week Refusal results in going to the hole until they will work, and they do Many of the inmates in state facilities are learning skills to take into the workplace upon "graduation"

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Matt Grubb Inmates could be maintaining and building parks at little cost.

Like Reply 2 July 31 at 1 23pm



David Madore Matt Grubb, our Public Works Department already uses inmates to do work where appropriate

Like Reply 5 July 31 at 1 57pm



Josephine Funes Wentzel THANK GOD FOR COMMON SENSE THINKING!!!

Like Reply 2 July 31 at 2 10pm



Rick Pettit Please consider reinstating camping at your new park north of La Center that you acquired from DNR. I has a camping area and used to be a peaceful place to camp without having to drive a long ways out

Like Reply 1 July 31 at 4 44pm



David Madore Rick Pettit, that should already be done. Have you checked lately?

Like Reply 1 July 31 at 4 56pm



Rick Pettit I was up there a couple weeks ago and there was a sign for day use only There was a camp host there but I didn't bother them Was a nice place to go in the 80s and 90s before they closed it It was looking great when I drove through!

Like July 31 at 5.06pm



David Madore Rick Pettit, I am so proud of our parks and public works staff that worked to bring new life to that park that was abandoned by the state which sat there dormant for years. I shared the contact info above for the Parks Advisory Board and for our parksdirector Bill Bjerke I encourage you to talk with them about converting it from a day use to an overnight camping area I will stand by in case you need help with that pursuit.

Like 1 July 31 at 5 27pm



Write a reply



Steven Owen I'm a proud clark county park volunteer for more than two years I monitor trail counters in both city and county parks. With the current solid volunteer effort and community involvement, we should be able to sustain and expand our excellent park system in the city and county. No new taxes needed. I'm behind you, Mr. Madore, and I'm also a proud Navy veteran!

Like · Reply · 5 · July 31 at 5:30pm



Phil Delany Thank you Steven. I have also done volunteer trail work with DNR and Washington St Parks. There are many out there who would like to help. DNR has used volunteer campground hosts at various campgrounds on state lands for years now. A group that I belong... See More

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Marlies Bregenzer The fleecing of America is trickling down to county and cities. That 30,000 was wasted!

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Eric Siegler David any updates on Camp Bonneville or a timeline on that being open to public as a park someday? Heard County taking possession after Army cleans it up....

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Philip Henderson How's that working so far??

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Barry Reeves Great vision and community involvement

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David Madore Eric Siegler and Philip Henderson, the army expanded the scope of the Camp Bonneville cleanup and increased the funding to get it done. It appears that the completion of that work is still years away. The county already owns it. When the work is complete, yes, it should become a great park and natural area to enjoy.

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