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Black Diamond Miner's Day is this coming Saturday! They have a packed day with fun activities, fabulous vendors, and yummy food trucks. The Smoke House and More and Black Diamond Bakery Restaurant will serve their delicious food. Plus, there is outdoor family games and several contests, including a chalkboard drawing contest, donut eating contest, and dog parade/contest. The fabulous band Cylas Rock will be back! Bring your dancing shoes and celebrate Black Diamond coal mining history. The theme this year is 'Home of the Miners' and the Black Diamond Museum will perform one of their skits. See you all next Saturday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.







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Last weekend Pacific Raceways hosted the 36th Annual Pacific Northwest Historics Vintage Races. Cars and teams came from around the Northwest, Canada and across the country for this three-day event. Among them were four cars from Maple Valley. Waiting for their respective Group races were Mark LaCombe with his 1985 Porsche 944 (Upper Left) and Jeff Kerney and his 1968 Lynx FV (Lower Left). During the second races for Groups 1 and 3 were the two cars of Greg Heacock. One car was his 1959 Cooper Monaco (Upper Right) and in the Small Bore of Group 3 was his 1967 Costin Nathan GT (Lower Right). Would not be a Vintage event without some cars from the past on display (Center Right). This annual three-day event raises support benefiting Seattle's Children Hospital. Photo by Bill Archer



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When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol



Warm summer weather provides ideal conditions for highway crews to pave bumpy and broken roads with fresh coats of asphalt as seen in this photo on Highway 169 between Renton and Maple Valley. However, as anyone who travels during paving periods knows, lane closures snarl traffic and stall commuters and travelers.

So it was in July 1978 when boiling-hot asphalt steamed up an already steamy day as heavy equipment worked to widen the Maple Valley Highway. Whether it was bureaucratic indifference or the left hand not knowing what the right hand was doing, this particular asphalt work was scheduled the same week as the King County Fair causing reported backups of 10 to 45 minutes. That year's Enumclaw Fair attracted a crowd of more than 105,000. Fortunately, the road department retreated the next day and delayed the road work a few days. "It seemed like the *fair* thing to do," a department official punned.

The King County Fair is the oldest fair west of the Mississippi. It was founded by the King County Agricultural Society in 1863 during the Civil War when Washington was still decades from statehood and news of the Battle of Gettysburg captured the nation's attention. At the time King County's population was less than 1,000. The fair's original location was in the Georgetown area of Seattle, and later moved to Renton.

Enumclaw's version of the fair started modestly in 1946 when Lester Schroeff and Martin Teeter, high school agriculture teachers organized a Spring Dairy Show for FFA and 4-H kids to showcase their projects. It was held in rough barns on the Bruhn family farm, south of Pete's Pool and the King County Field House.

The King County Fair grew exponentially in 1965 with an expanded footprint and new half-million-dollar buildings, including three former structures from the Seattle World's Fair. Over the decades the fair experienced its ups and downs. In the 1970s, the fair expanded to five days from the traditional three and crowds regularly exceeded 100,000 visitors. But by the early 2010s, attendance collapsed to about 7,500.

Ownership of the fairgrounds was transferred from King County to the City of Enumclaw in 2006, and three years later, Enumclaw assumed full responsibility for operations. Today, the 72-acre site is managed by the Enumclaw Expo and Events Association, a non-profit organization that took over in 2015. Other popular events include the Scottish Highland Games, Enumclaw Junior Rodeo, and Enumclaw Pro Rodeo. This year's King County Fair runs four days from Thursday, July 11 to Sunday, July 14.

This photo by Bruce McKim appeared in the Wednesday, July 26, 1978 Seattle Times, and comes courtesy of JoAnne Matsumura, an Issaquah historian and photo maven.

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On-Site Septic Systems

By Peter Rimbos, GMVUAC Corresponding Secretary

On Monday, July 1, the Area Council held its regular monthly meeting at the Maple Valley Fire Station and via Zoom. Major topics discussed were:(1) On-Site Septic Systems; (2) Local Community Plan; (3) 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Update; and (4) Proposed Code Enforcement Changes.

On-Site Septic Systems

Health & Environmental Investigator, Meagan Jackson, of the King County Department of Public Health (DPH), discussed On-Site Septic Systems (OSSs). The DPH OSS Program helps ensure over 85,000 sewage/septic systems in King County are safe. OSSs treat wastewater when homes and buildings are not connected to public sewer systems. The program also provides permitting and educational services for owners of septic systems, and certifications for septic professionals.

This past January the Washington State Board of Health approved changes to statewide OSS rules. As a result, King County is updating its Codes to make sure they comply with those changes. The Board of Health will vote on changes in November and in January 2025 the King County Code updates will go into effect. The Code was last updated in 2007.

The DPH uses an OSS Technical Advisory Committee, which provides the opportunity for partners and impacted parties to participate in policy development and problem resolution. The Area Council's Warren Iverson serves on the committee. DPH has met with committee to discuss what code changes to pursue in the following categories:

Certification of OSS professionals: Done annually to ensure property owners have access to trained professionals.

Land use and development: Provide clarity and best practices for land use so that property development is aligned with wastewater treatment needs, and healthy OSS can support long term property use.

Design specifications: Find simple requirements to meet nitrogen reduction needs. The state updated nitrogen reduction requirements to address potential OSS nitrogen pollution in groundwater. King County already has some requirements, but wants to ensure its implementation is straightforward and protects groundwater sources.

Repairs and remodeling: Fix small problems before they become bigger, more complex, and more expensive and ensure each property owner can do so easily while also making sure that repairs will properly treat wastewater to prevent public health issues.

Operation and maintenance: Ensure property owners have OSSs that operate property and are maintained so that sewage is sufficiently treated. Failures can be a threat to public health.

DPH is taking a bottoms-up approached to decide what Code is ac-

tually needed. Some of the aspects of applicable King County Code being addressed include:

- 11. Reevaluate inspection requirements which currently call for inspections twice a year depending on OSS type, currently enforced using a risk-based system, i.e., locations where a failure could cause larger problems, such as along a shoreline. Gravity systems are on a 3-yr cycle.
- 2. Protect against *unpermitted* installations—increase fines on those who scam homeowners.
- 3. Add clear expectations for OSS industry level of service—basically a Code of Ethics.
- 4. Change time-of-sale inspection timeline to be valid for 12 months instead of 6 months.

More information can be found at: https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/health-safety/environmental-health/on-site-sewage-systems/.

Local Community Plan

King County Strategic Planning Manager, Susan McLain, and Subarea Planner, Katherine Shaffer, continued discussions of the upcoming Greater Maple Valley/Cedar River (GMV/CR) Community Service Area (CSA). Please note that the Area Council territory makes up much of the GMV/CR CSA and, thus, this will be the Subarea Plan for our local area—the first in over 30 years.

Susan and Katherine introduced a series of Maps based on recent census data, zoning, land-use, etc. These will serve the basis for communication with the Public as the Plan is developed over the next 2 years.

The Area Council has created a webpage (http://gmvuac.org/gm-vcr-csa-subarea-plan/) for the GMV/CR CSA Subarea Plan and will continually update it as necessary.

2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Update (Update)

The Area Council continues to coordinate a *Joint Team* of nine Unincorporated Rural Area Councils in participating in the **Update**—a 3-yr effort. The King County Council's Local Services & Land-Use (LS & L-U) Committee was assigned to review of the King County Executive's "*Recommended Plan*" released last December.

The Joint Team offered multiple Oral Testimonies of many key issues at the June 5 of the LS&L-U Committee. After hearing Public testimonies the Committee voted to forward its Recommendation on the **Update** to the full King County Council. The Joint Team has developed a Contact Plan to meet one-on-one with each of the nine King County Councilmembers in July and August to discuss and request *sponsor-ship* its proposed Line Amendments to the LS&L-U Committee's Recommendation for the **Update**.

Final approval by the full Council will take place some time this December. All information on the **Update** can be found at: https://kingcounty.gov/so-so/dept/council/governance-leadership/county-council/useful-links/comprehensive-plan/2024.

Proposed Code Enforcement Changes

In early June the King County Department of Local Services (DLS), Permitting Division, released a proposed Ordinance to "to streamline and provide clarity in the code enforcement process to shorten the time between initial complaint and resolution" (https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/local-services/governance-leadership/local-government-for-unincorporated-king-county/proposed-legislation-for-public-review. aspx). The Joint Team reviewed the proposed Ordinance and submitted a detailed Comment Letter (http://gmvuac.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Jt-Tm-Comment-LTR-Proposed-KC-Code-Enforc-Reform.pdf) to King County DLS on June 30, the deadline for Public comment.

The Comment Letter emphasized that our zoning laws define and protect our property rights and investments. Unfortunately, the proposed Ordinance, if implemented in its current form by the King County Council, could impede the preservation of rural character and the protection of our natural resources including farmlands, forests, watersheds, salmon, open spaces, critical areas, wildlife habitat, and many other qualities provided by our rural areas.

Consequently, the Comment Letter called for not only for specific changes in the proposed Ordinance, but a rethinking of how the County can best handle its responsibilities under state law, rather than weaken its Code and, thus, its code-enforcement responsibilities.

Next Area Council Meeting

The next Area Council monthly meeting will be held Monday, August 5, from 7 - 9:30 PM, at a special location: **Shadow Lake Community Beach, 18961 SE 216 St, Renton, WA 98058**. Meetings are held on the *first* Monday of the month (except for Holidays, when they are held on the *second* Monday). All meeting announcements, agendas, and Zoom information are posted on the Area Council's Website (www. gmvuac.org) and local *NextDoor* platforms. You can also find us on our FaceBook page (https://www.facebook.com/GMVUAC/). Each meeting begins with an open Public Comment period where anyone can voice concerns, comments, etc.

Area Council Membership

Your Area Council, founded in 1978, is one of the longest continuously active local councils. It serves as an all-volunteer, locally recognized advisory body to King County on behalf of all rural unincorporated area residents living in the Tahoma School District (TSD). The Area Council, in "working to keep the Rural Area rural," collaborates regionally with other King County Rural Area organizations through both the Joint Team and its Joint Transportation Initiative.

The twelve-seat Area Council has four open seats. If you have an interest in joining, please send an e-mail to: info@gmvuac.org or attend (either in-person or virtually) a monthly meeting and express your interest. To be eligible to join the Area Council as a *Member* you need to live *within* the TSD.

Residents, even those not living within the TSD, are eligible to become Associate Members who can serve (including as Chair or Vice-Chair) on any Area Council Committee: Environment, Growth Management, Transportation, Public Relations, or Train Show. For information on each of these committees please see the Area Council's Website (www.gmvuac.org) and use the drop-down menu under Committees.

All Monthly Meeting Summary Articles can be found on our Home page in the 2024/2023 GMVUAC Monthly Meeting Articles box or by using the drop-down menu under Correspondence.

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We are located at 21110 244th Ave. SE (right off Hwy 18). For more information about our church or other activities, please call the church office at (425) 432-0634 or visit our website at www.taylorcreekchurch.org. Senior Pastor: Jason Katen



Having One of Those Days?

Left on a sinking ship were a captain and three sailors. The captain spoke first. "Men, this business about a captain going down with his ship is nonsense. There's a three-man life raft on board, and I'm going to be on it. To see who will come with me, I will ask you each one question. The one who can't answer will stay behind. Here's the first question: 'What unsinkable ship went down when it hit an iceberg?' The first sailor answered, "The Titanic, sir." "On to the next question: How many people perished?" The second sailor said, "One thousand five hundred and seventeen, sir." "Now for the third question," and the captain turned to sailor number three. "What were their names?"

Have you ever had a day like this? Does it seem like nothing is going right, and no matter how hard you try, it just doesn't seem to get any better? I think everyone has had one of those days. Before you give up and go down with the ship, consider the man Joseph. He was born into a prominent family, yet life did not always treat him well. He had eleven brothers, ten of which did not care much for him. One day, his father sent him to find where his brothers were tending sheep, and when they saw him coming, they conspired to put him to death. Sound like the start of a good day? Well, instead of killing him, the opportunity was presented to make a profit. Joseph was sold, taken to Egypt, and made a servant in the house of Potiphar. While serving in Potiphar's house, he was wrongly accused when clearly in the right and was thrown into prison.

I'm sure you can't imagine yourself having such terrible things happen to you, especially when doing the right thing. With all these bad things happening in Joseph's life, you would think he would become depressed and feel like giving up. The Bible tells us that he didn't do that but continued to serve the Lord, even while in prison, and God was with him. In the end, Joseph prospered, and he understood that what his brothers had meant for evil, God had meant for good. You can read the entire account of Joseph's life in the Old Testament book of Genesis, chapter 37 through chapter 50.

We don't always understand why things happen the way they do. Still, we can trust "that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28. When you are having "one of those days," don't let it sink your ship, but instead follow the example of Joseph and "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." - Proverbs 3:5

Would you like to know more about making plans? Contact us at 425-432-0634 or www.taylorcreekchurch.org. We would love to talk to you about the hope we have in Christ. You can also join us every Sunday at 9 AM for Sunday School and 10:15 AM for Worship. 21110 244th Ave. S.E., Maple Valley.

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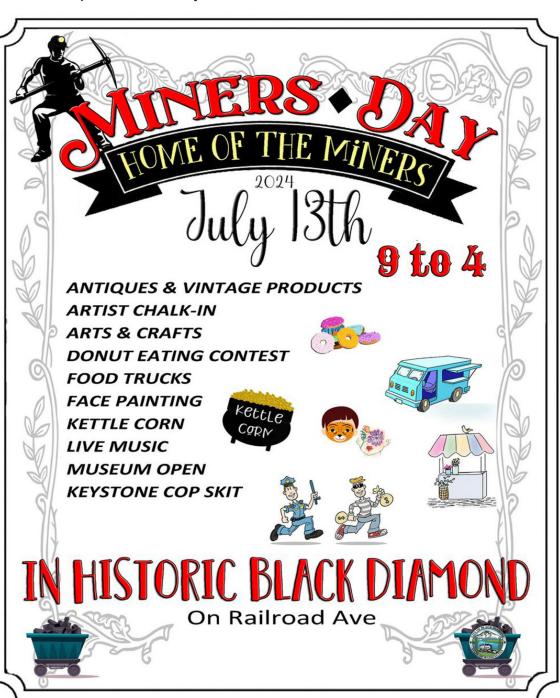
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> 98030-7536 (Published VOICE of the Valley, Tuesdays, July 9, 16, & 23 2024)



On 05-14-24, at approximately 13:30 hours, Officers met with a female at the Black Diamond Police Department who wanted to report that sometime between 19:30 hours on 05-12-24 and 05:40 hours on 05-14-24, someone opened up her car door to her Hyundai Tuscon that was unlocked and parked in front of her house and stole her purse. There is no suspect information at this time.

On 5/14/24 an Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that did not have a rear plate and had a fraudulent Georgia temp tag in the rear window. The driver advised his father recently purchased the vehicle and was unaware the temp plate was not valid. The fraudulent tag was removed for destruction.

On 05/15/24, officers were e-mailed regarding a malicious mischief report request. The incident occurred on 05/14/24 at the 31200 block of 3rd Ave. Officers contacted the reporting party, who provided officers with surveillance footage. The suspect from the video was wearing a face covering, and was unable to be identified.

On 05/15/2024 Officers were contacted at the station by an individual who wanted to report an unwanted person near their property outside of town. Officers advised the individual on obtaining a no contact order and advised them that their residence was in the jurisdiction of the King County Sheriffs Department and that they should call 911 if they required emergency response from law enforcement regarding the unwanted person moving forward.

On 05/15/24, officers were dispatched to take an order violation report that occurred at the 23600 block of Tahoma Pl. Officers observed there was a temporary protection order that had not yet been served to the respondent, and no order violation had occurred.

On 5/15/2024, officers responded to the 32200 block of Morgan Drive for a dog that had escaped its yard and its owners were not home. Officers were able to secure the dog back inside its yard.

On 5/15/24 at 2214 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department was dispatched to the 33000 block of Eagle Peak Ln. for a verbal domestic. Prior to Officer's arrival, it was reported by a son that his mother and sister had recently been in an argument and he claimed the mother had threatened to shoot herself with a firearm. Upon Officer's arrival, it was determined the son did not live in the home and there were no threats made towards the daughter by the mother. Officer's determined through investigation that the mother was not suicidal and the firearm was never in play. The son left the premises and Officer's cleared the scene without further issue.

On 5/16/24 at 0517 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department was notified that Kirkland Police Department was out with a subject who had a warrant out of the City of Black Diamond. Officer's advised Kirkland PD dispatch that the warrant was still valid and the subject could be booked. Kirkland direct booked the subject into jail.

On 05/16/24, officers were advised by Black Diamond Police Admin, to conduct a welfare check at the 33300 block of Glacier Ave SE. Officers were advised that a city employee noticed that the home owner had not paid their water bill for several weeks and was concerned for their welfare. Officer contacted the subject via RING audio communication. The subject advised that they were in India with their family and were okay.

On 5/17/24 at 0001 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle at the 24000 block of Roberts DR after observing the vehicle had a different vehicle's license plate affixed to the rear of it. Officer's confiscated the mismatch plate and issued an infraction for expired tabs, wrong license plate displayed, no valid operators license with valid ID, and having open containers of alcohol inside the vehicle, explaining the required action. Officer's cleared the scene and the driver had a licensed driver come pick up the vehicle.

ON 5/17/2024, Officers responded to the 29200 block of 216 AVE SE for a FLOCK camera hit on a reported stolen vehicle. Officers located the vehicle unoccupied. Officers were able to locate the driver who admitted to driving. The subject was transported to the hospital where he was treated and cleared. The subject was then transported to King County Jail in Seattle and booked. The vehicle was returned to its owner.

On 05/19/2024, an Officer was dispatched to the 29000 block of 222nd PL SE reference to a civil standby. The Officer contacted the complainant and answered her questions. At the complainant's request the Officer responded to the above listed and spoke with the father of the complainant's children regarding a civil

On 5/18/2024, Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 31000 block of 228th AVE SE. It was determined the driver's license status was suspended/revoked in the 3rd degree. Officers issued a criminal citation for driving while license suspended in the 3rd degree. The passenger possessed a valid license and agreed to operate the vehicle. Officers cleared the scene.

On 05/18/2024, Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 29200 block of 218th PL SE. The driver's license status was determined to be suspended/revoked in the 3rd degree. The vehicle was not registered to the driver and the driver had no documents proving ownership. The driver was issued a criminal citation for driving while license suspended in the 3rd degree and the vehicle was impounded by Royal Towing.

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