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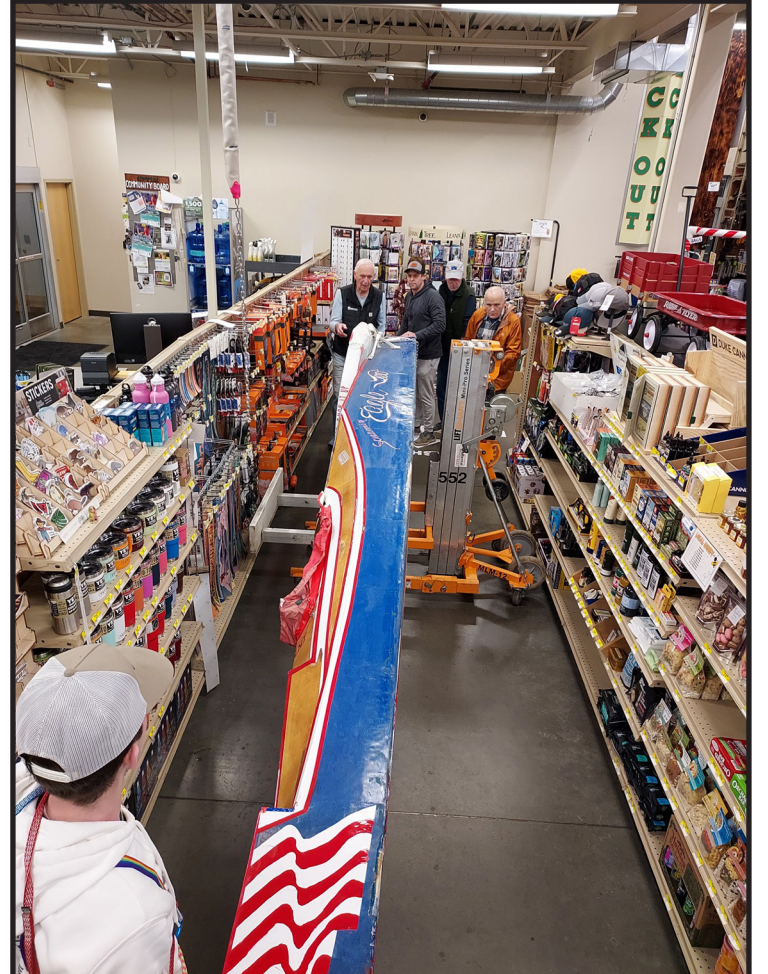
History Hangs from Johnsons Rafter



The rower's seat, decorated with a screaming eagle, faces the back of the boat. A rower provides the power. He does not see where they're headed. A splash guard claims the rower's pain is temporary. Coors was team sponsor.

Petchnick contacted Johnsons Home and Garden, the landmark building at Four Corners Square in Maple Valley. Johnsons was receptive. They helped coordinate logistics: how to maneuver, lift, and place that boat up in the rafters. Petchnick determined size of chains, bolts and screws that should be on hand – Johnsons was the perfect place to access building materials; they are known to have everything for every type of project. Would heavy equipment be needed? How many helpers would it take to lift the craft above their heads?

Petchnick's plans came to fruition on January 5. After two hours of volunteer work, with tidbits of heckling and finagling, a boat now hangs upside down (for visibility) from the rafters at Johnsons Home and Garden. Alongside is a 2'x4' framed reader board which credits the pioneers of boat racing. History hangs aloft. Look up.



Screamin' Eagle Too, a 23-foot aluminum and Kevlar boat, is carried down the cashier aisle at Johnsons Home and Garden. ~Photos by Steve Israel

By D'Ann Tedford

History is hanging from the ceiling at Johnsons Home and Garden. To spot that history, one must walk to the check-out aisle marked "cashier". Now, look up. There hangs *Screamin' Eagle Too*, a boat that was entered in 10 Cedar River boat races. She won 10.

Thirty years ago while attending the University of Washington, Dan Petchnick saw something unique – a boat hanging from the ceiling in the UW cafeteria. It was the boat used by the university rowing team of nine. They competed in, and won, the Berlin Olympics in 1936. Then came publication of the book and movie in 2023, "Boys in the Boat," which documented their whole scenario.

Boat racing on Cedar River had essentially defined Maple Valley in the late 50s to 2000. The yearly event was the essence, the heartbeat of Maple Valley. Petchnick, a Tahoma graduate, had built *Screamin' Eagle Too*, a boat that cruised downriver 10 years. Fascinated by the river's everchanging course, the turmoil, the skill and tenacity it took to be a racer, he believed racing and its pioneers should be recognized like those boys in the boat. Petchnick pursued his dream - to hang a boat from the ceiling of a local landmark building.

Dan Petchnick attaches the paddle to his boat. Those assisting and stabilizing the installation are (from left) Randy Gallatin, Henry Van Dam, Rudy Petchnick, and Hunter Olsen.



2024 King County

Comprehensive Plan Major Update

By Peter Rimpos, GMVUAC Corresponding Secretary

On Monday, January 6, 2025, the Area Council held its first regular monthly meeting of the new year at the Maple Valley Fire Station and via Zoom. Major topics discussed were: (1) Greater Maple Valley/Cedar River Community Service Area Subarea Plan and (2) 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Major Ten-Year Update.

Subarea Plan

Subarea Planners Kaitlin Harris, Kaelene Nobis, and Katharine Shaffer from the King County Department of Local Services (DLS) discussed the ongoing Greater Maple Valley/Cedar River (GMV/CR) Community Service Area (CSA) Subarea Plan.

In December an [Engagement Report](https://kc1.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/DLS-Planning-anonymousaccess/ETf4h2b18lMqu3-3vqY-) (https://kc1.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/DLS-Planning-anonymousaccess/ETf4h2b18lMqu3-3vqY-

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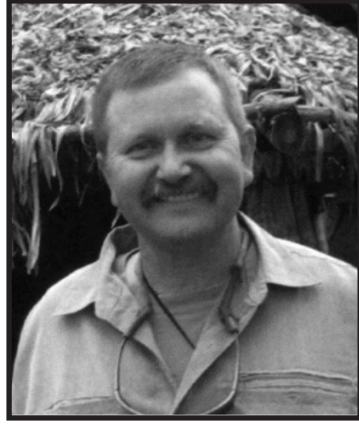
Bill Beck Jr., PhD

A quantum particle was observed passing to a different state on the evening of December 10th, 2024. Bill truly lived his own duality: affable outdoorsman and serious scientist.

William Asbury Beck, Jr. was born in Seattle on October 24th, 1955 to William A. Beck and Victoria Woloshuk Beck. As a classmate recently noted, in school he liked to boast he was actually William A. Beck the Third, as his granddad was also William A. Beck. Bill Jr. began life in West Seattle, where at a young age he was introduced to the beautiful PNW (provided he wasn't sleeping). He showed his propensity for independent thought early on. This mindset put a quick end to his string bass career—and nearly the string bass—when he believed he could carry it home the several blocks from Arbor Heights Elementary. His future as a pianist also ended abruptly, after sassing the piano teacher. Music, however, remained an important part of his life.

The Becks, now numbering five, moved to Maple Valley in the early 1960s where the second Bill Beck started his own homestead, similar to what the first had built on Burnt Hill above Sequim, except this was an A-frame with modern plumbing. Still, the family returned regularly to "the Hill", enjoying bushwhacking through underbrush, damming up Johnson Creek for their dog Sable, and shooting tin cans with the trusty .22. Such trips began with a visit to Bill's close friend on a farm off Happy Valley Road at the foot of Burnt Hill. They also took many trips to B.C. for vacations, and to visit Vicci's side of the family in the Vancouver area.

Rural Maple Valley was a wonderful place to grow up: the Becks enjoyed having dogs, cats, horses, and chick-



ens, and Bill Jr. thrived on the freedom there. It was easy to make friends at Tahoma, a much smaller school district then. West Seattle friends also came to visit, especially the Pedersen family. Besides bonding over dinner at the kids' table, everyone had fun riding mini-bikes and running around the woods after dark playing spies. Sometimes the Becks spent time at the Pedersen cabin on Hood Canal, or camping together on Vancouver Island. Those experiences led to a lifelong friendship between oldest son Perry and Bill Jr.

At school, Bill excelled at the trombone. He loved playing in Gold Band and Stage Band, and even bought a bass trombone to expand his range. He rarely looked happier than when improvising a jazz solo on the stage of the original Tahoma High School auditorium. Another brief extracurricular interest was the performing arts. Most memorable was his 7th grade role as the conflicted husband in Sorry, Wrong Number performed on stage at the Maple Valley Grade School. As Bill was not shy and loved speaking his mind, he was also a natural for the debate team. Bill was athletic as well but bypassed traditional team sports although he loved the challenge of Varsity tennis and also played on the golf team. Out of school, he became active in karate with his friend Zane, occasionally competing in tournaments.

The Becks were an athletic bunch, going on family backpack trips in the summer and skiing in the winter. Hyak was the fond favorite, despite Bill Jr's broken leg in Hidden Valley. Bill Jr's dad was also an avid climber who roped up his sons early on, and they enjoyed adventures on many local mountains. (Yes, he took the brothers to the Brothers.) Later, Bill Jr. mostly climbed with college buddies Don and

Tom – unless brother Dan happened to be in town.

Bill's true gift, however, was academics. He stayed in the classroom—and kept out of trouble—when teachers truly challenged him. Bill took four years of German, and all the math and science Tahoma offered. Growing as strong as his intellect was his desire for independence. Bill thought the military would provide this (as well as the GI bill), and so, cutting his shoulder-length hair, joined the Army just after graduation in 1973. Bill survived basic training, and did well in electronics school, but had trouble adjusting to the discipline of regular Army life. This led to poor health, which escalated into a life-threatening condition, and Bill received a medical discharge in 1975.

After his health stabilized, Bill attended the University of Washington. He doubled majored in Electrical Engineering and Chemistry, but also found time to study French, including a quarter abroad in Avignon. By graduation however, Bill was ready for a regular paycheck. He got a job at Advanced Technology Laboratories (ATL) developing ultrasound equipment, specifically the sensitive scan heads. This is where he met Rena, who became and remained a close friend to Bill and an honorary member of the Beck family. It was Rena, originally from Hawaii, who first introduced Bill to the Haleakala Crater back in 1983, when it was still possible to hike all the way in to Paliku Cabin. This hike became one of Bill's favorites, and one on which he regularly took many different friends.

Bill was successful professionally, but academia lured him back to the U.W. to pursue a PhD in Physics. Dr. Beck, as he would call himself with a smirk, went on to work for a number of medical device companies, including Quantum, Siemens, and PhysioSonics. He also began his own consulting business. His research and work took him all over the world, primarily Russia and Japan. Scotland was also a favorite stop. Bill loved international travel but enjoyed trips closer to home too: Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, and Eastern Washington, especially Lake Chelan.

Bill's travels were matched only by his hospitality. In true William A. Beck fashion, he too had a homestead, where

he lived for nearly 40 years, just miles from the Beck A-frame. His oyster roasts, potlucks, bonfire parties, and Christmas Day breakfasts—not to mention his fruitcake—were legendary.

In addition to climbing, hiking, and skiing, Bill enjoyed paragliding and biking. His leaps off Poo Poo Point and other peaks with friend Christian aloft nearby, and (one-day) STP bike rides filled his life. Sadly, as Bill's health declined over the last three years, he found himself unable to participate in these. He physically passed on December 10th, but began dying on the inside when he was forced to leave his active life behind.

Bill never married, but he loved deeply and was loved in return. Moreover, he was the person people felt lucky to count as a family member or friend. He could make you

mad or drive you crazy, but when needed, he was there.

Bill is predeceased by parents, Bill and Vicci, cat Bob who came with the house, and later felines Soccer Ball and Tiger. Many close relatives as well as German friends Jürgen and Martina have also gone on ahead. Bill is survived by sister Heidi, brother Dan and wife Misty, their three sons, and their families. It was Bill who encouraged his oldest nephew Dane to move to Seattle and follow his footsteps in physics, and got him his first professional job. Cousins on both sides of the family, close neighbors, and countless friends will also mourn his too-soon passing.

Bill will be buried at the Maple Valley-Hobart Cemetery on Saturday, January 18th, with the service beginning at 1 p.m. All whom his life has touched are welcome to attend. uch are welcome to attend.



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bcBnvUt6caLRwqAv9Jlj2rNVg?e=GKsZwp) was published. It described five *Top Themes* from Phase 1 Public feedback: *Preserving Rural Character & Open Spaces; Interest in Transportation; Desire for Local Services & Amenities; Managing Land Use & Zoning; and Commitment to Sustainability & Conservation*

The Subarea Planners stated they would build on Phase 1 feedback to create: A *Vision Statement* that reflects community values; *Guiding Principles* to shape decision-making; and *Scope or Policy Focus Areas* for each chapter of the subarea plan.

For the first half of 2025 *Preliminary Plan Concepts* will be developed as follows: Chapter Drafting—Existing Conditions; Community Preferences; and Policy Concepts; Land-Use Map Amendments; Equity Impact Review; and Performance Measure

Development.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Area Council decided to assign each of its subject-matter committees to focus on each of the **Plan's** individual *chapters*:

•Growth Management Committee: *Land-Use; Services & Utilities*

•Economic AdHoc Committee: *Economic Development; Housing & Human Services*

•Environment Committee: *Environment; Parks & Open Space*

•Transportation Committee: *Transportation*

Each of the above four Area Council committees will meet in the next several weeks to begin their work. The King County Subarea Planners agreed to support these meetings and include key King County subject-matter experts, many of whom participated at the September 2024 Kick-Off

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When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol

There aren't many men who've done it, but Frank Manowski built a mountain. Through the years he was primarily responsible for the huge slag pile that grew 100 feet above the surrounding area. Frank's name was practically synonymous with coal-washing operations at Mine 11.

Frank Manowski was the son of a coal miner who grew up in the company town of Black Diamond during its heyday. In 1913 the year he was born, 714 miners produced over 400,000 tons of coal from the town's three mines. Those miners represented 35% of the 2,015 of Black Diamond's population that year. Frank is seen here operating the hoist at the Rogers No. 3 mine taken by Barry Kombol in April 1974. The closure of this Ravensdale mine the following year marked the end of underground coal mining in Washington State.

Manowski's usual job for Palmer Coking Coal Company (Palmer) involved running its wash plant, the central feature of Mine 11's coal preparation facilities. It was once the deepest underground coal mine in the United States but closed in 1927 after 31 years of operation. Due to its rail facilities, Mine 11 continued to support coal processing and shipping after its closure. In 1945 a new McNally-Norton jig-style wash plant was installed there by Pacific Coast Coal Company. Manowski soon became the wash plant's chief operator, a position he held for 34 years.

Frank Manowski was born March 18, 1913, to Cornell and Anna Manowski, Polish immigrants who came to Black Diamond in 1900. The couple had 12 children, six girls and six sons the youngest of whom was Frank. The eldest girl remained in Poland with her grandparents. Four Manowski boys, Max, Les, George, and Frank followed Cornell's footsteps into coal mining. Two sisters, Gertrude (Boback) and Genevieve (Rossi) married coal miners. Frank grew up in Black Diamond graduating from high school in 1932. With a scholarship to play baseball at St. Martin's College, he continued his education. Frank never lost his love of sports. He played baseball for another 22 years, plus 11 years as a soccer player. He primarily played for Black Diamond's coal company-sponsored teams.

Frank's first job was at a sawmill. He began coal mining in 1934. For two years he worked alongside his father at West Coast Fuel Company's underground mine near Cedar Mountain. In 1939, Frank married Helen Strom of Enumclaw. Two years later a son was born and named Frank (but not a junior). The family lived on Lawson Street next to the Presbyterian Church. Frank soon migrated towards outside surface work in preparation plants, with Strain Coal and Pacific Coast. He was part of the crew that installed the new wash plant in 1945. Palmer leased those facilities from Pacific Coast in 1947, as Manowski continued at the same job for the next 32 years.

The purpose of a wash plant is to separate raw coal impurities such as rock, sandstone, shale, and bone from lighter-weight coal. The McNally-Norton washer was a Baum-style jig with a pulsating motion produced by the intermittent blasts of compressed air. Jigging is an an-



cient mineral processing method using gravity and water as a medium. In the washer box, heavier waste fell to the bottom and was removed by a bucket conveyor. The resultant slag was collected in a hopper and then dumped into a 5-ton coal car. A hoist-driven drum pulled a thick steel cable threaded through a bull wheel towing the coal car to the top of the pile. Two steel rails tripped the side doors of the rail car and the slag fell away. A water pipeline followed the rails tracks up the hill and hydraulically sluiced the sometimes sticky waste rock down the hill. Over the decades the pile grew to an estimated 1.2 million cubic

yards, a large majority of which Frank Manowski pulled to the top.

Frank toiled day in and day out at his job. He knew every belt and bolt in the plant. Frank was handy and over the years fixed, repaired, and reconfigured the machinery more times than anyone cared to remember. When Manowski turned 65 in 1978 it was time to retire. Bill McLoughry, another life-long coal miner from Black Diamond took over and ran the plant until he retired in 1981. The wash plant post next fell to Chris Kroha of Lake 12. He ran the plant until the John Henry surface mine began operating when Doug Sikes of Black Diamond assumed the position. Doug was the plant's final operation until November 1990, when the McNally-Norton plant washed its last ton of coal, after 45 years of continuous operation. When the surrounding machinery and equipment were dismantled, only the large metal wash tub was retained. It still stands behind Palmer's retail sales yard.

Frank and Helen Manowski moved to an Enumclaw home on Wells Street in 1959. Their son, also Frank Manowski made a name for himself as recreational coordinator for King County Parks stationed at the Fieldhouse near Pete's Pool. He held that job for 33 years from 1965-1997. In April 1991, five months after the Mine 11 wash plant shut down, Frank Manowski died at age 78. His wife, Helen survived him by 22 years passing away in Enumclaw in November 2013 at the age of 94. Their son, Frank now lives in Bonney Lake



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Meeting at the Hobart Church.

As the **Plan** develops, each Area Council committee will work to ensure the following key policies are adhered to:

Puget Sound Regional Council VISION 2050

Multi-County Planning Policies

(VISION 2050 applies to the four-county region: King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap)

RGS 13 "... avoid ... conversion of rural land into commercial uses;"

RGS 14 "Manage and reduce rural growth rates over time ..."

DP-37 "Ensure ... development ... is rural in character;"

PS-5 "Do not provide urban services in rural areas."

King County Countywide Planning Policies CPPs)

(The CPPs apply to all of King County)

DP-46 "... Growth levels should not create pressure for conversion of nearby Rural or Natural Resource lands;"

DP-47 "Limit growth in the Rural Area to prevent sprawl and the overburdening of rural services..."

DP-52 "... limit new nonresidential uses located in the Rural Area to those ... demonstrated to serve the Rural

Area."

For more on the subarea planning process please see: [Subarea Planning](https://kingcounty.gov/so-so/dept/local-services/buildings-property/development-planning-regulations/subarea-plans) (https://kingcounty.gov/so-so/dept/local-services/buildings-property/development-planning-regulations/subarea-plans). For specifics on the **GMV/CR CSA Subarea Plan**, please see the Area Council's [GMV/CR CSA Subarea Plan](http://gmvuac.org/gmvcr-csa-subarea-plan/) (http://gmvuac.org/gmvcr-csa-subarea-plan/) webpage.

2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Update

The Area Council coordinates a Joint Rural Team (JRT) of nine Unincorporated Rural Area Councils. In December the JRT completed its 3-yr effort on the **2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Major Ten-Year Update (Update)**.

At King County Council Public Hearings on December 3 and 10 the JRT provided testimony:

At the December 3 hearing the JRT provided [Oral Testimony](https://gmvuac.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Oral-Testimony-KC-Council-Public-Hrg-12-3-24.pdf) (gmvuac.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Oral-Testimony-KC-Council-Public-Hrg-12-3-24.pdf).

On December 5, ahead of the December 10 hearing, the JRT submitted [Written Testimony](https://gmvuac.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Written-Testimony-2024-KCCP-Maj-Upd.pdf) (gmvuac.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Written-Testimony-2024-KCCP-Maj-Upd.pdf) including two attachments: [\[loads/2024/12/Preserving-Rural-Lands.pdf\]\(https://gmvuac.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Preserving-Rural-Lands.pdf\)\) and \[Proposed Line Amendments\]\(https://gmvuac.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Joint-Rural-Team-Proposed-Line-Amendments-to-KC-Council.pdf\) \(gmvuac.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Joint-Rural-Team-Proposed-Line-Amendments-to-KC-Council.pdf\).](https://gmvuac.org/wp/wp-content/up-</p>
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At that December 10 meeting, following all Public Testimonies and deliberation, the King County Council voted to approve the **Update**.

Following final passage of the Update, on December 17 the JRT prepared a [Scorecard](https://gmvuac.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2024-KC-CP-Maj-Ten-Yr-Upd-SCORE-CARD-1.pdf) (gmvuac.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2024-KC-CP-Maj-Ten-Yr-Upd-SCORE-CARD-1.pdf) of how major items were addressed in the final adopted version of the **Update**.

There were many JRT [Submittals](https://gmvuac.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/JRT-Submittals-2024-KCCP-Maj-Upd.pdf) (gmvuac.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/JRT-Submittals-2024-KCCP-Maj-Upd.pdf) made to King County officials during the 3-yr Update process. All JRT work on the **Update** can be found on the Area Council's website on its [2024 KCCP Major Update webpage](http://gmvuac.org/kc-cp-major-update-2/) (http://gmvuac.org/kc-cp-major-update-2/).

More information can be found at: [Update](https://kingcounty.gov/so-so/dept/council/governance-leadership/county-council/useful-links/comprehensive-plan/2024) (https://kingcounty.gov/so-so/dept/council/governance-leadership/county-council/useful-links/comprehensive-plan/2024).

Next Area Council Meeting

The next Area Council monthly meeting will be held **Monday, February 3, 2025** from **7 - 9:30 PM** at the **Maple Valley Fire Station at 22225 SE 231st St** (across from the KC Sheriff's Precinct). Our Guest Speaker will be Terry Lavender on the King County update to the Critical Areas Ordinance.

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](http://www.gmvuac.org) (www.gmvuac.org) and local *NextDoor* platforms. You can also find us on our [FaceBook page](https://www.facebook.com/GMVUAC/) (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 Rural 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: [GMVUAC](mailto:info@gmvuac.org) (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](http://www.gmvuac.org) (www.gmvuac.org) and use the drop-down menu under *Committees*.

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On 12/20/2024, officers were dispatched to confirm a Black Diamond Warrant for the PCSO. Officers confirmed the warrant and met with PCSO deputies at the Enumclaw Jail, due to mental health issues the suspect was transported to SCORE Jail where they were booked.

On 12/20/2024 at 1033 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department responded to an obvious death near the 30400 block of 225th Ave. SE. Officer's conducted a death investigation and determined the death was due to natural causes and nothing suspicious occurred. Officer's provided a chaplain for the family and cleared the scene.

On 12/20/2024 Officers contacted a subject with an active arrest warrant out of the Black Diamond Municipal Court. The subject was placed under arrest without incident, and booked into the Enumclaw Jail.

On 12/20/2024 Officers served a court order on a subject in the 25600 block of SE Olympic LN.

On 12/22/2024 at 0744 hours, Officer's discovered a trunk open to a vehicle near the 22800 block of SE Fir St. with no one around or near it. Officer's were enroute to a different call when observing the vehicle in its current state and later discovered it was broken into and items were stolen from inside. The registered owner's were contacted and advised of the incident. This investigation is ongoing.

On 12/22/2024 at 0751 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department responded to a malicious mischief report at the 22800 block of SE Fir St., it was initially reported that two vehicles had been broken into sometime during the morning or night prior. Upon arriving, Officer's discovered five vehicles in total were prowled. All registered owners were contacted.

On 12/22/2024, Officers were dispatched to 22800 block of SE Fir St. for a call for service regarding multiple vehicles which had been broken into. Case numbers 240001513, 240001514, 240001515, 240001516, and 240001517 are related to one incident in which five separate vehicles at the location were prowled. At this time there is no suspect information. These cases are currently under investigation.

On 12/22/2024, Officers received a notification from FLOCK for a vehicle with reported stolen license plates in the area of 30400 3rd Ave. Officers conducted an area check and were unable to locate the vehicle.

On 12/22/2024, at approximately 17:45 hours, officers conducted a traffic stop in the 29000 block of 216th Ave. SE. Officers discovered that the driver had an invalid temporary license and had failed to transfer the title into his name. Officers issued the driver a criminal citation for Fail to Transfer Title within 45 Days.

On 12/22/2024, at approximately 21:10 hours, officers conducted a traffic stop in the 32600 block of 3rd Ave. Officers discovered that the driver had a license that was Suspended/Revoked 3rd Degree. Officers issued the driver a criminal citation for DWLS 3rd Degree. A licensed driver was enroute to the location to take possession of the vehicle.

On 12/22/2024, an Officer responded to a hit and run collision at the 32800 block of SE Stevens St. A vehicle was legally parked and unoccupied and another vehicle crashed into it and left the scene. There was video; however, the make, model and license plate number of the suspect vehicle are unknown.

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