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## **GMVUAC May Monthly Meeting Announcement**

On Monday, May 5, 2025, the Area Council will hold its regular Monthly Meeting 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 Speakers will be Subarea Planners from the King County Department of Local Services who will provide an update on the ongoing Greater Maple Valley / Cedar River Community Service Area Subarea Plan.

As the meeting date approaches, please visit the Area Council's website: http://gmvuac.org/ and look for the "*GMVUAC Monthly Meetings*" box for the full Agenda and Zoom link information. You can also check our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/GMVUAC.

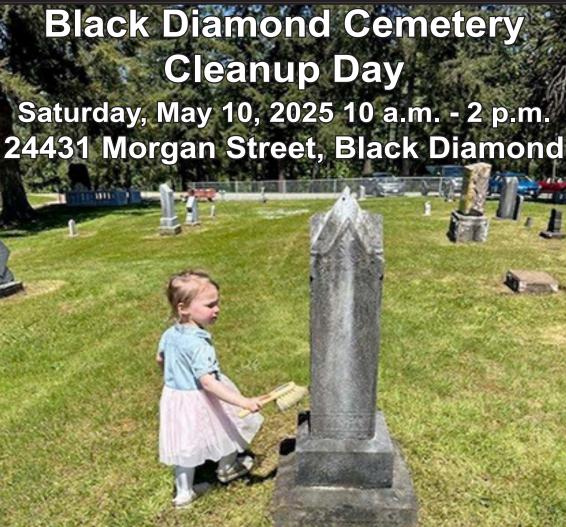


**Geology of Maple Valley** 

Maple Valley Historical Society is sponsoring a presentation called "Geology of Maple Valley" to be held Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the "Den" (building next to the Maple Valley Community Center).

Their guest speaker will be Zach Pratt from the Black Diamond Museum. He has a Master's Degree in Geology from the University of Washington with a special interest in how glaciers produced the geographic features in King County.





The City of Black Diamond invites all and any volunteers to its annual cemetery cleanup day! Meeting place will be at the chain link fence north side of the cemetery at 10 a.m. For more information email publicworks@blackdiamondwa.gov



Maple Valley Days is turning 75! Friday: Carnival rides open and ready to kick off the weekend! Saturday & Sunday: Jump houses, vendors, local businesses, delicious food, and family-friendly activities. Don't miss the iconic Maple Valley Days Parade on Saturday morning!! Plan Your Weekend Now!

View of the Black Diamond Skate Park that is coming along nicely. City of Black Diamond Photo.

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#### An Encouraging Word Taylor Creek Church By Pastor Jason Katen

Comedian Lenny Bruce once shared his philosophy of life like this: "Look, you have only sixty-five years to live. Before you're twenty, you can't enjoy anything because you don't know what's going on. After you're fifty, you can't enjoy it either because you don't have the physical energies. So you only have around twenty-five years, and I'm going to swing." He died of an overdose of morphine at age forty. It is obvious that Lenny Bruce really did not understand what joy is and, therefore, never found it.

It is amazing how many people seem to never find true joy. I think of Ernest Hemingway, whose name is still known today. Wealthy, successful, and popular, what else could you want? Yet these did not

## **Finding Joy**

provide him true joy. Hemingway, in his own words, said, "I live in a vacuum that is as lonely as a radio tube when the batteries are dead, and there is no current to plug into." He took his own life.

What is the key to having sustained joy? The key is, first of all, to understand that joy is not a feeling. It is a proper perspective. It is not how you are affected by things but how you look at things.

Hours before He suffered on the cross for the sins of the world, which included you and me, Jesus spoke to his disciples, telling them, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. - John 15:4-5. Jesus concluded this by saving, "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full."- John 15:11.

By the world's standards, if you simply looked at the outward suffering of the disciples for the name of Christ, they should have been the most miserable men on earth. Yet, to the contrary, they were full of joy because they were abiding in Christ. The Apostle Peter, speaking to a persecuted

people, said, "Though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now. but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory" - 1 Peter 1:8.

Joy is not in the transience of our circumstances but in the solidity of the Savior Jesus Christ. It is in the abiding that our joy can be made full and liberally supplied.

Would you like to know more? We would love to speak with you. Call us at 425-432-0634, or contact us at www.taylorcreekchurch.org. We invite you to join us for Sunday service: 9:00 AM for Sunday School and 10:15 AM for Worship. Address: 21110 244th Ave. S.E., Maple Valley.



Obituaries

### Jayne Arden Hurlbut

February 23, 1943 March 25, 2025

Jayne A Cowan Hurlbut was born in Sacramento, CA to Max and Opal-Jane Cowan. At a young age, she ventured to Seattle on her own and found work at West Tours Travel Agency. She became enamored with the Pacific Northwest and met her husband. Clarke Harold Hurlbut, a Seattle native.

Jayne was a force of nature, living life to the fullest. Passionate about her family, friends, and social calendar, she never missed a book club, garden club, or bunco night. Married for 55 years to her dream maker, Clarke, they built a cottage-like castle in Maple Valley, Washington, envisioning a bed and breakfast guest house that Clarke brought to life. Operating her B&B for 30 years was her joy.

Jayne delighted in her three children. Clarke Kent. Shana Leah. and Blake Byron. She dove headfirst into mothering, joining La Leche League, the local toddler group, and throwing over-the-top birthday parties. As her children grew, their successes and passions became hers as well. She traveled the world, collecting memories and treasures from Brazil to Barcelona, loving every moment.

Hospitality was at the heart of her home, hosting dozens of exchange students from around the world and sharing her love of the Pacific Northwest with each of them. Jayne had a heart for missions, supporting missionaries globally and traveling to Nicaragua with Corner of Love. She and Clarke were charter members of Maple Valley Church, deeply rooted in Christ through this community.

Jayne was an avid birder, taking birding trips locally and guided tours in Mexico. Parakeets, doves, a cockatiel, chickens, and peacocks all called Maple Valley B&B home. Garage sales were her weakness. with collections of dishes, books, art, and furniture - she always found a treasure. Friendship was her specialty; maintaining numerous lifelong friendships and foster-

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Submit comments: May 1 - May 30, 2025

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go.ecology.wa.gov/ReserveSilicaRecl amationRIComments

#### By mail or email to:

Alan Noell, Site Manager PO Box 330316 Shoreline, WA 98133-9716 Email: alan.noell@ecy.wa.gov Phone: 425-213-4803

Documents can be viewed at: go.ecology.wa.gov/ReserveSilicaRecl amationdocuments

Maple Valley Public Library 21844 SE 248<sup>th</sup> Street Maple Valley 98038 Phone: 425-432-4620

#### **Ecology – NW Region Office** 15700 Dayton Ave. N, Shoreline, WA 98133

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To request an ADA accommodation, contact Ecology by phone at 360-407-6831 or email at vadacoordinator@oc

## **Reserve Silica Reclamation Site 26000 Black Diamond Ravensdale Road Draft Remedial Investigation Report** Public Comment Period: May 1 – 30, 2025

The Reserve Silica Reclamation site is located between Ravensdale and Black Diamond, Washington. The site is in a historical mining area where coal and sandstone have been mined from a tilted bedrock formation south of Ravensdale Lake and Ravensdale Creek.

Two surface mining pits – the Lower Disposal Area and Dale Strip Pit – were reclaimed with cement kiln dust (CKD) and mining spoils between 1979 and 1988 under the permitting authorities of two King County agencies, currently known as King County Department of Local Services and Public Health – Seattle & King County.

CKD is a waste product from cement processing. CKD reacts with water to form calcium hydroxide, which can increase the pH to greater than 12 standard units creating caustic water. Caustic water has seeped from the Lower Disposal Area since the 1980s. The cleanup site is associated with the release of contamination from the CKD.

Reserve Silica Corporation and Holcim (US) Inc. entered into an agreed order under the state's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) in December 2019. The Agreed Order requires the companies to complete a:

- **Remedial Investigation**
- Feasibility Study
- Preliminary Draft Cleanup Action Plan

#### **Public Review and Comment**

Draft Remedial Investigation - The Draft Remedial Investigation Report describes the history, regulatory and environmental settings, field investigations, conceptual site model, Site boundary, and cleanup standards.

#### Submit Comments

Comments may be submitted through our online ecomment, mail, or email. Ecology will consider and respond to comments received during the public comment period. The Remedial Investigation will be finalized after the public comment period.

#### **Zoom Online Public Meeting** May 7, 2025 6:00-8:00 pm

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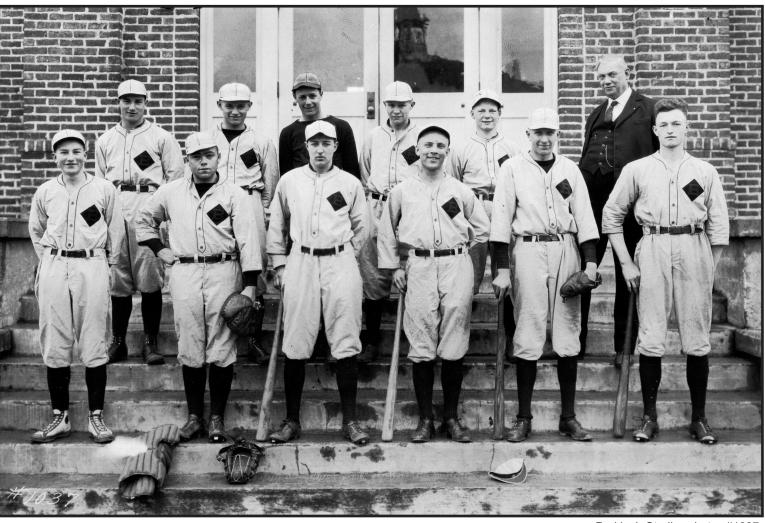
A place for you to grow in your relationship with the Lord and fellowship with His people. We invite you to join us each Sunday for Sunday School Classes for all ages at 9 am, and for our Worship Service with verse-byverse teaching of the Word of God at 10:15 am. (Children's Church and Nursery are provided through Kindergarten) A cry room is provided for nursing mothers with a video feed of the service.

We invite you to also join us throughout the week for personal encouragement and spiritual growth through Adult Small Group Bible Studies, Studies for Men, Studies for Women, as well as Youth Ministry (grades 7-12) and Adventure Club (ages 3 through grade 6).

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

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# When Coal Was King By Bill Kombol Black Diamond Baseball Team 1924



By late April baseball is played throughout the country. Major League Baseball, minor leagues, colleges, high schools, and Little League are all in full swing. Baseball in the United States developed from older ball-and-bat games like rounders and cricket that had been played in England since before the American Revolution. Baseball's early rules were developed around New York and Brooklyn in 1845. A baseball craze hit the New York metropolitan area in the mid-1850s, and by 1856 journalists were referring to game as the "national pastime." The National Agreement of 1903 formalized two major leagues, and the first World Series was played that fall.

In coal mining towns like Black Diamond, baseball and soccer were widely popular. The coal company financed sporting teams and good players were often recruited by offering choice

jobs in the mines. All the surrounding mining towns fielded teams. Intense rivalries developed and "fights were the normal way to end the ball game," according to Dusalina Cavaletto, who later became a school teacher in Renton and whose life was profiled in the March 2019 issue of the Renton History Museum newsletter.

The baseball field along Highway 169 in the center of town dates to about 1900 when the Black Diamond Coal Mining Company donated a marshy area for a sports field. During off-hours and weekends, coal miners wheelbarrowed fill dirt and in time a real baseball field took shape. By 1915, a wooden stadium, bleachers, and bandstand were built and baseball games between rival coal mining teams were one of the top entertainment draws in town. The ballfield was even surrounded by an eight-foot-high wood fence. The property is now owned by the Enumclaw School District with a deed restriction forever reserving the property for athletic and recreational use by town folks.

Throughout town, children, both boys and girls played baseball on any level cow field or dirt lot that could be found. Ed Banchero remembered playing in the Cazaza family's pasture, using dried cow pies as bases. Banchero recalled several informal teams organized along ethnic lines featuring Italians, Finlanders, and the Welsh and English. Banchero and many of his Italian playmates from childhood later played on the high school team.

Perkins' Studio photo #1037 comes courtesy of JoAnne Matsumura, an Issaquah historian and image collector. It was recently acquired from the Callero family. The Black Diamond History Museum has the same image upon which Esther Babb recorded the players' names. This photo of the 1924 baseball team was taken on the front steps of Black Diamond High School. Front row (L-R): Louie Callero, Petro 'Pete' Pioli, Charles Tenio, ? Rockey, Max Ferlich, Leonard Pierotti. Back row: Jim Vernarelli, Charles Moroni, Frank Guidetti, Ed Banchero, Charles Thompson, and coach Albert Weatherbee who was also school Superintendent. The team logo on the players' left chest was cleverly designed to be a black diamond.



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On 3/25/25 an caller advised he observed an airplane possibly having engine problems, traveling southeasterly over the Ten Trails Development. Officers responded and did not observe any aircraft with obvious trouble. Contact was made with the Enumclaw airport who also advised they had no known reports of any aircraft in the area reporting issues and that since it was clear weather, some planes were likely experimenting with smoke cannisters that are onboard some of the smaller planes.

On 03-26-25, at approximately 11:14 hours, Officers received a call from Valley Communication Radio regarding a parking complaint. Officers were informed that a subject called 911 to report that there was a green Chevrolet pickup (no license plates) parked in the parking lot of Black Diamond Auto that was blocking the view of the intersection of Baker ST. and 3rd AVE. Officers arrived and found that the vehicle was legally parked in the parking lot and was not

On 03/26/2025 at approximately 1724 hours officers were dispatched to the 32000 block of 5th Ave in reference to two brother fighting. Upon investigation, it was determined an assault occurred and the adult was taken into custody

On 03/35/2025 officers on scene in the 32000 block of 5th Ave for a separate problem, were made aware a sexual assault occurred. The initial investigation and report were completed on scene, the incident is under investigation.

On 3/26/2025 at 2006 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department responded to a possible dispute located near the 25800 block of Lawson St. The reporting party stated that he could hear a male yelling approximately two homes east of his for 15 minutes. Officer's contacted the home and were advised that there were several subjects playing video games inside and there was no dispute.

On 3/26/2025 at 2321 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department responded to a verbal domestic incident near the 32700 block of Maple Avenue SE. Upon arrival, Officer's met with both subjects and determined no crime had been

On 03/27/2025, officers were notified by BDPD administrative assistance of a non emergency citizen request for a report of suspicious activity. Officers interviewed the reporting party and took an informational report.

On 03/27/25, officers were notified by BDPD administrative assistants of a citizen who contacted the non emergency line and requested a report of suspicious activity at the 22700 block of Roberts DR. Officers interviewed the

On 03/27/25 officers were dispatched to a report of suspicious vehicle at the 33100 block of Crystal Ave SE. Officers contacted the reporting party and took

On 03/27/25, officers were dispatched to a welfare check at the 32600 block of Ten Trails PKWY SE. Dispatch advised the reporting party had not heard from their husband and were concerned for their safety. Officers attempted to contact the subject, by phone and at their residence. Officers contacted the Recovery Navigator Program, who was known to have recent contact with the

On 3/27/2025 at 2300 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department conducted a traffic stop with an unlicensed vehicle near the 28900 block of 213th PL. SE. Officer's discovered several additional violations, including the two occupants not wearing seatbelts and the driver having a suspended driver's license in the 3rd degree. The subjects were issued tickets for their respective offenses and

On 03/28/2025 at approximately 0108 hours, officers located two male subjects walking through yards of home under construction in the 33800 block of Buckeye Ave SE. An exterior camera with audible alarm sounded as an officer approached, with the subjects standing at the front door of a residence under construction. Those possessed unopened alcohol and a large music speaker. It was discovered no homes in the area were unsecured or damaged. The subjects were positively identified. No evidence of a crime was identified.