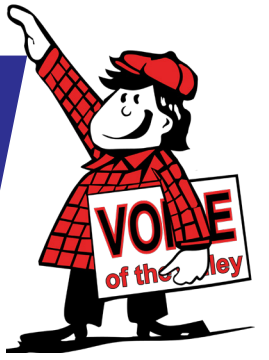


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## ARTS FESTIVAL

### Call for Artists – Be Part of Arts Festival 2025!

The Maple Valley Creative Arts Council is thrilled to announce the return of the Arts Festival, which will be held **June 14–15, 2025**, at the beautiful Lake Wilderness Lodge during Maple Valley Days. This juried visual arts event is a vibrant celebration of creativity and community, and we're inviting artists of all ages and disciplines to join us! All the details and registration is available [https://mvcac.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_](https://mvcac.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_)

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The festival will showcase exceptional work in a wide variety of mediums, including:

- Painting
- Fiber Art
- Photography
- Ceramics
- Printmaking
- Fine Craft

Selected artists will have the opportunity to exhibit and sell their work throughout the festival. Entries will be considered for cash awards, juror-selected prizes, and People's Choice recognition and awards provided by local business sponsors.

#### How to Participate?

Registration is open now through May 25, 2025. [https://mvcac.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=4091&club\\_id=181069&item\\_id=2610582](https://mvcac.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=4091&club_id=181069&item_id=2610582)

Fees (includes Salon and Juried Show entry): **\$25 for MVCAC Members - \$50 for Non-Members**

All juried show entrants will also receive two complimentary tickets to the Artists Reception Gala on **Friday, June 13**, a private event for our artists and personal guests of art, music, and celebration. And don't forget — youth artists under 18 are encouraged to submit work for free in our non-juried Salon Show. Get all the details, dates, and more on our [https://mvcac.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=181069&module\\_id=403185](https://mvcac.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=181069&module_id=403185) Whether you're an experienced artist or just beginning your creative journey, this is your chance to shine. Join us for Arts Festival 2025 and share your vision with the community and beyond!

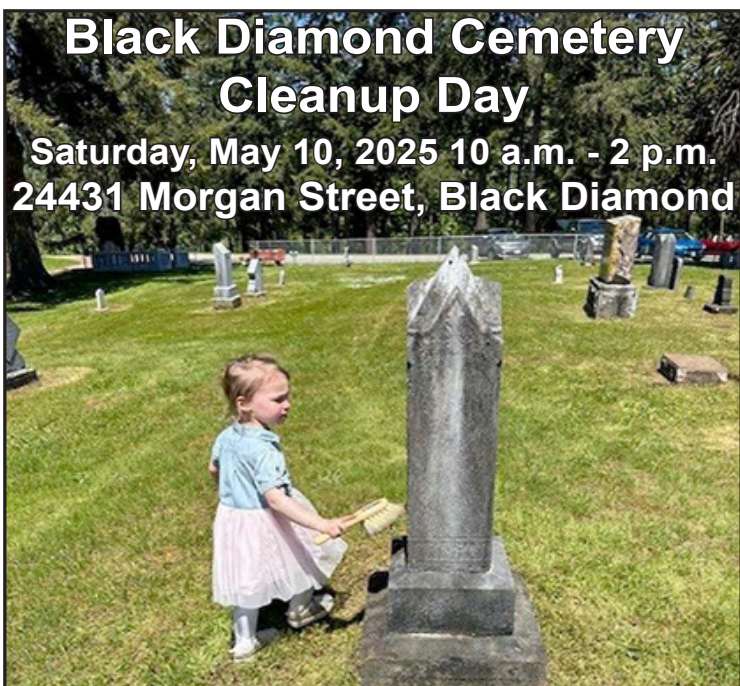
#### Performing Arts at the Festival

In addition to the incredible visual art displays, Arts Festival 2025 offers a full live entertainment schedule for attendees to enjoy all weekend long - in both the Arboretum and inside the Lodge!

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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](mailto:publicworks@blackdiamondwa.gov)

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- Mayor
- Council Position #2
- Council Position #3
- Council Position #4
- Council Position #5
- Council Position #6

**Filing Information**

**Black Diamond City Council Filing Dates are Here**

Are you interested in serving your community? This is your chance to make a difference and contribute to the future of Black Diamond. Filing dates for those wishing to run for Mayor or a City Council position are coming up soon. **Filing Dates: Now until May 9, 2025.** For more information on the filing process, eligibility, and how to get involved, use the QR Code to visit King County Elections or follow this link: <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/elections/for-candidates>

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

**Facility Site ID:** 2041  
**Cleanup Site ID:** 4728

**Submit comments:**  
 May 1 – May 30, 2025

**Online via ecomment:**  
[go.ecology.wa.gov/ReserveSilicaReclamationRIComments](https://go.ecology.wa.gov/ReserveSilicaReclamationRIComments)

**By mail or email to:**  
 Alan Noell, Site Manager  
 PO Box 330316  
 Shoreline, WA 98133-9716  
 Email: [alan.noell@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:alan.noell@ecy.wa.gov)  
 Phone: 425-213-4803

**Documents can be viewed at:**  
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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 (MTCOA) 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**

Ecology is hosting an online public meeting to discuss the Draft Remedial Investigation Report and respond to your questions.

**Register**  
[go.ecology.wa.gov/ReserveSilicaReclamationOnlineMeeting](https://go.ecology.wa.gov/ReserveSilicaReclamationOnlineMeeting)  
**Zoom online public meeting:** 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
**Questions and Answers:** 7:00 – 8:00 pm

To request interpreter for this public meeting please contact Nancy Lui at 425-393-5679 or email [nlui461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nlui461@ecy.wa.gov) and reference Reserve Silica Reclamation Site.

**Sitio de Limpieza: Reserve Silica Reclamation Site**

Ecología invita a comentarios sobre el Borrador de Investigación Remedial para este sitio, ubicado en 26000 Black Diamond Ravensdale Road, Ravensdale, WA 98051. Período de comentarios públicos: 1º al 30 de mayo, 2025. Reunión pública virtual: 7 de mayo de 2025 – 6-8 p.m. Contacte a Nancy Lui para traducciones o interpretación para la reunión pública: [nlui461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nlui461@ecy.wa.gov) | 425-393-5679

**Reserve Silica Reclamation Site Website**  
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**An Encouraging Word Taylor Creek Church**  
 By Pastor Jason Katen

**Out of the Mouth of Babes**

One morning a mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

When a friend sent me this in an email, it gave me a good laugh, but as I thought about it, it made me think of how true Kevin's statement is for so many of us. How many of us expect people to be honest with us? Whether we admit it or not, all of us expect it. Even the crook expects not to be cheated by others and calls foul when they do.

The command to be Christ-like was not given as a suggestion. The Bible says we are to "Love our neighbor as ourselves." – Matthew 19:19. Our neighbor is anyone we come in contact with. The Bible also tells us that we are to treat others the same way we would want them to treat us – Luke 6:31. These are Christ-like attitudes. Unfortunately, too many of us instead say in the words of a five-year-old. "You be Jesus."

This truth goes even further as we are to display a Christ-like attitude even if it is not given in return - Romans 12:20-21. This does not mean we do not speak the truth to one another - Ephesians 4:25 tells us, "Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE OF YOU WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another." This, too, is to be done in love - Ephesians 4:15.

This five-year-old probably didn't understand the gravity of his words, but we do. Who is it that you expect to respond like or speak like Jesus? Sometimes, it is out of the mouths of babes that God teaches us.

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](http://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.



**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.

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# When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol



This photo of the Kanaskat railroad station was taken by the King County Assessor on April 1, 1940. The two-story building's dimensions were 20' x 68' feet, or 1,360 square feet spread amongst seven rooms. Living quarters for the station agent were upstairs. The station house was constructed in 1900 by the Northern Pacific Railway Co. Much of the Victorian-style building was clad with shingles and heated by a coal and wood stove.

Groundbreaking of the Northern Pacific (N.P.) railroad began in 1870 near Duluth, Minnesota, a western port town on Lake Superior. N.P.'s push westward toward Tacoma was aided by a separate line they constructed that began in Kalama in 1872 and reached Tacoma one year later. It was extended in 1877 through Puyallup and Orting to the east Pierce County coal fields around Wilkeson and Carbonado. The final connecting leg from Stampede Pass wound down the Green River to Palmer on its way through Cumberland, Enumclaw, Buckley, and South Prairie where it connected to the Wilkeson-Carbonado branch in 1887.

In 1888, N.P. began constructing a branch line that crossed the Green River and headed north through Durham, Kangley, Selleck, Barneston, and Kerriston, intending to connect with another branch at Snoqualmie Falls. In 1900, N.P. completed a more stoutly constructed bridge from Palmer that passed by the newly established Kanaskat station. Palmer was named for a Northern Pacific surveyor named George Palmer. While Kanaskat came from a Yakima Indian sub-chief who had a wife here, as well as two back in Yakima. The first depot, circa 1887, was in Palmer.

The 1900 rail line headed west through a new coal mining operation named after its founding investor, John Leary. Leary was soon renamed Ravensdale when N.P.'s coal mining

subsidiary, Northwestern Improvement Company purchased the property and ran it as a company town. The route became known as the Palmer Cutoff and is still used by Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railway. Today, it's normally for eastbound trains of empty cars that have unloaded their freight of coal, grain, and petroleum products at Seattle and Tacoma ports. However, it could be used for westward trains if the Stevens Pass or Columbia Gorge routes were blocked.

Kanaskat's ornate Victorian Station burned to the ground on December 30, 1943, when the night telegraph operator, Gordon Trahanes filled the coal stove, opened the draft and damper, then fell asleep. Though his father was the N.P. section foreman at Castle Rock, Gordon Trahanes was fired one week later. The station was replaced by a round-roof boxcar, which was succeeded in 1947 by a solid brick station. In 1959, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers utilizing the reverse blueprint of the 1947 structure built yet another station. Thus, the Kanaskat had the dubious distinction of being home to four rail stations. Next week's column will feature the station built after this one burned down.

Railroad historian David Sprau, who joined N.P. in 1960

and later worked for Burlington Northern, provided many factual details for this column. Sprau was a proud resident of the Kanaskat area for 38 years. Photo enhancements were undertaken by Boomer Burnham, a Tahoma photography instructor doing business as <http://www.boomersphotography.com/>



**Black Diamond  
Police Reports**

On 3/29/2025 at 0339 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department completed an admin detail for the Kent Police Department, after being notified that the agency was out with a suspect violating a no contact court order out of the City of Black Diamond. Black Diamond Officer's confirmed the order was still valid and had been served between the two subjects and notified Kent Police Department of the information.

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On 3/29/2025 at 2104 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department conducted a traffic stop with an unlicensed vehicle near the 28600 block of 216th Avenue SE. Through investigation, Officer's discovered the driver and passenger of the vehicle were actively violating a court order. It was also discovered that the passenger had a felony warrant for failing to register as a sex offender. The passenger was taken into custody for the order violation offense and warrant and the driver was released on scene.

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On 03/30/2025, officers were parked at the 32600 block of 3rd Ave, where they were approached by vehicle. The driver advised that they left cocaine at the closed police station. Officers conducted vulnerary field sobriety tests and determined the subject to be under the influence of intoxicants. The subject was placed under arrest and was booked into Issaquah jail.

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On 03/30/2025, officers were dispatched to a physical domestic in progress at the 23600 block of Tahoma Pl. Officers responded to the scene and interviewed the reporting party who had been assaulted by their elderly mother. They advised officers that their mother had been experiencing a mental health episode. Officers contacted their mother who was involuntarily committed for a mental health evaluation.

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On 3/30/2025, an officer responded to the 33300 block of Evergreen Ave SE for a report of explicit sounds coming from a residence. The officer checked the residence and nothing was audible at that time.  
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On 3/30/2025, officers responded to the 33300 block of Evergreen Ave SE for a report of explicit sounds coming from a residence. Officers checked the residence and found the resident was intentionally playing explicit sounds so they could be heard at a nearby park. The resident was arrested for a public disturbance noise and booked into jail.  
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On 03/30/2025, at approximately 22:16 hours, officers were dispatched to a possible illegal discharge near the 29400 block of 232nd AVE SE. Officers responded and conducted an area check in an attempt to locate evidence of a crime. There were no additional calls and no signs of a crime located.  
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On 04/07/2025, a citizen came into the police station to report a missing relative. After investigation, it was determined the individual was in custody in a neighboring jurisdiction.  
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On 04/07/2025 Officers were dispatched to a residence located in the 31100 block of 3rd AVE in regard to a possibly suicidal subject. Officers contacted the reporting party, and the involved individual. The subject was transported to a medical facility for evaluation.  
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On 4/8/2025 Officers responded to a domestic assault involving a knife in the 31100 block of 3rd Ave. The suspect fled the scene in his vehicle prior to officer arrival. The victim was treated for her injuries at the scene and officer's conducted an investigation and subsequently found probable cause for the suspect's arrest for Felony Harassment and Assault in the Fourth  
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On 4/10/2025 at 2124 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department responded to a harassment report by phone that occurred near the 31100 block of 3rd Avenue. The reporting party stated they felt their property manager was harassing them. After a thorough investigation, Officer's advised there was no crime committed at this time and the incident would need to be handled civilly. Officer's cleared the call.  
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On 4/11/2025 at 2202 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle near the 30400 block of 3rd Avenue after discovering the registered owner had a suspended driver's license. Officer's confirmed the driver was the registered owner and soon discovered the driver had a warrant for their arrest. Officer's booked the driver into a nearby correctional facility and cited them for their local offenses.  
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On 04/11/2025 at approximately 2310 hours, an officer preformed a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 34100 block of Enumclaw Black Diamond RD. SE for driving 70 mph in a 50 mph zone. The driver was found to be have suspended drivers license and was issued a citation. A passenger of the vehicle was found to have multiple felony warrants and taken until custody and booked with no issues.  
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On 4/12/2025 at 0002 hours, the Black Diamond Police Department responded to a music complaint near the 24600 block of Morgan St. It was reported a nearby house was playing loud music. Officer's contacted the resident and advised them of the call and the resident advised Officer's they would turn the music off.  
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On 04/12/2025, officers were dispatched to an admin detail at 25510 Lawson ST. Dispatch advised that the Issaquah Police Department requested confirmation on a subject's Black Diamond Warrant. Officers confirmed the warrant. The subject was transported and booked into Issaquah jail.  
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On 4/12/25 Officers were dispatched to a noise complaint of children bouncing a ball and playing loudly in the 33300 block of Evergreen Ave SE. An officer arrived and observed the children playing peacefully along with both of their parents. The call was cleared as unfounded.  
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On 04/12/2025, at approximately 21:27 hours, officers were dispatched to the 33000 block of Ten Trails PKWY SE for a recklessly driven vehicle. The reporting party advised that the vehicle was driving at erratic speeds, crossing into oncoming lanes, and was possibly DUI. Officers identified the vehicle and contacted the driver at his residence in the neighborhood. The driver apologized and said his wife had needed to use the restroom. Officers did not observe any signs of impairment from either party associated with the vehicle.

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