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This event is sponsored by the Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC) and hosted by Rock Creek Sports. Please visit our website at www.gmvuac.org/train-show.



Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 19, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Gracie Hansen Community Center

27132 SE Ravensdale Way, Ravensdale WA 98051

All 5 TSD School Board Directors Stand for Election

Reported by Jennifer C. Rydberg, JD

Voting in a democracy is how we citizens make our voices heard and choose our leaders. Tahoma School District's 5 school board positions are up for election this fall – your vote determines TSD's school board leadership. Four incumbents are uncontested: Jennifer McMaster, Susan Balthaser, Ric Lewis, and Nina Rose (Kristi Krumpertman withdrew her candidacy in May after Rose was selected by the Board from a field of five candidates to fill a vacant seat, although her name appears on your ballot.)

Two people are running for TSD Director from District 5: Elizabeth (Liz) Karkoski-Gardner, a cardiovascular intensive care nurse practitioner, and Zach Butala, an airline pilot and Navy Reserve Commanding Officer. Both are highly educated, are married with children in TSD, are working professional jobs, have leadership experience, have extensive volunteer backgrounds in TSD, and are passionate about kids, education, and TSD.

What do our candidates say are the top issues facing TSD today? Both candidates cite to communication, transparency, responsible budgeting, safety for students, staff and teachers, and providing emotional and social support for students as well as academic support. Both candidates support the goals set by the superintendent and board of directors and TSD's new 5-year Strategic Plan, acknowledging that TSD needs to keep doing better and strive for more success. Both candidates respect their opponent. So, I read their websites and asked the candidates why voters should choose one over the other.

Karkoski-Gardner says she has invested. "I'm incredibly passionate about the well-being of all the students," says she. "I've set myself up being on the [Tahoma Elementary School] PTO board for 4 years to naturally transition to a school board director position. I know a lot about the district already and I would add a lot onto the school board. I'm very open minded. It's a polarizing time. We need to listen to all perspectives and ideas to make best decisions possible." She says she practices "open communication, attentive listening, collaboration and accountability" and promotes "stability, fiscal responsibility, academics and social wellbeing". She is endorsed by King County & 5th District Democrats, 3.14 Action, and the National Women's Political Caucus of Washington.

Butala, endorsed by the teachers of the Tahoma Education Association, promotes unity – the entire community coming together with "a common humanity" "creating a path for everyone to come together, regardless of past or current pain, harm, or disagreement" to bring down barriers to education and help students achieve academic and personal success at TSD – respect, and a deep commitment to our children's future. He has "led teams through complex challenges by listening, building trust, and working together" as a Navy Reserve Commanding Officer. "That is the steady, collaborative, service-oriented approach I will bring to the board. I want to unite our community around our shared commitment to students and teachers, no matter our differences." He, too, prepared himself to serve as a school board director by volunteering in TSD schools for 8+ years: he is Cedar River Elementary School's Volunteer-of-the-Year for the past 2 years, is on his third year as Summit Trails Middle School's Family Support Partner, chair of CRES' Book Fair for 4+ years, youth sports coach, school speaker, Watch D.O.G.S. leader/volunteer, and more. His website cites to leadership awards he has earned throughout his adult years and his positive impact on others. He declined to seek political party endorsements because he wants to bring people together, not separate them by their political perspectives, and because the position of school board director is non-partisan.

To inform yourself further before voting, consult your voter's pamphlet and go to <https://www.butalafortahoma.com/> and <https://journeytodistrict5.com/elizabeth-karkoski-gardner>

Jennifer C. Rydberg is a retired attorney, grandmother, and mother of two sons who attended Tahoma schools. She served a term on the Tahoma School District Board of Directors 1991-1995 including 1 year as its President. Active in Scouting America, her husband was a local scoutmaster for 25 years; both received Silver Beaver Awards.

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King County Grants

By Peter Rimbos, GMVUAC Corresponding Secretary
On Monday, October 6, 2025, from 7 - 9:30 PM at the Maple Valley Fire Station at 22225 SE 231st St (across from the KC Sheriff's Precinct) and via Zoom. Topics to be discussed are: (1) King County Grant Applications; (2) Reserve Silica Permit Application Public Comment; and (3) Area Council Annual Train Show.

King County Grant Applications

The King County Department of Local Services has an annual Grant program. Grants fund community projects that help residents in the unincorporated areas participate in and be more connected to their communities and King County. The Area Council plans to apply for two King County Grants: Train Show and Public Relations (including website support).

Grants must support projects that advance the King County Strategic Plan (<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/executive/governance-leadership/performance-strategy-budget/king-county-strategic-plan>) and achieve at least one of the following goals:

- Promote the engagement of unincorporated area residents in community or civic activities.
- Educate local residents about issues that affect them.
- Identify and gather community needs and priorities.
- Carry out a community enhancement project.
- Provide a safe and healthy environment in the unincorporated area during extreme weather events.
- Meet King County's equity and social justice goals of increasing fairness and opportunity for all people, particularly people of color and those with low incomes and/or limited English.

To apply, a [Grant Application](https://cdn.kingcounty.gov/-/media/king-county/depts/local-services/director/programs/alan-painter-grants/alan-painter-grant-2026-info.pdf?rev=c4bb34e2215d4963b37870508e) (<https://cdn.kingcounty.gov/-/media/king-county/depts/local-services/director/programs/alan-painter-grants/alan-painter-grant-2026-info.pdf?rev=c4bb34e2215d4963b37870508e>)

600532&hash=024D25DEDBB64CD1CF9F8801E96F1408) must be completed and submitted to asklocalservices@kingcounty.gov by December 5, 2025.

A total of \$90,000 will be reimbursed for projects in 2026. Funding for projects will begin in March 2026. Funds will be provided to selected projects with amounts limited to less than \$5,000 each.

Reserve Silica Permit Application Public Comment

On September 5 the King County Department of Local Services—Permitting Division (DLS-P) Released a Public Notice for a Grade Clearing Permit Application GRDE25-0052 (<https://aca-prod.accela.com/KINGCO/Cap/GlobalSearchResults.aspx?QueryText=GRDE25-0052>) submitted by Reserve Silica in Ravensdale. To prepare a Public response, the Area Council assembled a team of southeast King County organizations: the Enumclaw Plateau Community Association (EPCA), Green River Coalition (GRC), and Waste Action Project (WAP).

In anticipation the Public No-

tice, several Public Records Requests (PRRs) were submitted in August. These generated 1,000's of pages of e-mails, reports, memos, letters, maps, figures, tables, etc., which the team reviewed.

Following the 3-week period allowed per the Public Notice, Detailed Comments (gmvuac.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/RS-Permit-Application-Response-Comments.pdf) were submitted to KC DLS-P on September 26. These Comments provided the historical, scientific, engineering, and environmental case for the permit to be *denied*.

Several *Recommendations* were enumerated in the Comments including: (1) Ensure reclamation of the *existing* Inert Waste Landfill site is completed as quickly as practical—including final grading, top-soiling and reforestation; (2) Levy appropriate fines for past and ongoing violations of its permits and for conducting activities *without* any permits; (3) Restart KC Code-mandated **21A.22.050 Periodic Review** of this site; (4) Study, then mitigate, expected traffic impacts in the immediate area and the greater community area in southeast King County; and (5) Require Reserve Silica to immediately follow specific steps regarding its unpermitted 60-ac clearcut.

PRR-related documents continue to to be provided by KC DLS-P to our assembled team. They are under review with the anticipation of preparing and submitting *additional* comments, if warranted.

Annual Train Show

On the weekend of October 18 - 19 the Area Council will host its 27th Annual Train Show at the Gracie Hansen Mansion at 27132 SE Ravensdale Way in Ravensdale. Times are Saturday from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Sunday from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Suggested donation (sorry, no credit cards) is Adults – \$5 and Children (ages 3-11) – \$2.

Operating model trains, trains and more trains featuring creative operating layouts in most gauges! Attendees can bring their own trains (Lionel/HO/other) to run on our tracks (with approval of participating Clubs!)

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This year's Train Show is expected to be another success with fun had by all.

Next Area Council Meeting

The next Area Council monthly meeting will be held Monday, November 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).

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 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 (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 and use the drop-down menu under *Committees*.

All Monthly Meeting Summary Articles can be found on our Home page in the *2025/2024 GMVUAC Monthly Meeting Articles* box or by using the drop-down menu under *Correspondence*.



Last weekend at the Premiere Racing Facility of the Northwest the 5th Annual Pacific Raceways Invitational was held. Cars and drivers from the various racing sanctions competed together on the 10 Turn, 2.25-mile road course. The teams came from SOVREN, SCCA, IRDC, Lucky Dog Racing League and others. There was action on the track, in the pits, and the upper paddock area was the place to enjoy the car show. All and all a great three-day event. Next at Pacific Raceways will be the 7th Annual "Trunk or Treat" for all the kids on Sunday October 26th, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There will be costume contests, On-track events, car show, food trucks, local vendors, awards, and can't forget all the candy for the kids from all those decorated trunks that will be waiting. For more information contact the Pacific Raceways office at (253) 639-5927, or www.pacificraceways.com. Photo by Bill Archer.

VOICE Welcomes Letters

The VOICE of the Valley welcomes letters to the editor on any subject, although we reserve the right to edit for space, potential libel, and/or political relevance. Letters addressing local news will receive priority.

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When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol

The most surprising thing about Enumclaw High School's first Homecoming celebration isn't that it was first held in 1947, or that Evan Richey and Sue MacKay were selected as King and Queen. It's how they were chosen. Enumclaw's first royal couple were selected by America's most popular actor and comedian, Bob Hope.

The origins of homecoming rituals date to the early 20th century. The University of Missouri is generally credited with holding the first homecoming event in 1911, though the University of Illinois and Baylor offer competing claims. The three events all included a late-season football game with invitations for alumni to return to campus and visit their alma mater. Over time, ancillary events like parades, pep rallies, and dances were added to the celebration. The tradition spread to high schools in the 1930s, where choosing a king and queen, typically a senior, added to the pageantry.

When the question arose, who would organize Enumclaw's first homecoming, it was resolved, "Give it to the Annual Staff, the hardest working gang in the school," according to the 1948 Tiger Tales yearbook. At the time, Enumclaw's school mascot was the Tigers. But that name was discarded during the disastrous 1949 marriage and bitter 1952 divorce that briefly united two arch-rivals, Enumclaw and Buckley, under the same banner – White River. Like many a bitter marital breakup, both towns refused to surrender their offspring, a stinging Hornet dressed in maroon and gold. Enumclaw demanded its birth name back, while Buckley retained ownership of the White River marriage moniker.

Swap Meet Time

By Bill Archer

The weather last fall was inclement for the first Fall Swap Meet that was held so the staff decided to move it up into October this year. These Swap Meets are usually for the motorsports enthusiasts', but with the holidays fast approaching all vendors are encouraged to participate. With that being the case **Saturday October 18th from 9:00 AM to 4 PM** has been set aside for this year's one-day event.

The booths will be set up in the Pro pit/Paddock areas. Entry fee of \$10 gets you into all the deals as a buyer. If you would like a booth as a Seller then the cost is \$60. If you're into Drag Racing, Muscle Cars, Collector Cars, Sports Cars, Hot Rods, Imports or Motorcycles then you'll not want to miss out on this.

If you're in need of something for your vehicle or maybe something special for under the tree then join us on Saturday October 18th at Pacific Raceways, you'll probably find it there.

If you are interested in making sure you have a booth, then give Diana a call (M, W, F) at (253) 639-5927, or you can Email her at DianaH@pacificraceways.com. Don't miss out on all the deals this weekend.



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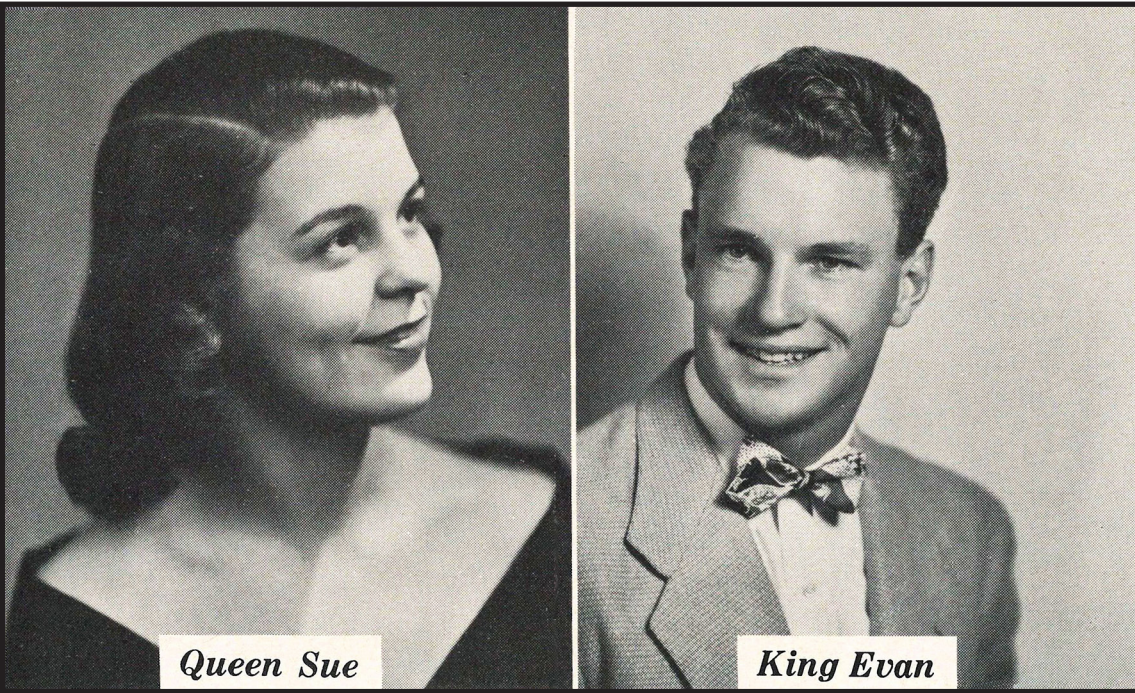
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Lorraine Hanberg and Connie Gunderson, began arranging those first Homecoming festivities. Rex Waldron, the art teacher and annual advisor, wrote to Bob Hope asking him to select the winners from among 12 nominees. Photos by Paul Standar, who operated a studio on Cole Street, were included in the mailing together with the students' qualifications.

Bob Hope responded by letter dated October 13, 1947, addressed to Waldron, Chairman of the Homecoming Committee. A copy of Hope's answer appeared in the yearbook and concluded thusly, "I send my best wishes to all of these young folks, and congratulate Enumclaw High School on having so many fine-looking boys and girls from whom to choose winners."

Bob Hope chose Sue MacKay as queen, with Beth Dodge and Julia Johnson as her attendants, and Evan Richey as king, followed by Charlie Krainick and Delbert Grennan. Below his signature in bold type, Hope's stationery included the title of his signature tune, "Thanks for the Memory," which won the 1938 Academy Award for Best Original Song. Bob Hope hosted the Academy Award presentation 19 times from 1940 to 1978.

The 1947 Homecoming celebration was held on Friday, October 24, with a 2:00 pm street parade down Enumclaw's Cole Street. The parade featured floats sponsored by classes and clubs. The high school royalty rode in convertibles, with the mounted Naches Trail Riders trailing behind. Mayor Robert Stobbs crowned Queen Sue MacKay at the judges' reviewing stand in front of Sunrise Pharmacy on the southeast corner of Griffin and Cole.

That night's Homecoming game featured the Enumclaw Tigers facing off against the Auburn Trojans at the same Pete's Pool stadium used today. Several Enumclaw players were doubtful after the previous Friday's game against Lake Washington. Six suffered severe burns from unslaked lime used to line the field. Although Maurice Hellack, Del Grennan, Joe Fantello, Harold Lokovsek, Ralph Wilde, and Dave Potter were slowed by the trauma, most played in the 12-6 Enumclaw victory before the largest crowd in many seasons. Quarterback

Del Grennan and halfback Warren Pederson each scored a touchdown. Following the football game, festivities moved to the nearby Fieldhouse, where students, alumni, visiting Trojans, and the general public joined together for a dance hosted by chairwoman Doreen Hobbs. Admission was \$1.00 per couple and 75¢ stag.

The following week, a Courier-Herald editorial praised that first Homecoming, calling it, "One of the most successful events of its kind in this community. From the start, the entire program was well conducted and reflected much credit upon the student body. It was an exhibition that we as a community might well take considerable pride."

Interestingly, Betty Sue MacKay and Del Grennan were high school sweethearts who married two years later, at Enumclaw's Sacred Heart church on October 22, 1949. They raised seven children: Tim, Brian, Mike, Jill, Becky, Jody, and Kari. Del was one of 11 Grennan children, so Enumclaw's citizenry is populated with numerous Grennan-related descendants. Sue MacKay was also a chosen Ski Queen for the Milwaukee Road Ski Bowl (now Hyak) on Snoqualmie Pass during the 1947-48 ski season.

This year's Homecoming events, scheduled for **October 16-18, will feature a football game against Auburn Mountainview on Thursday at 7:00 p.m., a parade along Cole Street on Friday at 4:00 p.m., and a formal dance commencing at 7:00 p.m. at Pete's Pool Fieldhouse.**

This column is indebted to the Enumclaw Class of 1971 journalism class, which posted a story from the October 30, 1970, Hornet student newspaper, revealing details of the first Homecoming celebration. That article was likely written by Gerald Campbell, the journalism instructor and advisor to both the Hornet paper and the Cascadian yearbook. Additional information came from the Courier-Herald archives. Genealogical information was provided by Donna Brathovde, a Ravensdale historian.

Most, but not all of those involved with Enumclaw's first Homecoming have passed away. Bob Hope died in 2003, shortly after his 100th birthday. Evan Richey died in 2022 at the age of 93, Del Grennan in 2018 at age 87, Sue (MacKay) Grennan-Olson in 2009 at age 78, Gerald Campbell in 1993 at age 82, and Rex Waldron in 1979 at age 64.

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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION Payless Towing & Recovery 33905 Pacific Highway South, Federal Way, WA 98003. 253-941-4565. Thursday, October 16, 2025 @ Noon Viewing @ 11:30 a.m. (Published VOICE of the Valley, Tuesday, October 14, 2025) *****

ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION Payless Towing & Recovery 33905 Pacific Hwy South, Federal Way, WA 98003. 253-941-4565. Tuesday, October 21, 2025 @ Noon / Viewing @ 11:30 a.m. (Published VOICE of the Valley, Tuesday, October 14, 2025) *****

ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION US Towing, 24816 Pacific Hwy South, Kent, WA 98032. Friday, October 17, 2025. Viewing at 10 a.m. Auction at 11 a.m. 206-824-3448. (Published VOICE of the Valley, Tuesday, October 14, 2025)

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The State of Washington to All Said Defendants: You are hereby notified that Plaintiff's Motion for Order of Default and Motion for Default Judgment will be heard, with oral argument, on Friday, October 24, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. before the Honorable Cindi S. Port, Department 51. Responses to Plaintiff's Motions must be filed with the Court and served upon all parties no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025. (Published VOICE of the Valley, Tuesday, October 14, 2025)

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Trunk-or-Treat Designed for Games and Goodies

Combining their interest in Halloween folderol, Saint George Episcopal Church and Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church are co-hosting Trunk-or-Treat. Costumes, candies and children's games are on tap, Sunday, Oct. 26 at 4:00 p.m. The 'somewhat' traditional event is being held at SVLC's new location in Black Diamond, 25610 Lawson Street. Their oversized parking lot has easy access for automobile entrance and exits with plenty of safe space for trick-or-treaters seeking candy-filled decorated trunks. Children's games organized by adults are also on tap. ~ By D'Ann Tedford