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Holiday Food and Toy Drive In Now Underway

The **Maple Valley Food Bank and Emergency Services'** holiday food and toy drive is underway and the City is a community drop off site -- both at City Hall and Lake Wilderness Lodge. Collection boxes are near the front desks at both locations. Drop off is open now through Wednesday, December 3 during business hours.



Holiday Engines Are Gearing Up To Collect Food Beginning December 5

Santa will be visiting neighborhoods this year in the Maple Valley, Kent, and Covington areas with local Scouts, school, and other youth groups to collect food and donations for the Maple Valley Food Bank. If you would like to make a donation before the Holiday Engines appear in your neighborhood, you can visit one of the foodbanks they will be helping Covington Storehouse, Kent Foodbank and Maple Valley Food Bank.

The Holiday Engines will be out and about for three Fridays and Saturdays starting **December 5, 2025**. Maple Valley Holiday Engine Routes <https://www.holidayengine.org/routes-mv.html> Covington and Kent Holiday Engine Routes can be found at <https://www.holidayengine.org/routes-covington.html> to determine if your neighborhood is on the list of those to be visited, and if so, when.

On the night that you want to follow the Holiday Engines, go to <https://www.holidayengine.org/track.html> and track them in near real time.

The holiday engines with Santas' helpers will again be carrying a card machine this year so that if you like, you can donate to the food bank using your debit or credit card. The same as prior years, a cash boot will be available for donations as well. Thank You!

If you are unable to participate in the fun on those evenings, you can still leave food at your door for local school, sports, or scout groups to pickup. Our helpers will be visiting neighborhoods the week prior to the Engines to hand out fliers and bags reminding community members of the event. If you decide to leave any food on your front porch or step, our helpers that visit the neighborhoods with the Holiday Engines will be sure to pick it up.

Finally, if you are a part of a youth organization, i.e. scouts or a sports team, and would like to help us with the Holiday Engine as we collect food in local neighborhoods, please reach out to us at signup@holidayengine.org.



Holiday FOOD & TOY DRIVE

Holiday Food Needs:
Please no glass jars/containers

- Canned Fruit
- Meal in a Can
- Canned Protein
 - Tuna, Chicken, Salmon, etc
- Cereal
- Rice-a-Roni
- Canned Pineapple

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Join the for the 7th Annual Maple Valley Turkey Trot 5K presented by Cayce Grove Law Offices benefiting the Maple Valley Food Bank! Maple Valley Turkey Trot: Thanksgiving Day 5K Price is \$40 Begins at 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 27, 2025

Registration ends November 24, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
22500 SE 248th St., Maple Valley

The Maple Valley Turkey Trot is a FUN walk or trot Thanksgiving morning through Lake Wilderness Park organized with the intention of coming together as a community during the Thanksgiving holiday to help those in need.

Children in strollers are not required to register (but will not receive shirts). All proceeds raised will go to fund Maple Valley Food Bank Programs as we enter into our organization's busiest season. All ages are welcome! We encourage Thanksgiving costumes & accessories!



Black Diamond Police Reports

On 10/20/2025 Officers were dispatched to a request by phone contact for Suspicious Activity on the 33200 block on 3rd ave. Officers spoke to the reporting party and found it to be a civil problem. Officers advised them on steps to resolve it.

On 10/20/25 Officers responded to a parking complaint on the 32600 block on Ten Trails PKWY SE. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and still currently investigating.

On 10/21/2025, an officer received a photo report for damage that occurred to a vehicle in the 22800 block of SE Fir St. There were no witnesses, video footage, or evidence from the incident. The case is inactive.

On 10/21/2025 Officers responded to the 32800 block of SE Cottonwood St. reference to a verbal domestic violence. Upon arrival an investigation was conducted and it was determined that no crime occurred.

On 10/22/2025, officers were dispatched to an outside agency assist at the 31100 block of 3rd Ave. Officers were requested to make contact with the registered

owner of a vehicle to confirm if they knew of its location. Officers contacted the registered owner and provided the outside agency with their findings.

On 10/22/2025 at approximately 19:19 hours, officers were dispatched to a complaint of loud music at the 23500 block Bakers St. Dispatch advised that the caller reported individuals skate boarding at an elementary school while playing loud music. Officers contacted the skate boarders, advised them of the complaint and they agreed to leave.

On 10/22/2025, Officers were dispatched to a traffic complaint at the 25800 block of Lawson St. Complaint advised that there were persons in the area driving four wheelers on the roadway. Upon arrival the area was checked and the subjects were not located.

On 10/23/2025, officers were notified by BDPD admin of a citizen who requested officer contact via the non emergency line. Officers contacted the citizen who reported property that had been lost in the mail. Officers took a lost property report.

On 10/23/2025, an officer received a call from the King

County Mobile Crisis Team regarding disclosures made to them during a visit in the 32800 block of SE Cottonwood ST. The investigation into the disclosures is ongoing.

On 10/24/2025 at 0758 hours, Officer's responded to a commercial burglary report near the 31100 block of 3rd Avenue. The reporting party stated unwanted subjects unlawfully entered the impound yard to the business after cutting the lock to the gate sometime during the night prior. Officer's interviewed the reporting party and cleared the call soon after.

On 10/24/2025 at 0908 hours, Officer's responded to a welfare check at the intersection of Granite Ct. and Stuart Ave SE. It was reported a female was wandering, appeared lost, and did not know where she lived. After interviewing the female and conducting a search through a law enforcement database, Officer's were able to locate the females residence and transported her home without issue.

On 10/24/2025, officers were notified by BDPD administrative assistants

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An Encouraging Word Taylor Creek Church

By Pastor Jason Katen



Settling Accounts

There is a story told of a farmer in a Midwestern state who had a strong disdain for “religious” things. As he plowed his field on Sunday morning, he would shake his fist at the church people who passed by on their way to worship. October came, and the farmer had his finest crop ever, the best in the country. When the harvest was complete, he placed an advertisement in the local paper that belittled the Christians for their faith in God. Near the end of his diatribe, he wrote, “Faith in God must not mean much if someone like me can prosper.”

The response from the Christians in the community was quiet and polite. In the next edition of the town paper, a small ad appeared. It read simply, “God doesn’t always settle His accounts in October.”

Praise God that He doesn’t settle His accounts quickly but is patient with us and ready to forgive those who call out to Him. The Bible says, “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance” - 2 Peter 3:9.

Unfortunately, there are many like this farmer who live in total disregard for God. To these, the Bible says, “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” - Hebrews 4:13. It further says, “And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,” – Hebrews 9:27.

So then, if there is anything we can be sure of, it is that God will settle accounts. If you haven’t, maybe it’s time you settle things right now. The Bible tells us, “The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Romans 6:23; 10:9,10.

Would you like to know more? Call us at 425-432-0634. We would love to talk with you, pray for you, and help you discover God’s truth and hope for life. Find out more at taylorcreekchurch.org, or join us this Sunday at 9 a.m. for Sunday school and 10:15 a.m. for worship. We are located at 21110 244th Ave. S.E. Maple Valley



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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



At the height of the American football season, we turn our attention to Black Diamond’s 1931 soccer team. But first, a refresher on the three primary styles of football played worldwide. The word “soccer” originated in Britain in the 1880s as a slang abbreviation of “association football,” distinguished from “rugby football,” where players carry the ball. Students at Oxford University created nicknames for those two sports. Association football was shortened to “assoccer,” while rugby football was called “rugger.”

The name soccer was used to differentiate that sport from gridiron football played in North America and Australia. Each gridiron version has its own rules,

including Canadian football and Aussie Rules, but the dominant style is played in the United States.

From its early days in the U.S., soccer was most popular in communities with large populations of European immigrants. Black Diamond’s early demographics were dominated by immigrants from the British Isles, especially Wales, due to their expertise in mining coal. After the area’s economy was established, waves of immigrants from southern and eastern Europe, particularly those from Italy and the Slavic countries, came to work in the coal mines.

Black Diamond’s 1931

soccer team played in the Northwest Soccer League and faced off against Dr. Reid’s Electro Dentists, the Vikings, Carbonado, Maple Leaf, and Everett Vikings. Both the Black Diamond and Carbonado teams were sponsored by Pacific Coast Coal Company, which owned the company towns that operated the mines.

According to a team member, Charles ‘Chick’ Thompson, Black Diamond had a distinctive home-field advantage when opposing teams came to play. The Diamond players had a reputation for fighting after games, particularly when they lost. But after a victory, the players and the opposing team usually ended up in the cellars

of Italian homes, drinking homemade wine called “Dago Red” and having a jolly good time. Thompson explained it best, “If you came to Black Diamond, you were better off losing, because you’d be in a wine cellar drinking free wine, instead of winning and not being able to drink because your jaw hurt like hell.”

Most, but not all the players and coaches in this 1931 Jacobs Photo have been identified. The five men in hats in the back row were not named. From left to right: Coach Henry Babb, John Vargo, Val Sternig, Richard ‘Boots’ Pierotti, unknown, Beans Maroni, Charles ‘Chick’ Thompson, Rudy Dernac, Oren Lile, Jack Chilcott (?), Steve Androsko, Rufus Weston, Arthur Kelly, whose hands rest on Sonny Kelly, and Bill Lipke (kneeling in center). The team players wore a distinctive diamond patch on their uniforms.

In January of that season, with five games left to play, Black Diamond was in third place behind the Vikings, while Dr. Reid’s held a commanding league lead. This photo comes courtesy of the Black Diamond Historical Society, who operate one of the finest small-town museums in Washington. Located at 32627 Railroad Avenue in Black Diamond, the Museum is open Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm, plus Saturdays and Sundays, 11 am - 3 pm. Admission is always free. Additional information is available at <https://www.blackdiamondmuseum.org/>

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