



Chamber Gazette

Serving the Greater Maple Valley – Black Diamond Business Community
Celebrating 44 Years! April 2009

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Luncheon Meeting
Wednesday, April 15th - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
◆◆◆Lake Wilderness Lodge◆◆◆
 25400 Witte Road SE
 RSVP by 10 am on Monday, April 13, 2009

With the Chamber's commitment to bring business tools and resources to its members, Certified Business Advisors Deanna Burnett-Keener and Kirk Davis will present:

"5 Critical Actions To Succeed in a Down Turn"

The Green River Community College Small Business Center (SBAC) is designed to provide technical assistance to small businesses in South King County and North Pierce County areas. As the SBAC offers assessment, referral services, business counseling at no charge, and hands-on training to small business owners and managers.

Deanna Burnett-Keener, Certified Business Advisor

Deanna Burnett-Keener is the Small Business Counselor at the SBAC. Prior to coming to Green River Community College, Deanna was an award-winning lender in the banking community. During her 15 years as a local small business lender, she worked successfully with hundreds of small business owners to overcome obstacles as they started or expanded their businesses.

Kirk J. Davis is a knowledgeable business consultant and business educator who brings his experience as a commercial banker, small business proprietor, and general manager of a national company to improve the financial performance of companies and individuals. Kirk holds a degree in Public Administration from the University of Hawaii. His applied studies and experience in business leadership, strategy, marketing, sales and economics, brings a real-world effectiveness to his business clients.



Areas of Specialization:
 Strategic Business Leadership
 Financial Strategy Development
 Profit, Cash Flow, & Financial Statement Analysis
 Creative Marketing
 Sales Skills Development



Info-mercial: H & L Properties, The Dynamic Duo:
Bob & Cheryl Castagna

Upcoming 'Business After Hours Events'

Covington Creek Nursery, May 13th

Lake Wilderness Golf Course, June 10th

Come meet and greet fellow business people at these casual, festive, social gatherings. If you are interested in hosting a Business After Hours, call the Chamber office today!

2008-2009 Luncheon Costs

Chamber Members at the door \$16
Non Members and Invited Guests \$20
RSVP Luncheon Reservations
 by 10 AM on Monday, April 13, 2009
 Phone 425.432.0222 Fax 425.413.8017
 E-mail: chamber@maplevalley.com

Lunch Menu

Catering by Gloria's

Chicken Cordon Bleu
 Rice Pilaf & Asparagus
 Pasta Salad & Dessert





Dear Fellow Chamber Members,

I cannot believe how fast this year is going, while it is spring the weather still seems like winter. I am assured that we may see the sun sometime soon. I am holding out hope...

My Presidents message this month was spurred by our newest board member, Doug Corbin, at a recent board meeting. It was in regards to what it takes to be effective as a chamber the most important ingredient is YOU! To be good leaders we have to be able to inspire our membership to get involved and engage our members in our collective mission to 'join together for the purpose of providing leadership and promoting a healthy economic base'. Whether it's the President's Dinner, Fishing Derby, Primetime or Business After Hours events, member involvement is the key to the success of our Chamber.

I am formally asking each and every one of you to take steps to get involved. Not only you will help ensure our success as an organization, you will also build your business with the many opportunities to network personally with other members! We need everyone's participation to be successful and we need YOU on our team.

Doug has accepted the position of membership services chair and we all will be asking for your energy and ideas. If there is a specific interest you have or an idea on how to do things more effectively, let us know! Let us all pull together and get involved to ensure we are all successful in what we do. The Chamber Leadership has made the commitment to do our best to inspire all of you to get involved and will be working towards this goal at all if our upcoming events.

Thank you for all your support and please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you in your future success.

Sincerely,


 Bill Woodcock, President

NEW MEMBERS

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After over 40 years of serving Maple Valley, Wilderness Veterinary Clinic has a new name:

**Wilderness Animal Hospital
 23714 222nd Place SE, Suite L
 Maple Valley, 425-432-9975**

Wilderness Veterinary Clinic was started in 1965 by Dr. H.E. Johnson . In 1989 Dr. Linda Reed bought the practice. In 2006, Dr. Melanie Caviness purchased the practice from Dr. Reed. Since purchasing Wilderness Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Caviness has made many updates. She has added a high speed dental machine, digital dental x-rays machine, digital general radiography machine, patient anesthetic monitors, patient warming devices, in house laboratory machines, video otoscopes and blood pressure measurement device, to name a few of the improvements. In addition, staff has been added to increase the level of nursing care available for the patients. Since making these updates, it became clear the practice had outgrown its name.





Saturday, April 25th
Maple Valley's Annual Opening Day Trout Derby & Fishermen's Breakfast At Lake Wilderness
Friday, April 24th, 5pm Camping in The Park

Thank You to our Big Fish Sponsors:

Johnson's Home and Garden,
John L. Scott Maple Valley & Mortgage Master of Maple Valley
JR Hayes & Sons and R&H Mining
Claffey's Painting & Mold Solutions N.W.

Go to: www.maplevalley.com and click on "Hooked On Fishing" for more information.

Featured Member Benefit:

Jim Hebert's Power Point Presentation 'South King County, Maple Valley/Black Diamond Economic Forecast' is available free to all Chamber members! E-mail the Chamber at: Chamber@maplevalley.com, to request it.

Coming Soon! Office Depot's Affinity Program, a new member benefit!

- ◆ Up to 83% off 223 key items on your "Best Buy List" ◆ Up to 10% off retail pricing on general catalog items ◆
- ◆ Up to 20% off tech items through Tech Depot ◆ Up to 20% off copy print items ◆ Up to 10% promotional products ◆
- ◆ Access to private website for order placement ◆ Free next-day delivery of in-stock items for orders over \$50 ◆
- ◆ In-store discounts ◆ Additional discounts based on order size ◆ No contract or sign-on fees ◆

The 2009 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Maps Are Here!!!

Pick up your free supply today at the Chamber Office today. Make them available to all your customers and clients!

Be a stop on the way in Maple Valley's Amazing Race!

May 2, 2009 9am-6pm

- ◆ Host a Stop ◆ Create a Challenge ◆ Give the Teams a Task! ◆ Create Some Excitement! ◆ Have Fun!
- ◆ Your customers become the audience for Maple Valley's Amazing Race! ◆
- ◆ Participating businesses get a logo on the event banner at the Start/Finish line!! ◆

Sign Up Today! Kimberly Walker, kimberlyw@maplevalleycc.org or Kristiane Byers kristiane@maplevalleycc.org; MVCC youth Program Staff; 425.432.1272

East King County Chambers Coalition

Our Chamber's delegates for the East King County Chambers Coalition are: Bill Woodcock, W Real Estate Service; Bryan Kelley, Valley Automotive Electric; Shane Davies, Windermere Real Estate Maple Valley and Sue VanRuff, Executive Director. For the coalition's 2009 Legislative Agenda and information go to: <http://www.eastkingchambers.org> Please contact Sue VanRuff if you have any questions at: 425-432-0222 or e-mail her at Chamber@maplevalley.com

News from the AWB

PRIORITY LEGISLATION-SB5963

Unemployment insurance bill remains in jeopardy

Amendments to the unemployment insurance reform measure, SSB 5963, would add a permanent increase in the UI benefit and make it easier for people who voluntarily quit their jobs to receive benefits. The changes, made in the House Commerce and Labor Committee, mean the employer community can no longer support this bill. What started as an agreed upon solution to reduce the impact of necessary changes to our system in order to meet federal conformity requirements now contains elements that reflect labor's desire to increase UI benefits and raise UI taxes. An additional change to the language also eliminates the tight parameters under which an individual may voluntarily quit employment and receive UI benefits. This change negates protections to ensure employees do not receive UI benefits for quitting their job in response to a personal rather than employment related issue.

The employer community is united in fighting these detrimental changes to the bill. Contact your legislators and ask them to vote against the House Commerce and Labor Committee amendment and vote in favor of SSB 5963 as it passed the Senate.

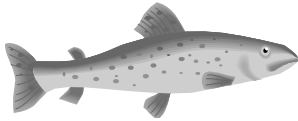
Donna Steward, Government Affairs Director, AWB
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Chamber Calendar

Apr 8 Business After Hours, 5:00-7:00pm
Stone Canyon Design

Apr 10 Business Development Committee Meeting
Windermere, Maple Valley 9:30-10:45am

Apr 15 Chamber Luncheon, 11:30am-1:00pm
Lake Wilderness Lodge

Apr 16 Derby Meeting, 1:00-2:00pm
Lake Wilderness Lodge

Apr 23 Derby Meeting, 1:00-2:00pm
Lake Wilderness Lodge

Apr 24 Camping in the Park, Hooked on Fishing
5:00pm, Lake Wilderness Park

Apr 25 Fishing Derby, 12:01am—Noon
Lake Wilderness Park

May 13 Business After Hours,
Covington Creek Nursery

For more information on these and other community events visit our website. To request an event to be posted on the website, simply click on “*Submit a New Event*”, complete the information form and click on the “Submit for Approval” button. It is that easy!

We are driving business home to
www.maplevalley.com &
www.blackdiamondwachamber.org

City Council Meetings

City of Black Diamond
First and Third Thursdays of every month,
Public Comment
7:00 pm, Black Diamond Council Chambers City Hall
www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us

City of Maple Valley
First and Third Mondays—study sessions
Second and Fourth Mondays—regular sessions, Public Comment
7:00 pm, Tahoma School District Board Room
www.ci.maple-valley.wa.us

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