



Chamber Gazette

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Luncheon Meeting
Wednesday, January 21 - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
*****Lake Wilderness Golf Course*****
 25400 Witte Road
 RSVP by 10 am on Monday, January 19, 2009

Join us in hearing the presentation by City of Maple Valley Interim City Manager Christy Todd and former City Manager, Anthony Hemstad ----- the possibilities of a DMU Commuter Rail Service reconnecting Maple Valley, Black Diamond, Covington and Auburn!

What is a DMU? Diesel Multiple Units (DMU) are self-propelled passenger railcars for commuter rail or intercity rail services. DMUs contain propulsion engines and passenger seating in one railcar, being much more efficient for smaller runs than using locomotives to haul passenger coaches. DMUs can use *existing infrastructure* on current freightlines without need for overhead electric lines. Leveraging existing infrastructure for commuter purposes is cost-effective, preserves resources and helps in the fight against global warming by giving commuters a rail option in one of the State's fastest growing areas.

Why now? Another roughly 50,000 residents are expected in the greater Black Diamond, Covington and Maple Valley area in the coming years. The existing road infrastructure is already overburdened with the rapid growth of past decades. DMUs are potentially a cost effective way to add transportation capacity, giving commuters options. Planning now is needed to ensure this is in place to meet anticipated future growth.

PLUS

The East King County Chambers of Commerce Coalition presented its 2009 Legislative Agenda at a Coalition breakfast on Thursday, January 15, at the Bellevue Hyatt. Delegates from our Chamber in attendance were Bill Woodcock, Chamber board president with W Real Estate Services, Bryan Kelley of Valley Auto & Electric; Sue VanRuff, Chamber Executive Director, and Kevin Kalberg, our incoming board president and Coalition Chairperson. (Coalition delegate, Shane Davies with Windermere Real Estate was unable to attend). The Greater Maple Valley-Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce is a new member of the Coalition and worked with the other member chambers in preparing this year's agenda in a series of monthly meetings beginning at the close of last year's legislative session. Kevin Kalberg will give a brief overview of the agenda at this month's luncheon. To review the complete agenda, please go to [www. http://www.eastkingchambers.org](http://www.eastkingchambers.org), click on Publications and then '2009 Legislative Agenda'.

PLUS

Who are you, what do you do, and what's working for you????? We are allotting time for full member introductions as this month's luncheon! And in the search for the positive in this negative economic environment, you can tell us one thing that's working for you!

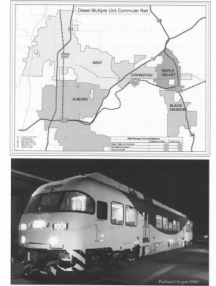
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2008-2009 Luncheon Costs

Chamber Members at the door \$16
Non Members and Invited Guests \$20
RSVP Luncheon Reservations
 by 10 AM on Monday, January 19, 2009
 Phone 425.432.0222 Fax 425.413.8017
 E-mail chamber@maplevalley.com

Lunch Menu

Lasagna
 Caesar Salad & Garlic Bread
 Fruit Salad
 Dessert





Dear Fellow Members,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. With all the snow and time off school, I was excited for my kids to go back! But what a white Christmas! I have lived in Washington most of my life and can't remember so much snow down here in the low lands.

The New Year is here now and it is time to get back to business. At the Chamber we are trying to discover new and innovative ways to help you, our members, succeed. A few of your fellow members just attended the East King County Chambers of Commerce Legislative Coalition Breakfast this past week and listened to our State Representatives and Senators share their plans with us for this upcoming session. Together with the ten other Coalition member chambers, we shared our priorities with them and heard their feedback on what we had to say.

The top priorities we emphasized were Business Taxation, Economic Development and Transportation. Coalition Chair and our Chamber's President Elect, Kevin Kalberg, will be sharing some info with you at the January luncheon at Lake Wilderness GOLF COURSE. We also have printed copies of the 2009 Legislative agenda that will be handed out at the lunch or feel free to swing by the Chamber office to pick one up.

All in all, we will all need to work very hard this year to ensure the success of our businesses. My company's approach this year is to "pretend it is our first year in business". Remember how hard you worked the first year you started or joined your business? I do. It definitely means a change of priorities. Don't wait for a stimulus package or the next good headline. Do it yourself! One coach I had said the market is defined as me and the person in front of me and the product/service I sell. Nothing else. Sounds simple doesn't it? It can be if you adjust your paradigm.

I am sure we can all make it a great year for business, if we work hard, keep our heads down, and stick together. I wish you all the best in this New Year!

Bill Woodcock
President,
Greater Maple Valley-Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting & Open House:

Riada Staffing Options

You are Invited!

Thursday, January 22nd , 4-7 pm
23220 Maple Valley Hwy SE (next to Gloria's)
<http://www.riadastaffing.com>

Welcome New Member:

Cenex Convenience Store

32632 3rd Ave.

Black Diamond

360-886-2316

Manager: Betty Scheetz



Diana Ludke

Maple Valley Office Supply closes

We have just closed our store after 2-1/2 years of operation. We would like to thank all of the many customers that supported us (Jack and Kim, J, Dr. Bobby, Becky, Dr. Stacy, Drs. Danny & Joel, Brad, Tina, Mark, Kathy, just to name a few, I could go on, and all of the others, you know who you are) for not only "talking the talk, but walking the walk" as well. I was again reminded of that phrase early on from one of our great customers. We continue to encourage all of the citizens of Maple Valley to support your local merchants, especially in these trying times that are ahead of us, and please keep your dollars in our community where they belong. And Maple Valley, please give the citizens the opportunity to spend their dollars locally by moving forward quickly with development.

I had the opportunity, through the Chamber, to meet, and work, with so many fine people. I learned so much and also had a great time working, and playing, with all of the board members, as well as all of the local business that are Chamber Members. The Chamber, with the direction from Sue, is a strong advocate for your business, and they truly believe in that. And last, but certainly not least, we would like to thank our landlord Jim (Flynn), for his support and encouragement, and his generosity and flexibility.

Butch and Diana
Formerly Maple Valley Office Supply

KUMMER BRIDGE CLOSURE MEETING & NOTICE

WSDOT will present bridge repair diagrams and timelines at the

City of Black Diamond Council Chambers

Thursday, January 15th, 7pm

25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond

Economic Help For Businesses Affected by the Krummer Bridge Closure

Timothy Doyle from King County Office of Emergency Management has notified us that the County has just received the declaration of economic injury to businesses due to the extended bridge closure. Watch for a press release and the opening of a claims office by the Small Business Administration in the City of Black Diamond.

For more information on the bridge closure, go to <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR169/GreenRiverRepair/default.htm>

Member Benefit

Are you making the most of your free webpage with ChamberMaster??

Chamber staff has noticed that some of our members haven't been using one of the best benefits of membership . . . your free webpage on www.maplevalley.com & www.blackdiamondwachamber.org! If you are one of the many members who already use this member benefit, now would be a great time to review or update your webpage information.

GO TO: www.chambermaster.com. Click on customer log in, enter your log in name and password. If you need your log in name or password, please contact the Chamber office at 425-432-0222 or e-mail us at: chamber@maplevalley.com for that information. **GO TO:** <http://www.maplevalley.com/newsletters/chambermasterwebpage> to get the complete instructions to set up your free webpage.

Lake Wilderness Lodge Closes for Renovations

The Main Lodge is closed from January through the end of March of 2009 for interior renovations, mechanical and electrical refits. The Lodge will be getting new streamlined HVAC units and electrical sun screening shades on the Main floor. There will be new carpeting, paint and upgrades to the current sound system. During the Main Lodge closure staff will strive to keep the Parks & Recreation office open during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm, with some exceptions for constructions projects that involve affected offices. Yoga and karate classes will continue in the Wilderness Room and some limited rentals and community meetings in our conference rooms. For reservations and information contact Tannley DeVincent, Lodge Manager, tannley.devincent@ci.maple-valley.wa.us or 425-432-9953.

****DURING THE REMODEL THE CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEONS WILL BE AT THE LAKE WILDERNESS GOLF COURSE****

KIDS FOR COATS, TEAM TAHOMA

TEAM TAHOMA is looking for children's coats and winter wear (mittens, hats, scarves). The collected items will be distributed to children in need within the Greater Maple Valley Community during the 2008/2009 fall and winter seasons starting now. If you have a child who has outgrown his or her coat or winter wear, please consider donating it to Team Tahoma by contacting Janet Pennacchi at janet@teamtahoma.org or 425.530.2527



Save the Date! Saturday, April 25th

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

The Greater Maple Valley - Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Maple Valley Rotary and the City of Maple Valley, presents the 7th annual celebration of opening day trout season on Lake Wilderness! The fun begins at 5pm on Friday afternoon with tent camping in Lake Wilderness Park. The fishing derby and Rotary breakfast begin at 12:01am (that's right!) on Saturday, concluding at noon.

Promote your business at this phenomenal community event!

This year's tagged fish is sponsored by Automated Networking!

With that sponsorship, Automated Networking has the naming rights and has dubbed this year's tagged fish, "Sir Lucas". If caught prior to noon on April 25th, the cash prize is \$300. If "Sir Lucas" is still swimming free after the derby, Automated Networking is offering a \$100 **season long** bounty but only if a \$5 tagged fish ticket is presented with "Sir Lucas". **Thank you, Steve Fevold and Giles Nelson and the entire team (David, Jim, Lucas and Kevin) at Automated Networking for being "Hooked On Fishing!"**.

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

For sponsorship opportunities and volunteer fun, please call Sue on her cell at 206.856.1342!



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“The best way to predict
the future is to create it”
- Peter Drucker

Chamber Calendar

Jan 15 WSDOT Krummer Bridge Meeting
Black Diamond Council Chambers 7 pm

Fishing Derby Meeting
Lake Wilderness Lodge 1:00 pm

Jan 21 Chamber Membership Luncheon
Lake Wilderness Golf Course 11:30am–1:00pm

Jan 22 Ribbon Cutting/Open House-Riada Staffing
23220 Maple Valley Hwy SE (near Gloria’s)
4:00-7:00 pm—ribbon cutting at 4:00

Feb 11 Chamber Day
Capitol Campus , Olympia 8:00-6:45 pm

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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