



# Chamber Gazette

Serving the Greater Maple Valley – Black Diamond Business Community  
July 2009

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**Tahoma Athletic Club and Maple Valley Market**  
**'Business During Hours'**  
**Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am-1pm**  
23836 222nd Pl SE Suite 200, Wilderness Village



**This is something new for July!**

In lieu of our regular monthly luncheon, join us for a complete tour of the **Tahoma Athletic Club** in Wilderness Village while enjoying some samplings from the new deli at **Maple Valley Market**. This event promises to be a real treat!

Come tour the club and see the state of the art cardio and weight training equipment. All of the cardio equipment features individual television broadcast. TAC also offers group fitness classes, personal training, personalized nutrition plans, monitored child-care, tanning, massage therapy on site and heated yoga! The locker rooms have private showers with bath towel service available at the front desk. Shop the pro shop for special product offerings. First time guests that join on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> will receive free enrollment! This is an \$85.79 value.

Mark Hagood, owner of Maple Valley Market in downtown historic Maple Valley near the Cedar River is very excited about the store's newly remodeled deli area. Deli Coordinator and Catering Director, Eric Elmer, creates fresh daily offerings including salads, appetizers, and entrees for both the traditional and vegetarian customer. Eric is also a master at creating custom deli trays with fresh fruits, gourmet cheeses, wonderful breads, and a variety of specially prepared veggies. Come sample some of these treats at this 'Business During Hours' event!

## **Welcome to PrimeTime for Shopping, Food, Services, & Fun!**

*Presented by the Greater Maple Valley-Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce*  
Are you ready for PrimeTime? A tabletop space is waiting for you to showcase your business to other members and the general public. And this year, it's half the price! \$25 for half a table; *Free* to Restaurants & Caterers providing appetizers and sampling! Registration deadline, Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>!

**When: Wednesday, August 19, 2009**

**Time: 4:28pm – 7:28pm**

**Where: Lake Wilderness Lodge –  
22500 SE 248<sup>th</sup> St.  
Maple Valley, 98038**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

(Chamber Corner, Voice of the Valley, July 7, 2009)

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new president of the Greater Maple Valley-Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce. My name is Kevin Kalberg and I am the General Manager of Claffey's Painting and the President of Mold Solutions NW. I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation native Washingtonian and 4<sup>th</sup> generation business owner and I live here in Maple Valley. This year I am especially excited by the challenge of the current economy and the opportunities that will exist for those businesses who survive. These survivors will be the community leaders and business owners who lead us out of this recession. These will be the businesses that make up the landscape of Maple Valley and Black Diamond for years to come.

The idea of shopping locally is not a new one; it has been around for a long time and you can tell those cities and towns that subscribe to it because their businesses are thriving and they aren't losing a lot of dollars to neighboring areas. You can also see when it doesn't work by the blocks and blocks of vacant store fronts and empty buildings. What else does shopping locally provide? First, ever wonder where a lot of those sponsorships for community events, school activities and sports teams come from? They come from the business community. We have a lot of great business here in the area run by some even greater people. These businesses and owners sponsor baseball teams, the fishing derby, Maple Valley Days and support our local charities. Second, shopping locally ensures a base of goods and services in a close proximity to your home. I recently looked through the chamber directory online ([www.maplevalley.com](http://www.maplevalley.com) and [www.blackdiamondwachamber.org](http://www.blackdiamondwachamber.org)) trying to find an electrician and I was amazed at the depth and quality of the goods and services right here in our greater community. This sense of a small town is why many of us decided to make Maple Valley and Black Diamond our home. It is also why we should ensure that in the years to come the things we need are here close to us. Finally it is about a community of residents, businesses and organizations working together to fulfill all the needs a community requires; it is friends helping friends and neighbors helping neighbors.

So when you are making a choice for a painter, plumber, insurance agent, gas station, realtor, restaurant, bank, doctor, lawyer, dentist, grocery store, espresso stand, hardware store, and hundreds of other great businesses think local, think about those who sponsor your schools, your teams, your local charities and those who work every day to support your community. It is time we make a conscious choice to support our businesses that support us. I challenge everyone reading this to join me and shop locally.

Regards,

Kevin Kalberg  
Board President

**New Board Members seated July 1:** Doug Corbin, Puget Sound Energy; Patti Jenson, Allstate, The Jenson Agency@Four Corners; Karen Crowe, EnviroSpect NW

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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## Will you be included in the 2009-10 Preferred Business Directory?

**LISTINGS AND ADVERTISING IN THIS DIRECTORY ARE AVAILABLE TO  
CHAMBER MEMBERS ONLY! RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!**

**DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO OF A COMMUNITY EVENT, ACTIVITY, OR LANDMARK?  
SUBMISSIONS JUST MIGHT BE CHOSEN TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S DIRECTORY.**

**CALL OR E-MAIL THE CHAMBER OFFICE TODAY! 425.432.0222, CHAMBER@MAPLEVALLEY.COM**

Please see the insert in this newsletter for **Hot Deals** celebrating the **Re-Opening of the Kummer Bridge** or go to [www.blackdiamondwachamber.org](http://www.blackdiamondwachamber.org) or [www.maplevalley.com](http://www.maplevalley.com) and click on Hot Deals. Submit your special promotion by going to your member page via [www.chambermaster.com](http://www.chambermaster.com), log in, create a 'Hot Deal' and submit it! If you need assistance, please call Susie in the Chamber office, 425.432.0222.

### UPCOMING 'BUSINESS AFTER HOURS' EVENTS

**Kriss Chiropractic, Sawyer's Village  
Wednesday, August 12 4:30-6:30pm**

Join us in exploring the new office suite of Dr. Phil Kriss. Dr. Kriss is committed to bringing you better health and a better way of life by teaching and practicing the true principles of chiropractic wellness care.

*Come to Connect, Communicate, & Collaborate*

with other business leaders in the community in a relaxed, social gathering.



Get LinkedIn to other Chamber members! Share your leads and contacts with other business leaders in the community as well as make or receive a referral; Join or start a discussion. Chamber member, Chantel Wolters, CID of Décor & You is helping us administrate this networking group. This is a new activity for us; help insure its success by keeping discussions professional, positive and informative. We look forward to being LinkedIn with YOU!

### Business Information at Your Fingertips @ [www.kcls.org](http://www.kcls.org)

Did you know that King County Library System hosts a great selection of databases just for business owners and investors? For a full list of databases, visit [www.kcls.org](http://www.kcls.org). Select DATABASES, and then under the Subject List of Databases, choose "Business, Economics and Investing." The contents of each database is described next to each link. Access to all these databases are free--all you need is a KCLS library card. ReferenceUSA, just one of many such databases, is a special favorite among business owners.

#### Why business owners love ReferenceUSA

[ReferenceUSA](http://www.referenceusa.com) is a collection of searchable indexes--including both residential and business listings. But the key to its consistent popularity is the **US Business** section. Business owners can use the database to create custom lists of prospective clients based on business type codes (SIC and NAIC), location, number of employees, and a host of business characteristics. Prospective business owners can conduct market research by identifying potential competitors and suppliers within their geographic area.

Included in each business record in ReferenceUSA are a host of details: number of employees, revenues, credit ratings, parent companies, and lots more. ReferenceUSA features an export tool that builds beautifully rendered spreadsheets for our patrons to save, print, or email for future use. Patrons in our libraries are able to export up to 50 entries per export; when accessing the database from outside the library, patrons may export up to 25 entries per export.

*For more information on how to access resources available at the King County Library, contact Catherine Lord Managing Librarian, Black Diamond Community Liaison, Black Diamond / Covington / Maple Valley King County Library System 360-886-1105 [cathlord@kcls.org](mailto:cathlord@kcls.org)*



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*Thank you, Kevin,  
 for your years of  
 service on the  
 board of directors*

## Chamber Calendar

- July 10 **Business Development Committee**  
 Maple Valley, Windermere  
 9:30am-10:45am
  
- July 15 **Business DURING Hours, Join us at the Club!**  
 Tahoma Athletic Club & Maple Valley Market  
 11:30am-1pm
  
- Aug 12 **Board Meeting, Windermere, Maple Valley**  
 11:30am-1pm  
**Business After Hours—Kris Chiropractic**  
 4:30pm - 6:30pm
  
- Aug 19 **General Chamber Membership Luncheon**  
 11:30am - 1:00pm  
**PRIME TIME for Shopping, Food, Services & Fun!**  
 4:28pm - 7:28pm
  
- Oct 2 **President's Dinner, Bahama Breeze, LW Lodge**  
 6-11pm

## Black Diamond Miners Days *July 11th*

**"Smoke-N-Fire" BBQ Cook-Off**    **"Flaming Geyser" Chili Cook-Off**  
**PACIFIC NORTHWEST**                      \$5 Sampling: Noon Saturday  
**BBQ ASSOCIATION**                      **Judging 12:30 pm**  
**Saturday Noon-5pm**                      **Awards 3 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.maplevally.com](http://www.maplevally.com) &  
[www.blackdiamondwachamber.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.ci.maple-valley.wa.us)

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 Size of insert 8.5x11 can be double sided, light weight paper.  
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