

**October 2013**

## Landsburg Mine Cleanup

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On Monday, October 7, the Area Council held its monthly meeting. Topics discussed included: (1) Landsburg Mine Cleanup; (2) School District Boundary Dispute; and (3) Area Council Model Train Show.

### Public Comments

Former Area Council member Bill Beck spoke of the update to the King County Solid Waste Plan. Bill serves on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The County is looking at eight different scenarios for Transfer Stations. In all cases the Renton Transfer Station would be closed. Some options look at some a small facility, e.g., drop box, small transfer station, etc., in our local area.

Former Area Council member Dave Fields announced the Maple Valley Sheriff's Station located at the northeast corner of SE 231st St and SR-169 will reopen in January.

### Landsburg Mine Cleanup Plan

Jerome Cruz of the Northwest Regional Office of the Toxics Cleanup Program announced that the State Department of Ecology is planning for the cleanup of the Landsburg Mine site in Ravensdale.

A Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24, from 6:30 - 8:30 at Tahoma Junior High School in Ravensdale. Public Comments will be taken between October 11 and November 11. [Comments can be sent directly to Mr. Cruz by email](#) or to 3190 -160th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98008.

[More information is available here.](#)

### School District Boundary Dispute

The Area Council submitted written comments and presented oral testimony to the Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) Board in support of the Tahoma School District (TSD) in its efforts to retain a piece of its territory in Black Diamond. The Enumclaw School District petitioned to shift its boundary north into TSD to capture potential future revenues.

Both school districts agreed the territory in dispute is slated to be the commercial section of the proposed Lawson Hills Master Planned Development and, thus, has no students, nor will it ever have in the future. Both school districts also agreed the territorial dispute was solely about money.

On October 3 the PSESD Board voted unanimously in TSD's favor and, thus, TSD's boundaries will stay intact.

### Train Show

On the weekend of October 19, and Sunday, October 20, from 10 AM - 5 PM the Area Council will hold its 16th Annual Model Train Show at Gracie Hanson Community Center at 27132 SE Ravensdale Way in Ravensdale.

The Train Show provides a wonderful opportunity for local train enthusiasts of all ages. All gauges of model trains are available for viewing. There are many different train layouts, both large and small, displayed throughout both floors of the facility. There is also a train that children can ride on.

This is the largest operating-only model train show in King County and perhaps the northwest. The show is designed to demonstrate that model trains are a viable and enjoyable hobby for people of all ages. Model trains encourage children especially to be more curious about the world around them and to learn more about math, physics, history, electricity, and art.

### Next Area Council Meeting

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month. A Public Comment period at the beginning of each meeting provides citizens an opportunity to voice issues of concern to Area Council members and government officials in attendance. Next monthly meeting: Monday, November 4, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the Fire Station at 231st St & SR-169.

\*\*\* NOTE: If you live in the Tahoma School District outside the City of Maple Valley, you are eligible to apply to become a member of the Area

Council. Interested Rural Area citizens can send a brief letter of interest to GMVUAC, P.O. Box 101, Maple Valley, WA 98038 or an [e-mail](#).