

**October 2015**

## Community Events and News

by Peter Rimbos, Corresponding Secretary

On Monday, October 5, the Area Council held its regular monthly meeting. Topics discussed included: Annual Train Show, Community Service Grants, and Citizens' Survey and Area Council Election.

### Public Comment

Lisa Chase of 240th Ave SE stated the rezone of the currently isolated Industrial zoned land at the southend of her road will be addressed by the King County Council at its November 2 meeting. It was noted such a rezone has no bearing on the current permit application for Marijuana Processing and Manufacturing Facilities on that property. Ms. Chase's Neighborhood Group has yet to see a response from the Applicant to King County Department of Permitting and Environmental Review's recent most set of technical questions.

### Annual Operating Model Train Show

The Area Council finalized plans for the show to be held October 17 and 18 at the Gracie Hansen Community Center, 27132 SE Ravensdale Way, Ravensdale. There will be operating model trains featuring many creative layouts in many gauges. Members of the Public can also bring their own trains to run on tracks that will be laid out.

### Community Service Grants

King County provides an annual opportunity for organizations in unincorporated areas to seek Grants for beneficial initiatives. The Area Council decided to seek 2016 Grants to help support two worthy local community activities: Annual Train Show in Ravensdale and Playground Site Development in Hobart.

### Citizens' Survey / Area Council Election / Newsletter

The Area Council agreed the Biannual Citizens' Survey will be mailed to all registered voters in the unincorporated area of the Tahoma School District in November. For the first time, there will be the option to complete and submit the Survey online. Survey results are used to help keep abreast of citizen concerns and to better direct communications with County and other government officials.

Also included will be a Ballot to elect your Area Council members, a Newsletter, and a Map of the Area Council's four Community Areas. Citizens are requested to take a few minutes to vote for their Area Council members and to respond to the short Survey.

### Committee Reports

The Growth Management Committee reviewed two items: (1) City of Covington annexation of 75 acres of unincorporated land just north of the proposed Hawk Property Master-Planned Development at the northwest corner of the SR-18/SR-516 intersection (In January 2014 the Area Council testified before the Covington City Council on related traffic impacts) and (2) A proposed Waste Recycling Facility just east of SR-18 between SE 288th St and SE 296th St (The Area Council is concerned about unincorporated land zoned Residential being reverse-zoned to Industrial).

The Transportation Committee reviewed two items: (1) Speeding through Hobart on the Issaquah-Hobart Rd will be the subject of an Area Council-requested Study by King County Department of Transportation and (2) Transportation Committee member, Peter Rimbos, has been appointed to the newly formed Black Diamond City Council's Traffic and Transportation AdHoc Committee.

The Environment Committee reviewed two items: (1) Historic Signs soon will be erected at Ravensdale Park and nearby trails and (2) The 100th Anniversary of the Ravensdale mine disaster will be honored on November 16.

### Next Area Council Meeting

Monday, November 2, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Fire Station (SE corner of SE 231st St & SR-169 intersection). Meetings are held the first non-holiday Monday of each month. A Public Comment period at the beginning of each meeting provides an opportunity to voice issues of concern to Area Council members and government officials in attendance.

