

Greater Maple Valley/Cedar River Area News

Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council citizens' survey

The GMVUAC's Biennial Survey was conducted online from November 20 to December 15. Results from the Survey are used by the GMVUAC to help articulate to government agencies issues of importance to citizens—planning, zoning, development, traffic, economics, water, and sewage. Results will be released to the Public in January.

Asphalt Facility

The GMVUAC submitted a set of detailed Comments to the King County Department of Permitting & Environmental Review calling for a rejection of Lakeside Industries' permit application to move its Asphalt Facility from the Urban Growth Area (Covington) to the Rural Area between Renton and Maple Valley. Rationale centered on policy conflicts with the King County Comprehensive Plan and a number of environmental issues.

Rural Economic Opportunities

The first all King County Rural Area UAC-Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Economic Opportunities meeting was held on November 28. PSRC Executive Director, Josh Brown, described the newly approved four-County *Regional Economic Strategies*. Discussion focused on: Protection of the environment and quality of life including compatible zoning; Traffic congestion primarily caused by intercity commuting through the Rural Area; Lack of Rural Area services; and Identification of impediments to rural business opportunities.

Upcoming Community Meetings

Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC)

Monday Jan. 8, 7-9 p.m.

Maple Valley Fire Station

SE corner of SE 231st St & SR-169 intersection

Maple Valley, WA

January 8 meeting: Special Guests will be our new Police Precinct Commander Major Daniel Pingrey and Kevin Patterson and Rob Morrow of the Tahoma School District. Candidates for membership on the GMVUAC, identified through our Citizens' Survey, will be interviewed, elected, and sworn in. New Officers for 2018 will be elected by the Council.