

What is the Four Creeks UAC?

The Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council is one of six formally recognized citizen councils in King County. It represents residents of the unincorporated area between Renton, Issaquah, Newcastle, and Maple Valley. The area is divided into eleven districts, each represented by one member, with four additional at-large members.

The Unincorporated Area Councils are great ways to get involved in issues relevant to the unincorporated areas in King County even if you have never been involved in local issues before. The leadership in the UAC has extensive background and connections in all levels of county and state government and is proactive in bringing agencies and representatives to the council. A typical UAC meeting includes discussion of pertinent issues concerning our area such as public safety, traffic, land use, access to county programs, etc.; and provide an opportunity for area residents to voice their concerns and raise issues with the appropriate county agencies. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the May Valley Alliance Church, located at 16431 SE Renton-Issaquah Road (SR-900). However, the next meeting will be held on November 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. UACs generally have greater access to King County Council and Administrative departments than most individual citizens.

More information is available at our website: <http://www/fourcreeks.org>

Get Informed. Have a Voice in Your Community. Join Us at Our Regular Meetings!

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

District 1: This position will be vacated by November, 2007. Write-in candidates are welcome.

District 3: This position has recently become open. Write-in candidates are welcome.

Tom Carpenter (District 5): This is a critical time for the plateau east of Renton, both inside the Renton city limits and in the unincorporated areas. For close to a decade, growth has been having a devastating affect on quality of life in the area, much of which results from having an "urban" designation under Washington State's Growth Management Act. This designation encourages urban-type development REGARDLESS of whether we're inside or outside the Renton City Limits.

We also have neighbors in the rural areas including May Valley. What happens there is of interest. Keeping those areas rural with rural character and rural economics is an important issue we on the plateau can't ignore.

We also shed water into both May Creek and Cedar River Basins. Changes in surface and ground water flows, erosion, basin flooding, and water quality are all our responsibilities as good upstream neighbors.

Our neighborhood has significant north-south and east-west road connectors which, coupled with growth, makes transportation a special challenge.

Our mission as members of the Four Creeks UAC is to be involved and represent our neighborhoods well.

My wife and I have lived on the plateau for over 30 years. During that time we've enjoyed the character of the neighborhood and have loved living here. I've been a member of the Four Creeks UAC for 2 years and currently chair their Growth Management Committee. Other assignments include the King Conservation District Advisory Committee, the Cedar-Sammamish Basin Technical Committee, and the King County Transportation Concurrency Expert Review Panel.

Marshall Brenden (District 7): 45 Year resident of Four Creeks. Running for re-election having served the Council since 2002.

Sharon Schimke (District 9): My husband, Gary Schimke, CPA, and I have lived in Maple Hills for 40 years. Our four sons and two daughters attended Issaquah schools. We have 20 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. I have served as a King County precinct committee officer for over 30 years, also working in the King County polls as an inspector and judge for the same time span. For 18 years I served as chief dispatcher for the luggage delivery company for Sea-Tac airport. My husband and I went to Latvia to serve as short-term missionaries at our church's sister church children's camp. For many years I worked as Director of South King County Pioneer Girls, a Christian girls club. I also worked as the director in my own church for several years. I firmly believe in serving God, my country, my community, and my local church. For the past 3 years I have served as District 9 council member, the position I am again running for. It is my desire to serve you for an additional 2 years.

District 10: This position will be vacated by November, 2007. Write-in candidates are welcome.

District 11: This position has recently become open. Write-in candidates are welcome.

Pete Eberle (At-Large position 1): My name is Pete Eberle and I am seeking election to the Four Creeks UAC in one of the at large positions. I have lived at 18225 SE 147th St for 20 years and in the same Neighborhood for over 30 years. I grew up in Coalfield and attended Issaquah Schools. My Wife Deborah have two grown children, one of which lives on Tiger Mountain. One daughter works at Briarwood Elementary Schools before and after school program. I am a retired Chief Engineer for the Alaska Marine Highway System for whom I worked for 31 years. I now have time to devote to my community and would like to be part of the solution for the future. I have worked as a poll Judge at the Briarwood polling place at different times over the last 15 years. My wife Debi and I are active members of the CARE organization. I am familiar with the history and growth of this area. I would like to see responsible growth that maintains the rural flavor of our area. Our neighborhood is a crossroads and faces many challenges in transportation issues and development. Careful analysis and thoughtfulness is needed to maintain our quality of life. Over the past year I have attended several UAC meetings and believe that I can provide valuable input to the process. Thank you for your support

Edie Jorgensen (At-Large position 3): Change is all around and among us. Growth in Washington and development in our immediate area will happen as others want it or as we influence it. Living near the Issaquah-Hobart road I see and feel the commuter traffic backlogged from the south parts of the county into the Issaquah/I-90 corridor. Each time more development occurs in the Maple Valley area, it affects the Four Creeks area. The Comprehensive Plan Update underway for 2008 is proposing a change that may lead to 3000 new homes being built on a 160 acre parcel by the City of Maple Valley. There is neither infrastructure (water, sewer, roads, schools) nor jobs there to absorb that kind of growth. The impact of that kind of action could lead to a significant decrease in the quality of daily life for most of you/us in the Four Creeks area, just by traffic alone. I am concerned that clearing that much land and filling it so full of homes, cars and people will degrade our air and water quality.

I would like to hear about your concerns and continue the discussion about the community needs and interests of you my neighbors. Please come join the conversation.

I joined the Four Creeks UAC in 2003 and have served as President, Vice-President and Treasurer during different times. I also serve on the Issaquah Creek Valley Groundwater Protection Committee. My husband and I have lived on Tiger Mountain since 1994. I am a retired bureaucrat and have some time and skills that can help the Council function.

BALLOT – Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council Election

November 6, 2007

WE MAIL ONLY ONE BALLOT PER HOUSEHOLD. IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE REGISTERED, ELIGIBLE VOTER IN THE HOUSEHOLD, THIS BALLOT MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED.

INSTRUCTIONS: Registered voters who are residents of the Four Creeks UAC are eligible to vote for **one candidate in their district AND two candidates for the At-Large positions**. All terms are for 2 years except District 10, which is for 1 year. Successful candidates in this election will begin serving with the November 14, 2007 regular meeting.

- Write-in candidates are encouraged (please include contact information). All candidates must be registered voters residing in the appropriate district except At-Large candidates who must reside in any one of the Four Creeks UAC districts.

- **Ballots must be mailed** to the address below and **must be postmarked by November 6, 2007**.

- **Each ballot** must be in a **separate, sealed envelope**. If more than one ballot is being sent, the separate envelopes may be placed in a single envelope for actual mailing.

- **The voter's name and address must be on the envelope. Do not put your name on the ballot itself. Additional ballots may be found on our website, and printed off if necessary.**

- **The survey included may be mailed in with your ballot, or mailed in at a later date.**

Surveys mailed in with ballots will be separated before the vote count to ensure anonymity.

- The precincts in each district up for election are listed after the district number in the ballot.

Check your voter registration card for your precinct. If you have any questions, contact Election Committee Chair David Braswell at 425-228-6826.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

VOTE FOR ONE (1) CANDIDATE IN YOUR DISTRICT AND NO MORE THAN TWO (2) AT-LARGE CANDIDATES

*Print the name of the **PRECINCT** in which you live: _____.*

District #1 (includes Coalfield, Renhill precincts)

Write In (Please print)

Name

Contact information (phone, e-mail)

District #3 (includes Eastwood, Daniel precincts)

Write In (Please print)

Name

Contact information (phone, e-mail)

District #5 (includes Jacqueline, Hillcrest, & Briar precincts)

_____ **Tom Carpenter**

Write In (Please print)

Name

Contact information (phone, e-mail)

District #7 (includes Tanner, May Valley precincts)

_____ **Marshall Brenden**

Write In (Please print)

Name

Contact information (phone, e-mail)

District #9 (includes Four Lakes, Matthew, & Maple Hills precincts)

_____ **Sharon Schimke**

Write In (Please print)

Name

Contact information (phone, e-mail)

District #10 (includes Haas, Colleen, & Mirrormont precincts)

Write In (Please print)

Name

Contact information (phone, e-mail)

District #11 (includes Tiger Mtn., Hutchinson precincts)

Write In (Please print)

Name

Contact information (phone, e-mail)

At-Large Position 1 (all precincts in 4 Creeks UAC area)

_____ **Pete Eberle**

Write In (Please print)

Name

Contact information (phone, e-mail)

At-Large Position 3 (all precincts in 4 Creeks UAC area)

_____ **Eddie Jorgensen**

Write In (Please print)

Name

Contact information (phone, e-mail)

Ballots must be postmarked by November 6, 2007 to: Four Creeks UAC Election, PO Box 3501, Renton, WA 98056-3501. **Additional ballots may be printed off from the link on our website if needed.**

