



## ***KVHA News – Learn to Play Hockey Begins Sunday September 25th, Enroll Now!***

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. Friday, September 16, 2016** – Kent Valley Hockey is looking for boys and girls 4 years and older interested in learning to play hockey. Kent Valley’s “Learn to Play” Hockey program begins Sunday, September 25th and runs for 24 Sunday sessions. Most sessions will run from 1:45pm to 2:45pm with exceptions for holidays and other special events. [Click here](#) for more details.

## ***Puget Sound Hockey Center Closing October 31, 2016***

The Puget Sound Amateur Hockey Association (PSAHA) Board of Directors announced Thursday that the Puget Sound Hockey Center building at 1918 Steward Street had been sold and the new owners of the building have indicated they will not be renewing their lease. Donna Kaufman, PSAHA Executive Director, said, “We have received a 30 day notice to vacate with an effective date of October 31, 2016.”

The following is taken from an announcement from the PSAHA Board of Directors to PSAHA members Wednesday evening September 14th:

*We have done the following at this point.*

- 1. Asked for a 2-month extension to vacate*
- 2. Working on a plan for enough ice to accommodate TJHA and RHL at Sprinker*
- 3. Finalizing plans to move to a new building*

*During the next seven days, we will be working on getting answers to the timeline for exiting this building, and what we will need to accomplish that move.*

*Please know the 2016-2017 Hockey season will continue for both the Youth and Adult Hockey Groups. We know that we will be moving out of this building sometime this fall, we have a place to go when we leave and we are actively exploring our options for the 2017-2018 season.*

*Please feel free to talk to your coaches and managers. They will be helping with questions and will get you answers. We will also be available to each of you for any and all concerns, suggestions and ideas as we move on to the next chapter of Tacoma Hockey.*

*Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and continued support during the transition.*

*PSAHA Board of Directors*

Les Grauer, Kent Valley’s Executive Director, has reached out to the PSAHA Board and asked what Kent Valley can do to help. We’ll keep you posted on how this might impact MHL League play and other activities.

## ***Kent Valley's U-14 Selects Selling Opening Night T-Bird Tickets – Seattle vs. Portland***

Kent Valley's U-14 selects are selling Seattle Thunderbird tickets for opening night Saturday October 1st against the Portland Winterhawks for just \$20 each. Join the Selects for a fun night of Hockey while supporting our U-14 Select team program!

Bring your team out and help us kick off the season. Contact Jill Mudge to purchase tickets - [goldievan@comcast.net](mailto:goldievan@comcast.net)

## ***Security Precautions at Kent Valley Ice Centre***

Kent Valley Ice Centre, like most public facilities, has its share of security issues and related problems and they seem to escalate this time of year. Maybe it's because it gets darker earlier in the evening or thieves are more desperate this time of year. It's hard to tell. However, every year at this time we issue this warning and encourage Kent Valley Hockey Association members to be cautious.

Visitors to Kent Valley Ice Centre should take the following precautions:

- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle where a thief might see them. If you've been shopping, make sure your purchases are in the trunk or out of sight.
- When you leave your vehicle make sure your cell phone, GPS and other electronics are stowed out of sight.
- Do not leave valuables in the dressing rooms. We've had money, ID's, credit cards, cell phones and other electronics stolen from locker rooms in the past. Hiding things inside a hockey bag does not work.
- Turn valuables over to another family member or a friend for safe keeping while you are out on the ice. Lockers are available (75 cents) in the locker room near the elevator on the first floor. Lockers are also available inside the locker rooms. You will need to supply a lock.
- Report anything suspicious you see inside or outside the rink that you believe might lead to criminal activity. Do not confront anyone on your own. Report the incident to rink staff, or the police, and let them do the follow up.

These same precautions should be taken at every ice rink you visit. We wish you a safe and secure hockey season and we hope your visits to Kent Valley Ice Centre will be enjoyable, safe and secure.

Sincerely,

***Kent Valley Ice Centre Management***

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