



A Quarterly Newsletter

July, August, September 2017

# The City Connection

## City of Black Diamond

**City Offices will be closed on the following days:**  
**July 4-Independence Day**  
**September 4-Labor Day**

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\* **City Council Officials\***

- Mayor, Carol Benson

**Councilmembers**

- Tamie Deady
- Erika Morgan
- Janie Edelman
- Brian Weber
- Pat Pepper

## Mayor's Message

### "Facets of Black Diamond"



Summer is upon us and many fun and exciting events will be happening in Black Diamond. Miners Day will be held July 8<sup>th</sup> on Railroad Avenue in our historic downtown. September 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> the 102<sup>nd</sup> Black Diamond Labor Days Celebration will take place at the Black Diamond Elementary School ballfield. Many volunteers, vendors, and sponsors work very

hard to put on these wonderful annual events so I encourage everyone to mark your calendars and join in on the festivities.

**Safewise Safest Washington Cities** - Once again I am proud to report that Black Diamond continues to rank in the top 20 of Washington's safest cities. To identify the safest cities in Washington, Safewise reviewed the most recent FBI Crime Report statistics from 2015, along with population data. They then eliminate all cities with fewer than 2,000 residents as well as any cities that failed to submit a complete crime report to the FBI. It is then narrowed down based on the number of reported violent crimes and property crimes in each city. To further level the playing field they calculated the likelihood of these crimes occurring out of 1,000 people in each city. This year, Black Diamond was ranked #15.

As Mayor I continue to make safety a priority. 2017 was the first year since 2009 that the Black Diamond Police Department has increased their police force, filling the first of four frozen positions. The relationship and trust between the citizens and our law enforcement is critical to having low crime rates. When connections are made, it provides opportunities to dispel a myth, change a perception, start a conversation, or ask a question. If you'd like to become more involved I encourage you to contact Chief Kiblinger at [jkiblinger@blackdiamondwa.gov](mailto:jkiblinger@blackdiamondwa.gov). The department offers a ride along program and participates in several community events throughout the year including National Night Out, D.A.R.E., Block Watch, and Chief for a Day.

**City's Fiscal Condition** - I am also proud to report a strong improvement in Black Diamond's overall fiscal condition. Since 2015, our year-end cash and investment reports showed an increased fund balance. This is a nice turnaround from the decrease that had occurred in the prior two years (2013 and 2014). The increase is primarily in the General Fund which provides Black Diamond's citizens police and fire service, as well as parks, cemetery, and general government. This strong financial condition has stabilized Black Diamond fiscally.

The recent Annual Financial Report filed for 2016 showed that not only the General Fund, but all funds ended under budget. Financial reports for the City can be viewed on the City's website [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us) under the Finance page.

**Black Diamond State Audit** - Diligence and strong internal controls resulted in a "clean audit" of Black Diamond's financial records, with no findings by the State Auditor's reports that were completed and released in 2017. This audit covered both a financial and an accountability audit for the years 2013, 2014, and a portion of 2015.



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**Roberts Drive Construction Update** – We are in the final phase of the developer funded waterline construction portion of the project. Testing will happen in the next few weeks along with the final asphalt paving on the parts of the road that have been under construction.

The next step will be pedestrian and street lighting upgrades along with an overlay of Roberts Drive from City Hall to Bruckner's Way. The funding for this part of the construction was secured through a grant from the Transportation Improvement Board. I would like to thank the community for their patience and the construction crews for their willingness to be flexible to the needs of our community.

**2018 Budget Process** – Starting in July, myself along with all City departments will be busy over the next few months preparing the City's annual operating and capital budgets for 2018. The budget document tells the City's financial story and sets spending targets for the programs and services city residents receive. The 2018 budget covers fund revenues and expenditures associated with public safety, public works, community development as well as municipal services. Please watch the City's website [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us) for upcoming dates of work sessions, public hearings, and Council meetings; these usually begin in September and continue through December.

**Certificate of Excellence** – The City received a Certificate of Excellence from our insurance carrier Risk Management Service Agency (RMSA) for the City's liability claims experience dropping below the average in 2016.

In closing, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 360.886.5700.

*Carol Benson, Mayor, City of Black Diamond*



## National Night Out

08/01/2017

### WHAT IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT?

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live, and much, much more.

Please check with your neighborhood association or neighborhood representative to ensure participation and time of your event.

For more information about this event please go to the following page on the City's website:

<http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/spotlight.html>

## Distracted Driving Campaign

The Black Diamond Police Department participates in the Distracted Driving Campaign with other police agencies in the area. This enforcement targets DUI, seatbelt violations, speeders and distracted driving. This year, the State of Washington passed a distracted-driving law which prevents any driver from using an electronic driving device while driving.

## New Distracted Driving Law

- No hand-held cell phone use
- Dangerously Distracted-you can get a \$99 ticket for other distractions such as grooming, smoking, eating, or reading.
- Costs-The first ticket will cost at least \$136. Get a ticket again within five years, and those tickets cost at least \$234.

### City of Black Diamond Community Yard Sale

**When:** August 12-13

**Time:** 9-4 p.m.

**Location:** at your home or complex

Turn your unwanted household goods into cash and provide someone else a new treasure.

If you have any questions call Tamie Deady-360-886-9768



The Black Diamond Police Department will again be working the Tough Mudder Event where over 7,000 runners will be visiting our city to compete in this year's event.

### For further information, visit

<https://toughmudder.com/events/2017-seattle>

As the 4<sup>th</sup> of July approaches, the Black Diamond Police Department would like to remind you of the local ordinances pertaining to fire-works. For more information about the ordinances and information regarding fire-work safety, please go to the following page on the City's website:

<http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/spotlight.html>



For more information about the new distracted driving law please go to the following page on the City's website: <http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/>



# STORMWATER EDUCATION

## Stormwater Education – Stormwater Permit and Why We Need It

You may or may not have heard that the City has a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit from the Department of Ecology. It is commonly referred to as the “stormwater permit.”

The goal of this permit is to eliminate polluted discharges into “waters of the state.” In other words, it’s to stop pollution from entering lakes and creeks. The discharge is where it leaves the City’s system and enters a water of the state, such as Lake Sawyer or Ginder Creek (and all other lakes and creeks within the City). The permit allows the City to discharge stormwater to Waters of the State, but the City needs to be stewards in preventing polluted water from being part of that stormwater.

Waters of the State also includes rivers, ponds, inland waters, underground water, salt waters, estuaries, tidal flats, and beaches and lands adjoining the seacoast of the state. Of course we don’t find all of these in Black Diamond. Waters of the State do not include goldfish ponds, most roadside ditches, sanitary sewers, and the stormwater system. However, some of these features do eventually discharge to “waters of the state.”

While water in the City’s stormwater system is not considered a water of the state, stormwater typically discharges into a water of the state. In many cases and many areas, this stormwater is untreated or only partially treated. The City has been working hard upgrade the stormwater treatment systems where funding and opportunity is available. The City has installed stormwater treatment in the downtown commercial area; around City Hall and Morgan Street; and a few localized areas near Covington Creek and around Lake Sawyer. The City is also seeking grant funding to treat the stormwater from the north commercial area and SR 169 down to Roberts Drive.

As part of the NPDES permit, the City must make sure it is maintaining the stormwater system regularly to ensure that catch basins and other components of the stormwater system are functioning properly, make sure that there aren’t illicit connections to the stormwater system, and to help educate the public about best practices relating to stormwater. Every household in the City can have an impact on what enters our local “waters of the state.”

So what can you do if you see something that may pollute the stormwater system or a water of the state? Call the Public Works Department at (360) 886-5700 to investigate. If you witness a spill into a lake/creek, call 911. Our first responders are equipped to handle such spills. Many choose to call the Department of Ecology. The Department of Ecology will typically refer reports back to the City, which can waste valuable time in trying to contain a pollutant.

For more information about the City’s stormwater system, visit the City’s webpage for stormwater:

<http://ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/PubWorks/stormwater.html>

## Operation Dry Water June 30-July 2, 2017

2017 Heightened Awareness & Enforcement Weekend

The Black Diamond Police Department will be participating in Operation Dry Water (ODW), which is a national boating under the influence heightened awareness and enforcement campaign with the goal of removing impaired operators from the water and raising awareness of the dangers of boating under the influence.

For more information about Operation Dry Water please go to the following page on the City’s website:

<http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/spotlight.html>



## Did you know...

Black Diamond has a hidden gem; it is a gymnasium that we currently rent out for \$30 an hour.

Renters have included Basketball teams, private basketball lessons, basketball camps, baseball practice and volleyball teams.

The facility is also used for Jazzercise classes throughout the week.

We have rented the space out for birthday parties and kids play days.

It is a great place to rent if you have several people who want to get together for a sports activity, birthday party, club meeting, etc.

On most Wednesday nights we open the gym up for drop in Volleyball, 7:00PM to 10:00, \$3 per person.

For more information contact:

Brock Deady, 253-263-9091



## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

25510 LAWSON STREET

\*JULY 6—7 p.m.

\*JULY 13— 6 p.m. (Work Session)

\*JULY 20-7 p.m.

\*AUGUST 3-7 p.m.

\*AUGUST 10-6 p.m. (Work Session)

\*AUGUST 17-7 p.m.

\*SEPTEMBER 7-7 p.m.

\*SEPTEMBER 14— 6 p.m. (Work Session)

\*SEPTEMBER 21— 7 p.m.

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

25510 LAWSON STREET

\*JULY 11—6 p.m.

\*AUGUST 8— 6 p.m.

\*SEPTEMBER 12— 6 p.m.

- ◆ Administration,  
Mayor Carol Benson
- ◆ City Clerk/HR Manager,  
Brenda L. Martinez, MMC
- ◆ Community Development-  
Andrew Williamson-Interim
- ◆ Economic Development/  
MDRT,  
Andrew Williamson
- ◆ Public Works  
Seth Boettcher
- ◆ Finance  
Mayene Miller
- ◆ Police  
Chief Jamey Kiblinger



### Council/Commission/Committee Meetings...

Monthly meetings for City Council are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Work Sessions are held the second Thursday of each month starting at 6 p.m. Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Tuesday after the first Council meeting at 6 p.m. of each month. Please contact the Clerk's office for more information (360)886-5700 or check the City Clerks webpage at



## RECENTLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES

\*17-1085-Ordinance adopting New Stormwater Management Regulations and amending Chapter 14.04 of BDMC.

\*17-1088-Ordinance amending the budget for Calendar Year 2017 as adopted by Emergency Ordinance.

\*17-1089-Ordinance adopting LID Regulations to meet NPDES Permit Requirements and Amending Titles to BDMC.

\*17-1090-Ordinance relating to acceptance of public comments by electronic methods in addition to other methods and amending BDMC.

\*17-1091-Ordinance relating to exceptions from concurrency; amending Chapter 11.11 of the BDMC.

## Community Contacts.....

\* **Black Diamond Community Center**  
(360) 886-1011

\* Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8-4

\* **Black Diamond Post Office**  
(360) 886-9429

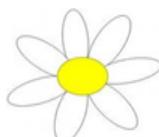
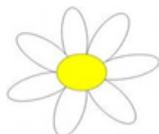
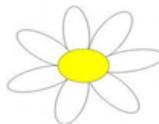
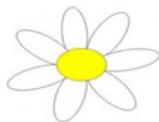
\* Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 9-5

\* **Black Diamond Museum/Historical Society** (360) 886-2142

\* Hours of Operation: Thursdays 9-4, Sat & Sun 12-3

\* **Black Diamond Library** (360) 886-1105

\* Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10-6, Tuesdays 10-6, Saturday 10-5



## City of Black Diamond Contacts

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(253) 631-0351

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24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

**PUBLIC WORKS** (360) 886-5700  
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24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
(Mountain View Fire & Rescue)  
(253) 735-0284

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/NATURAL RESOURCES**  
(360) 886-5700  
PO BOX 599 FAX (360) 886-2592  
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

**MDRT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
(360) 886-5700  
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24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
(253) 631-1012  
P.O. BOX 309 FAX (360) 886-2901  
25510 LAWSON STREET

**POLICE DEPARTMENT - NON EMERGENCY NUMBER**  
(360) 886-0022

**UTILITY AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER**  
(253) 569-0525

**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
(360) 886-7784  
P.O. BOX 599 FAX (360) 886-5354  
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