



**City of Black Diamond**

**City Offices will be closed on the following days:**

**November 12-Veteran's Day**

**November 22-Thanksgiving**

**November 23-Thanksgiving**

**December 25-Christmas**

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**\*City Council Officials\***

- Mayor, Carol Benson

**Councilmembers**

-Tamie Deady

-Melissa Oglesbee

-Janie Edelman

-Erin Stout

-Chris Wisnoski



*Mayor's Message*

**"Facets of Black Diamond"**



Fall is a very busy time here in the City and I want to take this opportunity to share with you the following events, announcements, and updates.

**2019 Operating Budget** – One item that is receiving a lot of our focus and effort is the draft 2019 Budget. We are striving to prepare a budget that addresses current needs, but also considers the needs of the future. The draft budget was presented to the City Council at a Work Session on September 27, 2018 and you can read more about the budget process on page 5 of this newsletter.

**Comprehensive Plan Update** - Progress continues on the Comprehensive Plan Update. The Black Diamond Planning Commission completed their deliberations and will forward on their recommendation to the City Council at the regular business meeting scheduled for October 18, 2018.

**Labor Days Celebration** – This year's festivities were a lot of fun for all ages. Scheduled events included, games for children and adults, prizes, good food, a wonderful parade, and many interesting booths. I want to thank the many volunteers, vendors, and sponsors who worked very hard to put on this wonderful annual event; without you, events like this would not happen. If you haven't had a chance to attend this three-day celebration, I encourage you to mark your calendar for next year – you will not be disappointed.



**Welcome Jesse** – I would like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome our newest employee Jesse Stavano to the City of Black Diamond. Jesse joins our Public Works Department team as one of our utility workers.

**Welcome Brochure** – I am excited to announce the City has been working on a Welcome Brochure for new citizens making Black Diamond their home. Mira Hoke has volunteered and taken on the task of creating the brochure and input has been provided by a committee consisting of myself, Councilmember Edelman, City Clerk Brenda Martinez, Mira Hoke, and Maple Valley Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce CEO Erica Dial.

**Civil Servant of the Year** – I am honored to share with you that Kevin Esping, resident and Facilities Coordinator for the City was named this year's Civil Servant of the Year at the Labor Days Celebration. If you haven't met Kevin, he is the kind of person who would drop anything for anybody at any time. In fact, Chief Kiblinger stated he is the most selfless person she has ever met – he is always putting others needs first. Here at the City Kevin goes above and beyond to help make sure things run smoothly and he isn't one to play games or get involved in matters that he doesn't need to. He is committed to our city and an all-around great guy. We are lucky to have him in our community as his time and talent make Black Diamond a better place.

**Welcome New Business** – On September 6, 2018 I attended the grand opening celebration for the Children's Therapy Center in Black Diamond. This business is where Brown's Automotive was formerly located.

In closing, should you have any questions or concerns I encourage you to contact myself, Councilmembers or staff.

*Carol Benson*

Mayor, City of Black Diamond

## CONGRATULATIONS MAYOR BENSON AND COUNCILMEMBER DEADY!

Mayor Benson and Councilmember Deady recently received an Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC).

AWC's Certificate of Municipal Leadership program recognizes city and town elected officials for accomplishing training in four core areas: Roles, responsibilities and legal requirements; Public sector resource management; Community planning and development; Effective Local leadership.

Those who earn the advanced certificate continue to strive for excellence by attending conferences and trainings, serving their community, and further developing leadership skills.

AWC's Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership recognizes mayor and councilmembers who continue to enhance the tools they need today to understand the legal landscape, plan for the future, manage their resources, and foster strong relationships. The elected officials who earn this certificate demonstrate a commitment to continuous learning and a desire to bring new ideas back to their community.

To earn the Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership Mayor Benson and Councilmember Deady completed more than 60 hours of training credits and demonstrated community service. Their continued dedication to the City of Black Diamond helps make our community a better place.



### 2018 BOATING SEASON WRAP UP

One of the goals of the recreational boating program in Washington State, of which the City of Black Diamond is part of, is to eliminate injuries and fatalities on the waters of the state. Law Enforcement agencies in Washington are working toward this goal through both education and enforcement. The numbers of fatalities and injuries fluctuates, but generally the number of fatalities associated to motorized boats has been on the downward trend. Conversely, the number of fatalities associated to non-motorized vessels such as kayaks, canoes, and paddleboards had been on the rise. In 2017, there were a total of 15 fatalities; 8 of those were associated with motorized vessels and 7 were non-motorized. In 2015, there were 29 fatalities; 15 of those were associated with motorized vessels and 14 were on non-motorized. In 2013, there were 30 fatalities; 16 of those were associated to motorized vessels and 14 were on non-motorized.

Consistently the top two causes of fatalities are capsizing and falls overboard. As would be expected the majority of the fatalities occurred during peak boating times and months. Most fatalities occurred during the summer in the middle of the day. The operators of vessels that are involved in injury and fatality incidents tend to be older, more experienced vessel operators. In 2017, ages 13 to 25 accounted for 10 injuries and 2 fatalities. Ages 36 to 55 accounted for 21 injuries and 3 fatalities. Operators over 55 years old accounted for 15 injuries and 9 fatalities. In the vast majority of the fatality incidents, the victims were not wearing life jackets. Of the data that could be confirmed, in 2016, 12 victims were not wearing life jackets while only 3 were. In 2015, 17 victims were not wearing life jackets and only 5 were.



Not having a lifejacket is the number one violation we witness on non-motorized vessels. In Washington State, paddle boards, kayaks, and canoes are all required to carry both a lifejacket and sound making device such as a whistle. Many drownings on our state waterways could be prevented if the victim had simply worn, or at least had a lifejacket available to them.

All statistics were compiled by the U.S. Coast Guard and can be found at [uscgboating.org](http://uscgboating.org) and [nasbla.org](http://nasbla.org).

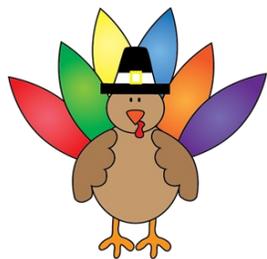
The Black Diamond Police Department's marine unit assists with the state's goal of keeping our waters safe, through providing active marine patrol during speeding hours, when the lake is most congested and conducting safety inspections. The boats that pass a safety inspection are issued a decal that informs law enforcement that they have been inspected. Inspections are free and it's a great way for visitors to the lake to get acquainted with our local ordinances as well as ensuring that their boat is safe and ready to be on the water. Black Diamond's marine program is supported through federal grants and state vessel registration fees.

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Some of our yearly stats to date include the following:

- Taught two boater education courses, instructing over 33 students
- 24 hours of in-service training for marine officers
- 142 marine patrol hours
- 17.5 hours of ramp inspections
- 197 written vessel safety inspections
- 10 hours spent in schools educating over 150 students about water safety

Most important, we had no boating accidents reported this year. That makes for a great season! If you would like to know more feel free to speak to any of your Black Diamond Police Officers. Our goal is to provide you with information to be safer while enjoying our local waterways.



### Stormwater Education - Fall Tips

With the falling of the leaves also comes the inevitable falling of the rain with the Fall storms. Falling leaves and falling rain can cause a problem for the streets and for the stormwater system.

When leaves fall onto the streets, they don't decompose and mix with the soil as they usually would. They'll decompose but then just go right into the stormwater system and right to our creeks and lakes, carrying with them any attached pollutants.

Sometimes the leaves aren't big enough to get into the storm drains which can cause other problems, namely localized flooding. If you notice leaves piling up around a storm drain, please clear it or alert the Public Works Department at (360) 886-5700 so we can take care of it. When we all work together, we all benefit. Thank you for all your effort in keeping our lakes and creeks clean.

### Program offers opportunity to meet local officers, discuss community issues

On October 3rd, officers from Black Diamond Police Department and community members will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee.

All community members are invited to attend. The event begins at 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. on October 3rd at Black Gold Coffee located at 32616 3rd AVE in Black Diamond. Please contact Officer William Riepl with questions: [wriep1@blackdiamondwa.gov](mailto:wriep1@blackdiamondwa.gov) (253) 455-1640.

*Coffee with a Cop* provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Black Diamond's neighborhoods.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community, and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. *Coffee with a Cop* breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

"We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our officers," said Officer William Riepl. "These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships."



*Coffee with a Cop* is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the county, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

### Changes coming for Business Licensing...

In 2017, the State passed a bill (EHB 2005) which requires all cities with business licenses to administer them through the state's Business Licensing System or through a private company called, FileLocal. Staff is recommending the city partner with the state's Business Licensing System (BLS) because it is more cost efficient and will allow business owners to register and license their business through one agency.

In 2019, the city will be working with the state to change over to the BLS. The City will accept and issue NEW business license applications until March 2019. After that, new businesses license applications will be accepted by the state through the Department of Revenue (DOR). The city will mail Business License renewals in November to existing businesses, as it has in the past, for the annual 2019 renewal. By 2020, the state BLS will be handling all business license renewals.

# Chief for a Day 2018

## LITTLE CHIEF JACK REICH

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 year-old Jack Reich was sworn in as our 2018 Chief for a Day. Little Chief Jack was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in September 2017 and is currently undergoing treatment.

If you aren't familiar with the Chief for a Day event, it's about the partnership with local law enforcement agencies and hospitals, held every two years, celebrating the lives of children who have been diagnosed with a chronic illness. This year, thirty-six children from across the state were given a day that focused on their dreams and not their illness. This is a state sponsored event, held at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire community who embraces this program every two years to support these amazing kids and their families. Sgt. Brian Lynch spends an exhaustive amount of time planning and supporting these families, raising thousands of dollars. Our officers embrace these kids like they were their own. Thank you to all the citizens, City of Black Diamond staff, and businesses who supported Chief Jack and his family.

## 224<sup>th</sup> Chip Seal Complete

The City recently completed the Chip Seal project on 224<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE/228<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE between SE 312<sup>th</sup> St. and SE 296<sup>th</sup> St. This project was funded from a grant from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (85%) and the City of Black Diamond (15%). Work was completed by Doolittle Construction.



A chip seal is different than the traditional asphalt projects you see within the City. While it is more cost-effective than an asphalt overlay, it isn't right for every situation. On this stretch of roadway, the Public Works Department saw an opportunity to use this road treatment to improve and extend the useful life of the road. Factors involved include the condition of the roadway and the distance. If the road has too much cracking, a chip seal will not work.

The entire cost of the project was approximately \$150,000 (about \$210,000 less than what a traditional overlay would have cost). The project stretched approximately 5,900 feet, about 3,200 feet longer than the previous longest asphalt overlay project in the City.

City staff thanks you for your patience with the lane closures during the construction of this project. Work was completed on time and for less than the original amount bid. This was the longest road construction project completed by your Public Works Department.



# CITY BUDGET PLANNING AND CALENDAR

All City departments have been busy preparing the City's annual operating budget for 2019. The Operating Budget funds services associated with public safety, public works, parks, planning, permitting and other municipal services.

The budget tells the City's financial story and sets spending targets for the programs and services that city residents receive. During August and September the Finance Department updated 2019 revenue forecasts for the General Fund and other funds using 2018 trends, growth projections and forecast information provided by Municipal Research and Services Center and other agencies.

An update on 2019 budgeted revenue and expenditure trends was reviewed with Council at a work-study session on September 27<sup>th</sup>. A summary of proposed 2019 budget totals for all city funds were also presented. Other work-study sessions are scheduled for Council on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chambers.

Public hearings are scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Public input is always welcomed and encouraged. See the below budget calendar and stay up to date at the City's website

[www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us) or contact the Finance Department at (360) 886-5700 for any questions you may have.

## BUDGET CALENDAR

<b>Date</b>	<b>2019 Budget Calendar</b>
10/18/18 – 5:30 pm <i>Special Council Meeting</i>	<i>Workstudy on the General Fund</i>
10/25/18 – 6pm <i>Special Council Meeting</i>	<i>Workstudy of Public Works and Capital Project budgets</i>
11/08/18 – 7pm <i>Special Council Meeting</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing on Revenue sources</i>
11/15/18 – 7pm <i>Regular Council Meeting</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget</i>
12/03/18 – 7pm <i>Special Council Meeting</i>	<i>Final Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget</i>
12/03/18 or 12/06/18 – 7pm <i>Regular Council Meeting</i>	<i>Adoption of the 2019 Budget</i>

# ADOPTED ORDINANCES

## RECENTLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES

- **\*Ordinance No. 18-1098\*** Granting to Astound Broadband to install, construct, maintain and repair a telecommunications system with the public rights of way providing for severability and establishing effective date.
- **\*Ordinance No. 18-1099\*** Regarding illicit discharges into the City's stormwater drainage system or creeks, lakes, wetlands & waterways and amending Black Diamond Municipal Code Sections 14004.005 & 14.04.390 providing for severability and establishing effective date.
- **\*Ordinance No. 18-1100\*** Amending chapter 10.40 of the Black Diamond Municipal code to add offense of unlawful intersection avoidance.
- **\*Ordinance No. 18-1101\*** Granting to CCD Black Diamond Partners LLC, Ten Trails Community Council & Ten Trails Residential Owners Association a non-exclusive franchise to use & occupy certain public rights of way for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating private storm drainage systems, including rain gardens and bio retention systems, irrigation systems, including reclaimed water distribution, landscape lighting, private sanitary sewer systems and appurtenances.
- **\*Ordinance No. 18-1102\*** Establishing the authority to adopt a cross connection control program, adopting Black Diamond Municipal Code sections 13.04.025, 13.04.085 and 13.04.095, amending section 13.04.090; repealing section 13.04.070, providing for severability and establishing effective date.

## TOWN HALL MEETING

On October 11, 2018 the City will be holding a Town Hall meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Town Hall meetings are held twice a year on the second Thursdays in the months of March and October. I encourage you to please come and talk with your Councilmembers on any concern, issue, or questions you may have.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

25510 LAWSON STREET

- \*OCTOBER 4-7 p.m.
- \*OCTOBER 11-6 p.m. (Work Session)
- \*OCTOBER 11-7p.m. (Town Hall)
- \*OCTOBER 18-6 p.m. (Special Meeting)
- \*OCTOBER 18-7 p.m.
- \*OCTOBER 25-6 p.m. (Special Meeting)
- \*NOVEMBER 1-7 p.m.
- \*NOVEMBER 5-6:30 p.m. (Special Meeting)
- \*NOVEMBER 8– 6 p.m. (Work Session)
- \*NOVEMBER 8– 7 p.m. (Special Meeting)
- \*NOVEMBER 15-7 p.m.
- \*DECEMBER 3-7 p.m. (Special Meeting)
- \*DECEMBER 6-7 p.m.
- \*DECEMBER 13– 6 p.m. (Work Session)
- \*DECEMBER 20-7 p.m.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**

25510 LAWSON STREET

- \*OCTOBER 9– 6 p.m.
- \*NOVEMBER 6– 6 p.m.
- \*DECEMBER 11– 6 p.m.

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



**City of Black  
Diamond Contacts**



**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 HALL** (360) 886-5700  
(253) 631-0351  
P.O. BOX 599 FAX (360) 886-2592  
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

**PUBLIC WORKS** (360) 886-5700  
(253) 631-0351  
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24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

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

**COMMUNITY DEV.  
NATURAL RESOURCES**  
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DEVELOPMENT**  
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**UTILITY AFTER HOURS  
EMERGENCY NUMBER**  
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**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
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