

THE CITY CONNECTION

"FACETS OF BLACK DIAMOND"

CITY HALL HAS RELOCATED



Stop by and check out City Hall which has relocated to the "old" library building at 24301 Roberts Drive, Suite B. Community Development and Public Works have stayed in their original locations, in the modular buildings located at the end of the parking lot at 24301 Roberts Drive. The Police Department, Municipal Court and Council Chambers remain at 25510 Lawson Street. Come by to pay your utility bill, request Council information, get a pet license, pick up information regarding business licenses or just drop in to say hello!

NESTLÉ LOOKS FOR SPRING WATER

The City Council recently requested a presentation from Nestlé Waters North America. Nestlé is looking for a water source for a bottling plant in the Pacific Northwest. You can view the presentation on the front page of the City's website at: www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us.

REPAIR TO BEGIN ON SR169 BRIDGE OVER GREEN RIVER

Work on a long-term repair of an unstable slope under the south end of the SR 169 bridge over the Green River near Black Diamond began Monday, August 25. Without the repair, more landslides could severely damage the roadway and the bridge. We anticipate that at least one lane of the Kummer bridge will remain open to traffic throughout the work. At this time, the contractor does not anticipate any need for a full bridge closure.

Lane closures will occur September 2nd—14th. North and southbound traffic will alternate using one lane of the bridge during daylight hours.

Flaggers will direct traffic. Both lanes of traffic will be open overnight.

If contractors must close the entire bridge, one detour will be provided for passenger vehicles. A second detour will be provided for large trucks.

The repair work is scheduled for completion by November and will be done in two phases.

In the first phase, crews will drive 90 specialized, slope-stabilizing nails into the soil around and under the southeast end of the bridge. This work will take approximately two to three weeks and should be done



by September 14, 2008.

In late September, crews will begin the second phase, which involves installing a series of drainage pipes into the hillside to drain water from the landslide area. This work will be completed in November.

Drivers can find more information and regular updates on this project at: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR169/GreenRiverRepair/

Elected Officials

- ◆ Mayor, Howard Botts
- ◆ Councilmember, Bill Boston
- ◆ Councilmember, Geoff Bowie
- ◆ Councilmember, Kristine Hanson
- ◆ Councilmember, Leih Mulvihill
- ◆ Councilmember, Rebecca Olness

Departments

- ◆ City Administrator, Gwendolyn Voelpel
- ◆ Asst. City Admin./City Clerk, Brenda L Streepy, CMC
- ◆ Community Development, Steve Pilcher
- ◆ Economic Development, Andrew Williamson
- ◆ Finance, Mayene Miller
- ◆ Natural Resources, Aaron Nix
- ◆ Police, Jamey Kiblinger, Chief
- ◆ Public Works, Seth Boettcher, PE

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The City of Black Diamond will be celebrating our 50th Birthday in 2009!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the 50th Birthday Committee, please contact Mayor Howard Botts at 360-886-2560 or via email at hbotts@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us or Brenda L. Streepy, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk by email, bstreepy@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us.

MEET JEFF!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKS ON CODES, PLANS



The Planning Commission and City Council remain very busy in reviewing a variety of new plans, codes and ordinances that will allow the City to lift the long-standing development moratorium. The Commission held an initial public hearing on a new zoning code and map on August 12th and will take further testimony on August 26th. After making its recommendations to the City Council, the Commission will then begin consideration of design guidelines for the historic core of the City, multi-family, master planned, commercial and industrial development.

Meanwhile, the City Council has been reviewing the draft zoning code and will conduct its own public hearings on the proposed new comprehensive plan, zoning code and design guidelines in late summer and early fall. Please check the City's web page to find out the dates and times of all public hearings.

The Black Diamond Police Department would like you to welcome its newest addition, Commander Jeff Miller. Commander Miller comes to us from the Bonney Lake Police Department where he spent the last 13 years. Miller will bring to our community a vast amount of knowledge, experience and leadership.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WAS HUGE SUCCESS

National Night Out 2008 was a smashing success for Black Diamond citizens. On Tuesday, August 5th, neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond were invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "25th Annual National Night Out" crime and drug prevention event. Many neighborhoods hosted block parties, where neighbors enjoyed good food and company. Black Diamond Police Officers made their rounds to every block party to promote safe communities. Police Officers and community members worked together to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and to send a message to criminals letting them know that Black Diamond neighborhoods are organized and ready to fight back.

The Black Diamond Police Department, Black Diamond Fire Department and the Black Diamond Community Center hosted an outdoor party at the Black Diamond Gym located directly across the street from the Police Department at 25511 Lawson Street. The festivities began at 5 p.m. and continued into the evening. The Community Center served hot dogs, chips, cookies and soda pop for all who attended. While community members socialized, their children took tours of the fire engines and police cars. Approximately 50 community members showed up for the event.



Thanks to everyone who made National Night Out a success this year.

Back to School tip: Parents and kids together need to map out what route to take to school, and any alternate routes. In addition to feeling comfortable with the busy streets, etc., it's very important that parents know who lives along the child's path. Megan's Law requires that any person jailed for a sexual offense and then released be "registered" in the neighborhood where they live. This is public record and parents should utilize it by visiting the police station and researching the route to school.

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE ON LAKE SAWYER

On Saturday, June 21st, Katie Messick from the King County Noxious Weed Program conducted a training session on collecting and identifying aquatic weeds at Lake Sawyer. This training was a vital first step in identifying invasive aquatic weeds that have been spreading throughout the State of Washington. Early detection and quick action on invasive aquatic weeds is essential to protecting our lakes, their uses and the quality of life we all enjoy. Otherwise, the residents of Black Diamond and others that enjoy the lake could be left with a costly solution and the potential of limited recreational opportunities in the future.



into the King County Noxious Weed program. The most prevalent weeds found in the lake were Native Pondweed, Lily pads and Yellow Iris. The group did identify a small amount of Bladder Wort and Eurasian Milfoil, but not enough to be concerned about at this time. At two of the sampling sites a weed was found that the group initially thought was Fanwort, a highly competitive, densely growing, submerged aquatic plant. Upon introduction into a new water body Fanwort progressively colonizes near shore areas, where it crowds out native plants and may hinder recreational activities. King County staff was able to determine that we were not dealing with Fanwort, but rather Water Marigold, an aquatic weed that has not been seen in

other King County lakes before, a first in Black Diamond. A more detailed account of the study and results can be found on the Lake Sawyer Community Club website at www.lakesawyer.org.

Black Diamond residents volunteering to serve in this years weed survey were; Mark and Kathy Davis, Mark Davidson, Trevi Eichelberger, Jack Franich, Steve Garvich, Allen Hermann, Brian and Charles Hoefig, Joe May, George Mc Pherson, Glenn Ross, Bob and Daniel Rothschild and Bart and Christy Selz. Without the assistance of these stewards of the lake, it would have been impossible to monitor the lake. Significant thanks needs to go out to these volunteers and the work they're doing.

Article by Glenn Ross, Lake Sawyer Resident
Submitted by Aaron Nix, Natural Resource Director

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS



Here are some safety tips for your child's journey to and from school brought to you by Mountain View Fire & Rescue/Black

Diamond Fire Department:

School Bus:

- Adults should arrive five minutes early to drop off children and to pick them up.
- Children should stand four giant steps away from the curb when waiting for the bus. They should always line up away from the street.
- Children should never walk behind the bus, and should take six giant steps on the sidewalk before crossing in front of the bus. This will allow the driver to see them.

Car:

- All children under 13 years old should ride in the back seat remain buckled.
- Children must be in a child restraint

such as car seat, booster seat, etc. until their 8th birthday or until they are 4'9" (whichever comes first). *For more information about booster seats visit www.boosterseat.org or call 1-800-BUCK-L-UP.*

Bicycle

- Children should always wear a helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.
- Ride on the right side, in the same direction as traffic.
- Use hand signals, and respect stop signs.
- Wear reflective clothing that is weather appropriate. Especially during dusk, dawn, and at night.

For more information on Back to School Safety, please call Tim Perciful at 253-735-0284.

Adults in cars should always be on the lookout for kids in the street, especially in a school zone, but we all know this often doesn't happen. Kids should not expect cars to look out for them; they need to take responsibility and protect themselves. Don't allow your child to walk to school wearing headphones or playing videogames because this will make him or her oblivious to their surroundings.



Anyone wishing to be added to the Council Agenda Distribution list please contact us at (360) 886-2560 or by email: bstreepy@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us

SOLICITING ORDINANCE ADOPTED

At the August 21, 2008, Council Meeting the following ordinance was adopted:

- ◆ Ordinance No. 08-868 — Emergency Ordinance, Revising Solicitors hours and days

Copies of ordinances and resolutions are available for review at City Hall, 24301 Roberts Drive, or by contacting Brenda L. Streepy, City Clerk, at (360) 886-2560.

COLD SEASON IS AROUND THE CORNER, GET READY!

Colds are minor infections of the nose and throat caused by several different viruses.



- ◆ A cold may last for about one week.
- ◆ In the U.S., colds account for more visits to the doctor than any other condition.
- ◆ Adults get an average of two to four colds per year, mostly between September and May.
- ◆ Young children suffer from an average of six to eight colds per year.
- ◆ Colds are highly contagious.

- ◆ Runny nose
- ◆ Congestion
- ◆ Sneezing
- ◆ Weakened senses of taste and smell
- ◆ Scratchy throat
- ◆ Cough

Over-the-counter medications can provide temporary relief of symptoms and should be used as soon as you feel a cold coming on.

If you must work or go to school, it won't impede your recovery, be courteous to use tissues and wash your hands frequently to reduce the spread of your cold germs to others.

To prevent getting a cold, the following suggestions may help:

- ◆ Avoid close contact with those who have a cold.
- ◆ Wash your hands frequently (the cold virus can live on hard surfaces for up to 24 hours).
- ◆ Keep your fingers away from your nose and your eyes to avoid infecting yourself with a virus you may have picked up.
- ◆ Keep an eye on the humidity of your environment so that your sinuses do not dry out.

Remember to keep stress at bay, exercise daily and moderately, get enough sleep, get your flu shot, and don't smoke. Finally, if your cold has not abated within a week, check with your doctor to make sure you haven't developed a secondary bacterial infection.

Between one and three days after a cold virus enters the body, symptoms start developing, such as:

CITY MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
25510 LAWSON STREET

- SEPT. 4- 7 P.M.
- SEPT. 18- 7 P.M.

COUNCIL STUDY SESSIONS:

- SEPT. 4- 6 P.M.
- SEPT. 11- 7 P.M.
- SEPT. 17- 7 P.M.
- SEPT. 25- 7 P.M.

PLANNING COMMISSION
25510 LAWSON STREET

- SEPT. 9- 7 P.M.
- SEPT. 23- 7 P.M.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL:

1ST & 3RD

THURSDAYS

AT 7 P.M.

PLANNING

COMMISSION:

FIRST TUESDAY

AFTER THE FIRST

COUNCIL MEETING-

AT 7 P.M.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE @ WWW.CI.BLACKDIAMOND.WA.US

EVENT CALENDAR

SEPT. 1st — Black Diamond Labor Days Parade
SEPT. 2nd — Back to School for Enumclaw and Kent School Districts

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Black Diamond Library (360) 886-1105
Hours of Operation: Monday.-Thursday 10 a.m.- 9 p.m.
Fridays 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Saturdays 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Community/Senior Center (360) 886-1011
Hours of Operation: Monday -Friday 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Post Office (360) 886-9429
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Historical Society (360) 886-2142
Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays
Noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

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POLICE DEPARTMENT (253) 631-1012
P.O. Box 309/25510 Lawson Street

MUNICIPAL COURT (360) 886-7784
P.O. Box 599/25510 Lawson Street

FIRE DEPT. DISTRICT #44 (253) 735-0284

PUBLIC WORKS (360) 886-2560
P.O. Box 599/24301 Roberts Drive (253) 631-0351
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