

# THE CITY CONNECTION

## “FACETS OF BLACK DIAMOND”

### Passport applications accepted August 10

The City of Black Diamond is pleased to announce that we will accept passport applications on behalf of the U.S. Department of State beginning August 10. U.S. citizens planning international travel may apply for their passports Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, 24301 Roberts Drive-Suite B (first building at front of the lot). Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for a complete guide on how to obtain a U.S. passport. You must apply in person if:

- ◆ You are applying for your **first** U.S. passport **or**
- ◆ You are **under age 16** **or**
- ◆ Your previous U.S. passport was issued when you were **under age 16** **or**
- ◆ Your previous U.S. passport was **lost, stolen, or damaged** **or**
- ◆ Your previous U.S. passport was issued **more than 15 years ago** **or**
- ◆ Your name has changed since your U.S. passport was issued and you are **unable to legally document your name change.**

When applying for a U.S. passport in person, evidence of U.S. citizenship must be submitted. All documentation submitted as citizenship evidence will be returned to you. These documents will be delivered with your newly issued U.S. passport or in a separate mailing.

For application forms, information on documentation required, fees, and a wealth

of other passport and international travel information, visit the only official website for passport information – [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) or call City Hall at (360) 886-2560.



**Primary Evidence of U.S. Citizenship  
(one of the following):**

- Previously issued, undamaged U.S. passport
- Certified [birth certificate](#) issued by the city, county or state\*
- [Consular Report of Birth Abroad or Certification of Birth](#)
- Naturalization Certificate
- Certificate of Citizenship

\*A **certified birth certificate** has a registrar's raised, embossed, impressed or multicolored seal, registrar's signature, and the date the certificate was filed with the registrar's office, which must be within one year of your birth. Please note, some short (abstract) versions of birth certificates may **not** be acceptable for passport purposes.

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. Martinez, CMC
◆	Community Development, Steve Pilcher
◆	Economic Development, Andrew Williamson
◆	Finance, Mayene Miller
◆	Natural Resources/Parks, Aaron Nix
◆	Police, Jamey Kiblinger
◆	Public Works, Seth Boettcher, PE

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PASSPORT FEES			
ADULT FEE – 16 years old and above		MINOR FEE – Under 16 years of age	
Passport Fee	\$ 55	Passport Fee	\$ 40
Execution Fee	\$ 25	Execution Fee	\$ 25
Security Surcharge	\$ 20	Security Surcharge	\$ 20
<b>Adult Fee Total</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>Minor Fee Total</b>	<b>\$ 85</b>
<b>Valid for 10 Years</b>		<b>Valid for 5 Years</b>	



## It's that time of year again: budget season

All City departments, -- especially finance, -- will be busy the next few months preparing the City's annual operating budget. The operating budget funds services associated with public safety, public works, parks, planning and 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. Like other communities, Black Diamond will have a challenge preparing a balanced budget due to the economic downturn, which is negatively impacting sales tax and state shared revenues that the City receives. The

general fund operating budget is primarily funded by these revenues, and property taxes. Other sources include, permit fees, utility taxes and grants.

The official 2010 budget kick-off for departments is scheduled for early August, followed by Council deliberations starting in late September. Budget adoption

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**CORRECTION:**  
In the July City Connection on page 6, dates for the CIP should read: 2009-2014.

### DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR 2009-2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN\*

SEPTEMBER 3	COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ON PROPOSED PROJECTS
SEPTEMBER 17	PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2009-2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
OCTOBER 1	COUNCIL ADOPTS 2009-2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

*\*Calendar subject to change*

is scheduled for December. Look for the approved budget calendar in the September edition of the City Connection or on the City's website [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us). You may also find a copy of the current 2009 Budget on the Finance Department webpage. To the left is the draft schedule for the City's Capital Improvement Plan which Council updates with the operating budget each year. Look in the July newsletter for more information on capital budgeting.



## National Night Out August 4th

On Tuesday, August 4, neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "26<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out" crime and drug prevention event.

National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Black Diamond Police Department, will involve over 11,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 35 million people are expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime" on August 4.

From 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on August 4, residents in neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond will host a variety of special events such as block parties, cook outs, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anti-crime rallies.

For National Night Out the Black Diamond Police Department, Black Diamond Fire Department and the Black Diamond Community Center will host an enormous outdoor party at the Black Diamond Community Center located at 31605 Third Avenue. The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. August 4 and will continue into the evening. Come join the free BBQ that will include hot dogs, chips, cookies, soda pop and various homemade dishes. While adults are eating and socializing with other community members, children can take a tour of the fire engine and police car that will be parked out front. If you haven't met your local police officers and firefighters, this will be the night. Police officers and firefighters will answer any questions you may have and provide event goers with crime and fire prevention tips.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
is designed to:

- ◆ Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- ◆ Generate support for and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
- ◆ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- ◆ Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

**Visit the National Night Out webpage at:**  
[www.nationalnightout.org](http://www.nationalnightout.org)

For all of you who plan to attend neighborhood block parties, Black Diamond Police officers will be cruising from neighborhood to neighborhood to attend each and every party. So don't forget to turn on your outside lights and get outdoors on August 4!

## Code updates ... and you thought we were done!

On June 18, the City Council adopted a new Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Code and Design Guidelines. These are all now in effect. However, there are other updates to the Municipal Code still in the works.

### MUNICIPAL CODE OF BLACK DIAMOND

The Planning Commission has reviewed a series of amendments to the City's Subdivision Code and forwarded its recommendation of approval to the Council. These changes propose to allow up to six-lot short plats and include a variety of other modifications that will allow for a smoother process for individuals seeking to subdivide their land into lots.

The Commission has also been working on amendments to the City's animal regulations and will conduct a public hearing on these on August 11, 2009. These changes may increase the amount of household pets homeowners are allowed to keep; clarify regulations concerning the keeping of farm animals; and include provisions addressing "dangerous dogs."

Finally, the Commission will also conduct a public hearing on August 11 to consider extending through the end of this year the ability of businesses to make greater use of temporary signs and banners in order to help the local business community re-invigorate after the long closure of the Kummer Bridge. For more information contact Steve Pilcher, Community Development Director at [spilcher@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](mailto:spilcher@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us) or by phone (360) 886-2560 extension 216.

Please plan to attend an informational public open house on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Black Diamond Elementary School Gymnasium located at 25314 Baker Street to inform you of the findings of the Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for The Villages and Lawson Hills Master Planned Developments. The project team will be available to answer your questions and hear your comments in an informal drop-in format. If you have any questions about this meeting, please call Steve Pilcher, Community Development Director, at (360) 886-2560 or visit the website at [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us).

## Street, sidewalk, water projects move ahead

Following are some quick updates on projects underway in the Public Works Department. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works Director Seth Boettcher at (360) 886-2560 extension 211 or at [sboettcher@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](mailto:sboettcher@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us).

### Railroad Avenue Street Improvement Project

The design for the street improvement project on Railroad Avenue is nearing completion. The power, gas and phone companies are planning to do some relocation work late this summer and fall. As soon as the weather breaks in the late winter or early spring, construction will start and be substantially complete before Memorial Day 2010.

### Morgan Street Sidewalk

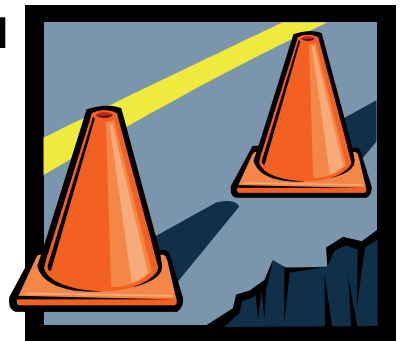
The City has obtained \$170,000 of grant funds from the State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) and \$363,600 from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for sidewalks on the north side of Morgan Street to City Hall. The HUD funding agreement for the Federal funds will be before Council for approval on August 6. Utility location and surveying is expected to start in August with construction next spring.

### New Water Meters

The Council has given high priority to the replacement and upgrade of the City's water meters. The new meters will have the ability to be read by radio signal from a receiver in one of the City's vehicles. As the community grows, the number of meters to be read manually will become a larger burden. This new system will help the City maintain a high level of efficiency for the Public Works maintenance crew and should provide more accurate readings than old meters.

### Water Transmission Main Replacement

The City obtained a Federal grant (thanks to the help of the late Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn, who represented the 8<sup>th</sup> District that includes Black Diamond) for replacement of a portion of a 6-inch asbestos water transmission main in the east part of town. Citizens probably will not see any equipment because all of the work will be back in the woods. The new water main will be more reliable and slightly reduce the City's power costs.



## City considers parking situation along SE 312<sup>th</sup> Street



As the City has been developing updated park rules, staff has been made aware of an unfortunate situation developing along SE 312<sup>th</sup> Street.

Citizens have expressed to City elected officials their concerns with the disruptive behavior of some people gaining access into the Lake Sawyer Regional Park along 312<sup>th</sup>. The complaints have included excessive use of foul language, littering, parked cars preventing local homeowners from getting into and out of their properties, drinking by park patrons and more.

To address the concerns, the City is looking for options. Some of the options the City is considering include:

- ◆ Eliminating parking along both sides of SE 312<sup>th</sup> Street; or
- ◆ Restricting parking along SE 312<sup>th</sup> Street to potentially include limiting parking hours and locations, and creating a parking permit system for homeowners.

This is by no means an exhaustive list. Staff would welcome other ideas and thoughts on how this situation could be resolved in order to assure the safety of residents and the continued enjoyment of the public park by the community.

Please email your ideas or thoughts to [anix@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](mailto:anix@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us) or if you prefer, you can call (360) 886-2560 extension 220.

*For your convenience, all Black Diamond City offices and the Black Diamond Municipal Court now accept payments by cash, check and or debit/credit cards.*

## Black Diamond trails planning continues

The City is continuing to develop a comprehensive trail plan throughout Black Diamond.

Staff has received excellent comments with regard to trails within Black Diamond and is in the process of organizing these suggestions. Some of the comments received include:

- ◆ The trail system needs to link all parts of Black Diamond. We are one community that has a tremendous amount of natural resource assets that make this City very unique.
- ◆ Please include a component to the Trails Plan that focuses on financing this system. I have significant interest in, whatever plan is developed, and we have an achievable financing plan.
- ◆ Pay particular attention in protecting Black Diamond's natural resources. We have a very dynamic system of streams, wetlands and lakes that make up the physical characteristics of the land. We currently enjoy the benefits of the quality of these systems and would like to see that continue into the future.



You still have time to add your input into how the City develops the trail system. Final adoption won't happen until later this year. Mark your calendar for August 13. The City will host an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. debuting options for trails systems throughout Black Diamond in the Council Chambers at 25510 Lawson Street. For a complete schedule, contact Aaron Nix, Parks/Natural Resources Director at [anix@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](mailto:anix@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us) or by phone (360) 886-2560 extension 220.

## Black Diamond's favorite recipes

Do you have a recipe that everyone loves? The City's 50th anniversary committee wants your recipe! Recipes are being collected for the Black Diamond's 50th Anniversary Cookbook. To submit your recipe, you can: 1) download a printable version of the form on the City's website at [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us) under documents on the homepage; 2) submit the enclosed form; or 3) pick up a form at City Hall. All recipes should be dropped off at the **Black Diamond Community Center at 31605 Third Avenue by August 15 2009**. For additional information, please call Judith Black at (360) 886-1011.



## Tips to prevent heat-related injuries

Summer is finally here and so is the heat. Although the warm days are nice for most people, they can be dangerous to others. Mountain View Fire & Rescue / Black Diamond Fire Department would like to remind everyone about some safety precautions to help prevent heat-related injuries.

### Heat Safety Tips:

- ✦ **Drink water:** Be sure to carry and drink water with you any time you are out in the heat. You will want to stay hydrated by drinking water even if you are not thirsty. Avoid drinking alcohol and caffeine.
- ✦ **Dress for the heat:** Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing to reflect the sun. It is also a good idea to use an umbrella or wear a hat.
- ✦ **Avoid strenuous activity:** If you must do strenuous activity, it is best to do it early in the day or late in the day when it is cooler.
- ✦ **Check on your neighbor:** It is a good idea to check on elderly residents in your neighborhood who do not have air conditioning. There are also facilities that may open up as cooling centers. Check [RPIN.org](http://RPIN.org) (Regional Public Information Network) for those locations.
- ✦ **Don't leave pets or children in your vehicle:** Your car can heat up quickly and can put children and pets in danger. Never leave your child or pet in the car even for a short time.
- ✦ **Take a First Aid/CPR class:** Mountain View Fire & Rescue / Black Diamond Fire Department will have a First Aid/CPR class on August 19, 2009. Please contact the department at (253) 735-0284 for more information.

### Heat-Related Terms:

- ✦ **Heat cramps:** Heat cramps are muscular pains and spasms due to heavy exertion. Although heat cramps are the least severe, they are an early signal that the body is having trouble with the heat.
- ✦ **Heat exhaustion:** Heat exhaustion typically occurs when people exercise heavily or work in a hot, humid place where body fluids are lost through heavy sweating. Blood flow to the skin increases, causing blood flow to

decrease to the vital organs. This results in a form of mild shock. If not treated, the victim may suffer heat stroke. Signals of heat exhaustion include cool, moist, pale flushed or red skin; heavy sweating; headache; nausea or vomiting; dizziness; and exhaustion. Body temperature will be near normal.

- ✦ **Heat stroke:** Also known as sunstroke, heat stroke is life-threatening. The victim's temperature control system, which produces sweating to cool the body, stops working. The body temperature can rise so high that brain damage and death may result if the body is not cooled quickly. Signals include hot, red and dry skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; and rapid, shallow breathing. Body temperature can be very high—sometimes as high as 105 degrees.



### Care for Heat Emergencies:

- ✦ **Heat cramps or heat exhaustion:** Get the person to a cooler place and have him or her rest in a comfortable position. If the person is fully awake and alert, give half a glass of cool water every 15 minutes. Do not let him or her drink too quickly. Do not give liquids that contain alcohol or caffeine. Remove or loosen tight clothing and apply cool, wet cloths, such as towels or sheets. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number if the person refuses water, vomits or loses consciousness.
- ✦ **Heat stroke:** Heat stroke is a life-threatening situation! Help is needed fast. Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number. Move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the body. Immerse victim in a cool bath, or wrap wet sheets around the body and fan it. Watch for signals of breathing problems. Keep the person lying down and continue to cool the body any way you can. If the victim refuses water or is vomiting or there are changes in the level of consciousness, do not give anything to eat or drink.

According to the National Weather Service, heat emergencies cause more fatalities than any other weather-related emergency. This includes floods, tornadoes, hurricanes and extreme cold. Mountain View Fire & Rescue / Black Diamond Fire Dept would like you to have a safe summer. For more information on heat-related emergencies, please contact Tim Perciful at (253) 735-0284.

No air conditioner? Need somewhere to cool off in this heat? The Black Diamond Community Center, Black Diamond Library and the Eagles Aerie #1490 serve as cooling centers for the community!

Community Center: 31605 Third Avenue, (360) 886-1011

Library: 24707 Roberts Drive, (360) 886-1105

Eagles Aerie #1490: 32618 Railroad Avenue, (360) 886-1409 (open until 10 p.m.)



To be added to the Council agenda distribution list, please call us at (360) 886- 2560 ext. 209 or contact the City Clerk by email at [bmartinez@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](mailto:bmartinez@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us)

## Recently adopted ordinances

At the July 16 Council meeting, the Council adopted the following ordinance:

**Ordinance No. 09-916** — Amending Chapter 5.08 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code to allow the City Finance Director to establish the payment due date for City utility taxes.



**Get involved with your community: attend public hearings**

**Council**

August 6 ~ Stormwater Illicit Discharge, Detection and Elimination

August 20 ~ Subdivision Code Amendments

August 20 ~ New Animal Regulations

August 20 ~ Sign Code Regarding Temporary Signage

**Planning Commission**

August 11 ~ New Animal Regulations

August 11 ~ Sign Code Regarding Temporary Signage

*Watch the City's website for the latest information*



Black Diamond Community Center is collecting school supplies to distribute to needy Black Diamond children. Donation boxes will be at the Community Center, Black Diamond City Hall and Lake Sawyer Grocery.

CITY MEETINGS

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
25510 LAWSON STREET

- AUG 6 - 7 p.m.
- AUG 20 - 7 p.m.

**COUNCIL STUDY SESSIONS:**

- AUG 6 - 6 p.m.
- AUG 20 - 6 p.m.
- AUG 27 - 7 p.m.

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**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
25510 LAWSON STREET

- AUG 11 - 7 p.m.

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**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**MONTHLY MEETINGS**  
**CITY COUNCIL:**  
1st and 3rd Thursday  
at 7 p.m.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**  
First Tuesday after the  
first Council meeting  
at 7 p.m.

For meeting agendas and packet material please view the City Clerk page on our website [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us). Click on the meeting packets or agendas then click on the date of your choice.

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EVENT CALENDAR	CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND
<p>AUG 4 — Informational Meeting—EIS Master Planned Developments</p> <p>AUG 4 — National Night Out</p> <p>AUG 13 — Trails Systems Open House</p> <p>AUG 31 — First Day of School for Enumclaw and Kent School Districts</p>	<p><b>All City Offices Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>CITY HALL</b> (360) 886-2560 P.O. Box 599 / 24301 Roberts Drive (253) 631-0351 Fax: (360) 886-2592</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMUNITY CONTACTS</b></p> <p><b>Black Diamond Library</b> (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.</p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ NATURAL RESOURCES/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> (360) 886-2560 P.O. Box 599 / 24301 Roberts Drive (253) 631-0351 Fax: (360) 886-2592</p>
<p><b>Black Diamond Community/Senior Center</b> (360) 886-1011 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b> (253) 631-1012 P.O. Box 309 / 25510 Lawson Street Fax: (360) 886-2901</p>
<p><b>Black Diamond Post Office</b> (360) 886-9429 Hours of Operation: Monday — Friday 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MUNICIPAL COURT</b> (360) 886-7784 P.O. Box 599 / 25510 Lawson Street Fax: (360) 886-7758</p>
<p><b>Black Diamond Museum / Historical Society</b> (360) 886-2142 Hours of Operation: Thursdays — 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays — Noon - 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>FIRE DEPT. DISTRICT #44</b> (253) 735-0284</p> <p><b>PUBLIC WORKS</b> (360) 886-2560 P.O. Box 599 / 24301 Roberts Drive (253) 631-0351 AFTER HOURS (EMERGENCY PAGER) (253) 333-5555 Fax: (360) 886-2592</p>