"Facets of Black Diamond"

The City Connection

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Elected Officials

- Mayor, Rebecca Olness
- Councilmember, Kristine Hanson
- Councilmember, Craig Goodwin
- Councilmember, Bill Boston
- Councilmember, William Saas
- Councilmember, Leih Mulvihill

Master Planned Development process

By now, the City Council has commenced the closed record hearing phase of the two Master Planned Development (MPD) applications of YarrowBay. The City Council is charged with making the final decision on the MPDs. They may either deny, approve or remand the applications back to the Hearing Examiner for further review. Should the Council decide to approve one or both MPDs, that still does not authorize any construction activities to begin on the properties. The City's MPD Code requires that a Development Agreement be reached between the property owner and City before any implementing land use approvals or permits can be issued. It will most likely take several months for draft Agreements to be created. Once the drafts are done, there will be further public hearings before the Council may enter into a Development Agreement.

Notice of all these activities will be available on the City's website **www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us**. Individuals are encouraged to periodically check the site to keep apprised of progress.

27th Annual National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 3, neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "27th 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 3, 2010.

The Black Diamond Police Department, Black Diamond Fire Department and the Black Diamond Community Center will be hosting an outdoor party at the Black Diamond Community Center, located at 31605 Third Avenue. The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. Come join us for a free BBQ!

Police officers and firefighters will be at your disposal to answer any questions you may have and to provide you with crime and fire prevention tips. Please check the City's website **www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us** for updates on this event.

City Offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2010

SE 312th closed to parking, but new parking area in the works within the Lake Sawyer Regional Park

With the passage of Black Diamond Ordinance No. 10-939, parking will become prohibited along both sides of SE 312th Street starting July 1, 2010.

With the ordinance's passage, Mayor Olness has made it a priority for staff to begin implementation of a temporary parking facility located within the Lake Sawyer Regional Park, with entrance off of Lake Sawyer Road.

Staff is looking into installing between 16-19 parking stalls within the Regional Park with a trail connection that leads down to the water-front for park visitors to utilize.

This project has been fast tracked and staff is hopeful of having the new facility constructed to coordinate with the July 1, 312th parking closure as soon as practically possible.

Currently, permits are in the process of being obtained and temporary parking area construction is being coordinated. Further information will be made available as the project develops. Keep in touch with the City's website **www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us** for updates.

Soil sampling helping residents understand phosphorus levels in area soil

Ever wondered what types of nutrients are in your soil? Important information if you're trying to grow a garden or are concerned with keeping your lawn green. With recent interest on the role phosphorus plays within the Black Diamond watershed, City staff has been made aware of a free service being offered by the King Conservation District to test your soil. The testing samples the major nutrients including nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, pH, organic matter and other micronutrients. Each property owner is eligible for up to 5 samples. More information at **www.kingcd.org**.

As we've learned through this process, phosphorous plays an important role in the quality of our local waterways. Too much phosphorus can lead to plankton blooms that can make the water look cloudy and reduce the amount of available oxygen needed for fish and other aquatic species.

What types of products that we use today contain phosphorus? Many soap products such as laundry detergents, soaps to wash your car and dishwasher detergent contain some amount of phosphorus. In addition, many fertilizers contain phosphorus that help make our grass grow and our crops bountiful.

Excess phosphorus can find its way into our local waterways and can contribute to detrimental effects on water quality. With the help of the King Conservation District, we are gaining useful information in learning what levels of nutrients (specifically phosphorus) are in our soils, so that we can better manage our lawns, gardens, pastures, etc. Results of this testing is forthcoming. For more information, contact Aaron Nix, Natural Resources/ Parks Director at (360)886-2560 ext. 220.

Community Contacts

Black Diamond Community Center
(360) 886-1011
Hours of Operation:

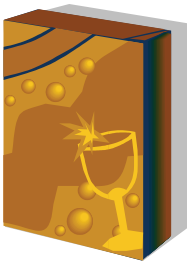
Black Diamond Library
(360) 886-1105
Hours of Operation:
Monday — Thursday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fridays — 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturdays — 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Black Diamond Museum / Historical Society
(360) 886-2142
Hours of Operation:
Thursdays — 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays — Noon - 4 p.m.

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

Water-friendly dishwasher detergents now available in stores



According to the news release dated June 9, 2010 from the Washington Department of Ecology, new low-phosphate dishwasher detergents are already appearing on grocery store shelves across Washington, making the State ready for a new law that goes into effect July 1, 2010. The new requirement, which will now apply in all 29 counties, requires that all dishwasher detergents have low-phosphate formulas. It applies to the dishwasher detergents for residential uses only, and is part of the State's ongoing efforts to improve the health of water in our lakes, rivers and streams. Phosphorus that goes down the drain creates water pollution problems, acting as a fertilizer to algae and plants. When the plants and organisms die, their decay uses up oxygen suffocating fish and other aquatic life. Sewage treatment plants can remove much of the phosphorus from our wastewater, but they cannot remove all of it before it reaches rivers, lakes and streams.

The new law requires that dishwasher detergents contain no more than 0.5 percent phosphorus. Previously, the products could contain up to 8.7 percent phosphorus. Because soaps designed for washing dishes by hand are already phosphorus-free, the new requirement affects only soaps used in automatic dishwashers. "The easiest way to remove phosphorus from wastewater is to not put it in to begin with," said Ecology Director Ted Sturdevant. "Using less phosphorus in dishwasher detergents is something that all citizens can do to help keep our waters clean."

For more information about the new dishwasher detergent law: **www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/nonpoint/phosphorus/PhosphorusBan.html** or you can learn how to help protect Washington's waters at: **www.ecy.wa.gov/washington_waters/**, the Department of Ecology's website is: **www.ecy.wa.gov**.

WATER SAFETY TIPS:

Summer is finally here and people are getting in the water to cool down and have fun. Many people in our area visit lakes, rivers, pools, etc. this time of year. Most people never really think about the dangers that water can present. Did you know drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury deaths for Washington children? In 2005, there were 104 unintentional drowning deaths of Washington residents of all ages and 19 of them were under the age of 18. Follow the following tips to keep yourself, family and friends safe.

Life vests save lives- Anytime you are near any open water such as a river, lake, etc., you should be sure to wear a life vest. Many parks and recreation areas have a life vest loaner program so you can use a life vest for the day and return it when you are finished with it. You may also purchase life vests from various agencies for a discounted price. One organization that sells live vests is Safe Kids of King County South. You can visit their website at **www.safekidskingcountysouth.com**.

Alcohol and open water don't mix- People should not consume alcohol when they are going to be around open water.

Follow posted warning signs- Many areas with open water will have warning signs. Please read the signs and check with a park ranger, police officer, etc., to see what dangers may exist and if there are any issues that you should be concerned about.

Rivers have hidden dangers- There are many dangers that can be associated with rivers and streams. Many times the water is moving fast, it is cold, it has dangerous obstacles such as trees that may cross the water, etc. Be sure to always wear a life vest when anywhere near moving water.

Children and pets can drown silently in the water- There should always be someone to watch children and pets when they are near the water. This is important because drowning can happen silently and without warning. A designated person should not be drinking alcohol, should know the area, have access to a phone, and should have a life vest. This is important because several people who drown never intended on getting wet.

Have a happy and safe summer!

The Black Diamond Police Department has scheduled a free Adventure in Boating class, which fulfills the requirement needed to obtain your Boaters Education Card

In 2005, a law was passed requiring boat operators to take a boater safety education course in order to operate a boat in Washington state. The card requirement is being phased in from 2008 to 2014. All operators of boats having motors of 15 horsepower or greater are required to have their Boater Safety Education Card with them when operating a boat as follows:

Year	Age Group
2008	12 years to 20 years old
2009	25 years and under
2010	30 years and under
2011	35 years and under
2012	40 years and under
2013	50 years and under
2014	60 years and under
After 2014	All boat operators except those exempted elsewhere in RCW 79A.60.640

Upon successful completion of the class, students will only need to send in their application with the following supporting documents to Washington State Parks to get a Boater Education Card.

- Check or money order for $10, made payable to Washington State Parks.

- A legible copy of your proof of course completion or exam certificate (received at the conclusion of the class, upon successful completion).

This class will be held at the Black Diamond Police Department (25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, WA) on **Saturday, July 10th from 10 am-3 pm**. A minimum of 15 students must sign up for the class. Once again this class is being offered free of charge. To register for the class please contact the Black Diamond Police Department at (253) 631-1012 or email us at ContactUs@police.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us.

Recently Adopted Ordinances

Ordinance No. 09-938 -
Authorizing Interfund Loan from Wastewater Capital Fund to the Public Works Capital Fund

Ordinance No. 09-939-
Prohibiting Parking on SE 312th Street

Ordinance No. 09-940-
Animal Control Regulations

Ordinance No. 09-941-
Subdivision Code Amendments

Ordinance No. 09-942-
Re-Adoption of Ch. 18.14-Vesting

Ordinance No. 09-943-
2009 International Codes

Police go high tech to search for missing children

Police Chief Kiblinger has formalized an agreement with the "A Child Is Missing Alert Program" (ACIM) that has led to a high tech method now in place to search locally for missing children, missing elderly (often with Alzheimer's), and missing persons who may be mentally or physically challenged or disabled.

Effective May 25, 2010, upon receipt of missing persons calls, the Police Department will make its first phone call to a toll-free number that rings in Fort Lauderdale, Florida—the national headquarters of the "A Child Is Missing Alert Program". The call, answered 24/7/365 by an Information and Mapping Technician, initiates a rapid process of information gathering and use of sophisticated mapping systems. "A Child Is Missing" then launches potentially thousands of calls within minutes with an alert message detailing the missing person's description, last known whereabouts, and pertinent information. This alert message will also include a Police Department phone number for use by anyone with information relating to the missing person.

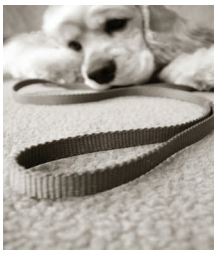
This program is a free service to law enforcement. Black Diamond Police officials will evaluate each potential activation of the "A Child Is Missing Alert Program" to ensure the application is appropriate to the case and that the system is optimally used. Policies, procedures, and employee training will also guide the most efficient and effective use of this Alert Program.

Phone numbers that are called by this program include listed numbers and mobile numbers available to ACIM in the selected area. Mobile numbers, unlisted numbers, broadband/voice-over IP numbers, or TDD/TTY devices can be added to ensure they, too, are called in the event of an alert. **To enter your cell phone, unlisted, broadband/voice-over IP or TDD/TTY device number visit www.achildismissing.org and click on "add your name" to enter your name, number, and address. This information will only be used for emergency message alerts.**

"A Child Is Missing" is a nationwide non-profit organization that helps law enforcement agencies locate missing children, missing elderly persons (often suffering from Alzheimer's), college students, and missing persons who are mentally or physically challenged or disabled. "A Child is Missing" utilizes sophisticated computer mapping systems and trained technicians with the capacity to place 1,000 alert phone calls in one minute to residents and businesses in the area where someone has gone missing. To date the efforts of "A Child Is Missing" have been credited with more than 750 safe assisted recoveries.

27 Cities signal intent to join new regional model for animal control, sheltering and licensing

Twenty-seven cities, including Black Diamond, have signed letters of intent to join a collaborative new approach for the provision of animal services, enabling King County Executive Dow Constantine to deliver a comprehensive package to the King County Council for implementation of a new regional model for animal care, control, and licensing. "With this new regional model the county and cities can provide better public health and safety, animal welfare and customer service, at a lower cost than cities could provide on their own," said Executive Constantine. "At the same time we will continue to work on reforms that earn the respect of the community and lead to innovative partnerships that will reduce future costs." Please visit the King County website for more information on the new regional model at **www.kingcounty.gov/safety/AnimalServices/RegionalAnimalServices**.



The City of Black Diamond has updated the animal control regulations on June 3,2010 by Ordinance No.10-940 and on June 17, 2010 the City has adopted Resolution No. 10-694, an Interlocal Agreement with King County to provide animal services through December 31, 2012. Both items can be found on the City's website **www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us** on the Clerks page.

Reminder: King County pet licenses are required for all dogs and cats. Licenses are inexpensive identification and are for your pet's protection and safety. Pet licenses can be purchased at Black Diamond City Hall, 24301 Roberts Drive, Black Diamond, or online at **www.kingcounty.gov/safety/AnimalServices/licensing/licensesonline**.

Type of License	Comments	Cost
Juvenile	Under 6 months; 6 months expiration	$15
Altered	Proof required	$30
Senior Discount has been DISCONTINUED	n/a	n/a
Discounted License	Replaces "Senior Lifetime License"; available to persons	$15
Unaltered	Includes $25 voucher for savings on spay/neuter	$60
Service Animal	Statement of disability & pet is a service animal	$0

New licensing fees effective July 1, 2010

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

COMMUNITY EVENTS

July 17—Miners Day Celebration— Come one, come all! Railroad Avenue will be busy with activity on Saturday, July 17th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Railroad Avenue Ribbon Cutting, Miners Day Celebration, and Time Capsule Burial. (**See below article for specific information)**

August 3 — 27th Annual National Night Out (Check website for updates)

September 4, 5 & 6—Labor Days Festival (See article on page 6 for more information)

Come one,
Come ALL!

Miners Day Celebration

July 17, 2010
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **10 a.m.—Railroad Avenue Ribbon Cutting Dedication of reconstruction: New pavement, sidewalks, lamp posts and a complete new Historic look!**
- **11 a.m.—Time Capsule Burial at the Depot Museum. Celebration of 50 years of Incorporation of the City. The capsule will be opened in the year 2059.**
- **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.—Miners Day Celebration. Railroad Avenue will be CLOSED from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. for vendors to set up their booths and display their products and services. Booth space is only $35 per 10' x 10' space. "Sponsor" and Non-profit organizations booth spaces are FREE. We welcome home based participants. Enter Chili Cook-Off as a participant for $15. Live music, Eagles BBQ, Pacific NW BBQ Cook-Off, Chili Cook-Off with "People's Choice" sampling, Chili judging, Museum, Caboose and Jail will be open for your enjoyment. The Bakery, Gift stores , Meat Market, Book Store and Pizza Deli will be open for your dining, shopping pleasure; plus many interesting vendor items. "Sponsorships" are available for $100, $500, $1,000 +. Sponsor names will appear in the advertized media and their booth space is FREE. It's easy to become involved in this family oriented Community Event, just give us a call– Chairman, Frank Rinehart (206) 930-5171 or Co-Chair, Keith Watson (360) 886-0778, needed forms will be provided. Come and enjoy this Historic District!**

Labor Days need volunteers

Black Diamond Labor Days is once again up and running and looking forward to another great year, sans the rain. The committee is meeting every other Monday 7 p.m. at the Black Diamond Bakery. We have lots of opportunities to volunteer for the festival and are currently looking for a couple to bodies to coordinate a few events that won't happen if we don't get help.

The Elementary School Royalty has been selected for the year. We asked the kids to once again help design our Labor Day button and what a turnout we had. Ninety-six designs were submitted making it very hard to select our winners. This year we awarded a winner in each grade and then selected the winning design from those selections.

Look for the Labor Day buttons at local merchants in a couple of weeks. Call Leih at (360) 886-9570 for general questions, Tami at (206) 618-3997 for the Parade, Alicia at (253) 334-5838 for Booth information, Maggie at (360) 886-0300 for program advertising, Frank at (360) 886-1474 for Teen events, and Gary at (360) 886-5280 for the Push Kart Derby. You can pick up Citizenship Award Nomination forms at City Hall. Nominations are being accepted until July 23, 2010. Mail completed forms to BD Labor Days Nomination Committee, PO Box 716, Black Diamond, WA 98010. We'll see everyone on the fields Labor Day!

The City-sponsored Labor Days event kicks off September 4th. A calendar of events is below. For more information please call Leih Mulvihill at (360) 886-2182.

The button design winners are:

1st Place	Kristeena Thacker	3rd Grade	Labor Day Queen
2nd Place	Molly Meschan	4th Grade	Labor Day Princess
3rd Place	Leanne Walsky	Kindergarten	Labor Day Princess
4th Place	Savannah Rabago	1st Grade	Labor Day Princess
5th Place	Kelsey Webb	2nd Grade	Labor Day Princess
Honorable Mention	Tristan Thomson	3rd Grade	Sir Knight
Honorable Mention	Brian Rivera	2nd Grade	Sir Knight

Labor Day Event Calendar

Come and join the festivities!

Saturday, September 4

- Puget Sound Blood Drive **9 a.m. -12 p.m. and 1 -3 p.m. at Masonic Lodge**
- Doggie Day Events **10 a.m.**
- BD Museum Tours **12 – 4 p.m.**

Sunday, September 5

- Pie Baking Contest **10 a.m.**
- Children's and Women's Games **10:30 a.m.**
- Booths and Inflatable **10 a.m.- 3 p.m.**
- BD Museum Tours **12 – 4 p.m.**
- Citizenship Awards **1 p.m.**

Monday, September 6

- Pancake Breakfast **7 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Masonic Lodge**
- Parade Line-up **8 a.m.**
- Car Show **9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**
- Booths and Inflatable **10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**
- Parade **10 a.m.**
- BD Museum Tours **12 – 4 p.m.**
- BBQ at Black Diamond Eagles Clubhouse **12-1 p.m.**
- Entertainment **1:30 p.m.**
- Sport Activities **1- 4 p.m.**
- Button Raffle Drawing **2:30 p.m.**

Departments

- City Administrator,
- 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

Contact Information

All City Offices Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.

CITY HALL P.O. Box 599 / 24301 Roberts Drive	**(360) 886-2560** **(253) 631-0351** **Fax: (360) 886-2592**
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/NATURAL RESOURCES/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT P.O. Box 599 / 24301 Roberts Drive	**(360) 886-2560** **(253) 631-0351** **Fax: (360) 886-2592**
POLICE DEPARTMENT P.O. Box 309 / 25510 Lawson Street	**(253) 631-1012** **Fax: (360) 886-2901**
MUNICIPAL COURT P.O. Box 599 / 25510 Lawson Street	**(360) 886-7784** **Fax: (360) 886-7758**
FIRE DEPT. DISTRICT #44	**(253) 735-0284**
PUBLIC WORKS P.O. Box 599 / 24301 Roberts Drive	**(360) 886-2560** **(253) 631-0351** **Fax: (360) 886-2592**
UTILITY AFTER HOURS (EMERGENCY PAGER)	**(253) 333-5555**

Check out our website at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us

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Council/Commission/Committee Meetings

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
25510 LAWSON STREET

- JUL 1 - 7 p.m.
- JUL 15 - 7 p.m.
- AUG 5 - 7 p.m.
- AUG 19 - 7 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSTUDIES
25510 LAWSON STREET

- AUG 26 - 5 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
25510 LAWSON STREET

- JUL 6 - 7 p.m.
- AUG 10 - 7 p.m.

ALL COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
JUL 9 **and** JUL 30 - 9 a.m.
AUG 13 **and** AUG 27 - 9 a.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
Dates to be determined

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
JUL 6 **and** JUL 27 - 4 p.m.
AUG 10 **and** AUG 24 - 4 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
JUL 22 - 4 p.m.
AUG 26 - 4 p.m.

PLANNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
Dates to be determined

ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE TENTATIVE, CHECK WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES. MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM

Monthly meetings for City Council are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Tuesday after the first Council meeting at 7 p.m. of each month (unless otherwise noted). Please contact the Clerks office for more information or meeting materials at (360) 886-2560 or check out the City Clerks webpage at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Clerk.