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A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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MAY 15TH- HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE SACRIFICED EVERYTHING

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.



2010 saw a 37% increase in line of duty deaths. Why the increase? Is it that we are asking officers to do more with less, which have included devastating cuts in personnel, training, and equipment? Is it the lack of respect that many have toward law enforcement? Is it the continued illegal drug usage? Is it the unemployment rate, the early release of convicted dangerous felons, broken homes, or the lack of fear of consequences in our society? What is clear is that violence is on the increase and there are bad guys who could care less about killing a cop.

No matter what you believe, it is important to remember that this job is something most can never understand. It isn't like television. We get to see people and their lives at their worst. Try to imagine ... a four year old who just told you that daddy has been having sex with her, telling the parents of a 16-year old that their precious son has just committed suicide and would never be coming home, or responding to the scene of an accident where two teenagers lay dead in the field after their bodies were ejected from their vehicle because a man that was

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LIFELINE UTILITY DISCOUNT APPLICATIONS -DUE MAY 31ST

New applications for the Lifeline utility discount program are due May 31st. The 2011 – 2012 applications have recently been mailed to all current program participants. Applications need to be completed, signed and submitted to City Hall by the due date. New proof of income is also required.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income guidelines have changed this year, increasing income limits. Low income residents 62 or over and low income disabled are welcome to apply. To see if you qualify, remember that

HUD guidelines are for gross income, not just taxable income. The utility discounts are currently 50%, and are applied to Black Diamond's water, stormwater and the City portion of wastewater rates.

Applications are available at City Hall and also on the City's webpage www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us. If you would like an application mailed to you or have any questions, call (360) 886-2560. All documentation is subject to City of Black Diamond Finance Department's verification.

Official HUD Guidelines as of May 2010

Size of Household	Maximum Annual Gross Income
1	\$45,100
2	\$51,550
3	\$58,000
4	\$64,400
5	\$69,600
6	\$74,750
7	\$79,900
8	\$85,050

HONORING THOSE WHO SACRIFICE - CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

high on cocaine hit them head on. This is the reality that officers face. Still, while officers understand the risks they take, they continue to wear the uniform and carry the badge in order to protect our citizens. Next time you see an officer, say thank you. Instead of telling a bad 'cop' story, tell a good one. Give something back to the officers who give and risk everything they have, every day.

-Chief Kiblinger



COMMUNITY EVENTS

MEMORIAL DAY AT BLACK DIAMOND CEMETERY

- **May 30-** Please join the Black Diamond/Maple Valley VFW Post 5050 at 10:30 a.m. on Memorial Day for a Memorial Service for our Veterans at the Black Diamond Cemetery.



2ND ANNUAL BOOTS AND BADGES CHARITY EVENT

This year Police Officers from Black Diamond, Enumclaw, Auburn, Bonney Lake, and Buckley Police Departments, as well as from the Department of Corrections, have answered the call to become "Law Dawgs".



On June 11, 2011 at the Enumclaw High School Gym, the 2nd Annual Boots and Badges Charity Basketball Game will be played. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the game starting at 7 p.m. Please come out and support your local law enforcement and fire personnel as they do battle in the name of charity. For more information visit the Boots and Badges website at www.bootsandbadges.com. There will also be a \$250 Half Court Shot Raffle.



All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Cancer Walk. If you are interested in buying t-shirts for \$10 each (*t-shirts will be available mid-May*) prior to game night or tickets for \$6 each contact Officer Brian Lynch at (253) 261-0621.

BLACK DIAMOND'S METRO BUS SCHEDULE AND RATES

Black Diamond Neighborhood Bus Routes are available to view online at www.metro.kingcounty.gov. Below are Black Diamond's current Bus Routes. *Select a bus route below for schedule information. Day(s) of the week the route runs are in parentheses.*

143 (Weekdays) [Route Map](#) (click on link to the left to access the routes on the Metro website)

Departure/Arrival at 3rd & Baker

To Renton, Downtown Seattle—5:30 a.m.- 5:57 a.m. - 6:17 a.m.- 6:33 a.m.- 6:52 a.m.

To Renton, Enumclaw—5:32 p.m. - 6:01 p.m.- 6:20 p.m.- 6:37 p.m.- 6:54 p.m.

149 (Weekdays) [Route Map](#) (click on link to the left to access the routes on the Metro website)

Departure/Arrival at 3rd & Baker

To Renton, Downtown Seattle - 7:52 a.m.— 8:24 a.m. - 9:39 a.m.— 11:09 a.m.—12:39 p.m. - 2:09 p.m.— 4:52 p.m.- 6:31 p.m.— 7:50 p.m.

To Renton, Enumclaw—7:00 a.m.— 10:01 a.m. - 11:31 a.m.—1:01 p.m. - 2:23 p.m.— 4:02 p.m.

912 (Weekdays) [Route Map](#) (click on link to the left to access the routes on the Metro website)

Departure/Arrival at 3rd & Baker

To Enumclaw - 8:38 a.m.— 3:59 p.m.—7:06 p.m.

To Covington - 8:57 a.m.—3:19 p.m.—6:26 p.m.



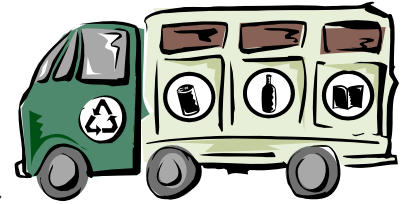
www.metro.kingcounty.gov

	Off-Peak All Zones	Peak One Zone	Peak Two Zone	
Adult age 19-64	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$3.00	Peak Hours Monday to Friday 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. Zones The city of Seattle is one zone and all other areas outside the city but within King County are a second zone. Any time you cross the Seattle city limits, you have passed from a one-zone fare to a two-zone fare. Any time your trip begins or ends on a zone line, you pay a one-zone fare. Transfers Metro paper transfers are valid on only Metro buses. If you are paying cash and use more than one transit system you must pay a fare each time you board a different bus.
Senior with Regional Reduced Fare Permit	75¢	75¢	75¢	
Riders with disabilities and Medicare card holders with Regional Reduced Fare Permit	75¢	75¢	75¢	
Youth age 6-18	75¢	75¢	75¢	
Children age 0-5 years	Up to four children age 5 and under ride free with a person paying an adult fare.			
Access Transportation	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	
Animals Service Animals & Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service animals for persons with disabilities: Free • Dogs that fit in owners' laps and other small pets: Free • Large dogs: Pay the same fare as their owner 			

2011 RECYCLING EVENT HUGE SUCCESS

It was another productive day for our Spring Recycling event held on Saturday, April 2, 2011.

The following is a recap report of what was collected in Black Diamond by Paul Devine of Olympic Environmental Resources which noted that three hundred and fifteen (315) carloads of recyclable material arrived at the Black Diamond Police Station. The total amount of material collected was 46,721 pounds or nearly 24 tons.



The event included the collection of:

- 17,780 pounds of scrap metals and electronics. These metals will be sorted into ferrous and non-ferrous metals and made into new products at various manufacturing plants.
- 2 used refrigerators and freezers. The ozone depleting chemicals and gas will be removed from these units and disposed of properly by Total Reclaim in Seattle (700 pounds).
- 15 propane tanks. The tanks will be re-used through Blue Rhino Cylinder Exchange Service or the tanks will be recycled as scrap metal through Independent Metals (750 pounds).
- 14,420 pounds of bulky yard debris and scrap wood from the chipping and collection service. The bulky wood will be processed for composting and the scrap wood will be made into composite siding through Waste Management's wood processing facility in Auburn.
- 2,234 pounds of reusable household goods. This material was collected by the Northwest Center for resale through their retail outlets with the proceeds going to charity programs.
- 300 gallons of used motor oil and petroleum based products. This will be re-refined into new

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OFFICER SCOTT OAK AWARDED CARNEGIE MEDAL FOR EXTRAORDINARY ACTS OF CIVILIAN HEROISM



On April 7, 2011, Officer Scott Oak of the Black Diamond Police Department was awarded the Carnegie Medal for risking his life to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others. Currently there are 9,432 recipients of the Medal since its inception

in 1904, which are distributed throughout the United States and Canada.

Officer Oak received his award for his actions on October 5, 2009, while off-duty in Eastern Washington. The following is a summary of the incident:

Michael S. Hatfield saved Alexandra C. Hatley from burning, and Scott J. Oak saved Taylor L. Tefft, Pasco, Washington, October 5, 2009. Alexandra, 12, and Taylor, 11, were passengers in an automobile that was involved in an accident on an interstate highway. The car immediately caught fire, as did the other vehicle, located about 10 feet away, that was involved

in the collision. Severely injured and rendered unconscious, the girls remained in the vehicle as flames issued from its undercarriage, Alexandra lying on the rear seat and Taylor in the front seat, trapped by wreckage. One of the motorists who stopped at the scene, Hatfield, 45, training specialist, approached the driver's side of the car containing the girls. He leaned into it through the rear door and worked to free Alexandra from her safety belt. Hatfield then lifted her, pulled her from the vehicle, and carried her to the median as flames grew quickly to enter the car's back-seat area. Meanwhile, Oak, 34, an off-duty police officer from another municipality, had also stopped at the scene. He approached the passenger side of the burning car, leaned through the window of its front door, and maneuvered Taylor to free her. He then pulled her through the window and carried her to the median. Flames spread to engulf the car. Both girls were taken to the hospital, where Alexandra died of her injuries the next day and Taylor died the following day. Oak also received hospital treatment, for smoke inhalation and burns to his arms. He recovered.

For more information about the Carnegie Hero Medal, please visit their website at www.carnegiehero.org.

EARTH DAY EVENT RECAP

Weeding and planting encompassed the Earth Day event for 2011 for staff and Councilmembers in the City of Black Diamond. This is the third year in a row that the City has held the annual event.

Two spots, including Union Stump Park and a large planter strip along Railroad Avenue were the targets for improvements this year. Both spots were in dire need of weeding and small native plant improvements in an effort to beautify these areas.



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



The events in Japan have helped raise awareness of the need to prepare for a disaster in our area. Many people find the task daunting and don't know where to start. There are several resources available to get you started in preparing your family for a disaster. These resources include: The American Red Cross, FEMA, Mountain View Fire & Rescue / Black Diamond Fire, a local website such as www.3days3ways.org and more.

Mountain View Fire & Rescue / Black Diamond Fire has a Facebook page where we post

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motor oil or reused as bunker fuel (2,220 pounds).

- 75 gallons of used anti-freeze. This toxic liquid will be recycled into new anti-freeze (600 pounds).
- 18 used oil filters. These will be drained of oil and the scrap metal will be recycled (50 pounds).
- 113 used tires. These tires will be re-used if in good condition; if not, chipped and made into such products as garden hoses, playground mats, road bedding, and burned as fuel (2,825 pounds).
- 24 lead acid batteries. The batteries will be dismantled, the acid disposed of properly, and the cores recycled into new batteries (864 pounds).
- 3,030 household batteries. The batteries will be dismantled, the hazardous material disposed of properly, and the cores recycled into new batteries through All Battery (303 pounds).
- 11 toilets and sinks. The porcelain material will be processed by Lloyd Enterprises into concrete material (825 pounds).
- 3,150 pounds of cardboard. The cardboard collected will be recycled by Smurfit in Renton.

The success of this program has kept these materials out of the conventional waste stream and into the appropriate recycling businesses' hands. Otherwise, these materials could have found their way into local landfills or parts of the city. The City of Black Diamond was able to provide this service with grant money provided by the King County Solid Waste Division, King County Health Department and Washington State Department of Ecology.



SALES TAX REVENUE SHOWING SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT FOR BLACK DIAMOND

Signs of the economy improving may be reflected in the sales tax revenue the City has received through March of this year. We have experienced a 3.3% increase over last year's sales tax revenue by \$15,515 through March. Every dollar helps offset the revenue short-fall that the City has seen over the last few years.

Sales tax is 8.6% in Black Diamond. Of the total, Washington State receives 65%, King County gets 13.4%, Criminal Justice programs receive 1.2%, and Black Diamond only receives 9.9% of the total or roughly 10 cents back on each sales tax dollar collected.

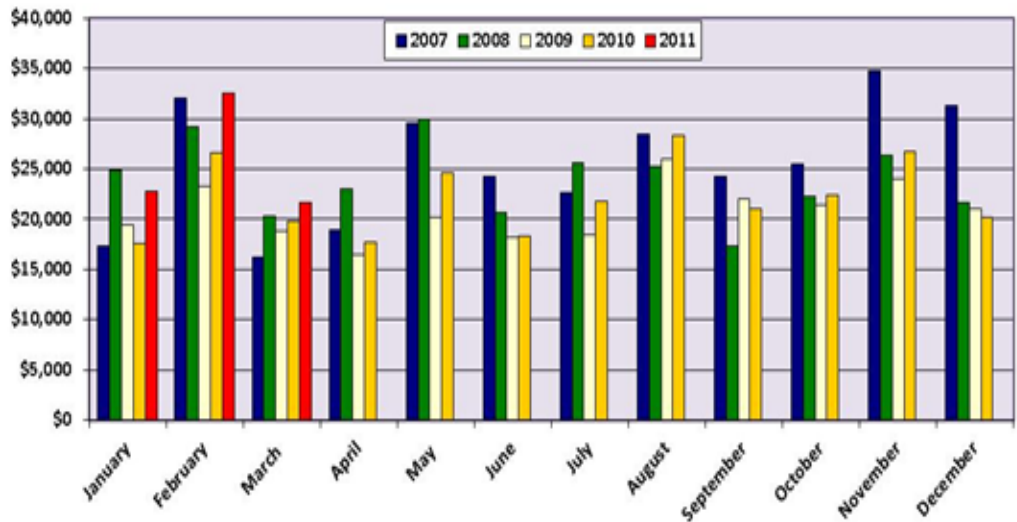
"Buy Black Diamond" is paying off as our merchants are seeing improved sales. In addition, the States adoption of the Streamline Sales Tax in July 2009 has and continues to improve Black Diamond's sales tax picture by changing how these taxes are distributed. Now city sales taxes are sent to the city where a product is delivered, rather than to where it was purchased.

Sales Tax	Annual
2007	\$ 305,497
2008	\$ 286,610
2009	\$ 249,526
2010	\$ 265,177
2011 (ytd)	\$ 77,037

For an example of this advantage, the City recently purchased a slope mower and had it delivered here rather than picking it up. That purchase translated into an additional \$639 in sales taxes for the City - simply because it was delivered to Black Diamond!

Because local sales tax is important revenue for the City of Black Diamond, Finance Director May Miller recommends, "Whenever possible, buy in Black Diamond and have purchases delivered here too!"

Sales Tax Collection History in Black Diamond



DROP, COVER AND HOLD



According to King County Office of Emergency Management News Release dated March 25, 2011 your first move when the earth shakes is: "Drop, Cover, and Hold". Experts, from medical doctors to international

search and rescue teams, agree: "Drop, Cover and Hold" is your best move to reduce injury and death during an earthquake. Methods like standing in a doorway, running outside and searching for a potential "Triangle of Life" (*Triangle of Life technique, incorrectly claims that people can use 'voids' or 'empty spaces' as a way to survive earthquakes*) are considered dangerous and are not recommended.

Bill Steele, seismology lab coordinator at the University of Washington, has years of experience studying how earthquakes behave. "The emergency management community has worked for decades researching

earthquake response and recovery throughout the world and gathering best practices," said Steele. "We know what works. In the urgency of disaster, people need to instinctively know what to do. And the right message is to 'Drop, Cover, and Hold.'" DROP to the floor, Take COVER under a sturdy table, desk, or chair and HOLD in place until the shaking stops.

Being ready for an earthquake includes practicing what you'll do when the earth shakes so that a safe response becomes automatic.

To learn more about earthquake safety and mitigation, please visit the [King County Office of Emergency Management](http://www.kingcounty.gov/ocem). Help your family, workplace, and community prepare for earthquakes and other disasters: visit www.3days3ways.org.

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various tips and resources on a regular basis. You can visit the page at facebook.com/KCFD44. Below are some tips for preparation:

Make A Plan-

Have an Out of Area Contact- This person will be a contact in case you can't contact your family. Many times people outside the area can talk/text your family members when you can't due to limited phone lines.

Plan a Route- Try to find an alternate route to/from work, school, home, etc. that limits bridges or other obstacles that may hinder access during a

disaster.

Make A Kit-

Cash- It is good to have a little cash available in your kit. This may come in useful when credit cards, ATM cards, etc. are unusable due to systems that may be unavailable.

Food- Buy a little food for your kit each time you go to the store. This food should include food that you and your family like to eat. Also be sure to purchase food for your pets. Once you purchase the food then write the expiration date on the package in

bold permanent marker so you can use it before it expires.

Water- Store at least a gallon of water per person per day. This water will be used for drinking, cleaning, and hygiene. Children, nursing mothers and people that may be ill will use more water. You will also want to be sure you have water for your pets.

Please contact Tim Perciful at tperciful@kcf44.org or join facebook.com/KCFD44 for more information.

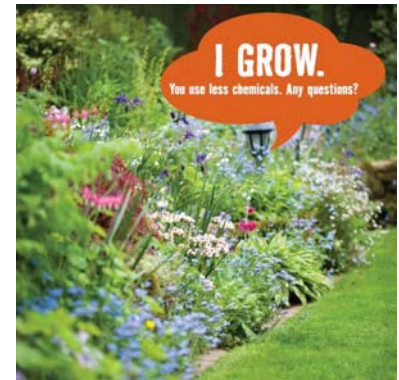


**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 30TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY**

**YARD CARE TIPS**

The calendar says that spring is here! Although the weather hasn't provided too many opportunities for us to get out in our yards, we have a few tips and reminders that will help protect our surface waters here in Black Diamond:

- ◆ Limit your use of fertilizers, especially those fertilizers that contain phosphorous as phosphorous aids the growth of harmful algae blooms in lakes and streams.
- ◆ Think about having less lawn and more ferns, Salal, Oregon Grape, etc. in any larger landscape projects you are considering. These natural plants are drought tolerant, require less water than grass and help reduce harmful stormwater runoff.
- ◆ Compost in a well-drained area away from surface waters to reduce the amount of harmful runoff that enters our surface waters.
- ◆ Mix your lawn with clovers that have deep roots and produce their own nitrogen to provide a green lawn with limited water and fertilizer.
- ◆ Add evergreen trees to your landscape. There are many varieties of evergreens that do not grow to be extremely large (like Douglas Fir) and that will not become future hazards to your property.
- ◆ Scoop the poop – Dog and cat feces should be thrown away with your garbage.



Picture courtesy of pugetsoundstartshere.org

To learn more about what you can do to help protect our local surface waters, please visit pugetsoundstartshere.org.

ANNUAL UPDATE OF CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BEGINS



In April, City departments began preparing for the annual update of the comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Each year, the entire plan is reviewed and updated. This is an important fiscal planning tool that identifies the City's capital asset needs such as new water pipes, park improvements and police and fire capital projects. This plan schedules projects of \$5,000 or more for funding and implementation over a period of years.

For projects funded by grants or low-interest loans, an approved Capital Improvement Plan is usually required by State or Federal agencies. Sources of funds for the projects include State, Federal, or local grants, real estate excise taxes (from the sale of property), water, wastewater and stormwater charges, gas tax and Public Works Trust Fund loans or bonds.

Council workshops, committee meetings and public hearings are scheduled for May and June. Council is scheduled to adopt the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Plan in early July. The 2012 projects that have been approved in the plan will then be added to the 2012 Budget which is scheduled for adoption in December.

CIP at a glance...

- * The CIP is a mandate of the Growth Management Act.
- * Cities plan public improvements to accommodate anticipated growth and public needs and to implement policy decisions.
- * The CIP process establishes a systematic means to annually identify the capital improvements and financing for a six-year period.
- * The CIP is primarily funded from dedicated revenues (such as the Real Estate Excise Tax or utility charges) and grants.
- * Public comment is accepted on the CIP and includes proposed projects submitted by the City Council, Council committees and City Departments.
- * A preliminary CIP is then presented to the City Council. Council holds a public hearing and then adopts the six-year plan by Resolution.

The current CIP is posted on the City's website under the Finance Department webpage www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Finance/finance_home.html.

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Black Diamond Community Center
(360) 886-1011
 Hours of Operation:
 Monday – Friday 8 – 4:30

Black Diamond Museum Historical Society
(360) 886-2142
 Hours of Operation:
 Thursdays — 9 - 4
 Saturdays and Sundays — 12 - 3

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

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

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS 25510 LAWSON STREET

- MAY 5 - 7 p.m.
- MAY 19 - 7 p.m.
- JUN 2 - 7 p.m.
- JUN 16 - 7 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSTUDIES 25510 LAWSON STREET

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PLANNING COMMISSION 25510 LAWSON STREET

- MAY 10 - 7 p.m.
- JUN 7 - 7 p.m.

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE

24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

MAY 12 and MAY 26 - 9 a.m.

JUN 9 and JUN 30 - 9 a.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE

24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

Dates to be determined

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

MAY 10 and MAY 24 - 4 p.m.

JUN 7 and JUN 21 - 4 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

Dates to be determined

PLANNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

Dates to be determined

ALL COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE TENTATIVE AND HELD IN THE PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON THE AGENDA. CHECK WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES.

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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.