

# THE CITY CONNECTION

“FACETS OF BLACK DIAMOND”

A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## MPD DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS

Last September, the City Council unanimously approved the two Master Plan Developments (MPDs) of “The Villages” and “Lawson Hills.” For the next 8 months, City staff negotiated with YarrowBay and developed draft Development Agreements, one for each MPD. On July 11, the City’s Hearing Examiner began conducting an open record public hearing on the proposals. The hearing continued throughout the week and concluded on Saturday, July 16. The following Thursday, the Examiner considered expert testimony, after which he closed the record to further oral testimony. However, he did leave the written record open for two weeks, giving individuals the opportunity to submit additional comments through Thursday, August 4. Every party of record had an opportunity to respond to any of the submitted written testimony by August 12. The Examiner then provided an additional two working days for final comments.

Similar to the MPD process, the Hearing Examiner will be issuing a *recommendation* for the City Council to consider in its

upcoming closed record hearing process. And, just like that earlier process, only those individuals who participated in the open record hearing will be able to testify to the City Council. At this time, the Council has not set a date for when it will commence its proceedings, but it is expected to be in the latter half of September.

Please contact the Community Development Department at (360) 886-2560 should you have any questions.



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**CITY HALL  
OFFICES WILL BE  
CLOSED:**

**Sept. 2 –  
Furlough Day**

**Sept. 5 – Labor Day**

**Oct. 10 —  
Furlough Day**



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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

**“AMERICA’S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME”**

National Night Out 2011 was a success for Black Diamond citizens. On Tuesday, August 2nd, neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond were invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “28<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out” crime and drug prevention event. Many neighborhoods hosted block parties, where neighbors enjoyed good food and company. Black Diamond Police Officer’s made their rounds to each and 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 anticrime 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 are ready to fight back.



The Black Diamond Police Department, Black Diamond Fire Department and the Black Diamond Community Center hosted a party at the Black Diamond Community Center. The festivities began at 5 p.m. and continued into the evening. Hotdogs, hamburgers and chicken were grilled to perfection on the BBQ and various community members brought side dishes, salads and desserts. While community members socialized with each other, the children took tours of the fire engines and police cars that were parked out front. Over 200 community members showed up for the event, and everyone had the opportunity to meet their local police officers and fire fighters.



There were also coordinated block parties in the Eagle Creek and Morgan Creek neighborhoods. Delicious food, ice cream bars and face painting were some of the many elements that made up

these two gatherings. Neighbors gathered together and enjoyed the perfect weather for the perfect evening. Thank you to everyone who made this annual event a success.



## DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS

In order to prevent improper disposal (including illicit discharges) of unwanted household hazardous products, King County has set up the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program. These items can be disposed of at **NO COST**.

The closest facility is located at the Auburn Supermall. The following are some of the items that can be taken to local hazardous waste facilities:

- Household cleaners
- Lawn & garden products
- Oil-based paints, thinners & stains (no latex)
- Automotive products (including oil and antifreeze)
- Household and vehicle batteries
- Flammable liquids (not to exceed 30 gallons of gasoline)
- Propane, butane
- Solvents (such as WD-40)
- Road flares
- Pool & spa supplies
- Mercury-containing thermometers, thermostats, fluorescent tubes & bulbs

As a general rule, a product is hazardous if the label



says: CAUTION-WARNING-DANGER-POISON.

The following items are not accepted at local hazardous waste facilities, but there are options for disposal:

Call the Household Hazards Line at 206-296-4692 for disposal of the following:

- Latex paint (empty cans okay to throw in trash with lid off)
- Ammunition
- Fireworks

- Marine flares

- Explosives

For medical sharps, such as needles, contact King County Solid Waste at:

- 1-800-325-6165, ext. 6-4466

For asbestos containing materials, contact Puget Sound Clean Air Agency at:

- 206-343-8800

For televisions, computer monitors and other electronics, contact Take it Back Network at 1-800-RECYCLE or [www.takeitbacknetwork.org](http://www.takeitbacknetwork.org)

For more information, including all locations of disposal facility locations, visit [www.lhwmp.org](http://www.lhwmp.org).

## 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

## DISTRIBUTION LISTS

Contact the City Clerks office 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)

## BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY: SAFETY TIPS FOR MOTORIST



### Sharing the road safely with school buses

- ◆ School buses are one of the safest ways for children get to school. Most of the children who are injured or killed in bus-related crashes are pedestrians that are hit by motorists illegally passing a stopped school bus.
- ◆ It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load/unload children. Motorists must stop in both directions.
- ◆ School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals to motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.
- ◆ Be sure to leave plenty of space around the bus. The most dangerous area is about 10 feet around the bus.
- ◆ Children can be unpredictable getting off the bus since they are comfortable with their surroundings. This may make them more likely to take risks, ignore hazards or fail to look both ways when crossing the street.
- ◆ Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

### Sharing the road safely with child pedestrians

- ◆ All drivers need to recognize the special safety needs of pedestrians, especially those that
- ◆ are children.
- ◆ Drivers should not block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn.
- ◆ You must stop to yield the right-of-way when in a school zone.
- ◆ Always stop when directed by designated crossing guard.

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## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN: 2012 BUDGET PREPARATION

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 continue to have a challenge preparing a balanced budget. The economic downturn continues to negatively impact revenues that the City receives.

During the last half of August and September, the Finance Department updates the 2012 revenue forecast for the General Fund and other funds using 2011 trends and forecast information provided by Municipal Research and Services Center and other agencies. A first draft review of this information will be

provided to Council at a Workstudy scheduled September 29, 2011 from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Since the revenue picture has not improved for 2011, the Mayor is tasked with bringing forth a balanced budget for 2012. This continues to be difficult as revenues are not keeping pace with increases in the expenditures. Options for balancing the budget will be reviewed for 2012.

Public hearings are scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> on revenues and the property tax levy. Workstudies are scheduled for September and October. Public input is always welcomed and encouraged. See the budget calendar (on the next page), 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) 886-2560 if you have any questions.

DATE	2012 BUDGET CALENDAR
9/29/2011 6-8 p.m. Workstudy	Chief Administrative Officer provides Council with current information on revenue from all sources as adopted in 2011 budget setting forth the proposed General Fund revenue.
10/12/2011 6-8 p.m. Workstudy	Mayor, Finance and department heads review General Fund expenditure budgets with Council.
10/27/2011 6-8 p.m. Workstudy	Council reviews Public Works budgets for revenues and expenditures for all Public Works budgets, including Street, Water, Wastewater, Stormwater and all associated funds. Also reviews overall budget.
11/17/2011 7 p.m. Regular Council Meeting	City Council holds public hearing on revenue sources and expenditures for the upcoming budget year including possible increases in property tax revenue.
11/17/2011 7 p.m. Regular Council Meeting	Property tax public hearing.
11/17/2011 7 p.m. Regular Council Meeting	City Council adopts preliminary property tax levy for 2011 budget
12/1/2011 7 p.m. Regular Council Meeting	City Council holds final public hearing on 2012 budget.
12/1/2011 or 12/15/2011 7 p.m. Regular Council Meeting	City Council adopts Final budget and transmits to the State Auditors Office.

## *LOOK TWICE, SAVE A LIFE*

*Motorcyclist and Bicyclists are dying to be seen!*

With the cost of gasoline this year soaring to a rate of well over \$3.50 a gallon, motorcycles, motor scooters and bicyclists are steadily growing in numbers. PLEASE be aware of them, they have very little protection from injury.

Failure of motorists to detect and recognize motorcycles and bicycles in traffic is by far the predominating cause of car/bike accidents. Motorcycles accelerate and stop much faster than cars, and bicyclists can be very hard to see at all. So please take the time to *look twice and save a life*, especially when pulling out into traffic.

Most all of us have at least one family member who enjoys biking. Let's keep them safe!

### *CONTINUATION FROM PAGE 4- SAFETY TIPS*

- ◆ Children are unpredictable and difficult to see so take extra care around schools, residential areas, parks, etc.
- ◆ Don't honk your horn, rev your engine or do anything to rush or scare a pedestrian in front of your car, even if you have the legal right-of-way.

#### **Sharing the road safely with child bicyclists**

On most roadways, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as other roadway users and often share the same lane, but bicycles can be hard to see. On-coming bicycle traffic is often overlooked and its speed misjudged. Children riding bicycles create special problems for drivers because they are not capable of proper judgment in determining traffic conditions.

- ◆ When passing a bicyclist proceeding in the same direction, do so slowly and leave at least a distance between you and the bicycle of no less than three feet. Maintain this clearance until you have safely passed the bicycle.
- ◆ When your vehicle is turning left and there is a bicyclist entering the intersection from the opposite direction, you should wait for the bicyclist to pass before making the turn.
- ◆ If your vehicle is turning right and a bicyclist is approaching on the right, let the bicyclist go through the intersection first before making a right turn. Remember to always use your turn signals.
- ◆ Watch for bicycle riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling, especially if the rider is a child.
- ◆ Take extra precautions in school zones and neighborhood areas where children and teenagers might be riding.
- ◆ Watch out for bikes coming out of driveways or from behind parked cars or other obstructions.
- ◆ Check side mirrors for bicyclists before opening the door. Some communities may fine drivers for collisions caused by opening a vehicle door in the path of a bicyclist.
- ◆ Be sure to look on sidewalks and/or crosswalks before turning. Many children will ride their bicycles on sidewalks and crosswalks.



## CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

## September 3, 4 &amp; 5—Labor Days Festival

Labor Day Festivities will be occurring September 3rd – 5th. To view a schedule of events see the schedule below or go to [www.blackdiamondlabordays.org](http://www.blackdiamondlabordays.org). There will be road closures during the weekend. On September 3rd the Coal Kart Derby will create a road closure at 2nd & Lawson from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. On September 5th the parade will close Third Avenue between Park Street and Lawson Street from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.


 Labor Day Event Calendar

 Come and join  
the festivities!

## Saturday, September 3

- ◆ Puget Sound Blood Drive 9 a.m. -11 a.m. and 12 –2 p.m. at Masonic Lodge
- ◆ Doggie Day Events 10 a.m.
- ◆ BD Museum Tours 12 – 4 p.m.
- ◆ Coal Kart Derby 12 p.m.
- ◆ Family Night at the Movies—Ball field **DUSK**

## Sunday, September 4

- ◆ Pie Baking Contest 11 a.m.
- ◆ Children's and Women's Games 12 p.m.
- ◆ Booths and Inflatable 12 p.m.– 4 p.m.
- ◆ BD Museum Tours 12 – 4 p.m.
- ◆ Citizenship Awards 2 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.
- ◆ Awards and Announcements 11 a.m.
- ◆ BD Museum Tours 12 – 4 p.m.
- ◆ BBQ at Black Diamond Eagles Clubhouse 11-11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Entertainment 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ Sport Activities 12- 4 p.m.
- ◆ Button Raffle Drawing 3 p.m.


 TRI-CITY COUNCIL MEETING


 October

On October 18, the City Council of Black Diamond will be joined by the Councils of Maple Valley and Covington for a joint meeting. Visit the City's website in early October to view current information. A reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in Black Diamond, at the Black Diamond Elementary, Gymnasium at 25314 Baker Street, Black Diamond, WA 98010.

## COUNCIL/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS 25510 LAWSON STREET

- SEP 15 - 7 p.m.
- OCT 6 - 7 p.m.
- OCT 20 - 7 p.m.

### COUNCIL WORKSTUDIES 25510 LAWSON STREET

- SEP 29 - 6 p.m.
- OCT 12 - 6 p.m.
- OCT 27 - 6 p.m.

### PLANNING COMMISSION 25510 LAWSON STREET

- SEP 6 - 7 p.m.
- OCT 11 - 7 p.m.

**FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE  
SEP 8 and SEP 22 - 9 a.m.  
OCT 13 and OCT 27 - 9 a.m.

**PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE**  
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE  
Dates to be determined

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE  
SEP 1 and SEP 15- 5:45 p.m.  
OCT 6 and OCT 20 - 5:45 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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All City Offices Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.

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- ◆ Public Works,  
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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](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Clerk).