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2012 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday, August 7th, neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “29th Annual National Night Out” crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, 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 7th.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on August 7th, 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 in an effort to combat crime. Many neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, visits from police and flashlight walks.

The Black Diamond Police Department, Black Diamond Fire Department and the Black Diamond Community Center will be hosting a party at the Black Diamond Community Center located at 31605 Third Avenue. There will also be an outdoor block party at the Eagle Creek Park located on the corner of Bruckner's Way and Roberts Drive and another block party in the Morgan Creek housing neighborhood. The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. and will continue into the evening. Come join us at the Black Diamond Community Center for a free BBQ that will include hotdogs, chips, cookies, soda pop and various other homemade potluck dishes. While you are eating and socializing with other community members, your 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 be at your disposal to answer any questions you may have and to provide you with crime and fire prevention tips.

For all of you who plan to attend neighborhood block parties, the Black Diamond Police Officers will be cruising from neighborhood to neighborhood to attend each and every party. Don't forget to turn on your outside lights and get outdoors, Tuesday, August 7th will be an evening to remember!



**CITY OFFICES
WILL BE
CLOSED**

**JULY 4TH -
INDEPENDENCE
DAY &
JULY 5TH -
CITY
FURLOUGH
DAY**



Elected Officials

- ◆ Mayor,
Rebecca Olness
- ◆ Councilmember,
Tamie Deady
- ◆ Councilmember,
Craig Goodwin
- ◆ Councilmember,
Joe May
- ◆ Councilmember,
Carol Benson
- ◆ Councilmember,
Ron Taylor

D. A. R. E. 2012



On June 18, 2012 the fifth grade students of the Black Diamond Elementary School celebrated the completion of the D.A.R.E. program with a formal graduation ceremony.

Some still ask why we invest in the D.A.R.E. program. It's simple; our kids matter. The D.A.R.E. program is more than just drug prevention education; it teaches students good decision making skills to help them avoid high-risk behavior to ensure they grow up healthy, safe and secure. The program covers other topics like bullying, media influence and gangs.

- ★ D.A.R.E. "humanizes" the police: that is, young people can begin to relate to officers as people
- ★ D.A.R.E. permits students to see officers in a helping role, not just an enforcement role
- ★ D.A.R.E. opens lines of communication between

law enforcement and youth

- ★ D.A.R.E. officers can serve as conduits to provide information beyond drug-related topics
- ★ D.A.R.E. opens dialogue between the school, police, and parents to deal with other issues

The Black Diamond Police Department has been teaching the D.A.R.E. program since 1992. Sgt. Brian Lynch is the current instructor of the program and has just finished his 4th year teaching.

The Black Diamond Police Department would like to thank the City of Black Diamond, the Enumclaw School District, the PTA, the teachers, the students, and the parents who continue to invest in our kids.



And a special thanks to Mrs. Ryersel! Congratulations on your retirement.

CITY COMMENDED FOR PESTICIDE-FREE MAINTENANCE

Local Hazardous Waste Management Program has commended City staff for taking extra effort to keep residents and the environment safer. Black Diamond is one of a handful of cities in King County maintaining all their parks in a pesticide-free manner and will be featured in the program's promotional materials. Black Diamond's ground maintenance practices reduce pesticide exposure to park users, many of whom are children and vulnerable to even very small amounts of toxic chemicals. Children, staff, local wildlife and Puget Sound are healthier because of the policies and practices of the City of Black Diamond.

SIDEWALK LINK TO THE LIBRARY COMING THIS SUMMER!

The City received a Transportation Improvement Board State Pedestrian Grant to connect the sidewalks on Morgan Street to the Library. The utility companies are already moving their facilities to make room for the sidewalk.

The City expects to have the project under construction in August and September. Please have patience with our contractors and flaggers as they improve this section of our street. If you have questions about this project, please call Public Works Director, Seth Boettcher at (360)886-5700.





THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRST AID KITS

People often come to us at the fire department and have questions about first aid kits. They wonder where should they get one, what should be in it, and how much should they spend? It can be difficult to answer these questions because many times it depends on the persons skills, needs, and how much they want to spend.

Many people have different first aid kits for their home, car, work, or activity like sports or outdoors. The contents of the kit may differ depending on where it is going to be used. For example, a first aid kit at home may have more contents because it will be used most often and may include items such as medication, a kit in the car may be a medium sized kit and may have a space blanket, CPR mask, and tweezers. A kit for sports may have instant cold compress, splints, and space blanket. You may have specific items depending on your needs such as medications, hand sanitizer, or a specific activity.

You can go purchase all the items to create your own first aid kit but it can be fairly expensive. It may be better to go find a basic kit and add any items you feel are necessary for your specific needs. Visit the American Red Cross website for suggestions for a first aid kit at www.redcross.org.

It is important to go through your first aid kit once a year and replace old and expired items such as medication, ointments, etc. It is also important to replace items anytime you use something so your kit is always full.

It's also a good idea to take a first aid class every couple years to keep your skills up to date and get the latest information on what to do during an emergency.

For more information please email Tim Perciful at tperciful@kcf44.org

BIKE HELMET SAFETY:

Whether you ride your bike, inline skate or scooter for recreation or transportation, you should wear a helmet. While helmets can't prevent crashes and falls, they do help reduce the risk of head injury and long term brain damage by up to 88%. In fact, if all bicyclists wore helmets, one death could be prevented every day and one head injury would be prevented every four minutes! For more information, please see the flyer on the City's website under the Police www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Police

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

MINER'S DAY—JULY 7, 2012

Event Calendar

8:00-12:00 - **Chalk-In For Local Businesses**

9:00—**Coal Miners Classic 5K Run**

9:00-4:00 - **Visit the Historical Society Museum** which will have the display of plans for **The Bronze Coal Miner Statue Memorial** and Restoration Plans of Black Diamond's **First Fire Engine**

10:00-2:30—**Flaming Geyser Chili Cook Off**

10:00-3:00—**BBQ @ Eagles**

10:00-4:00—**Railroad Avenue Booths**

Live Bands

Children's Craft Booth

10:00-4:00—**Dunk Tank**

10:00-4:00—**Beer Garden & Brats**

10:30—1:00—**Fashion Show @ Dazzled Dame**

10:00-5:00 - **Grand Opening**—Finally Found Bookstore
Balloons, Gifts, Specials all Day

4:00– 5:30—**Wine Tasting**

COUNCIL/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS 25510 LAWSON STREET

JUL 9 - 7 p.m. *(Replacing the cancelled July 5th meeting)*
 JUL 12 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC) - 7 p.m.
 JUL 19 - 7 p.m.

AUG 2 - 7 p.m.
 AUG 9 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC) - 7 p.m.
 AUG 16 - 7 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSTUDIES 25510 LAWSON STREET

PLANNING COMMISSION 25510 LAWSON STREET

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

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE 24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

JUL 12 and JUL 26 - 9 a.m.
 AUG 9 and AUG 30 - 9 a.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE 24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

JUL 19 - 10 a.m.
 AUG 23 - 10 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

Dates to be determined

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

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) 886-5700 (253) 631-0351 Fax: (360) 886-2592
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/NATURAL RESOURCES/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT P.O. Box 599 / 24301 Roberts Drive	(360) 886-5700 (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) 886-5354
FIRE DEPT. DISTRICT #44	(253) 735-0284
PUBLIC WORKS P.O. Box 599 / 24301 Roberts Drive	(360) 886-5700 (253) 631-0351 Fax: (360) 886-2592
UTILITY AFTER HOURS (EMERGENCY PAGER)	(253) 333-5555

Departments

- ◆ 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

Monthly meetings for City Council are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Town Hall Meetings are held the second 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) 886-5700 or check out the City Clerks webpage at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Clerk.