

# THE CITY CONNECTION

## “FACETS OF BLACK DIAMOND”

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### CITY BUDGETS FOR 2013

Earlier this summer, the City began budget development under the guidance of Mayor Rebecca Olness. With the continuation of the economic slowdown, departments were asked once again to “hold the line” and to make cuts where possible as they prepared their budgets.

The 2013 budget includes operating costs for Public Safety and General Government revenue and expenditures. It also includes budgets for the Street Fund, Water Fund, Wastewater Fund and Stormwater Fund. The 2013 projects from the Capital Improvement Plan for 2013-2018 are also included in the document. The Capital Improvement Plan was adopted by Council on June 21, 2012.

Council began deliberations on the 2013 City Budget at two workstudies held in October; two public hearings related to the operating budget are scheduled for November 15, 2012— one on proposed revenues and expenditures for 2013, and the other on the 2013 property tax levy.

On December 6, Council will conduct a final public hearing on the 2013 City Budget and will consider budget adoption at the December 20 meeting.

A copy of the 2013 Preliminary Budget will be available on November 8 to view or purchase at City Hall or you can download a copy from the City website. Just go to [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us) and on the homepage click “In the Spotlight” and then click “2013 Preliminary Budget”.

#### Elected Officials

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

#### PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR THE 2013 BUDGET

- **November 1** - Council workstudy 2013 budget – Capital Funds and Fee Schedule
- **November 8** – Copies of the Preliminary Budget made available to the public
- **November 15** – Council hold public hearing on revenue sources and expenditures for upcoming budget year
- **November 15** – Council holds public hearing on property tax levy for 2013 budget
- **November 15** – Council adopts property tax levy for the 2013 budget
- **December 6** – Council holds final public hearing on 2013 budget
- **December 6** – Council amends final property tax levy for 2013 budget (if needed)
- **December 20** – Council adopts final 2013 budget and transmits to the State Auditor’s Office

*\*Calendar subject to change*

#### CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED:

NOV. 12 -  
VETERANS DAY  
NOV. 22 & 23 -  
THANKSGIVING

DEC. - 24  
(FURLOUGH)  
DEC. 25  
CHRISTMAS  
DEC. 31  
(FURLOUGH)

JAN. 1  
NEW YEARS

With Winter soon approaching remember to check our Winter Preparedness page [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/PubWorks/winter\\_preparedness.html](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/PubWorks/winter_preparedness.html) under the Public Works webpage for tips on winterizing your home and the City of Black Diamond priority snow plow routes.



# Smart911™

Smart911 is a supplemental data service provided by King county that allows you to "Create a Safety Profile" with your phone numbers and enter associated address, medical, disability and security information in a secure website:

[Smart911.com](http://Smart911.com). When you call 9-1-1 the additional data displays at the 911 Center. There is no cost to sign up.

## LARGE ASPHALT PATCHING EFFORT THIS YEAR

The City of Black Diamond Public Works Department just completed the largest asphalt patching effort ever undertaken in Black Diamond (\$70,000). The most deteriorated sections, the highest maintenance areas and failing asphalt on the major arterials were addressed. Many areas still need to be repaired. Some areas were left for a more comprehensive repair with the anticipation of grant funding, such as the eastern section of SE 288<sup>th</sup> Street. In the past the City Council has set aside \$30,000 of Real Estate Excise Tax funding for street repairs each year.



### UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- ◆ Nov. 15th —2013 Budget
- ◆ Nov. 15th— Comprehensive Plan Updates
- ◆ Nov. 15th—Property Tax Levy
- ◆ Dec. 6th—Final 2013 Budget

## BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS COMING SOON

The City of Black Diamond has approximately 380 businesses that operate in the City throughout the calendar year. These include retail stores, restaurants, real estate agents, hair salons, daycares, construction firms and more. Some of these businesses have storefronts here in Black Diamond, others are home occupations, and still more perform frequent business in Black Diamond but have offices elsewhere.

The Black Diamond Municipal Code 2.58 requires businesses operating in the City of Black Diamond have a current license. The license helps ensure all businesses have acquired the appropriate state licenses and permits, adhere to the zoning guidelines, conform to all building codes, and meet safety requirements. Most businesses are characterized as regular licenses, but the City also has some specialty licenses for pawnbrokers, carnivals, adult entertainment, firearms, solicitors/mobile vendors and utility licenses. Some businesses may require more than one type of license.

Solicitors are required to obtain their license before contacting the public. Background checks are performed on every solicitor operating in Black Diamond. If they are not able to produce a copy of the solicitor license upon request, they are not approved to solicit in City limits.

Business license permitting fees are based on the type of business, location and period of operation. The majority of Black Diamond businesses are classified as regular, which are \$70 new and renew at \$60 annually. Renewal forms will be sent out in mid-December. Renewals not postmarked by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 will be assessed a \$10 late fee. Late fees will continue to assess monthly if licenses fees are not paid. Anyone not renewed by May 1, 2013 will be sent to a collection agency for unpaid fees. If your business has **closed** or **no longer is working in Black Diamond** please return the renewal form with that information written on the form. The City will cancel the license.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Donlan at 360-886-5718. We would like this process to be as simple as possible. Please remember to sign and return the renewal form and enclose all payment. Checks should be made out to the City of Black Diamond.

If you are a new business, applications are available on the City website [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us) click on the Finance Department link or at City Hall. Generally a new license will have a fee of \$70 unless it is a specialty license or a temporary.



## TURKEY FRYERS, NOT WORTH THE RISK

It's almost time for the holidays and fried turkey has become a popular dish. Frying a turkey can be a dangerous endeavor due to the use of a substantial amount of cooking oil at high temperatures. Hot oil may splash, spill, and water can splatter causing an injury or fire. Many people purchase frozen turkeys and if the turkey is not fully thawed it creates a fire risk when it contacts the hot cooking oil. The National Fire Protection Association has more information at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) then do a search for "turkey fryer".

## PEDESTRIAN LINK TO LIBRARY COMPLETED

The Roberts Drive Sidewalk project providing a pedestrian link to the library is nearing completion. Thanks to the motoring public for your patience during the construction along Roberts Drive. The Public Works Department would also like to express a special thanks to the local neighbors for their cooperation and patience during the project.



One of the last features that still needs to be completed is the installation of pedestrian lighting along the sidewalk.



As part of various street projects the City has included stormwater treatment facilities to protect receiving waters from contaminants found in road runoff. The grass lined swale included in this project will provide treatment and infiltration protecting a local wetland.

This project was funded by the Transportation Improvement Board Small City Sidewalk Program. The Black Diamond Public Works Department is continuing to search for other grant opportunities to improve City Streets.

## SMALL EFFORTS—BID DIFFERENCE WITH STORMWATER

A honeybee, in its lifetime, will only produce about 1/12<sup>th</sup> of a teaspoon of honey. That isn't much. But when combined with 20,000 to 60,000 other bees in a colony, that's a lot of honey. What does this have to do with stormwater? As residents of Black Diamond, we can all do little things that can make a big impact on the quality of stormwater and the quality of our creeks and lakes. Here are a few tips that can greatly help:

- Move your compost pile far away from water bodies to minimize the runoff from your piles
- With the end of summer projects, properly dispose of chemicals that you will no longer be using
- Properly store those chemicals you will use again in a covered area
- Check your vehicles for fluid leaks and get them repaired
- Keep gutters and catch basins by your house clear of leaves and debris. The City will try to get to it, but a little help will make a big difference.

Honeybees also have to be aware of that kid with the slingshot that may try to undo all of their work. For stormwater, it's the illicit discharge. If you notice an illicit discharge or just something that doesn't look right that's going into a catch basin, ditch, creek, or lake, please contact the Public Works Department at (360) 886-5700.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Black Diamond Community Center Events**—Please contact Cheryl Hanson for more information (360)886-1011

- ★ **November 3rd**—Annual Harvest Moon Dinner Auction
- ★ **December 7th**—Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
- ★ **Share the Joy!** - Black Diamond Community Center's gift-giving program. Please call the Black Diamond Community Center to donate, volunteer or sign-up to receive help.



### Daylight Saving Time ends November 4, 2012!

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour - This is a good time to check the batteries in your smoke alarms too!

**Holiday Engine** - Help the Fire Department collect food for the Black Diamond Community Center. The Holiday Engine will be driving through neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond — go to [www.kcfd44.org](http://www.kcfd44.org) and/or follow them at [www.facebook.com/kcfd44](http://www.facebook.com/kcfd44) for information on the Holiday Engine. They will also be sending the dates to the local papers — dates should be posted by mid-November.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITES AT  
WWW.CI.BLACKDIAMOND.WA.US

## COUNCIL/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS 25510 LAWSON STREET

NOV 1 - 7 p.m.  
NOV 8 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC) - 7 p.m.  
NOV 15 - 7 p.m.

DEC 6 - 7 p.m.  
DEC 13 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC) - 7 p.m.  
DEC 20 - 7 p.m.

### COUNCIL WORKSTUDIES 25510 LAWSON STREET

### PLANNING COMMISSION 25510 LAWSON STREET

NOV 6 - 7 p.m. - **CANCELLED**  
DEC 11 - 7 p.m.

**FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE  
NOV 8 and NOV 29 - 9 a.m.  
DEC 13 and DEC 27 - 9 a.m.

**PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE**  
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE  
NOV 15 - 10 a.m.  
DEC 20 - 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.**

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

### Black Diamond Community Center (360) 886-1011

Hours of Operation:  
Monday – Friday 8 – 4:30

### Black Diamond Post Office (360) 886-9429

Hours of Operation:  
Monday – Friday 9 – 5

### Black Diamond Museum Historical Society (360) 886-2142

Hours of Operation:  
Thursdays – 9 - 4  
Sat. & Sun. 12 - 3

### Black Diamond Library (360) 886-1105

Hours of Operation:  
Monday, Wednesday and  
Thursdays 10 – 9  
Tuesdays – 10 – 6  
Sat. – 10 – 5

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

**CITY HALL** (360) 886-5700  
P.O. Box 599 (253) 631-0351  
24301 Roberts Drive Fax: (360) 886-2592

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/  
NATURAL RESOURCES/  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (360) 886-5700  
P.O. Box 599 (253) 631-0351  
24301 Roberts Drive Fax: (360) 886-2592

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** (253) 631-1012  
P.O. Box 309 Fax: (360) 886-2901  
25510 Lawson Street

**MUNICIPAL COURT** (360) 886-7784  
P.O. Box 599 Fax: (360) 886-5354  
25510 Lawson Street

**FIRE DEPT. DISTRICT #44** (253) 735-0284

**PUBLIC WORKS** (360) 886-5700  
P.O. Box 599 Fax: (360) 886-2592  
24301 Roberts Drive

**UTILITY AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY PAGER** (253) 333-5555

## Departments

- ◆ Interim City Administrator,  
Pete Butkus
- ◆ Asst. City Admin./City Clerk,  
Brenda L. Martinez, CMC
- ◆ Community Development,  
Steve Pilcher
- ◆ Engineering Services,  
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 (360) 886-5700 or check out the City Clerks webpage at [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Clerk](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Clerk) to view meeting materials.