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WELCOME PETE BUTKUS, INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR



Welcome to our new Interim City Administrator, Pete Butkus. Pete comes to us through the Prothman Company and will be with us at least until the end of this year. Mr. Butkus has over 40 years of public sector experience. He has served as a police officer and as the elected Mayor of Pullman. His experience with the State of Washington

includes Public Works, Development Assistance and the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development. Most recently, Mr. Butkus was the Deputy City Manager of the City of Sammamish. After retirement in 2011, he provided consulting services until coming to Black Diamond.

Pete's duties include assisting with day to day operations with a focus on Economic Development. He is already working on guiding us through the upcoming budget process and will also assist in the search for a permanent City Administrator. We are happy to welcome him to Black Diamond.

Elected Officials

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

2013 BUDGET PLANNING AND CALENDAR



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 2013 revenue forecast for the General Fund and other funds using 2012 trends and forecast information provided by Municipal Research and Services Center and other

CITY OFFICES
WILL BE
CLOSED

AUGUST 31 -
FURLOUGH
DAY

SEPTEMBER 3RD
-
LABOR DAY



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RE-CAP



National Night Out 2012 was a smashing success for Black Diamond citizens. The Police Department, 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 were grilled to perfection on the

BBQ and various community members brought side dishes, salads and desserts. While community members socialized with other community members, 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. Delicious food, ice cream bars and face painting were some of the many elements that made up the gathering. Neighbors gathered together and enjoyed the perfect weather for the perfect evening. Thank you to everyone who made this annual event a success.

FALL STORMWATER TIPS

As summer creeps to an end, it means the chance for rain increases, which, of course, means more stormwater runoff and potential for stormwater pollution and other stormwater hazards. Here are a few reminders:

- ★ Don't store lawn clippings/yard waste near water bodies. Agents can leach out of the waste and into the water, causing environmental degradation.
- ★ Use minimal fertilizers (always follow directions on labels for use and disposal).
- ★ Check your vehicles for fluid leaks and get them repaired.
- ★ Keep gutters and catch basins by your house clear of leaves and debris. This will help minimize maintenance of the stormwater system as well minimize the potential for flooding due to a covered catch basin.

Questions about stormwater and ways you can help prevent pollution, please contact the Public Works Department at (360) 886-5700.

TOUGH MUDDER RACE EVENT COME TO BLACK DIAMOND

On September 29th & 30th the City of Black Diamond will be home to the first Tough Mudder race in the Northwest. This will be a two day event held on PCCC property that will bring several thousand people to Black Diamond during the weekend. Traffic control will be in effect at the entrance (31407 3rd Ave) and exit (Lake Sawyer Rd) to the property. Higher traffic flow and some delays are expected between 6 a.m.– 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. You may want to use alternate routes of travel through town. To view more information on this event you can go to www.toughmudder.com or review the permit documents by visiting the "Permit Status" link at the City's homepage www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us and searching SEP11-0014.

CLEANING SURFACE WATER & KEEPING PARKS SAFE FOR EVERYONE & EVERYTHING TO ENJOY

Residents of Black Diamond may have noticed recent Dog Waste Bag Stations and signs going up asking users of our facilities to pick up after their dogs and requiring that pet owners restrain their animals in accordance with Black Diamond Municipal Code section 9.86.050. The City is working towards helping maintain water quality within its Parks and Open Spaces, while keeping it safe for people of all ages as well as native animals that call Black Diamond home. Pet waste has been identified as a contributor to water quality pollution and is required to be addressed through the mandates of the Clean Waters Act and the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Phase II stormwater permit. Local citizens have made it very clear that they value water quality within the City of Black Diamond and want to strive to keep waters clean for everyone's use.

Although many native wild animal species have adapted well to increased urbanization throughout the Puget Sound Region, including Osprey, Bald Eagle, deer and others, their habitat, nesting sites and the animals themselves are susceptible to damage or harm from unrestrained animals and off trail use. Users of these facilities deserve the opportunity to utilize these public places in a safe manner without the fear of being chased or attacked by unrestrained pets. The Black Diamond Police Department has been asked to increase enforcement, which could include financial penalties, in order to protect its citizens, users of our Parks system and the surface water systems that these areas drain into. Thank you for your cooperation.

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IS UNDERWAY

Welcome back to Scotty's General Construction for another sidewalk



project in Black Diamond. This project will provide a sidewalk link to the library. The Transportation Improvement Board funded the sidewalk at 90%. By the time this newsletter reaches you some sidewalk will be in place. This project will also **improve the water quality discharge** to the wetland north of Roberts Drive. Before this project the stormwater runoff from the south side of Roberts Drive discharged directly to the wetland untreated. Upon completion of the project the stormwater will be collected, treated and infiltrated back into the soil. When the project is complete plan on an evening celebratory walk to the library.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



September 1, 2 & 3 —Labor Days Festival

Labor Day Festivities will be occurring September 1st – 3rd. To view a schedule of events see the schedule below or go to www.blackdiamondlabordays.org. There will be road closures during the weekend. On September 1st the Coal Kart Derby will create a road closure at 2nd & Lawson from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. On September 3rd the Parade will close Third Avenue between Park Street and Lawson Street from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

DSHS Mobile Community Services Office (CSO) -Thursday, September 13th—10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Black Diamond Community Center

The DSHS Mobile Community Services Office (CSO) is hitting the open road to reach new clients and improve their customer service. DSHS has created two 40-foot trucks that transform into functioning offices. Black Diamond households who find the trip to their local CSO too far to travel will be able to visit the mobile offices at the Black Diamond Community Center parking lot on Thursday, September 13th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each Mobile CSO unit is staffed by experienced financial workers who are able to complete cash, food, and medical interviews, issue EBT cards, and receive documents. You can contact them for more information at: Mobile CSO Project, PO Box 45440, Olympia, WA 98504-5440 or by phone at (877) 501-2233.



Flu Shots Available –Tuesday, Sept. 25th and Thursday, Sept. 27th—10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Black Diamond Community Center



Fred Meyer will be offering flu shots at the Black Diamond Community Center on September 25th and September 27th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both days. People with Medicare A/B get their flu shots for free, bring your Medicare card so that a copy can be made; citizens can stop by and pay cash of \$25 and receive their shot or insurance information can be obtained and insurance billed and a refund of \$25 can be issued at your next visit to Fred Meyer. For more information, please contact the Black Diamond Community Center at (360) 886-1011.

2013 BUDGET PLANNING AND CALENDAR—CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

agencies. General Budget process was presented to Council at a Workstudy session on August 16, 2012; other Workstudy sessions are scheduled for Council on October 18th and 25th in the Council Chambers.

Since the revenue picture has not improved for 2012, balancing continues to be difficult as revenues are not keeping pace with increases in expenditures.

Public hearings are scheduled for November 1st, 15th and December 6th on revenues and the property tax levy. Public input is always welcomed and encouraged. See the budget calendar to the right and stay up to date at the City's website www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us, or contact the Finance Department at (360) 886-5700 if you have any questions.

DATE	2013 BUDGET CALENDAR
10/18/2012 –5:30 p.m. Workstudy	Review of current information on revenue from all sources as adopted in 2012 budget.
10/18/2012 –5:30 p.m. Workstudy	Staff reviews General Fund expenditure budgets with Council.
10/25/2012 –5:30 p.m. Workstudy	Council reviews Public Works as well as reviews overall budget.
11/01/2012 –7 p.m. Regular Council Meeting	1st public hearing on revenue sources and expenditures including possible increases in property tax revenue.
11/15/2012—7 p.m. Regular Council Meeting	Public Hearing and adoption of Property Tax for 2013.
12/06/2012—7 p.m. Regular Council Meeting	City Council holds 2nd final public hearing on 2013 budget.
12/20/2012—7 p.m. Regular Council Meeting	City Council adopts Final 2013 budget (Plus possible amendment to property taxes)

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

COUNCIL/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS 25510 LAWSON STREET

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

OCT 4 - 7 p.m.
OCT 11 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC) - 7 p.m.
OCT 18 - 7 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSTUDIES 25510 LAWSON STREET

OCT 18 - 5:30 p.m.
OCT 25 - 5:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION 25510 LAWSON STREET

SEP 11 - 7 p.m.
OCT 9 - 7 p.m.

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
SEP 13 and SEP 27 - 9 a.m.
OCT 11 and OCT 25 - 9 a.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
SEP 20 - 10 a.m.
OCT 18 - 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 -Thursday 10 – 9
Friday — 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
(253) 631-0351
P.O. Box 599 Fax: (360) 886-2592
24301 Roberts Drive

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 to view meeting materials.