

Elected Officials >>>

Mayor, Dave Gordon

Councilmember Tamie Deady

Councilmember Erika Morgan

Councilmember Janie Edelman

Councilmember Carol Benson

Councilmember Ron Taylor

the city connection...

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter

May / June 2014

"Facets of Black Diamond"



City offices will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.



Horseshoe Lake Update

Horseshoe Lake just west of the Black Diamond has had a history of high winter water levels. The lake does not have an outlet and is susceptible to high fluctuations in the lake level. Shortly after homes were built around the lake, homes were flooded. Since that time King County has managed the high flood levels of the lake with pumping operations. There have been either small problems or objections from discharge points that King County has utilized previously.



The King County executive's office notified Mayor Gordon on March 25th that the homeowners around Horseshoe Lake were in danger of being flooded from the rising

in this issue >>>

- Police prepare for Summer on Lake—Pg. 2
- Horseshoe Lake (cont'd)- Pg. 2
- 2015 Comp. Plan Update (cont'd)—Pg. 3
- Recently Adopted Ordinances - Pg. 3
- Annual CIP Update begins—Pg. 3 and 4
- Community Contacts—Pg. 3
- City Wide Business Survey- Pg. 4
- Lifeline Applications - Pg. 4
- City Information—Pg. 5

2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

Per RCW 36.70A.130(5)(a), cities shall take action to review and, if needed, revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations to ensure the Comprehensive Plan and regulations comply with the requirements of RCW 36.70A. The last major update to the City's Comprehensive Plan took place in 2009. The City of Black Diamond is required to complete its next mandated update to the Comprehensive Plan and associated development regulations by June 30, 2015. Towards that effort, in March the City entered into a contract with the consulting firm BergerABAM to assist the City in completing this work.

To start the process an Open House was held at the Black Diamond Elementary School Gym on April 2, 2014. Handouts from the event regarding the update, project timeline and a comment form, along with other information regarding the update are available on the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update page on the City website:

www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/CommDev/2015_CompPlan.html.

Work sessions and public hearings will take place before the Planning Commission and City Council later this year and early next year,

Continued to page 3

Black Diamond Police prepare for the upcoming summer on Lake Sawyer



While the Police Department maintains enforcement throughout the year on Lake Sawyer, the busy season is about to begin as the weather warms. During the months of May and June you will see us start the process of replacing or relocating the buoys around the lake. Some were done last year, but the majority will be replaced or relocated during these months.

As a reminder the Marine Services Unit's primary duty is to enforce the boating safety laws of the City of Black Diamond and the State of Washington on beautiful Lake Sawyer. The Police Department utilizes a 20' Pro Line Government Series police boat or Zodiac-style inflatable while patrolling Lake Sawyer. Some of the duties the Police Department participates in on the lake include;

- Performing boating law enforcement patrols
- Performing boating safety inspections (on-water and ramp)
- Investigating boating accidents
- Maintaining our current patrol vessels and ensuring they are in proper working order
- Participating in Community Events

Each officer in the department receives advanced training in Marine Law Enforcement and is expected to maintain proficiency in operating the patrol vessels and stay current with boating safety laws. Sergeant Martinez and newly hired Officer Ross will be attending this advanced training at the end of April to maintain our 100% compliance with this.

Remember to visit the Black Diamond Police Department website at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us and under the Police Department tab you will find recent Marine news; including Boating Education Card updates and local/state laws regarding boating.

****Reminder** - Get Your Mandatory Boating Safety Education Card!!!**

The Washington State Mandatory Boating Safety Education Law went into effect on January 1, 2008. The new law requires boaters aged 12 years and older to pass a boating safety course or an equivalency exam and to obtain a Boater Education Card before operating a motorized vessel of 15 horsepower or greater. The card requirement has been phased in and anyone born after January 1st, 1955 must possess one. Visit our website for further



Horseshoe Lake Update *(continued from front page)...*

lake level and that the stormwater department would be making a request of the Black Diamond Public Works Department to pump water from the lake into an old gravel pit on YarrowBay property in the City of Black Diamond. Mayor Gordon assured the County and directed the City staff to cooperate with the County so that our neighbor's homes would be protected and at the same time to protect the City's interests. The public works department evaluated the County proposal and made arrangements to address issues of concern for the City.

King County declared a flooding emergency for Horseshoe Lake and then began processing permits and at the same time making arrangements to start pumping. The pumping operation began on April 7th pumping at about 1700 gallons per minute about 9 hours per day. The pumping operation has lowered the lake level about 2 feet. The King County geologist has been monitoring various wells, wetlands and stream banks downstream of the discharge area to make sure that there are no adverse downstream effects of the pumping operation. King County expects to discontinue the pumping operation on May 2nd.

2015 Comprehensive Plan Update (continued from front page)...

as part of the update process. Questions or comments can be directed to Community Development at 360-886-5700.

Recently Adopted Ordinances...

- ★ Ordinance No. 14-1022, amending Section 2.04.010 of the BDMC Regarding Council Meeting Dates (Regular Work Session for Second Thursday of the Month)
- ★ Ordinance No. 14-1023, enacting a one year moratorium on prohibiting the establishments, locations, operation, licensing, maintenance, or continuation of any Medical Cannabis collective Garden or any Medical Marijuana Dispensary and establishing a work plan
- ★ Ordinance No. 14-1024, enacting a one year moratorium on prohibiting the acceptance or processing of Applications, or issuance of permits and approvals, and uses associated with productions, processing, and retailing of marijuana and marijuana-infused products and establishing a work plan
- ★ Ordinance No. 14-1025, relating to land use and zoning adopting a moratorium on the acceptance of applications for a new development within the MPD District
- ★ Ordinance No. 14-1026, adopting the General Government Facilities Plan

Check out our Emergency Management page on the website at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/emerg_manag there you will find tons of resources to help you plan and prepare to help you and your loved ones get through a disaster.

Annual Update of City's Capital Improvement (CIP) Plan Begins

In March, City departments began preparing for the update of the 2018-2020 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, Sewer and Stormwater improvements and police and fire capital projects. The plan schedules projects for funding and implementation over a period of the next 6 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 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan in July. The 2015 projects that have been approved in the plan will then be added to the 2015 Budget which is scheduled for adoption in December 2014.

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.

Community Contacts...

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

Hours of Operation:
Monday – Friday 8 – 4

**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



Continued to page 4

City Wide Business Survey

The City of Black Diamond is seeking for your input in planning a vibrant future not only for Black Diamond, but for our community as a whole.

The interactive survey is available on our city website, it is posted under "In the Spotlight" on the front homepage. The information will be automatically received. If you prefer a hard copy you can pick one up at City Hall or download it from our website at: www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Econ/economic_home.html.

The survey allows you to tell us about your shopping behaviors and describe the types of businesses you might support if they were available in the city of Black Diamond. Your participation will be the cornerstone of a marketing plan designed to help expand existing, and attract new, businesses to Black Diamond.

- ◆ **Why should I fill out this survey?** To help us determine a plan to revitalize Black Diamond based on your shopping, service and dining needs.
- ◆ **Do I have to fill in all the questions?** The more information you provide the more accurate and useful our analysis will be.
- ◆ **How is Black Diamond defined:** The map illustrates Black Diamond boundary lines.
- ◆ **Where do I find the survey?** An interactive survey is available on our city website, it is posted under IN THE SPOTLIGHT on the front page the information will be automatically received. If you prefer a hard copy you can pick one up at City hall or download it from our website at: www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Econ/economic_home.html.
- ◆ **How do I return my survey?** If you do not choose the interactive option, please send it electronically to awilliamson@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us or drop off at City Hall or mail it to: City of Black Diamond, PO Box 599, Black Diamond, WA 98010 - Attention: Andrew Williamson.
- ◆ **What is the deadline?** Please return the survey by **May 30, 2014**.

If you have additional questions, feel free to call Andrew Williamson at (360) 886-5715. We appreciate your time and look forward to your responses. Key finding will be reported to the public as soon as they are available.

Reminder, Lifeline Applications have been mailed ...

Those senior citizens or citizens with a permanent disability that are currently on the Lifeline program should have received a renewal application in the mail in mid-April. Deadline for renewal is May 31st. Please check your mail for your application, you can always come in to City Hall and pick up an application as well.

If you are new to the City and are a senior or a resident with a permanent disability and you need assistance with your utility bill, stop by City Hall to pick up an application and see if you qualify.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) (continued from page 3)...

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ A Public hearing is scheduled on the 2015-2020 CIP which includes proposed projects submitted by the City Council, Council Committees and city Departments.
- ✓ After Council holds a public hearing and they adopt the six-year plan by Resolution, expected in July 2014.

The current 2014-2019 CIP is posted on the city's website under the Finance Department webpage at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Finance/Finance_home.

council / commission / committee meetings...

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.



- ### Departments >>>
- ◆ City Administrator, Christy Todd
 - ◆ City Clerk/HR Manager, Brenda L. Martinez, CMC
 - ◆ Community Development, Stacey Welsh
 - ◆ Economic Development, Andrew Williamson
 - ◆ Finance, Mayene Miller
 - ◆ Natural Resources/Parks, Aaron Nix
 - ◆ Police, Jamey Kiblinger
 - ◆ Public Works, Seth Boettcher, PE

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

25510 LAWSON STREET

MAY 1 - 7 p.m.
 MAY 8 (*Work Session & Town Hall Meeting*)
 MAY 15 - 7 p.m.
 MAY 28 (Tri-City Council Meeting- Covington)
 JUN 5 - 7 p.m.
 JUN 12 (*Work Session & Town Hall Meeting*)
 JUN 19 - 7 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

25510 LAWSON STREET

MAY 6 - 7 p.m.
 JUN 10 - 7 p.m.

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE

24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
 MAY 8 **and** MAY 22 - 10 a.m.
 JUN 12 **and** JUN 26 - 10 a.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE

24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

MAY 15 - 10 a.m.
 JUN 20 - 10 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

MAY 2 - 12 p.m.
 MAY 16 - 12 p.m.
 JUN 6 - 12 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

MAY 9 - 10:30 a.m.
 JUN 13 - 10:30 a.m.

PLANNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

MAY 7 - 1:30 p.m.
 JUN 4 - 1:30 p.m.

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.

CITY HALL

P.O. Box 599
 24301 Roberts Drive

contact information...

(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
Non-Emergency No: (360) 886-0022
Fax: (360) 886-2901

MUNICIPAL COURT*

P.O. Box 599
 25510 Lawson Street

***OFFICE HOURS MONDAY—THURSDAY 8:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.**
***OPEN EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY FOR 1/2 DAY 8:30 a.m. — NOON**

(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

