

Elected Officials >>>

Mayor, Carol Benson

Councilmember Tamie Deady

Councilmember Erika Morgan

Councilmember Janie Edelman

Councilmember Craig Goodwin

Councilmember Ron Taylor

the city connection...

A Quarterly Newsletter - July/August/September 2015

"Facets of Black Diamond"



City offices will be closed on
Friday, July 3rd in
observance of
Independence Day.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

I am pleased to announce the 1948 Fire truck, restored by Joe Androsko and many others, finally has a permanent home in the Black Diamond Fire Station 99. The truck is owned by the Black Diamond Historical Society and will be in close proximity to be on display when the museum is open. Thanks to Chief Smith, of the Black Diamond Fire Department, Keith Watson, with the Black Diamond Historical Society and the Public Works Department, of the City of Black Diamond for making it possible to locate the Fire Engine in the Fire Station.



The DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduation was held on Thursday, June 18, at the Black Diamond Elementary School. This is such an inspiring program that seeks to prevent use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco and violent behavior. Sergeant Lynch of the Black Diamond Police Department has been teaching this course to the 5th graders at Black Diamond Elementary for 6 years.

Jana King, the previous Deputy Finance Director, has agreed to re-fill the vacancy left by Dave Gray, effective June 22. We are glad to have her back as she will be able to step into her familiar role in payroll and the 2016 Budget process.

The City of Black Diamond made "SafeWise's 2015 Safest Cities in Washington" report. SafeWise combined data from recent FBI Crime Reports with their own research to create a list of the 40 Safest Cities in Washington and Black Diamond is the 22nd safest community in Washington. The complete article can be viewed online at <http://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-washington-2015/>

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 360-886-5700.

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 you and your loved ones to get through a disaster.

PROTECT YOUR KIDS

Do you know what your kids are doing online? Parents can play a critical role in keeping their children safe online by holding regular, open conversations with them about their digital habits and the risks they may encounter online. Did you know?



- 95% of teens (ages 12-17) are online.
- Large majority of teens (71%) have established online profiles (including those on social networking sites such as Facebook, Friendster and Xanga), up from 61% from the previous year.
- 69% of teens regularly receive personal messages online from people they

do not know and most of them do not tell a trusted adult about it.

- Teens readily post personal info online. 64% post photos or videos of themselves, while more than half (58%) post info about where they live. Females are far more likely than male teens to post personal photos or videos of themselves (70% vs. 58%).
- Nearly one in 10 teens (8%) has posted his or her cell phone number online.
- Overall, 19% of teens report they have been harassed or bullied online, and the incidence of online harassment is higher (23%) among 16 and 17 year-olds. Girls are more likely to be harassed or bullied than boys (21% vs. 17%).

The internet has drastically changed the way that children interact with the world. They have access to in-depth knowledge, tools to express their creativity, and people from all over the world. Yet along with offering a fascinating new way to connect with the world, the internet also offers new risks.

- Cyberbullying
- Exposure to inappropriate material
- Online predators
- Revealing too much personal information

Learning to recognize the warning signs of these risks will allow trusted adults to intervene and lessen potential negative impacts. By acting as a resource, parents and guardians can help make the Internet a safer place for their families. As a parent or guardian, you should stay well-informed about current issues to understand what your children are experiencing on and off the Internet. If they are social networking, instant messaging, using webcams, or blogging, help them use these tools safely by learning how to use them yourself. Children whose parents and guardians regularly talk to them about personal safety are more likely to exhibit responsible behavior on their own. NetSmartz (www.netsmartz.org) invites you to learn about the issues surrounding your children's online lives. Then use the discussion starters to help you begin a dialogue about safety with your children.

Learn the basics of Internet safety

Children use a variety of online services, and each of these services can have different safety concerns. However, there are some basic tips which you can employ no matter how your children use the Internet.

- Keep the computer in a high-traffic area of your home.
- Establish limits for which online sites children may visit and for how long.
- Remember that Internet technology can be mobile, so make sure to monitor cell phones, gaming devices, and laptops.





HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY!

8.04.100 Dates and time common fireworks may be sold or discharged.

- A. No common fireworks shall be sold within the city except from twelve noon on the twenty eighth day of June to eleven fifty-nine p.m. on the fourth day of July.
- B. No common fireworks shall be discharged within the city except between the hours of nine a.m. and twelve midnight on the fourth day of July of each year. (Ord. 697§ 1, 2000: Ord. 294 § 10, 1984)



Recently Adopted Ordinances...

- ★ Ordinance No. 15-1051, amending the 2015 Salary Schedule to add a new position—"Capital Project/Program Manager"
- ★ Ordinance No. 15-1052, relating to Land use and zoning, adopting findings of fact in support of the continuance of a six-month moratorium on the acceptance of applications for new development within the MPD district, exempting certain property and applications
- ★ Ordinance No. 15-1053, relating to project permit processing

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

DATE	2016 BUDGET CALENDAR
10/1/15 – 6 p.m. Work Session	Review of current year revenue and expenditures as adopted in the 2015 Budget and summary 2016 Budget totals for all funds.
10/15/15– 6 p.m. Work Session	Review of 2016 General Fund budget revenues and expenditures by department.
10/29/15 – 6 p.m. Work Session	Review of 2016 Public Works and Capital Project budgets.
11/5/15 – 7 p.m. Regular Council Meeting	Public Hearing of Property Tax for 2016.
11/19/15 - 7 p.m. Regular Council Meeting	1 st Public Hearing on 2016 Budget and adoption of Property Taxes for 2016
12/3/15 - 7 p.m. Special Council Meeting	Final Public Hearing on 2016 Budget .
12/3/15 OR 12/17/15 - 7 p.m. Special Council Meeting	Adoption of 2016 Budget.

CITY BUDGET PLANNING AND CALENDAR

All City departments, especially Finance will be busy the next few months preparing the City's annual operating and capital budgets. The operating budget funds services associated with Public Safety, Public Works, Parks, Planning and Permitting as well as 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 continues to have a challenge preparing a balanced budget.

During the last half of August and September, the Finance Department updates the 2016 revenue forecast for the General Fund and other funds using 2015 trends and forecast information provided by Municipal Research and Services and other agencies.

An update on 2015 budgeted revenue and expenditure trends will be reviewed with Council at a work session on October 1, 2015. A summary of proposed 2016 budget totals for all funds will also be presented. Other Council work sessions are scheduled for October 15th and October 29th in the Council Chambers.

Public hearings are scheduled for Nov. 5th, Nov.19th and Dec. 3rd, 2015. Public input is always welcomed and encouraged. See the budget calendar on the left and stay up to date at the City's website www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us or contact the Finance Department at (360) 886-5700 for any questions you may have.

council / commission / committee meetings...

Monthly meetings for City Council are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Work Sessions are held the second Thursday of each month starting at 6 p.m. Town Hall Meetings are held the second Thursday of every **other** 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. Please contact the Clerks office for more information (360)886-5700 or check the City Clerks webpage at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Clerk



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS 25510 LAWSON STREET

JUL 2 - 7 p.m.
JUL 9 - 6 p.m. (*Work Session & Town Hall Meeting*)
JUL 16 - 7 p.m.
AUG 6 - 7 p.m.
AUG 13 - 6 p.m. (*Work Session*)
AUG 20 - 7 p.m.
SEP 3 - 7 p.m.
SEP 10 - 6 p.m. (*Work Session & Town Hall Meeting*)
SEP 17 - 7 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION 25510 LAWSON STREET

JUL 7 - 7 p.m.
AUG 11 - 7 p.m.
SEP 8 - 7 p.m.

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE 24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

JUL 16 **and** JUL 30 - 3 p.m.
AUG 13 **and** AUG 27 - 3 p.m.
SEP 10 **and** SEP 24—3 p.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE 24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

AUG 20 - 3 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

JUL 6 - 3:30 p.m.
JUL 17 - 3 p.m.
AUG 7 **and** AUG 21 - 3 p.m.
SEP 4 **and** SEP 18 - 3 P.M.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE 24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

JUL 17 - 2 p.m.
AUG 21 - 2 p.m.
SEP 18—2 p.m.

PLANNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE 24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

JUL 7 - 4 p.m.
AUG 11 - 4 p.m.
SEP 8 - 4 p.m.

Departments >>>

- ◆ Administration,
Mayor Carol Benson
- ◆ City Clerk/HR Manager,
Brenda L. Martinez, CMC
- ◆ Community Development/
Natural Resources
Vacant
- ◆ Economic Development/MDRT,
Andrew Williamson
- ◆ Finance,
Mayene Miller
- ◆ Police,
Jamey Kiblinger
- ◆ Public Works,
Seth Boettcher, PE

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24301 Roberts Drive

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***COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
NATURAL RESOURCES/
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

P.O. Box 599
24301 Roberts Drive

***OFFICE HOURS MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 8:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.**
***CLOSED ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS**

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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P.O. Box 599
25510 Lawson Street

(360) 886-7784
Fax: (360) 886-5354

FIRE DEPT. DISTRICT #44

(253) 735-0284

PUBLIC WORKS

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