Elected Officials >>>

Mayor, Carol Benson

Councilmember Tamie Deady

Councilmember Erika Morgan

Councilmember Janie Edelman

Councilmember Craig Goodwin

Councilmember Ron Taylor

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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the city connection...

"Facets of Black Diamond"

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

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From the Mayor's Desk....

It's hard to believe that two months have already passed since my last article. Below are a few items that I want to share with you all.

I was joined with many citizens at the Boots and Badges fundraiser on Sunday, April 12, where over $34,000 was raised for Commander Goral. Much appreciation goes to the Black Diamond Police for going above and beyond in getting donations and silent auction items for this wonderful event, and I want to give a special thank you to Sergeant Lynch for organizing the event. Commander Goral was able to attend with his family and presented the winning trophy to the "Badges" team with their 55 – 37 victory over the "Boots" – It was a well-played battle and fun was had by all!

Our City Clerk, Brenda Martinez was recognized by the Washington Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA) as Clerk of the Month. The WMCA was founded in 1970 as a non-profit association that promotes the professional and educational standards of Municipal Clerks. There is an article in this newsletter about Brenda and her family and history. We are so proud of her.

Our Assistant Finance Director, Dave Gray, has been named President of the Institute of Management Accountants (I.M.A.) for Seattle, a worldwide organization with over 70,000 accountants and financial professionals. We are lucky to have so many celebrities in our midst.

We currently have one volunteer position available in our City on the Civil Service Commission. Please contact the City Clerk if you would like to learn

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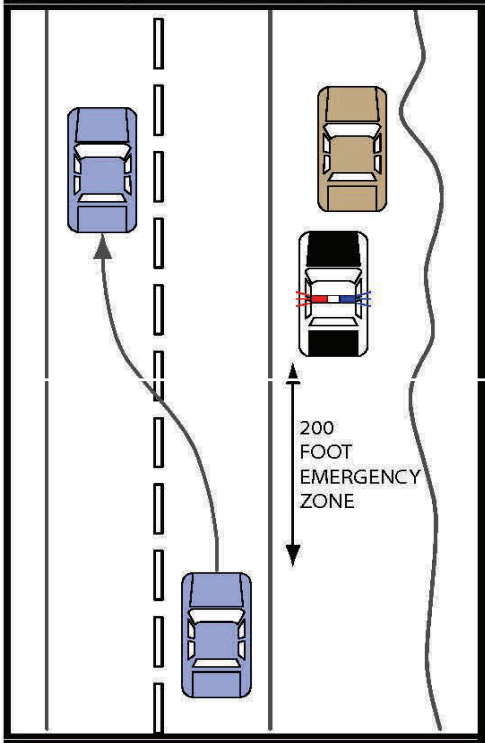
Police Department >>> Move Over or Slow Down - It's the Law!

MOVE OVER SLOW DOWN
IT'S THE LAW!



EMERGENCY ZONE

STATE LAW

MOVE OVER OR REDUCE SPEED FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY OR ASSISTANCE VEHICLES

HELP PROTECT THOSE WHO PROTECT US!

Every day, law enforcement officers and emergency workers put their lives on the line to save ours. Even routine traffic stops have become risky business.

The Washington State Patrol, Towing and Recovery Association of Washington, Fire and Emergency Services, and Washington State Department of Transportation thank you for supporting this law making our jobs safer by Moving Over!

For more information visit the Washington State Patrol web site:
www.wsp.wa.gov/traveler/roadrules.htm

WASHINGTON STATE PATROL WSP

WASHINGTON FIRE CHIEFS

TOWING & RECOVERY ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON

Washington State Department of Transportation

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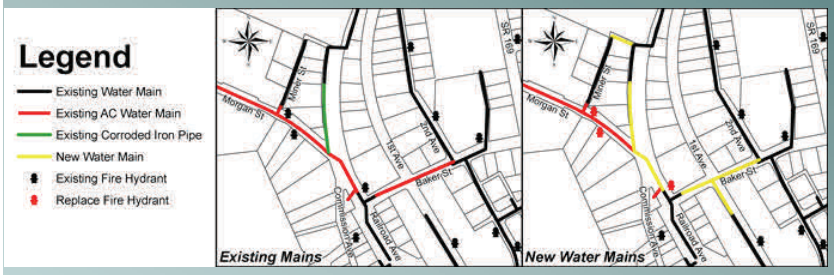
Public Works Projects

Public Works staff is excited for the progress of two capital projects: The Downtown AC Water Main Replacement & Looping project and the Roberts Drive Rehab project. Design is underway for both projects. Each project is funded largely by grants.



Downtown AC Water Main Replacement & Looping project

This project is funded by a federal grant administered by the King County Community Development Block Grant program. Public Works staff received a grant for $225,000 for this project, which will replace aging asbestos water main in the downtown area (Baker St. and along Railroad Ave./Morgan St.). Mains will be extended to provide for better fire flow in the area. Construction is anticipated to start this summer.

Roberts Drive Rehab

Public Works staff was able to receive two grants totaling $1,266,300 to rehab the Rock Creek Bridge and provide for an asphalt overlay, new sidewalk on the south side of the street, and stormwater improvements on Roberts Dr. from the west end of the bridge to Lynch Lane. Staff is hopeful improvements can be extended all the way to City Hall. Design is underway and construction is anticipated for 2016.

more and to apply.

I encourage you to stay informed and to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I also encourage you to visit the City's website **www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us** regularly to see what is on the Council meeting agendas and other important information about what is happening in Our City.

- Mayor Benson-

THANK YOU JEAN BOSTON! Once again, the City of Black Diamond and our Public Works staff would like to give A BIG thank you to Jean Boston who has diligently cared for the landscape area on Railroad Avenue for more than three years. Jean and her husband, former Councilman Bill Boston are off on a new adventure and will be leaving our City. Happy Trails and we thank you for your service!

Memorial Day at Black Diamond Cemetery - May 25th at 10:30 a.m.

Please join the Black Diamond/Maple Valley VFW Post 5050 at 10:30 a.m. on Memorial Day for a Memorial Service for our Veterans at the Black Diamond Cemetery.

Please note we are moving our City Connection Newsletter to QUARTERLY. This will be your last bi-monthly issue until 3rd Quarter (July, August and September). As always, you can find current and past editions on our website at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us.

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MOVE OVER OR SLOW DOWN!

HISTORY

The original Move Over Law was passed in 2007 in an effort to protect emergency workers who were stopped on the highways conducting their business. Since 2007, the number of collisions involving emergency vehicles and workers has increased instead of decreasing.

In 2010, legislation was submitted and passed to amend the old law to include an "Emergency Zone."

The Emergency Zone Law was passed in the aftermath of growing numbers of police, emergency technicians, tow operators, and Department of Transportation workers being killed or struck during routine traffic stops, collision/accident response, impounding/towing vehicles, and highway construction projects.

DEFINITION

An Emergency Zone is defined as the adjacent lanes of the roadway 200 feet (10 car lengths) before and after a stationary emergency vehicle with flashing lights, a tow truck using red lights, an emergency assistance vehicle using warning lights, or any police vehicle using emergency lights.

The fine doubles for vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit in an Emergency Zone.

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THE LAW

RCW 46.61.212
Approaching stationary emergency vehicles, tow trucks, and police vehicles

The driver of any motor vehicle, upon approaching any stationary authorized emergency vehicle that is making use of audible and/or visual signals, a tow truck that is making use of visual red lights, other vehicles providing roadside assistance that are making use of warning lights with three hundred sixty degree visibility, or a police vehicle properly and lawfully displaying a flashing, blinking, or alternating emergency light or lights, shall:

On a highway having four or more lanes, at least two of which are intended for traffic proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle, proceed with caution and, if reasonable, with due regard for safety and traffic conditions, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change or moving away from the lane or shoulder occupied by the stationary authorized emergency vehicle or police vehicle;

On a highway having less than four lanes, proceed with caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle, and, if reasonable, with due regard for safety and traffic conditions, and under the rules of this chapter, yield the right-of-way by passing to the left at a safe distance and simultaneously yield the right-of-way to all vehicles traveling in the proper direction upon the highway; or

If changing lanes or moving away would be unreasonable or unsafe, proceed with due caution and reduce the speed of the vehicle.

PENALTIES

If a motorist is stopped by a law enforcement officer for violating the Emergency Zone Law, the driver may receive an infraction. The penalty for the infraction is a monetary fine set by the state's legislature. You can receive any of the following penalties:

- **Fines for exceeding the posted speed limit are doubled in Emergency Zones.**
- **Failure to move over or slow down in an Emergency Zone, the fine is doubled.**
- **Motorists could be charged with Reckless Endangerment if driving in a manner as to endanger any emergency worker.**
- **If convicted of Reckless Endangerment, you could have your driver's license suspended for 90 days.**

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 late April - early May 2015. ***Deadline for renewal is May 31st.*** Please keep a look out in your mail for your application.

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.

Cemetery Work Party !

Do you want to help preserve and protect our Black Diamond cultural heritage?

Come join the Cemetery Board from 9 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, May 16th to spruce up the cemetery before Memorial Day.

The work will focus on raking, trimming, edging, weeding, picking up debris and cleaning.

Please bring gloves, tools and ENERGY!

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 - adopting Findings & Conclusions for Extension of MPD Zoning Moratorium

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

Why the Emphasis on Stormwater

If it has seemed like there has been a constant focus on stormwater in recent years, that's because there has been. The City has a stormwater permit from the Department of Ecology that requires various activities in education, maintenance, pollution prevention, enforcement, and development standard as part of the permit. To meet the conditions of this permit, the City has established a stormwater utility. The stormwater utility's major purpose is to mitigate the effects of urban life on stormwater discharged into our lakes and streams.

You may wonder how you have an impact on stormwater. Do you own and use a car? Do trucks pick up or deliver to your house? Most of the pollutants in road runoff come from cars and trucks. Do you have a pet? Are we always totally responsible for the waste generated by pets? Do you ever use herbicides, pesticides, or fertilizers? Some of our impact is indirect by all of the services and products that we need or want for our urban life. We all have an impact whether we know it or not. In a natural area, rainwater will hit the ground and infiltrate or slowly drain to a waterway. When the natural area is changed, rainwater is often piped or channeled; meaning runoff increases and increases the chance for erosion.

While all of this isn't very exciting, the City must continue to mitigate for urban stormwater runoff problems, thus the need for stormwater fees. It doesn't matter if your house has been around for 1 month or 100 years, the City will need to address the impact of stormwater for previous development and future development. Fortunately there are many methods to mitigate stormwater and keep things as natural as possible. We are working hard to ensure that our waterways are kept clean.

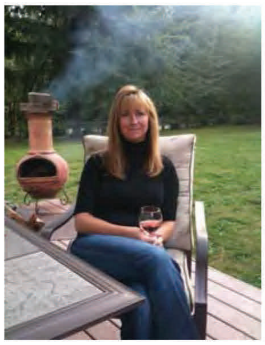
A BIG congratulations to our very own City Clerk/HR Manager - Brenda L. Martinez who was named April's "Clerk of the Month" in the Washington Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA) April Newsletter!

Clerk of the Month

Brenda Martinez, CMC, City Clerk

Brenda at PD with "Ernie's Eagles"

"I can't say enough about the lifelong friendships you make in PD (aka Professional Development at the Northwest Clerks Institute)", said Brenda Martinez, City Clerk of Black Diamond. This holds true for Brenda perhaps more than any other WMCA member since she met both her husband and her best friend in her PD class known as "Ernie's Eagles," Class of 1995-1997, back when the institute was held at the University of Washington, under the direction of Dr. Ernie Miller. Another interesting note, incoming Region IX Director, Tracy Davis from Keizer, OR, was also an "Ernie's Eagle."



Brenda relaxing at home.

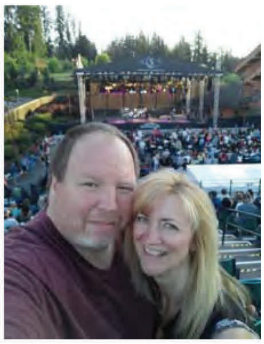
Brenda met her husband George Martinez, who is from Oregon, at the Northwest Clerks Institute, however they lost touch for several years after completing the program but reconnected when he began working as a Clerk in Washington. They married in 2009 in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, where Brenda's aforementioned best friend, Holly Pannell, City Clerk of Colville, served as her Matron of Honor at their wedding. Can anyone top that PD story?

Brenda with good friend and fellow clerk Holly Pannell

Brenda lives in Fall City and she's very proud of her family with three children -- Cale, Jenna and Gavin. Her son Cale is married to Megan and they have two daughters, LilyAnn (6) and Charlotte (2). Her daughter Jenna has a son named Aiden (2), and her youngest son Gavin (10) is active in sports and of course loves video games. Brenda loves spending time with her husband, children, and her three grandchildren.

Brenda & George on their wedding day.

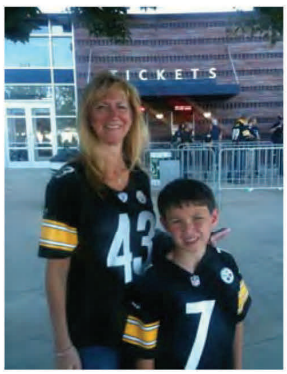
Brenda's lengthy public service career began in 1987 when she served as a temporary clerk/treasurer for the Town of Carbonado. She explained that she filled in for meetings and when the clerk was out of the office or on vacation. When an opening occurred in 1991, Brenda was hired full time and she worked as City Clerk/Treasurer of Carbonado through 2004. She had her son, Gavin on New Year 's Day 2005, so she took a year and a half off before starting her current job in Black Diamond.



Brenda & George enjoying a summer concert.

Black Diamond has gone through a lot of City Administrators since Brenda started working there and she spoke about the value of the City Clerk's Office serving as the hub of the organization. Brenda noted, "We are the glue that maintains the history and can be relied upon to keep the city moving forward."

When she's not working or spending time with family, Brenda enjoys reading and mysteries are some of her favorites. Currently, she's into the Stephanie Plum series by author Janet Evanovich. Most of all she loves spending time with her family and friends laughing and making memories.



Brenda & son Gavin.

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 on the second Thursday of every month 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 (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.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
25510 LAWSON STREET
MAY 7 - 7 p.m.
MAY 14 - 6 p.m. *(Work Session & Town Hall Meeting)*
MAY 21 - 7 p.m.
JUN 4 - 7 p.m.
JUN 11 - 6 p.m. *(Work Session)*
JUN 18 - 7 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
25510 LAWSON STREET
MAY 12 - 7 p.m.
JUN 9 - 7 p.m.

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
MAY 14 - 1 p.m.
MAY 28 - 1 p.m.
JUN 11 - 1 p.m.
JUN 25 - 1 p.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
(Meetings held every other month)
JUN 18 - 3 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
MAY 1 - 3 p.m.
MAY 15 - 3 p.m.
JUN 5 - 3 p.m.
JUN 19 - 3 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
MAY 8 - 2 p.m.
JUN 12 - 2 p.m.

PLANNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
MAY 12 - 4 p.m.
JUN 9 - 4 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.

contact information...

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Fax: (360) 886-2592

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NATURAL RESOURCES*/
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT*
P.O. Box 599
24301 Roberts Drive
***NEW OFFICE HOURS MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 8:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.**
***CLOSED ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS**
(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
(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

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- Administration, Mayor 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