

Elected Officials >>>

Mayor, Carol Benson

Councilmember Tamie Deady

Councilmember Erika Morgan

Councilmember Janie Edelman

Councilmember Brian Weber

Councilmember Pat Pepper

the city connection...

A Quarterly Newsletter - July/August/September 2016

"Facets of Black Diamond"



City offices will be closed on
Monday, July 4th in
observance of
Independence Day.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

I am pleased to announce the City of Black Diamond ranks #9 for Washington's most safe cities. On May 23, 2016 SafeWise released its 20 safest cities report. To identify the top 10 safest cities, SafeWise reviewed the most recent FBI Crime Report Statistics from 2014, along with population data to compile the report. SafeWise reports, "In a state known for making personal safety a priority, these 20 cities stood out as the safest. Overall, 90 percent of these cities reported zero murders and 75 percent reported fewer than 10 total violent crimes during the FBI's most recent reporting period. Most impressive is the fact that you have less than a one in 1,000 chance of becoming a victim of violent crime in 18 of the cities we've recognized." The complete article can be viewed online at <http://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-washington-2016/>



In addition, the City also received a 2015 Claims Free Award from Association of Washington Cities Risk Management Services Agency.

Starting in July, myself along with finance and all City departments will be busy over the next few months preparing the City's annual operating and capital budgets for 2017. The 2017 budget covers fund revenues and expenditures associated with public safety, public works, community development as well as municipal services. Please watch the City's website www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us for upcoming dates of work sessions, public hearings, Council meetings; these usually begin in October and continue through December.

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

2016 CHIEF FOR A DAY

In partnership with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center, 33 police departments from across the State of Washington will be celebrating Chief for a Day. Chief for a Day will be held on August 18th, 2016 and is a day celebrating the lives of children who have been diagnosed with a chronic or life-threatening illness. This event allows children and their families a day to focus on their dreams, not their illness. This year, the Black Diamond Police Department saw the need and decided to sponsor two very special kids to be their 'little chiefs.'



Meet a very special and beautiful 8 year old girl, Sienna! Sienna was diagnosed with Pre B All (acute lymphoblastic leukemia) on May 2nd, 2014. Her first treatment lasted 2 ½ years. She won the initial battle but on July 1st, 2015, she relapsed and her cancer is now in her spine. Visit her facebook page at [SiennaStrongAgainstCancer](#).

Little Hunter is a 2 year old boy who pulls at every heart string you have. He was recently diagnosed in December with a rare brain tumor called medulloblastoma. He is currently in treatment and fighting his way to be cancer free. You can read more about Hunter on his blog, www.hunterstrong.wordpress.com.

If you are able to donate, please contact the Black Diamond Police Department at 253-631-1012. All funds raised will be going to support Sienna and Hunter in their fight against cancer.



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.

BLACK DIAMOND COMMUNITY GYM:

Looking for a place to hold an event such as a birthday party or a place to come and play basketball or volleyball? The Black Diamond Community Gym is available to rent for \$30 an hour. Please call 360-886-9768 for questions or availability.

Every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. the gym holds an open volleyball night. The cost is \$3 for adults and kids under 18 are free. Come on down and join the fun!



BLACK DIAMOND FARMERS MARKET

Fresh, Fun, Friendly

Fridays 3 - 7



The Black Diamond Farmers Market for 2016 is up and going. There are vendors lined up selling plants, produce and gifts. Also at the Farmers Market is a food truck selling snacks. Each week there is a kids theme booth with an art project highlighting the current week's theme.

Come on down and check it out from 3 p.m. — 7 p.m. on Friday afternoons at their new location across from the police station off of Lawson Street.

For more information on the Farmers Market please call 360-886-2963.

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



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)



council/commission 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 in March and September at 7 p.m. Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Tuesday after the first Council meeting at 6 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 7 - 7 p.m.
 JUL 14 - 6 p.m. (Work Session)
 JUL 21 - 7 p.m.
 AUG 4 - 7 p.m.
 AUG 11 - 6 p.m. (Work Session)
 AUG 18 - 7 p.m.
 SEP 1 - 7 p.m.
 SEP 8 - 6 p.m. (Work Session & Town Hall Mtg)
 SEP 15 - 7 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS 25510 LAWSON STREET

JUL 12 - 6 p.m.
 AUG 9 - 6 p.m.
 SEP 6 - 6 p.m.

ALL COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE TENTATIVE AND MEETING LOCATIONS ARE NOTED ON THE AGENDA. CHECK WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES.

Departments >>>

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

CITY HALL
 P.O. Box 599
 24301 Roberts Drive

contact information...

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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

P.O. Box 309
 25510 Lawson Street

Non-Emergency No: (253) 631-1012
(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
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