

Elected Officials >>>

Mayor, Carol Benson

Councilmember Tamie Deady

Councilmember Erika Morgan

Councilmember Janie Edelman

Councilmember Pat Pepper

Councilmember Brian Weber



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city

A Quarterly Newsletter - October/November/December

connection..

"Facets of Black Diamond"



City offices will be closed:

- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 24 & 25 Thanksgiving
- December 26 Christmas



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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR



It is a very busy time here in the City. One item that is receiving a lot of our focus and effort is the Draft 2017 Budget that was scheduled to be presented to the Council at a Work Session on September 29, 2016. We are striving to prepare a budget that addresses current needs but also considers the needs of the future.

On September 13, I, along with Councilmembers, past elected officials, and staff members, attended the groundbreaking ceremony at The Villages MPD site. The event was attended by many people who learned the new name for that development is "Ten Trails."

Now that the project is fully permitted, you have probably noticed demolition, site preparation, and construction of the new Black Diamond Elementary School has begun. City staff is diligently inspecting and overseeing the infrastructure improvements, erosion control, and all aspects of building construction. The new school will be two stories and will house approximately 450 students; it is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2017. During construction students and staff will spend the 2016-2017 school year in the J.J. Smith Elementary building, located in Enumclaw.

The 102nd Labor Day celebration this year was a huge success and very well attended. There were many games for children as well as adults, prizes for everyone, good food and many interesting booths, as well as a wonderful parade. I would like to thank the many volunteers, vendors, and sponsors, who work very hard to put on this wonderful annual event; all your work is appreciated and has not gone unnoticed.





Thank you Black Diamond for your Support of CHIEF FOR A DAY 2016

Every two years, the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center, along with 30 police departments from across the State of Washington celebrate the lives of children who have been diagnosed with a chronic or life-threatening illness. This year's event took place on August 18, 2016. Our department decided to sponsor two very special kids. We are proud to say that with the support of our City, citizens, business owners and surrounding communities, we were able to raise over \$22,000 for these families.

Our two Chiefs include beautiful 8 year old girl, Sienna. Sienna was diagnosed with Pre B All (acute lymphoblastic leukemia) on May 2, 2014.

Little Hunter is a 2 year old boy who pulls at every heart string you have. He was diagnosed in December with a rare brain tumor called medulloblastoma.

Thank you for all of your support in making this year's event so amazing for both Sienna and Hunter!



JOIN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out occurred on August 2, 2016. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Both police and fire visited 5 neighborhoods throughout the city, who gathered to support this annual event. The best way to prevent crime is to know your neighbors & your surroundings. National Night Out is an excellent program that helps the department build relationships with citizens, which in turn creates safer neighborhoods. If you are interested in participating or hosting a neighborhood event in 2017, please contact the police department at (253) 631-1012.

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On October 13, 2016 the City will be holding a Town Hall meeting at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Town Hall meetings are now held twice a year on the second Thursdays in the months of March and October. I encourage you to please come and talk with your Councilmembers on any concerns, issues, or questions you may have.

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



LOOKING FORWARD TO A BETTER STRETCH OF ROBERTS DRIVE

The City is midway through the design and permitting process to improve Roberts Drive from the west side of Rock Creek Bridge to City Hall. The improvements will include shoulder widening, sidewalks on the south side, street lights, and street overlay. So if the bumpy ride through Morganville and the banging of the trucks and the walking in puddles on the side of the road, and the dark spots at night when you go out to get the mail and the narrowness of the pavements when a truck is going by and the difficulty of safely walking west past the bridge has got you down. Then you can look forward to a.....

- Smoother Ride
- Quieter Street
- Wider and safer shoulders
- Safer street for pedestrians with new sidewalks and pedestrian lighting
- Stormwater infrastructure improvements
- Pedestrian links from Morganville to library, downtown businesses, and elementary school
- Reduced shoulder maintenance costs
- Bridge repairs



Oak Pointe will be installing water mains in Roberts Drive this winter and or spring and the City will start and complete the street work in the summer. Thank you in advance for your patience with the temporary construction inconvenience.



Community Events...

October 27-Senior Halloween Party & Costume Contest with Stan's Band "Diamonds in the Rough", 10:30 am-1 pm. Lunch is \$3, advance reservations are required, this party fills up fast!

November 14 & 15-AARP Smart Driver Course, 9am-2pm both days. \$15 per person if members of AARP, \$20 if not. Call to register by November 10.

November 17-Senior Thanksgiving Party with Stan's Band "Diamonds in the Rough", 10:30 am-1pm. Lunch is \$3, advance reservations required.

December 2-Community Tree Lighting Ceremony. Event starts at 6pm, with caroling, hot chocolate and cookies. Santa will arrive on the Holiday Fire Engine to light the tree. Bring the kids to get pictures with Santa!

December 15-Senior Christmas Party with Stan's Band "Diamonds in the Rough", 10:30 am-1pm. Lunch is \$3, advance reservations are required, this party fills up fast! All holiday programs are located at the Black Diamond Community Center, located at 31605 Third Ave (SR169) in Black Diamond. For questions or reservations, call Cheryl, Leslie or Irene at 360-886-1011.



Black Diamond Community Center

31605 Third Ave (SR 169), PO Box 480

Black Diamond, WA. 98010

Phone: 360-886-1011

The 5 Big Residential Urban Stormwater Impacts & *What to do about it*



Your Car: Yes, even clean new vehicles spread contaminated silt, spread heavy metals and hydrocarbons and other car fluids. The best thing you can do is keep your vehicle maintained well. ***Don't drip and drive!***

Your Pet: In a dense urban environment there also is a high density of pets. We have public sewers to deal with human waste, but there is no waste collection system for your pets other than YOU! Please ***pick up after your pet*** (dispose in trash). The high density of dogs and cats with minimal natural areas in the urban environment pollutes the storm-water runoff.

Your yard: First of all ***minimize*** the use of ***fertilizers***. The disposal of your yard waste into a big pile over the bank can cause high nutrient rich leachate to drain into stormwater systems and then streams. If you don't have a good well drained location with good sub-surface drainage, then a more acceptable solution would be sign up for yard disposal service. ***Proper composting*** is a great solution when done properly and then use the compost rather than fertilizing. See King County's website for composting tips.

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/naturalyardcare/compost.asp>

Your outdoor cleaning: Take note of where your outdoor wash water is draining to. If it is draining into the catch basin in the street, stop immediately, because you would be breaking the law. Pull your car onto the lawn so that the wash water will soak in. ***Contain and or direct the runoff from your washing operation so that it soaks into the ground.***

Your solid waste: Some of the just around our house that should go to the dump just tends to stack up. Stack of junk can also increase the pollutant levels of runoff. ***Take advantage of recycle events.***



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR RECYCLE DAY

Saturday October 29, 2016 at the Rock Creek Elementary School, 25700 Maple Valley Hwy.

You will receive an informational flyer in the mail this month.

One more thing to help get educated and get motivated: Check out our partner group Puget Sound Start Here. <http://www.pugetsoundstartshere.org/> Thank you good citizen!

Business License renewals are coming soon.....

The City of Black Diamond has over 300 businesses that operate in the City throughout the calendar year. These include retail stores, restaurants, real estate agents, hair salons, daycares, construction firms and more. Some of these businesses have storefronts here in Black Diamond, others are home occupations, and still more perform frequent business in Black Diamond but have offices elsewhere.

The Black Diamond Municipal Code 2.58 requires businesses operating in the City of Black Diamond have a current license. The license helps ensure all businesses have acquired the appropriate state licenses and permits, adhere to the zoning guidelines, conform to all building codes, and meet safety requirements. Most businesses are characterized as regular licenses, but the City also has some specialty licenses for pawnbrokers, carnivals, adult entertainment, firearms, solicitors/mobile vendors and utility licenses. Some businesses may require more than one type of license. Solicitors are required to obtain their license before contacting the public. Background checks are performed on every solicitor operating in Black Diamond. If they are not able to produce a copy of the solicitor license upon request, they are not approved to solicit within City limits.

Business license permitting fees are based on the type of business, location and period of operation. The majority of Black Diamond businesses are classified as regular, which are \$70 new and renew at \$60 annually. Renewal forms will be sent out in mid-December. Renewals not post-marked by January 31, 2017, will be assessed a \$10 late fee. Late fees will continue to assess monthly if license fees are not paid. Anyone not renewed by May 1, 2017, will be sent to a collection agency for unpaid fees. If your business has closed or no longer is working in Black Diamond please return the renewal form with that information written on the form. The City will cancel the license.

If you have any questions, please contact the City at 360-886-5700. We would like this process to be as simple as possible. Please remember to sign and return the renewal form and enclose the payment.

Checks should be made payable to the City of Black Diamond. If you are a new business, applications are available on the City website or at City Hall. Generally a new license will have a fee of \$70, unless it is a specialty license or a temporary.

Don't forget to change your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 6, 2016

Daylight-saving time ends

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



City Budget & Calendar



Date	2017 Budget Calendar
9/29/16 – 6pm Special Council Meeting	Review current year revenue and expenditures as adopted in the 2016 Budget. Review 2017 General Fund revenue, expenditures and proposed 2017 budget summary for all funds
10/18/16 – 6pm Special Council Meeting	Workstudy on the 2017 Preliminary Budget - General Fund
10/27/16 – 6pm Special Council Meeting	Public Hearing on revenue sources and for possible increases to Property Taxes. Workstudy of Public Works and Capital Project budgets in the 2017 Preliminary Budget
11/17/16 – 7pm Regular Council Meeting	1st Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget
12/1/16 – 7pm Regular Council Meeting	Final Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget
12/1/16 or 12/15/16 - 7pm Regular Council Meeting	Adoption of the 2017 Budget



City Budget Planning and Calendar...

All City departments have been busy preparing the City's annual operating budget for 2017. The Operating Budget funds services associated with public safety, public works, parks, planning, 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. During August and September Department Heads and the Finance Department updated 2017 revenue forecasts for the General Fund and other funds using 2016 trends, growth projections and forecast information provided by Municipal Research and Services Center and other agencies.

A Special Council Meeting was held on September 29th on revenue and potential property tax increases, as well as a workstudy for revenue and expenditure forecasts in the General Fund, and proposed 2017 budgets for all City Funds. Other workstudy sessions are scheduled for Council on October 18th and 27th at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

Public hearings are scheduled for October 27th and November 17th and December 1st. Public input is always welcomed and encouraged. See the adjacent budget calendar 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.



**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
25510 LAWSON STREET**

OCT 6 -7 p.m.
 OCT 13 -6 p.m. (Work Session & Town Hall Meeting)
 OCT 18- 6 p.m. (Special Council Meeting)
 OCT 20 -7 p.m.
 OCT 27-6 p.m. (Special Council Meeting)
 NOV 3 - 7 p.m.
 NOV 10- 6 p.m. (Work Session)
 NOV 17- 7 p.m.
 DEC 1- 7 p.m.
 DEC 10- 6 p.m. (Work Session)
 DEC 15- 7 p.m.
 JAN 5- 7 p.m.
 JAN 12- 6 p.m. (Work Session)
 JAN 19- 7 p.m.
 FEB 2- 7 p.m.
 FEB 9- 6 p.m. (Work Session)
 FEB 16- 7 p.m.

**PLANNING COMMISSION
25510 LAWSON STREET**

OCT 11 -6 p.m.
 NOV 8 - 6 p.m.
 DEC 6- 6 p.m.
 JAN 10-6 p.m.
 FEB 7- 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.

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. Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Tuesday after the first Council meeting at 6 p.m. of each month (unless otherwise noted). 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



DEPARTMENTS.....

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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 (253) 631-0351
 PO BOX 599 FAX (360) 886-2592
 24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

PUBLIC WORKS (360) 886-5700
 (253) 631-0351
 P.O. BOX 599

FIRE DEPARTMENT (Mountain View Fire & Rescue)
 (253) 735-0284

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
NATURAL RESOURCES**
 (360) 886-5700
 OFFICE HOURS MON. WED. THURS
 CLOSED ON TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS
 24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
 FAX (360) 886-2592

POLICE DEPARTMENT (253) 631-1012
 P.O. BOX 309 FAX (360) 886-2901

POLICE DEPARTMENT -NON EMERGENCY NUMBER
 (360) 886-0022

MUNICIPAL COURT (360) 886-7784
 P.O. BOX 599 FAX (360) 886-5354
 25510 LAWSON STREET

UTILITY AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY
 PAGER
 (253) 569-0525

MDRT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 8:30 a.m. -5 p.m.
 P.O. BOX 599 FAX (360) 886-2592



- * **Black Diamond Community Center**
- * **(360) 886-1011** Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday 8-4
- * **Black Diamond Post Office**
- * **(360) 886 9429** Hours of Opera-
- * **Black Diamond Museum/Historical Society (360) 886-2142**
- * Hours of Operation: Thursdays
- * **Black Diamond Library**
(360) 886-1105 Hours of Operation:
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10-6
Tuesdays 10-6 Saturday 10-5