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Mayor's Message

City of Black Diamond

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CITY HOLIDAYS

The City will be closed in observance for the following holidays:

- *New Years Day—January 2
- *MLK Day—January 16
- *President's Day—February 20

City Council Officials

- Mayor, Carol Benson
- Councilmembers
 - Tamie Deady
 - Erika Morgan
 - Janie Edelman
 - Brian Weber
 - Pat Pepper

As we welcome in 2017 I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on accomplishments, projects and events that have taken place in 2016.

Comprehensive Plan Update: The City's Comprehensive Plan update continues to chug along. The City Council and Planning Commission held many joint meetings in 2016 to review and suggest changes to different chapters. These joint meetings will continue into 2017 and are usually held on the first Tuesday following the first Thursday of the month. You can find the dates on the City's website calendar and the public is encouraged to attend.

Chief for a Day: On August 18, the City participated in 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 to focus on their dreams; not their illness. This year, the Black Diamond Police Department saw the need and sponsored two very special kids to be their "little chiefs"; Sienna and Hunter. It was a wonderful day full of emotion and celebration and I was honored to be a part of it.

Labor Day Celebration: 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. Many volunteers work diligently to put on this annual community event and if you've never attended one I encourage you to attend next year - you won't be disappointed.

The Villages MPD: 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".

Shop with a Cop: Saturday, December 10, I had the honor to attend the annual "Shop with a Cop" at the Covington Walmart. I joined our police department and officers from Seattle, Maple Valley, King County Sheriff and many other jurisdictions in shopping for over 500 kids. Each of the kids participating received \$50 (tax free) to spend.

Hometown Christmas: Also on December 10, I attended the Hometown Christmas in Black Diamond. This event continues to grow and I want to thank the many volunteers who make this event a joy for all who attend.

Black Diamond Elementary School: As you may have noticed the construction of the new Black Diamond Elementary School is well underway. City staff has been 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.

2017 Budget: I am pleased to announce at the December 27 special meeting a compromise was reached and Council adopted my proposed budget with amendments. This budget will be in place until March 31, 2017. During the next few months Council will be holding work sessions to adopt any amendments to the adopted budget. I also want to take this opportunity to thank all the residents for their continued participation throughout the year and especially during the budget process.

In closing, as we start 2017 I look forward to serving this wonderful community and urge you to continue to be involved and should you have any concerns to please feel free to contact me, Councilmembers or staff.

Warm regards,
Mayor Carol Benson



Disposal of Unwanted or Unused Medications

Black Diamond Police Department Installs Kiosk for Safe Disposal of Unwanted or Unused Medications

The Black Diamond Police Department announces that community members now have access to a kiosk to safely dispose of their unwanted or unused medications. A drop-off container is located in the lobby of the Black Diamond Police Department. Citizens are encouraged to dispose of their unused or expired medicines, with no questions asked. The Black Diamond Police Department is located at 25510 Lawson St. Business hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Providing a safe place for disposal of unwanted or unused medications prevents improper and often dangerous consequences of the misuse of medication.

WHAT ITEMS CAN I DISPOSE OF?

ACCEPTED: Medications in any dosage form, except for those listed below, in their original container or sealed bag.

NOT ACCEPTED: Herbal remedies, vitamins, supplements, cosmetics, other personal care products, compressed cylinders, aerosols, inhaler, medical devices, pet pesticide products, sharps, illicit drugs, iodine-containing medications.



BLACK DIAMOND POLICE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR RESERVE POLICE OFFICER. BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM

The Black Diamond Reserve Program is comprised of community members who volunteer their time to fulfill many of the roles handled by full-time sworn police officers. Reserve officers receive the same training as full-time officers and work alongside them in every aspect of department operations. They are often referred to as the 'ultimate volunteer.'



If you are interested in becoming a part of our team, or want more information on eligibility, training or program requirements, please visit the City of Black Diamond's website at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us or contact Commander Martinez at bamartinez@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us.



Stormwater Education-Stormwater Utility

The City created a stormwater utility in Black Diamond in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, as a comprehensive approach to surface and stormwater management in the City. The revenue from this fund helps the City meet the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) from the Department of Ecology, which allows the City to discharge stormwater to "waters of the state." Waters of the state include lakes, rivers, streams, ponds, etc. To protect waters of the state, we have to protect stormwater pipes, ditches, and other stormwater infrastructure.

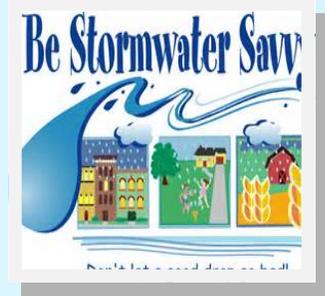
As part of the NPDES permit, the City is required to meet yearly conditions, which include updates to the City Code, meeting maintenance requirements, reporting requirements, public education requirements, and others. The City has to meet these requirements as well as ensure the continued functionality of the stormwater system as a whole each year, and this is why every household in the City pays a stormwater fee.

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To detail what the City does each year for this permit and to show how it will implement the management of stormwater, the City posts annual updates on the City website to show what has been done and what will be done (including permit requirements). These items can be viewed here:

<http://ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/PubWorks/stormwater.html>

Look for the “Stormwater Management Program Plan” and the “DOE Annual Report” on that page for more information on what the City does each year and what it will do for the coming year.



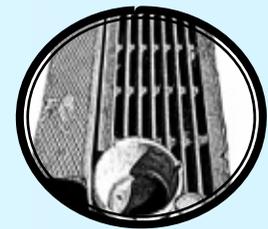
The City will be working to provide more articles regarding stormwater to show how what the City is doing with your stormwater fees and how you can do your part to protect our waterways. We appreciate the changes that many of you have already made to do your part.

2017 Sewer Rate Increase

At their December 15, 2016 Council meeting, Council authorized Ordinance 16-1080 approving the Metro-King County Pass-through rate increase of \$2.19 per month for residence effective with the January 2017 billing (usually processed the last week in January). King County Metro charges all their area customers this rate to cover their costs of Collections and Transmission.

The City portion of the residential sewer rates will also increase by twenty eight cents per month effective with the January 2017 bill. This is the annual inflation rate authorized by Ordinance # 13-1007. Low Income Seniors or Disabled customers who qualify will receive a 50% discount on their City portion of the sewer rate.

Rate Type	2016 Rate	2017 Rate	Increase amt.	Ordinance #
Metro KC	42.03	44.22	2.19	16-1080
City Sewer	20.23	20.51	.28	13-1007
Monthly Total	62.26	64.73	2.47	



STORMWATER BILLING CHANGES COMING!

Black Diamond utility customers that have been receiving monthly \$16.00 Stormwater residential \$16.00 a month bills will see a change in their billing process beginning with the January 2017 bills. The Stormwater billing and receipting for the \$16.00 a month charges will be processed for 2017 by King County through their annual Property Tax and Utility billing system and receipting system. Maple Valley, Renton and other neighbor cities utilize this Stormwater billing and collection process and have reported improved efficiencies and cost savings for both their cities and their citizens. Black Diamond Stormwater commercial accounts, lifeline accounts and Residential charges (other than \$16.00 per month) will still be processed by the City of Black Diamond and will not see their billing process change this year. Past due Stormwater amounts before January 2017 will still be collected by the City of Black Diamond customers with water, sewer and \$16.00 Stormwater charges will still receive a monthly bill for their water and sewer charges, only the Stormwater \$16.00 a month charges will be removed. Any residential \$16.00 a month customers who have prepaid beyond the December bill will be issued Stormwater refunds in late January 2017.

If you have any question, please call the Finance Director at 360-886-5700.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

25510 LAWSON STREET

- * 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.
- * MAR 2—7 p.m.
- * MAR 9—6 p.m. (Work Session
Town Hall Meeting)
- * MAR 16—7 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

25510 LAWSON STREET

- JAN 10—6p.m.
- FEB 7—6 p.m.
- MAR 7—6 p.m.

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. Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Tuesday after the first Council meeting at 6 p.m. of each month. Please contact the Clerk's 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
- ◆ Community Development
- ◆ Economic Development/MDRT, Andrew Williamson
- ◆ Finance, Mayene Miller
- ◆ Police, Jamey Kiblinger
- ◆ Public Works, Seth Boettcher, PE

City of Black Diamond

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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
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/NATURAL RESOURCES

(360) 886-5700
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
FAX (360) 886-2592

MDRT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8:30 a.m. -5 p.m.
P.O. BOX 599 FAX (360) 886-2592
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

POLICE DEPARTMENT (253) 631-1012

P.O. BOX 309 FAX (360) 886-2901
25510 LAWSON STREET

POLICE DEPARTMENT -NON EMERGENCY NUMBER

(360) 886-0022

UTILITY AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER

(253) 569-0525

MUNICIPAL COURT (360) 886-7784

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



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 Thursday 10-6 Tuesdays 10-6 Saturday 10-5



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.