

## Elected Officials >>>

Mayor, Carol Benson

Councilmember Tamie Deady

Councilmember Melissa Oglesbee

Councilmember Janie Edelman

Councilmember Erin Stout

Councilmember Chris Wisnoski

# the city connection..

*"Facets of Black Diamond"*



City offices will be closed  
on Monday, May 28th  
in observance of  
Memorial Day.



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A Quarterly Newsletter

April / May / June 2018

### From the Mayor's Desk....

**Spring has arrived!** As we head into the second quarter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the following highlights from the first quarter of 2018.

**Welcome New Councilmember to the City of Black Diamond-** I want to welcome our newest Councilmember Chris Wisnoski. At the March 1st Council meeting the City Council interviewed four applicants for the position and Chris was appointed to fill the vacancy of position #5.

**City Council Retreat –** On March 9, 2018 the City Council held their retreat at New Community Church in Maple Valley. All departments gave PowerPoint presentations to the City Council and there was discussion on the 2018 work plan/priorities and emerging issues from the Council. All in all it was a great retreat and I look forward to working together in 2018 to accomplish the priorities.

**Performance Recognition –** On March 16, 2018, Officer Ryan Keller conducted training on Lake Sawyer with the patrol boat in preparation for his upcoming Marine class in April. This orientation was provided by Black Diamond Public Works employee Kevin Esping. While launching the boat at the boat launch Officer Keller observed three subjects launching a small metal fishing boat.

Approximately 4 hours later Officer Keller heard a call on the radio by Officer Riepl regarding an unoccupied vehicle at the boat launch. Officer Keller recognized the vehicle as the same vehicle associated with the three subjects who launched the metal fishing boat earlier in his shift. Officer Keller contacted Officer Riepl and told him he was concerned the boaters were in danger, and that he thought they should start going to different points on the lake to use their flood lights in an attempt to locate the boat.

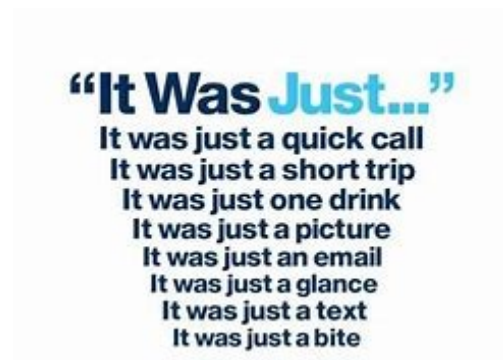
Fifteen minutes later Valley Communications dispatched units to a capsized boat near the south end of Lake Sawyer, with three subjects stranded on an island. Officer Keller and Kevin Esping were able to locate the stranded boaters on an island near dock #1. The boaters were extracted from the island and taken to the boat launch where Firefighters were standing by to administer medical aid.

The efforts of Officer Keller and Kevin Esping should not go unnoticed. Their actions led to the successful rescue of three people who had the potential to suffer from hypothermia, at a minimum. Officer Keller and Kevin Esping are recognized for their quick thinking, and willingness to act without hesitation during this incident.

In closing, should you have any questions or concerns I encourage you to contact me or your Councilmembers.



## Police News >>> April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month



The Black Diamond Police Department wants to remind everyone that distracted driving is a public health issue that affects us all. The latest statistics show motor vehicle fatalities are up 6% from 2015. More than 40,000 people were killed on our nation's roadways last year, and distracted driving is a major contributor.

Each death is 100% preventable. From cell phones to dashboard entertainment systems to evolving voice command features – all pose a threat to our safety. Just one second of your attention is all it takes to change a life forever.

Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April is a united effort to recognize and eliminate preventable deaths from distracted driving.

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system—anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving.

Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing.

In 2015 alone, 3,477 people were killed, and 391,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers.

During daylight hours, approximately 660,000 drivers are using cell phones while driving. That creates enormous potential for deaths and injuries on U.S. roads. Teens were the largest age group reported as distracted at the time of fatal crashes.

Teens can be the best messengers with their peers, so we encourage them to speak up when they see a friend driving while distracted.

Parents first have to lead by example—by never driving distracted—as well as have a talk with their young driver about distraction and all of the responsibilities that come with driving.

Educators and employers can play a part, too. Spread the word at your school or workplace about the dangers of distracted driving.

## Community Development >>> Community Open House—Comprehensive Plan Update

*Growth? Homes? Jobs? Natural Resources?*

### Get Involved and Share Your Ideas

You are invited to attend an Open House event to learn about and provide input into the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Open House is an opportunity to be involved in planning for Black Diamond's future; to share your ideas and learn what your neighbors have to say. Please stop in, stay for 15 minutes or the whole time!

#### OPEN HOUSE EVENT

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

**4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

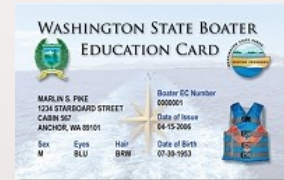
**Black Diamond City Council Chambers  
25510 Lawson Street**

Come when you can and stay as long as you like to visit with staff and consultants.

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## Black Diamond Police Department Offers FREE Boating Education Course



Boaters in Washington need to have their Washington State Boater Education Card with them when operating a boat 15 horsepower or greater. Boater operators born before January 1, 1955 are exempt but may choose to get a card if they plan to boat in Canada or Oregon since both require mandatory education.

Whether you cruise, sail, kayak, fish, or do yoga on a stand-up paddle board, you need to know the laws and basics of boating safety. We encourage you to take an education course, even if you're not required to carry a card.

Classes offer students the chance to interact with an instructor who is an experienced boater, learn specific local boating information, and network with other boaters.

Upon successful completion of the class, students will only need to send in their application with the following supporting documents to Washington State Parks to get a Boater Education Card.

- Check or money order for \$10, made payable to Washington State Parks
- A legible **copy** of your proof of course completion or exam certificate (received upon successful completion of the course.)

This class will be held at the Black Diamond Police Department (25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, WA) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on **April 28, 2018**. If you have questions or to register for the class please contact Sgt. Mike Girias at [mgirias@blackdiamondwa.gov](mailto:mgirias@blackdiamondwa.gov).

### 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, Tuesday,  
Wednesday and Thursday  
10 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Sat. – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### RECENTLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES

**Ordinance No. 18-1098** - Granting to Astound Broadband, LLC, a limited liability company, a nonexclusive telecommunications franchise to install, construct, maintain, repair, and operate a telecommunications system within the public rights of way; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

**Ordinance No. 18-1099**—regarding illicit discharges into the City's stormwater drainage system or creeks, lakes, wetlands and waterways, and amending Black Diamond Municipal Code sections 14.04.005 and 14.04.390; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

**Ordinance No. 18-1100**—amending chapter 10.40 of Black Diamond Municipal Code to add offense of unlawful intersection avoidance.

**Ordinance No. 18-1102**—establishing the authority to adopt a cross connection control program; adopting Black Diamond Municipal Code sections 13.04.025, 13.04.085, and 13.04.095; amending section 13.04.090; repealing section 13.04.070; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.



## Public Works Department >>> Upcoming Spring Recycling Event



- ⇒ Confidential Paper Shredding
- ⇒ Lead Acid Batteries
- ⇒ Batteries
- ⇒ Porcelain Toilets and Sinks—fees apply\*
- ⇒ Propane Tanks—fees apply\*
- ⇒ Alkaline Batteries
- ⇒ Bulky Wood
- ⇒ Appliances/Scrap Metal—some fees apply\*
- ⇒ Mattresses/Futons—fees apply\*
- ⇒ Electronic Equipment—**Computer monitors and televisions will not be accepted and residents will be referred to local E-Cycle sites.**
- ⇒ Cell Phones

- ⇒ Tires—some fees apply\*
- ⇒ Motor Oil & Filters/Antifreeze
- ⇒ Cardboard

Maple Valley, Black Diamond, and King County  
Recycling Collection Event  
May 12, 2018 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Rock Creek Elementary School

**Only the following items will be accepted...**

**DON'T BRING!**

**These household wastes:**

**NO paint of any kind**

No furniture/household goods  
No construction/demolition debris  
No garbage  
No plastic toys, hoses, etc.  
No window glass

**These hazardous wastes:**

No oil based paint or solvents  
No pesticides/herbicides  
No household chemicals  
No cleaning products  
No fluorescent lights

For more specific information about what can and can't be brought to the event and associated fees, please visit the City's website [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us) and from the homepage click on the "In the Spotlight" page to view the event flyer.

**\*CASH ONLY FOR FEES**



## Finance Department >>> Lifeline Program

Black Diamond has a **Lifeline Senior Discount Program** that is available for low income/low resource seniors age 62+ who pay for city water and sewer. A 50% discount on Black Diamond's portion of these bills is applied to qualified seniors who apply. Disabled head of household discounts also are available. If someone in your household is on home dialysis, a 50% discount to your water bill is also available.

**Those of you already on the Lifeline program need not reapply unless you receive an application from us this year.** If you think you may qualify for this discount, pick up an application at City Hall or request one by calling 360 886-5700.

## **Community Development Continued>>> Community Open House—Comprehensive Plan Update**

Cities and counties are required by state law to periodically do a major review and, as needed update their comprehensive plans and development regulations to meet current state laws and to ensure the policies in place are current and relevant. This update will cover the planning period from 2015-2035.

The Comprehensive Plan is general in nature and presents a vision of Black Diamond's future. It identifies steps to move toward that vision by providing information about current conditions, long-term goals and objectives. The plan serves as a long-term guide for the community, and it helps City leaders with setting policies and decision-making.

The overall vision and objective of the Comprehensive Plan is to promote community livability and vitality over the long-term. The Plan addresses a wide range of issues including, but not limited to: land use, housing, transportation, recreation, natural resources and economic development. We encourage you to drop by the Open House and we welcome your questions and input!

You may also find information at the City's website:

[http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/CommDev/2015\\_CompPlan.html](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/CommDev/2015_CompPlan.html)

## **Public Works Department >>> Stormwater Education—Fertilizer Math**

Spring has finally sprung, which also brings growing season. With growing season comes the desire to help some things grow while preventing other things from growing. So you go to the store to purchase some fertilizer and notice the bags have numbers on the front, something like: 10-10-10. What does that even mean? It's not a math problem (but if it was, the answer would be negative 20).

The answer is, it's percentages by weight in the bag. The first number is the percentage of available nitrogen (N), the middle number is phosphorus (P), and last is potassium (K). So a 50 pound bag of fertilizer with 10-10-10 on the front would be made up of 5 pounds each of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium (10% of 50 pounds each). The remaining 35 pounds would be filler (usually sand and/or granular limestone).

So now we know what the numbers mean, but what does that mean for our yard and the environment? All three elements have their benefits. Nitrogen helps with plant growth and leaf development; phosphorus helps with root growth and the creation of fruit, seeds, and flowers; and potassium aids root development and helps plants resist drought and disease. Of course, if we do more than is needed, we cause more harm than good to our yard. Consequently, too much can affect the surrounding environment. We hear a lot about phosphorus here in Black Diamond and the negative impact it has on waterways (where there's algae, there's usually too much phosphorus). If we do what we can to prevent these nutrients from leaching out from our yards, we can help protect our waterways.



This leads to the question, how much of each nutrient do I need for my yard? The King Conservation District has a soil testing program which allows each resident in the District Service Area (which includes Black Diamond) to receive five free basic soil nutrient tests (<http://kingcd.org/programs-farm-management-soil-testing.htm>). The District will provide a report specific to your yard detailing the nutrients that are in the ground and amendments you may need to make to your soil to enrich it. The report will also give suggestions as to how you can offset nutrients your yard may have too much of. As you use this report, you can look at the numbers on the fertilizer bags to determine how much of each nutrient you actually need, which will help your yard, the surrounding environment, and your budget as you only buy what you need. And as always, be sure to read the directions on the package before applying any fertilizers or chemicals.



# 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 in the months of 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 (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](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Clerk) to view meeting materials.



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** **25510 LAWSON STREET**

APR 5 - 7 p.m.  
APR 12 - 6 p.m. (Work Session)  
APR 19 - 7 p.m.  
MAY 3 - 7 p.m.  
MAY 10 - 6 p.m. (Work Session)  
MAY 17 - 7 p.m.  
MAY 23—6:30 p.m. (Tri City Mtg)  
JUN 7—7 p.m.  
JUN 14—6 p.m. (Work Session)  
JUN 21—7 p.m.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION** **25510 LAWSON STREET**

APR 10 - 6 p.m.  
MAY 8 - 6 p.m.  
JUN 12—6 p.m.

## **PLANNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE** **24301 ROBERTS DRIVE**

Check website calendar

## **PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE** **24301 ROBERTS DRIVE**

Check website calendar

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** **24301 ROBERTS DRIVE**

APR 10—1:30 p.m.  
APR 24—1:30 p.m.  
MAY 8—1:30 p.m.  
MAY 29—1:30 p.m.  
JUN 12 and 26—1:30 p.m.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** **25510 LAWSON STREET**

Check website calendar

## **BUDGET/FINANCE/ ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** **24301 ROBERTS DRIVE**

APR 12—3 p.m.  
APR 26—3 p.m.  
MAY 10—3 p.m.  
MAY 31—3 p.m.  
JUN 14—3 p.m.  
JUN 28—3 p.m.

**ALL COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.  
ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE TENTATIVE AND HELD IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM  
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON THE AGENDA. CHECK WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES.**

## contact information...

### **CITY HALL**

P.O. Box 599  
24301 Roberts Drive

(360) 886-5700  
(253) 631-0351  
Fax: (360) 886-2592

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ MDRT/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

P.O. Box 599  
24301 Roberts Drive

(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. (MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE & RESCUE)**

(253) 735-0284

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

P.O. Box 599  
24301 Roberts Drive

(360) 886-5700  
(253) 631-0351  
Fax: (360) 886-2592

**UTILITY AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER (253) 569-0525**

## Departments >>>

- ♦ Administration,  
Mayor Benson
- ♦ City Clerk/HR Manager,  
Brenda L. Martinez, MMC
- ♦ Community Development,  
Andrew Williamson (Interim)
- ♦ Economic Development/MDRT,  
Andrew Williamson
- ♦ Finance,  
Mayene Miller
- ♦ Police,  
Jamey Kiblinger
- ♦ Public Works,  
Seth Boettcher, PE

