



City of Black Diamond

City Offices will be closed on the following days:
July 4-Independence Day
September 3-Labor Day

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* **Elected Officials***

- Mayor, Carol Benson

Councilmembers

- Tamie Deady
- Melissa Oglesbee
- Janie Edelman
- Erin Stout
- Chris Wisnoski

The City Connection – A Quarterly Newsletter



Mayors Message

Summer is upon us and many fun and exciting events will be happening in Black Diamond. Miners Day will be held July 7th on Railroad Avenue in our historic downtown. September 1st – 3rd the 103rd Black Diamond Labor Days Celebration will take place at the Black Diamond Elementary School ballfield. Many volunteers, vendors, and sponsors work very hard to put on these wonderful annual events, so I encourage everyone to mark your calendars and join in on the festivities.



Welcome New City Staff – I would like to take this opportunity to introduce new staff members to the City. Left to right, Barbara Kincaid, Community Development Director, Justin Ross, Utility Worker, Greg Hopkins, Administrative Assistant II, and Alex Kemp, Public Utilities Operator. Please join me in welcoming them to our City Staff.



Farewell to Ken Blakely – Our Public Utilities Operator Ken Blakely will be retiring from the City at the end of June. Ken has been with the City of Black Diamond for 23 years and has helped in making the City of Black Diamond a better place. I wish him many new adventures in his next chapter of life.

New Street Name – At the March 1, 2018 regular business meeting the City Council formally renamed the westside of Lawson Street to Gomer Evans Jr. Drive. During a celebration at the Black Diamond Museum in April myself along with many friends and family surprised past Mayor Gomer Evans Jr. with the announcement of the name change. Gomer was appointed as the Mayor Pro-Tempore in 1973 and went on to be elected and served as Mayor from 1974-1978. During that time, he was very instrumental in changing Black Diamond from a town to a city. He also served as the city's Chief of Police. Gomer continues to remain very active in our community and his legacy and contributions to the city live on.



Opportunities to Volunteer – The City is currently seeking applicants for the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy due to a recent resignation. Position #2 term expires on December 31, 2019. Any individual who resides in the City for at least 180 days each calendar year or who owns a business with a physical presence within the City who is interested in serving on this important commission is encouraged to submit an application. Application forms can be found online at <http://www.ci.blackdiamdon.wa.us> under "Public Notices" on the homepage.

2019 Budget Process – Starting in July, myself along with all City departments will be busy over the next few months preparing the City's annual operating and capital budgets for 2019. The budget document tells the City's financial story and sets spending targets for the programs and services city residents receive. The 2019 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 adopted schedule of dates for work sessions, public hearings, and Council meetings; these usually begin in September and continue through December.



In closing, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 360.886.5700 or by email at cbenson@blackdiamondwa.gov.

Carol Benson, Mayor, City of Black Diamond

2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update

Mayor Benson, Council committees and City staff are currently working on reviewing and updating the Black Diamond 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan. The CIP planning is a mandate of the Growth Management Act, adopted by Washington State in 1990, and provides an updated supplement to the Capital Facilities portion of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The semi-annual update process includes updating the capital projects needed to accommodate anticipated growth, public needs and to implement policy decisions over the next six years. This six-year plan is an important fiscal planning tool that identifies the capital expenditures and future revenues for each project, such as street improvements, water line replacement, sewer and stormwater projects, park improvements, Police, Fire and General Government capital projects.

An approved CIP is usually a requirement of granting agencies, public works or other long-term loans or other funding sources. Source of funds for the capital projects include State, Federal or local grants, real estate excise taxes (from the sale of property), street, water, wastewater and stormwater charges, gas tax, impact fees, bonds or developer funding.

A preliminary CIP of the Public Works capital projects is scheduled to be presented at a council work session on July 12, 2018 and the General Government portion at a special meeting on July 26, 2018. A public hearing is scheduled for the regular Council meeting of August 2, 2018 with adoption planned for the regular Council meeting of August 16, 2018. Public comment is welcomed and encouraged.

Because the CIP is a Plan, rather than a budget, actual spending authorization for the 2019 approved capital projects will be authorized during the city's 2019 annual budget process, where each CIP project for 2019 is again reviewed in October and moved to be included in the annual 2019 budget for adoption in December of this year. Please check the city website for the CIP update schedule at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us.

Stormwater Education – Boating Season

A lot of our stormwater efforts go into protecting the City's waterways at sources away from the City's waterways. It is important to prevent polluted stormwater from entering the City's stormwater system and reaching our lakes and streams.

With boating season in full swing, we sometimes forget that boats can have leaks, or spills can occur when doing maintenance on our boats. Below are measures we can take to protect Lake Sawyer and other waterways:

- If maintaining your boat or even putting gas in it, pull it out of the water to do the maintenance
- Perform frequent inspections of boat motors to check for leaks and repair as necessary
- On docks, sweep rather than hose down debris-Properly dispose of all wastes

If you notice a spill on the lake, please contact 911. Our first responders will be able to do some mitigation and can contact Public Works and/or the Department of Ecology if additional assistance is needed. We appreciate your efforts in keeping our water clean!



FIRST ANNUAL DISTRACTED DRIVING EVENT

On May 23rd, 2018 officers from around the plateau came together to educate our students about the dangers of distracted driving and driving under the influence. This event was held at the Enumclaw High School where seniors were able to participate in a three-station rotation which included three segments. The first was a classroom presentation on the dangers of distracted driving and driving under the influence. The seniors then moved outdoors to perform field sobriety tests wearing goggles that simulate both marijuana and alcohol impairment. They ended with a golf cart driving course where they attempted to drive while texting and or wearing the same impairment goggles.



This event was coordinated by the Black Diamond Police Department, Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation, 9-1-1 Driving School, the Enumclaw School District, and other local law enforcement agencies.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The Planning Department staff is busy working with the City Planning Commission and City Council in completing the Comprehensive Plan Update. We have been busy looking at land use, housing, the natural environment, capital facilities, and transportation. We held an Open House in April and were pleased to answer many questions and gather input from community members. Public input is important and we urge everyone to get involved either by attending upcoming Planning Commission and Council meetings, visiting our webpage, or by sending the Department an email or note with your thoughts.

For more information on the Comprehensive Plan Update, please contact Barbara Kincaid via email bkıncaid@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us or phone (360) 886-5700.



National Night Out

National Night Out 2018

It's that time of year again. The National Night Out season is underway and the date is set for August 7th, 2018. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Black Diamond police and fire would love to join your neighborhood event!

If you are interested hosting a neighborhood event in 2018, please contact Officer Michael Henrich at mhenrich@blackdiamondwa.gov.



BOOTS AND BADGES EVENT TO SUPPORT

LITTLE CHIEF JACK REICH



On June 10th, 2018 dozens of police officers and fire fighters came out, not for an emergency, but for a game of basketball. The 8th annual Commander Goral Memorial Boots and Badges charity basketball game, presented by McGann Electric, took center stage on the plateau. And for the first time in 7 years, Fire was able to take home the trophy!

If you aren't familiar with the Chief for a Day event, it's about the partnership with local law enforcement agencies and hospitals, held every two years, celebrating the lives of children who have been diagnosed with a chronic illness. This year, there are thirty-six children from across the state who are given a day that focuses on their dreams, not their illness. It allows us all to become, for a day, a part of some special children's lives.

Our Little Chief is 6-year old Jack Reich, who is battling Leukemia. He loves SpongeBob, video games, anything remote control and playing outside!

To date, our community (that's you) has raised over \$8,400 to support Jack and his fight against cancer. If you are interested in donating, you can make monetary donations to the Black Diamond Community Center until August 15th, 2018. T-shirts are also still available for \$10.00 and can be picked up at the Black Diamond Police Department.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR
2018 CHIEF FOR A DAY**

INDEPENDENCE DAY

As the 4th of July approaches, the Black Diamond Police Department would like to remind you of the local ordinances pertaining to fireworks.

For more information about the ordinances and information regarding firework safety, please go to the following page on the City's website:

<http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/spotlight.html>



MINERS DAY - JULY 7

- Antiques & Vintage Merchandise, Vintage Camper Show
- Old Time Photo Booth
- Food & Frivolity
- Artist's Chalk-In
- 5K Coal Miner's Classic
- Artists & Crafts,
- Children's Crafts
- Live Music
- Children's Performances
- Suds at Black Diamond Deli
- Donut Eating Contest
- The Great Train Robbery in two acts



*Vintage
Merchandise*

GOLD FEVER

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

25510 LAWSON STREET

*JULY 5-7 p.m. (cancelled)

*JULY 12- 6 p.m. (Work Session)

*JULY 19-7 p.m.

*JULY 29-6 p.m. (Special Meeting)

*AUGUST 2-7 p.m.

*AUGUST 9-6 p.m. (Work Session)

*AUGUST 16-7 p.m.

*SEPTEMBER 6-7 p.m.

*SEPTEMBER 13- 6 p.m. (Work Session)

*SEPTEMBER 20- 7 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

25510 LAWSON STREET

*JULY 10-6 p.m.

*AUGUST 7- 6 p.m.

*SEPTEMBER 11- 6 p.m.

Council and Planning 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.

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



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

RECENTLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 18-1103- Amending Black Diamond Municipal Code Section 2.04.010 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code for Consistency with Council Rule of Procedure; providing severability and establishing an effective date.

Ordinance No. 18-1105-Authorizing the reestablishment of a non-exclusive, ten year franchise with Puget Sound Energy, Inc. to provide electric service within the City Limits, providing severability; and establishing effective date.



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 p.m.
- * **Black Diamond Library (360) 886-1105**
- * Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday-10-9 p.m.; Friday-Closed; Saturday-10-5 p.m.; Sunday-Closed

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24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

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(Mountain View Fire & Rescue)
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