



Quarterly Newsletter

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The City Connection



City Council Officials

Mayor, Carol Benson

Councilmembers:

- Tamie Deady
- Melissa Oglesbee
- Janie Edelman
- Erin Stout
- Chris Wisnoski
- Patrick Nelson
- Steven Paige

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City Offices will be closed on the following days:

- 11/11 ~ Veterans Day
- 11/28-11/29 ~ Thanksgiving
- 12/25 ~ Christmas
- 1/1 ~ New Year's Day

Mayor's Message

Fall has arrived! The trees are starting to sport their fall colors, the nights are getting cooler, and before we know it the holiday season will be upon us. This time of year, is a very busy time for the City, and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the following announcements, events, and updates.

Roberts Drive Ribbon Cutting - It was with great satisfaction to see people walking across Rock Creek bridge on the new pedestrian walkway during the ribbon cutting. This new walkway connects the historic area of Black Diamond to the new Ten Trails development and all its parks, trails, events, and eventually a retail/commercial area. It also allows for safe passage for school children from Ten Trails to make their way safely to the elementary school, library, as well as the historic bakery. When I go home past the bridge and walkway daily, I observe mothers with strollers and young children using the bridge, and I feel proud that we could safely unite our community. Many thanks to all who contributed to such a successful outcome.



There were a lot of parties involved to make this project a success. The Public Works department was able to secure grant funding to complete these projects. The Master Development Review Team (MDRT) worked closely with Public Works in making sure the project lined up with the master developer's requirements. Oakpointe committed matching funds with the first grant application in order to help the City secure grant funds. And the State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) worked side-by-side with the City to make sure this roadway and side-walk network was complete and provided the funding to make it all happen.

The City also recognizes the efforts of Parametrix who designed the project and Goodfellow Bros. for their efforts in construction. Many citizens were inconvenienced by the road delays due to the construction, but their patience paid off and helped the City have a completed project that we can all be proud of.

Welcome New Councilmembers – In August, the City Council voted to expand the Council to seven members. The recruitment process solicited applications from interested citizens and the City received two applications. At the September 19, 2019 Council meeting those two applicants were interviewed and Council appointed Patrick Nelson to Position #6 and Steven Paige to Position #7. These appointments will end when the November 2021 election is certified.

2020 Operating Budget – I along with City staff and especially the Finance Department have been very busy focusing on the 2020 Preliminary Budget that was presented to the City Council at a special meeting held on September 26, 2019. The focus has been to prepare a budget that addresses current needs, in consideration of the needs for the future. You can read more about the budget process on page 4 of this newsletter.

Town Hall Meetings - On October 10, 2019 the City will be holding a Town Hall Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Town Hall Meetings are held twice a year on



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the second Thursdays in the months of March and October. I encourage you to please come and talk with your Councilmembers on any concern, issue, or questions you may have.

Labor Days Celebration – Once again the Labor Days event was a huge success. There were many people who attended over the three days. A big thank you to the many volunteers, vendors, and sponsors who worked very hard to put on this annual event – without you, events like this would not happen. Please remember to mark your calendar for this three-day celebration next year – the festivities are fun for all ages.

In closing, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 360.851.4500 or by email at cbenson@blackdiamondwa.gov.

Carol Benson, Mayor, City of Black Diamond



Protecting the Water Quality of Lake Sawyer



The City and the Lake ~ The City of Black Diamond encompasses Lake Sawyer, a 286.1-acre lake that was annexed into The City in 1998. The City maintains a picnicking, swimming and boat launch park at 22480 SE 296th St. and a large, natural, open area with trails at the south end of the lake. The City has established boating rules on the lake and provides marine patrol to enforce those rules.

The Lake itself is considered waters of the State. The city has paid for water quality monitoring of pH, phosphorus levels, nitrates and water clarity. The sampling has been done by volunteers and King County has provided the lab work and reporting. Previous water quality reports can be reviewed by a link on our website <http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/PubWorks/stormwater.html>. Water quality improved significantly in the mid 90's and has remained at a good water quality level since that time.

Algae ~ The City has recently worked in partnership with King County to address a citizen's concern about toxic algae in the Lake. The City collected water samples and hand delivered them to King County's lab for testing the first thing Monday after receiving the email from the citizen. The test results came back with three tests showing "non detect" and a slight detect of a toxin producing algae **but well below the reporting limit**. King County will be following up with additional algae testing in the lake. This year the algae seems to be well under control, probably due to the cooler late summer.

What You Can do to Help ~ The water quality of Lake Sawyer can be directly affected by several daily practices and YOU can help to make a difference! If we work together, we can help to maintain positive and safe water quality in the Lake. Here are some tips we recommend:

- 1) **Maintaining your septic system.** Has it been over 5 years since you have pumped your septic system? Do you know where your drain field is? Keep that area natural and it would be best not to irrigate that area.
- 2) **Managing waterfowl.** Don't feed the ducks or geese.
- 3) **Using recommended landscape practices.** Use the county leaf and woody debris recycle program. If you do compost on site; follow best management practices and keep the composting site as far away from the lake and drainage paths as possible. When lawn mowing do not broadcast mow the grass into water ways or the lake.
- 4) **Controlling runoff and soil erosion.** Call the city for permitting and project requirements
- 5) **Reducing or eliminating use of fertilizers.** Do not use phosphorus products. Plant natural vegetation that is accustomed to local soil conditions.
- 6) **Properly disposing of pet waste.** Pick up, bag and dispose into the garbage
- 7) **Washing vehicles away from the lake.** Or better yet, take your car to a commercial car wash where they recycle the water and properly dispose of the contaminants
- 8) **Reducing or eliminating the use of pesticides.** Look up on the internet of ways to discourage and control various pests like ants and hornets.

By following these steps, you can help keep your lake healthy. Together, we can protect the water quality of Lake Sawyer, making it a safe and enjoyable lake for everyone to use for years to come.

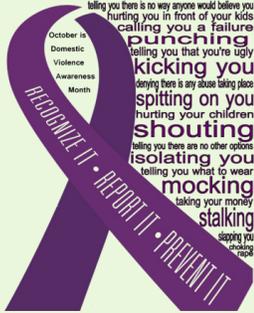
October is Nationally Recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Month

It's a time to celebrate survivors, honor those who have died, raise awareness, and confirm our commitment to preventing intimate partner violence in our community.

Every 9 seconds, a woman in the U.S. is beaten or assaulted by a current or ex-significant other. 1 in 4 men are victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.

Domestic violence – or intimate partner violence – is not physical violence alone. It's any behavior intended to gain or maintain power and control over a spouse, partner, girlfriend, boyfriend or intimate family member. Abuse is a learned behavior; it's not caused by anger, mental problems, drugs or alcohol or other common excuses.

A few of the most common ways abusers control victims are by isolation; emotional abuse; using children; dominating finances, family resources and access to healthcare; and physical and/or sexual assault.



For immediate assistance, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline:

1-800-799-SAFE

TTY: 1-800-787-3224

VIDEOPHONE: 1-855-812-1001

More information and resources are available from:

[Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence \(WSCADV\)](#)

[The Washington State Dept. of Social and Health Services \(DSHS\)](#)

[Veto Violence](#)

[The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) – National Center for Injury Prevention Control](#)



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. ONE CUP AT A TIME.

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation on National Coffee with a Cop Day.

 Wednesday October 2nd, 2019	 Black Gold Coffee 32616 3rd AVE	 7AM to 10 AM
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The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

THIS EVENT IS PRESENTED BY THE:

Black Diamond Police Department



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Black Diamond Police Department Hosts Medical Tactical Training

In September, the police department hosted the training course, 'Tactical Medical Instructor,' put on by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (a section of the Department of Homeland Security), whose headquarters are in Glynco, Georgia. This course instructed law enforcement officers from around the country on the methods to apply first aid in active critical incidents. Numerous agencies participated in the training from as far away as Michigan. This course was arranged and attended by Black Diamond Police Department's Officer Michael Henrich. This was a great regional training opportunity for law enforcement and a great time to showcase our great City of Black Diamond.



City Budget Planning and Calendar

All City departments have been busy preparing the City’s annual operating budget for 2020. 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 the Finance Department updated 2020 revenue forecasts for the General Fund and other funds using 2019 trends, growth projections and forecast information provided by Municipal Research and Services Center and other agencies.

An update on 2020 budgeted revenue and expenditure trends was reviewed with Council at a workstudy on September 26th. A summary of proposed 2020 budget totals for all city funds was also presented. Other workstudy's are scheduled for Council on October 17th and 24th in the Council Chambers.

Public hearings are scheduled for November 7th, November 21st and December 2rd. Public input is always welcomed and encouraged. See the budget calendar below and stay up to date at the City’s website www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us or contact the Finance Dept. at (360) 851-4500 for any questions you may have.

Date	2019 Budget Calendar
10/17/19 - 5:30 pm Special Council Meeting	Workstudy on the General Fund
10/24/19 - 6 pm Special Council Meeting	Workstudy of Public Works and Capital Project budgets
11/7/19 - 6 pm Special Council Meeting	Workstudy on Revenue Sources and Property Tax Levy
11/7/19 - 7 pm Regular Council Meeting	1 st Public Hearing on Revenue sources and Property Tax Levy
11/21/19 - 7 pm Regular Council Meeting	2 nd Public Hearing on the 2020 Budget
12/2/19 - 7 pm Special Council Meeting	Final Public Hearing on the 2020 Budget
12/2/19 6 pm Special Meeting or 12/05/19 7 pm Regular Council Meeting	Adoption of the 2020 Budget

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

The phrase, “call before you dig” is familiar to most. We see signs and all sorts of other educational messages warning people about the potential danger of starting projects before locating underground utility lines. Determining whether a permit is needed for building, landscaping, remodeling or other such projects is not always straightforward.



Most property owners can wrap their heads around the idea of a building permit for some things: new construction or maybe even a complicated addition. But what about smaller remodeling projects such as replacing a hood vent over your stove or building a privacy fence, small shed or deck? The short answer is, almost always, yes. The “I-Codes”, including the International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code (IRC) rules state that a permit must be obtained whenever a structure is to be constructed, enlarged, altered, repaired, moved or demolished. These codes provide the regulatory framework for the City’s building code ordinance. Similarly, the City has adopted ordinances regulating many other areas such as tree removal, clearing and grading, zoning and land use, signage, lighting, and environmental protections. These rules are administered by the Community Development Department. They are designed to guide growth and development in a manner that protects the health, safety and character of our City.

However, there are exemptions in many cases as to whether a project requires a permit. Let us help you navigate through these various rules and regulations. We encourage you to call before you begin a project to ask the question, do I need a permit? Our goal is to provide outstanding public service to our residents to determine whether a permit is needed on your specific project. If the answer is yes, we will assist you in understanding the permit process and application requirements to comply with the City’s applicable codes and regulations. We look forward to meeting our community members! City of Black Diamond Community Development Department: (360) 851-4447



November 2nd
 When you go to bed,
 don't forget to set
 your clocks back 1 hour!

RECENTLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES

- * **19-1123** - Amending Black Diamond Municipal Code Chapter 12.12 relating to Cemeteries; authorizing the Mayor to establish cemetery operations policies; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
- * **19-1124** - Adding a new chapter to the Municipal Code concerning the position of City Attorney; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
- * **19-1125** - Increase the size of the council to seven members; repealing inconsistent ordinances; affirming ordinance 182B; calling for Council applicants; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
- * **19-1126** - Clarifying the language of section 2.14.030 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
- * **19-1127** - Concerning the Shoreline Program periodic review required by RCW 90.58.080(4)



Have a Safe and
 Happy Halloween!



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

- * October 3rd @ 7 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
- * October 10th @ 6 p.m. (Work Session)
- * October 10th @ 7 p.m. (Town Hall Meeting)
- * October 17th @ 5:30 p.m. (Special Meeting)
- * October 17th @ 7 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
- * October 24th @ 6 p.m. (Special Meeting)
- * November 4th @ 5:30 p.m. (Special Meeting)
 @ Byron Kibler Elementary School
- * November 7th @ 6 p.m. (Special Meeting)
- * November 7th @ 7 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
- * November 14th @ 6p.m. (Work Session)
- * November 21st @ 7 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
- * December 2nd @ 7 p.m. (Special Meeting)
- * December 5th @ 7 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
- * December 12th @ 6 p.m. (Work Session)
- * December 19th @ 7 p.m. (Regular Meeting)

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

- * October 8th @ 6 p.m.
- * November 12th @ 6 p.m.
- * December 10th @ 6 p.m.
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*Meetings are held in the Council Chambers located at
 25510 Lawson St. unless otherwise specified*

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)851-4500 or check the City Clerks webpage at:

www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Clerk

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*The City of Black Diamond
Wishes you a Merry Christmas
and a very Happy New Year!*



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- * **Community Center (360) 886-1011**
Mon. thru Fri. 8-4
- * **Post Office (360) 886-9429**
Mon. thru Fri. 9-5
- * **Museum/Historical Society**
(360) 886-2142
Thurs. 9-4, Sat and Sun 12-3
- * **Library (360) 886-1105**
Mon. thru Thurs. 10-6 and Sat. 10-5

