



# The City Connection

Quarterly Newsletter

July, August, September 2021

## Mayor's Message



City Council Official  
Mayor, Carol Benson

Councilmembers:

- Tamie Deady
- Melissa Oglesbee
- Chris Wisnoski
- Leih Mulvihill
- Kristiana de Leon
- Bernie O'Donnell
- Debbie Page

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City Offices  
will be closed on the  
following days:

*Friday, July 2nd*  
*Monday, July 5th*  
*Monday, September 6th*

Summer is here and it's time to enjoy outdoor activities, sports, festivals, and barbecues. I went to Wenatchee a few weekends ago to watch my grandson, Duncan Favor, play baseball with the Bellingham Bells against the Wenatchee Applesox. On the Bell's roster was a player from Black Diamond, JJ Gerarden. Small world. They ONLY play 57 games this summer, so I expect I will see them again!

**City Offices Reopening** – Like many Washington cities, Black Diamond is working towards reopening to the public on July 6, 2021. The city will be allowing in-person customers, by appointment only, for now. Customers will be required to wear a face mask, and we will be taking additional precautions as well. We are looking forward to serving our community in-person and should you need an appointment please feel free to contact the city at 360-851-4500 to schedule one. If you are not comfortable coming into the office, we remain committed to assisting you as best we can by phone or electronically.

**New Website and Social Media Accounts** – I am pleased to announce the city launched its new website in June. It has been a much anticipated project and I want to thank everyone involved in bringing it to fruition. I have received positive feedback from citizens and encourage you to take a peek if you haven't ([www.blackdiamondwa.gov](http://www.blackdiamondwa.gov)). In addition, there are links to the City's Facebook and Instagram pages too.



**Welcome Councilmembers Page and Mulvihill**

Please join me in welcoming Debbie Page and Leih Mulvihill, who were appointed in April, to fill vacancies on the City Council. Both have been a wonderful addition to the Council and are a pleasure to work with.



**Council Retreat** –

The City Council held a retreat on June 18, 2021. Another retreat will be scheduled for early next year. If you would like to be added to the distribution list which will notify you of upcoming meetings, please send your email information to [info@blackdiamondwa.gov](mailto:info@blackdiamondwa.gov).

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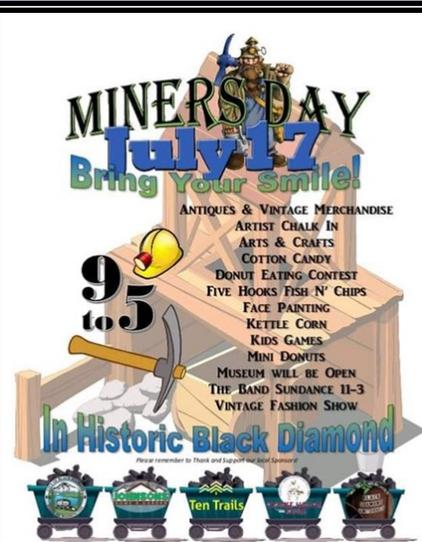
**2022 Budget Process** – Starting in July, myself along with staff will be busy over the next few months preparing the City's annual operating and capital budgets for 2022. The budget document tells the City's financial story and sets spending targets for the programs and services city residents receive. The 2022 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.blackdiamondwa.gov](http://www.blackdiamondwa.gov) for adopted schedule of dates for work sessions, public hearings, and Council meetings; these usually begin in September and continue through December.



**Skateboard Park Donation Fund** –As you may or may not know, due to safety concerns the current skateboard park is closed until further notice. This is very unfortunate as this park has been a big success in Black Diamond and many residents have long enjoyed this valuable community asset as a safe place for recreation and enjoyment particularly for our local youth. Recently I brought before Council an Ordinance (21-1160) that allowed the city to establish a donation fund for interested individuals to donate money to help partially fund the construction of a new skateboard park for the city. If interested, please contact the finance department to find out how you can make a donation.

### \*\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\*\*

Many volunteers, vendors, and sponsors work very hard to put on our community's wonderful annual events and I encourage everyone to mark their calendar and join in on the festivities.



**Miners Day - July 17th from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.** Come out and join in the fun. There will be games for kids, a donut eating contest, chalkboard art, vendors, and much more.

### **Bike Rodeo - September 4th from 2 p.m. - 4**

**p.m.** The city, in conjunction with Mountain View Fire Dept., the Black Diamond Police Dept., Black Diamond Elementary School and Ten Trails, is hosting a Bike Rodeo next to the Welcome Center in Ten Trails. Thanks to Ten Trails generous donation to the Mountain View Fire Dept., we will have FREE helmets for anyone who doesn't have one. The kids can practice their bike skills at various stations throughout the course while they learn the rules of the road. And if you don't have a bike, you can bring your scooter!



**Labor Days - September 4th through 6th.** We are so excited to have Black Diamond Labor Days back in action! This 3-day event kicks off Saturday evening with Toy Story 4, a great family movie! Other activities for the weekend are a Pie Baking Contest, Doggie Day, Entertainment, Booths, the parade on Monday and so much more! We look forward to seeing you there.

Please visit the Black Diamond Labor Days Facebook page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/BlackDiamondLaborDays/>



### **Vietnam Memorial Wall**

**August 5th through 8th.** Located in our neighboring city of Enumclaw at Sunrise Elementary school soccer fields.



In closing, should you have any concerns or questions I encourage you to reach out to me, your Councilmembers, or city staff.

Stay safe and healthy,

*Mayor Carol Benson*



**BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** - Law enforcement officers across the country will be on heightened alert for those in violation of boating under the influence laws as part of the annual Operation Dry Water. Operation Dry Water (ODW) is a year-round boating under the influence awareness and enforcement campaign focused on reducing the number of alcohol- and drug-related incidents and fatalities. The U.S. Coast Guard, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies, recreational boating safety advocates and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) are gearing up to spread awareness and prevent tragedies related to boating under the influence (BUI). Alcohol use continues to be the leading contributing factor in recreational boating fatalities.<sup>1</sup> Since the commencement of the Operation Dry Water campaign in 2009, law enforcement officers across the nation have removed over 4,700 impaired operators from our nation's waterways, preventing dangerous and potentially catastrophic consequences. Law enforcement agencies from every U.S. state and territory are expected to participate in the Operation Dry Water campaign, focusing their efforts on detecting impaired boaters and educating the public about the dangers of boating under the influence. In 2020, 620 agencies from every state and territory took part in the Operation Dry Water weekend.



**NEW STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD (SUP) LAWS** - The Black Diamond Police want to inform you there are new laws regarding SUPs. SUPs are vessels and you are required to have a wearable PFD on board and it must be accessible. There are some models that have a small net or nylon pack built into the design to hold personal items. Children 12 years of age and younger are required to wear a PFD when on a SUP.

You are required to have a sounding device with you, as with any manually propelled vessel like canoe, kayak, rowboat, dinghy (i.e., whistle attached to the PFD). In addition, navigation lights are to be used between sunset and sunrise, such as a flashlight or headlamp with a white light.

Additionally, the Black Diamond City Council passed an ordinance requiring kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, and other paddle craft to stay between the shoreline and the buoys during speeding hours. Speeding hours are as follows:



Allowable Speeding and Hours. Vessels may exceed the speed limit of five miles per hour between the hours of 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The maximum speed allowable during "speeding hours" shall be thirty-six miles per hour. Vessels operating in excess of five miles per hour with or without someone in tow shall not operate between buoys and shorelines and within one hundred feet from other craft or persons and shall proceed in a "counterclockwise" direction.

It will soon be time to celebrate our Independence Day and we would like to remind everyone to have a safe and fun Fourth of July.



Following are a few safety measures that will help present serious injury or property damage:

- Make sure the area where you are lighting fireworks is free of other combustible material.
- Be certain everyone watching the display is in a safe area away from danger.
- To prevent potential fires, have a bucket of water readily available in which to place used fireworks after they have cooled.
- Children should not be allowed to light fireworks and should be under constant supervision.

As a reminder, per Black Diamond Municipal Code section 8.04.100, fireworks can only be discharged in Black Diamond between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on July 4th.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

The department would like to recognize Officer Tim Crooker for receiving the Tri-Annual Employee Award. His thoroughness in investigating felony cases has led to several cases being forwarded for prosecution this year. His willingness to go beyond the basic investigation exemplifies the values of the department and his work has made an impact in the safety of our community. Thank you for your dedicated service and commitment to the City of Black Diamond.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Community Development staff have worked to update our submittal forms and handouts for Building and Land Use permits. Please check out our new website and reach out with any questions. Our department is committed to assisting with understanding the development regulations and the permit process and are here to assist you!

The Planning department is currently working on a Shoreline handout to better inform our residents on Lake Sawyer about when a shoreline permit is required to do work on or near the lake. Most often, a Shoreline Exemption is required to complete work within 200 feet of the shoreline. The new handout will be launched soon and should better assist residents to understand when a permit is required, but feel free to call us if you need assistance.

Shout out to all the citizens that took time to complete the PROS Plan survey in May. Look for results of the survey coming out soon and future announcements around public engagement opportunities to further discuss our parks, recreation, and open space planning! Hope to meet you at Miner's Day!

### 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 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 360-851-4564 or check the City Clerks webpage at: [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Clerk](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Clerk) If you'd like to be added to the Council Agenda or Planning Commission Agenda Distribution List, please email your request to: [info@blackdiamondwa.gov](mailto:info@blackdiamondwa.gov).

Typically meetings are held in the Council Chambers located at 25510 Lawson Street unless otherwise specified. **However, all meetings will be held via ZOOM until further notice.**

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Jul. 1st @ 7 p.m. (Cancelled)  
Jul. 8th @ 6 p.m. (Work Session)  
Jul. 15th @ 7 p.m. (Regular)  
Aug. 5th @ 7 p.m. (Regular)  
Aug. 12th @ 6p.m. (Work Session)  
Aug. 19th @ 7 p.m. (Regular)  
Sept. 2nd @ 7 p.m.. (Regular)  
Sept. 9th @ 6 p.m. (Work Session)  
Sept.16th @ 7 p.m. (Regular)



### Administration

Mayor Carol Benson  
**City Clerk/HR Manager**  
Brenda L. Martinez, MMC

### Community Development

Mona Davis  
**MDRT/Economic  
Development**

Andrew Williamson  
**Public Works**  
Seth Boettcher

### Finance

Mayene Miller

### Police

Chief Jamey Kiblinger

### NEWLY ADDED ORDINANCES

21-1157 - Amending the 2020 Salary Schedule  
21-1158 - Sensitive Areas Ordinance Amendments  
21-1159 - Amending BDMC Chapter 19.04 SEPA Rules  
21-1160 - Skate Park Donation Fund  
21-1161 - Amending the 2021 Salary Schedule

### CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND CONTACTS

#### CITY HALL

(Admin., Public Works, Comm. Devel. and MDRT/Econ. Devel.)

Physical Address.....24301 Roberts Dr.

Mailing Address..... P.O. Box 599

Phone Numbers: Main Line.....360-851-4500

Comm. Devel.....360-851-4447

MDRT/Econ. Devel....360-851-4448

Public Works.....360-851-4446

**For any Public Works emergencies, call the main line and use the prompts**

Fax Number: (for all depts. listed above).....360-851-4501

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Physical Address.....25510 Lawson St.

Mailing Address ..... P.O. Box 309

Phone Numbers (non-emergencies) .....360-851-4450

**(EMERGENCIES).....911**

Fax Number.....360-851-4451

#### MUNICIPAL COURT:

Physical & Mailing Address.....25510 Lawson St.

Phone Number.....360-851-4490

Fax Number.....360-851-4491

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Phone Number (non-emergencies) .....253-735-0284

**(EMERGENCIES) .....911**

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Jul. 6th - Cancelled  
Jul. 13th @ 6 p.m.  
Aug. 10th @ 6 p.m.  
Sept. 7th @ 6 p.m.