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**City Offices
will be closed
on the
following days:**

5/30 - Memorial Day
6/20 - Juneteenth Day



Mayor's Message

Hello Spring! The days are getting longer, the plants are starting to bloom, and a time to look forward to warmer weather and outdoor fun! As we move through what we hope will be the final stages of this pandemic, and head into the second quarter of 2022, I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you the following information.



City Offices – I want to remind everyone that City offices are open to the public and masks are optional. Please know some of our staff and perhaps customers will want to continue to mask up and we will support and respect everyone's individual choice and decision. If you are not comfortable coming in the offices, city staff is available to assist you by phone or email.

Council Retreat – A Council Retreat is set for Saturday, April 23 in the Council Chambers. This will be a hybrid meeting and the public can choose to attend by zoom or in person. I encourage residents to sign up to receive agenda notifications of all Council meetings. Please send your email information to info@blackdiamondwa.gov and ask to be added to the agenda distribution list.

Cemetery Advisory Board and Civil Service Commission Vacancies –

One way to get involved in your community is to volunteer on various boards and commissions. Currently the Cemetery Advisory Board and the Civil Service Commission have one vacancy each. The Civil Service Commission meets on the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. If you are interested in serving on this important Commission, and you're a US citizen who resides in the city for at least three years immediately preceding such appointment, and are an elector in King County, I encourage you to consider submitting an application. The Cemetery Advisory Board meets periodically and if you are a registered voter of the city, or a resident of an adjacent territory who has a historical linkage to the cemetery and you're interested in serving on this board, I encourage you to consider submitting an application. Please send completed applications to the City Clerk at bmartinez@blackdiamondwa.gov. The application form can be found on the City's website at https://www.blackdiamondwa.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf306/f/uploads/commission_application_1.pdf



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Memorial Day – The Black Diamond Cemetery will have its usual Memorial Day ceremony, scheduled for 10 a.m. on Monday, May 30th.

Miners Day – Miners Day is coming up on July 16th.

Please mark your calendar to attend. For more information, please visit their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/blackdiamondminersday/>.



Black Diamond Labor Days Black Diamond Labor Days planning is underway. This year's event is September 3-5 and the theme for the annual Labor Days is "Better than Ever", with a movie night at Ten Trails on Saturday, food and craft booths, games and live music on Sunday, and the usual parade at 10 a.m. on SR 169 and back to the field for fun and games. Don't forget the free ice cream, peanuts, and candy. For more information on this three-day event or to volunteer please visit their website:

<https://www.blackdiamondlabordays.org/>.

In closing, thank you to our staff and citizens for your continued support as we navigate the changing requirements together. I want to thank each and every one of you for your efforts above and beyond in helping to keep our offices and the community safe during this extremely challenging time.

Stay safe and healthy,

Mayor Carol Benson

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Grant Help Available for Black Diamond Residents Who Have "Past Due" Rent or Utility Accounts!

The City of Black Diamond has ARPA COVID-19 Grant Program Funds available to help low to moderate income residents with assistance. The City has contracted with the Black Diamond Community Center to administer this assistance to residents who have been economically affected by the COVID virus. To get an application or make an appointment to review eligibility, contact the Black Diamond Community Center Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am – 4:00 PM at (360) 886-1011.

This is more important than ever, now that the statewide eviction protection has expired and utility companies, including the City of Black Diamond, are returning to charging customers late fees and interest for utility bills 30 days past due. Black Diamond will also be returning to the policy of turning off water for accounts 60 days past due in May of 2022.

We encourage our residents to take advantage of the possible ARPA Grant assistance as it was approved by our City Council, especially to help our residents who may need assistance in bringing their past due rent and utility accounts current. All grant requests are kept confidential and the approved grant checks are sent directly to the renter's landlords or utility provider.



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Start a new career protecting and serving the City of Black Diamond!

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Find a purpose and make a difference
- Good work/life balance which gives you more time with your family
- Great pay
- High ethical standards and quality of training
- Offers a variety of pathways for interesting career opportunities
- Open, progressive work culture that celebrates diversity and individuality
- Growth inside the city will provide many opportunities for advancement and promotions
- Department work culture is supportive and values employees
- 4/10 patrol shifts
- Specialty assignments including; Major Crimes Task Force, Instructors in several areas, and marine patrol
- Great schools, good healthcare and high quality of life in Black Diamond



APPLY TODAY!

The Black Diamond Police Department conducts ongoing testing.

To apply, please complete both steps:

Sign up for a test date with Public Safety Testing.

Pass the written and physical agility tests and send us your score.

Lateral Officers...Are you looking for a change? Join our team!



DO YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

For more information, please email Commander Martinez

bamartinez@blackdiamondwa.gov

CONTINUATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Black Diamond Police Offers FREE Adventures in Boating class, which fulfills the requirement needed in order to obtain your Boaters Education Card.

In 2005, a law was passed requiring boat operators to take a boater safety education course to operate a boat in Washington state. All operators of boats having motors of 15 horsepower or greater, are required to have their Boater Safety Education Card with them when operating a boat.

DATES: There are two dates available to take the course:
Saturday, May 21st **OR** Sunday May 22nd

LOCATION: Black Diamond Police Department located at:
25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond

TIME: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

COST: Once again, this class is being offered free of charge.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: A minimum of 15 students must sign up for the class.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: To register for the class, please contact the Black Diamond Police Department at 360-851-4450, or email us at ContactUs@blackdiamondwa.gov. Please include which date you'd like to attend.

Upon successful completion of the class, students will 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 (upon successful completion, the certificate will be received).



REGISTER NOW!

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Stormwater Education – Free Soil Testing



With all the gloom, snow, and rain we've been experiencing this winter, many of us are getting anxious to get out into our yards to plant gardens, grass, and other plants. A big part of having a successful garden or having plants thrive is knowing what we can add to our soil to encourage that growth. Of course, dirt isn't always the same wherever you are. Even within Black Diamond, there are different soil types and we need to adapt our approach to be successful.

Did you know King County residents have a free resource that can be used to help you determine what types of fertilizer to use for whatever you're trying to grow? Well, now you do. The King Conservation District (KCD) has a Soil Nutrient Testing Program that provides up to five free basic soil nutrient tests for residents within the KCD service area, which includes Black Diamond. Additional soil tests can be ordered for \$25 each.

More information, including how to submit your soil sample, can be found on the KCD website here: <https://kingcd.org/programs/better-soils/healthy-soil/>. After submitting your soil samples, along with details about what you are trying to grow, KCD will analyze your soil and prepare a detailed report showing what you would need to add to your soil for a particular planting and what nutrients to avoid. It will help you calculate how much fertilizer you will need based on square footage, and the type of fertilizer. If the report shows you have plenty of phosphorus in your soil but not enough nitrogen, you will be able to get a fertilizer that will help you take advantage of what you already have in your soil.



As an added bonus, having the right type of fertilizer protects our lakes and streams. Having high concentrations of these nutrients can be damaging to our waterways. This service provided by the KCD (which is funded by your property taxes) is a great way to help you find the right balance for your yard and for protecting our waterways.

Best of luck with your yard projects, but taking advantage of this soil testing might help minimize the amount of luck you'll actually need. Happy planting!

NEWLY ADDED ORDINANCES

21-1171 Amending Ordinance No. 21-1168 - 2022 Salary Schedule Exhibit A for Calendar Year 2022.

21-1172 Repealing the 2020 Annual Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan; suspending further consideration of the 2021 Final Docket of proposed amendments; and prioritizing City planning resources toward preparation of the 2024 major periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan.

Council/Commission/Committee Meetings

Monthly meetings for City Council are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 pm Work Sessions are held the second Thursday of each month at 6 pm Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Tuesday after the first Council meeting at 6 pm of each month.

Please contact the Clerk's office for more information at 360-851-4564 or check the City's webpage at:

www.blackdiamondwa.gov/home/pages/minutes-agendas.

If you'd like to be added to the Agenda Distribution List for the City Council and/or Planning Commission, please email your request to: info@blackdiamondwa.gov.

Regular City Council meetings are the only meetings at the moment being held both in person and via Zoom. All other meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Apr. 7th @ 6 pm (Regular)
May 10th @ 6 pm (Regular)
Jun. 7th @ 6 pm (Regular)

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Apr. 7th @ 7 pm (Regular)
Apr. 14th @ 6 pm (Work Session)
Apr. 21st @ 7 pm (Regular)
Apr. 23rd (Retreat)
May 4th @ 6:30 pm (Tri City)
May 5th @ 7 pm (Regular)
May 12th @ 6 pm (Work Session)
May 19th @ 7 pm (Regular)
Jun. 2nd @ 7 pm (Regular)
Jun. 9th @ 6 pm (Work Session)
Jun. 16th @ 7 pm (Regular)



Administration

Mayor Carol Benson

City Clerk/HR Manager

Brenda L. Martinez, MMC

Community

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Mona Davis

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Development

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Public Works

Scott Hanis

Finance

Mayene Miller

Police

Chief Jamey Kiblinger

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

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