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City Offices
will be closed on the
following days:

Monday, July 4th
Monday, September 5th

The City Connection

Quarterly Newsletter

July, August, September 2022

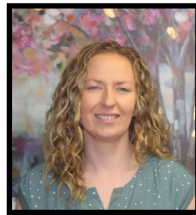
Mayor's Message



Summer is here and after a cold and rainy spring it's time to enjoy some outside activities, sporting events, festivals, and barbeques! Below are some items we are currently working on as well as events that will be happening in Black Diamond over the summer months.

Welcome New City Staff!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce new staff members to the City. Ben Persyn, Assistant Planner/Permit Technician, Chris Madeo, Utility Worker I, Lindsey Jewett, Police Clerk, and Carly Gaertner, Judicial Specialist II. Please join me in welcoming them to our City.



Above: Carly Gaertner
Right: Ben Persyn



Above: Chris Madeo
Left: Lindsey Jewett

2023 - 2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update

Currently we are working on reviewing and updating our six-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). 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 update process includes updating the capital projects needed to accommodate anticipated growth, public safety & needed projects 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 and sidewalk improvements, waterline replacement, sewer and stormwater projects, parks and recreation projects, trails, police, fire and general government equipment and building capital projects.

An approved CIP is usually a requirement of granting agencies, public works or other long-term loans or other funding sources. Sources of funds for the capital projects include State, Federal or local grants, real estate excise taxes (from the sale of homes and property), sewer, water, 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 August 11th or 25th, and the general government portion on September 8th, 2022. A public hearing is scheduled for September 15th, 2022 with adoption planned for October. Public comments are welcome and encouraged.

Because the CIP is a plan, rather than a budget, actual spending authorization for the 2023 approved capital projects will be authorized during the City's 2023 annual budget process. Please check the city website for the CIP update schedule at www.blackdiamondwa.gov.

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2022 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 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 for adopted schedule of dates for work sessions, public hearings, and council meetings; these usually begin in September and continue through December.

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.

Community Wide Garage Sale

Have you been thinking of holding a garage sale this summer? If so, the annual community wide garage sale is coming up on the second weekend of August, so mark your calendar. The day before the sale, a garage sale map will be distributed to local business' in Black Diamond to handout to customers the day of the sale. If you are planning on holding your garage sale on that weekend and would like to be placed on the garage sale map, residents can contact Tamie Deady by email at tdeady@blackdiamondwa.gov or by calling her at 253-266-8936.

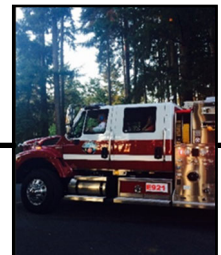
National Night Out

It's that time of year again. The National Night Out season is underway and the date is set for August 2nd, 2022. 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!



Labor Days

Black Diamond Labor Days planning is underway. This year's event is September 3rd - 5th 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/>.



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/>



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



Join Our Team!

The Black Diamond Police Department offers a rewarding career in public service. We cultivate a culture of integrity, professionalism, excellence, and teamwork and strive to maintain the trust of our community through proactive enforcement. With competitive salaries and benefits, you will have the opportunity to part of one of the fastest growing communities in Washington State with many opportunities for career advancement.

Why the Black Diamond Police Department?

- Safe city to live AND work
- Welcoming & supportive community
- Ongoing training & professional development opportunities
- On-duty fitness opportunities for health & wellbeing; state of the art equipment
- City contributing deferred compensation program & LEOFF II retirement
- 10 hour shifts with 3 days off each week
- Officers receive 120 hours of guaranteed time off (Holiday) in addition to your regular days off plus vacation accruals ranging from 8 hours to 16 hours a month depending on experience.



EXCELLENT PAY & BENEFITS

Starting Salaries:

Entry Level: \$66,000

Lateral Officer: \$98,472
(Top Step) + Applicable Incentives

Top Salary (Not Including Incentives): \$98,472

Currently in Contract Negotiations

Make a positive difference & join our team! For further information, please visit

<https://www.blackdiamondwa.gov/police-department/pages/police-employment>

JOIN MARINE PATROL!

The marine volunteer program assists the Black Diamond Police Department with providing marine patrol on Lake Sawyer during the summer months. A marine volunteer is appointed as a volunteer only and is not vested with any law enforcement authority & **cannot carry weapons of any kind.**

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- At least eighteen (18) years of age
- Have a clear background check and no felony convictions
- Have not been released or discharged from any branch of the Armed Forces under any conditions other than honorable
- Have on file a completed, processed volunteer application
- All marine volunteers will have a signed waiver from their physician that they are in good health and able to perform volunteer duties.
- Good moral character
- Possess a valid WA driver's license
- Pass a drug test provided by police department
- Ability to successfully obtain the Washington State Boater's Education card.
- Marine volunteers will receive no benefits, remuneration, or entitlements including sick leave, etc. However, the marine volunteers are covered by the City of Black Diamond's insurance and workers compensation for injuries received while acting in the capacity of a marine volunteer.
- Agree to volunteer a minimum of (16) hours per month during the summer months. If a member has a valid excuse, the time requirement may be waived by the Black Diamond Police Department supervisor.
- All marine volunteers accepted shall serve a 6-month probationary period.
- Successfully complete the MARINE training as required by the Black Diamond Police Department



Individuals interested in volunteering, need to complete a City of Black Diamond Employment Application, fill it out, sign and return it to Commander Martinez at the Black Diamond Police Department either through email, drop off, or mail.

For additional questions, email Commander Brian Martinez at bamartinez@blackdiamondwa.gov

****ATTENTION LAKE SAWYER PADDLERS****

Now that we finally have summer upon us, please remember Black Diamond's new ordinance, passed last year. Due to increased boating traffic on the lake, especially during speeding hours, the City desired to reduce the potential for conflicts and accidents between boats, kayaks, canoes, and stand-up paddleboards, while also keeping the lake accessible to the public for reasonable and intended uses during speeding hours. So, in February of 2021, the Black Diamond City Council adopted an amendment to the water safety regulations on Lake Sawyer. This amendment requires kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, and other paddle craft to stay between the shoreline and the buoys during the speeding hours.

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 Clerk's webpage at: www.blackdiamondwa.gov/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.

Typically meetings are held in the Council Chambers located at 25510 Lawson Street unless otherwise specified. ***All meetings are now being held both in-person and via ZOOM until further notice.***

CITY COUNCIL

MEETINGS

Jul. 7th @ 7 p.m. (Regular)
Jul. 14th @ 6 p.m. (Work Session)
Jul. 21st @ 7 p.m. (Regular)
Aug. 4th @ 7 p.m. (Regular)
Aug. 11th @ 6 p.m. (Work Session)
Aug. 18th @ 7 p.m. (Regular)
Sept. 1st @ 7 p.m.. (Regular)
Sept. 8th @ 6 p.m. (Work Session)
Sept. 15th @ 7 p.m. (Regular)

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Jul. 12th @ 6 p.m.
Aug. 9th @ 6 p.m.
Sept. 6th @ 6 p.m.



Administration

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

Community Development

Mona Davis
MDRT/Economic

Development

Andrew Williamson

Public Works

Scott Hanis

Finance

Mayene Miller

Police

Chief Jamey Kiblinger

NEWLY ADDED ORDINANCES

- 22 - 1173 Amending 2022 Salary Schedule
- 22 - 1174 Amending Black Diamond Municipal Code Section 1.24.010 changing the City's Official Posting Place.
- 22 - 1175 Amending Black Diamond Municipal Code Section 2.12040 designating the place where the City Clerk receives Claims and Lawsuits.
- 22 - 1176 Amending Section 19.04.260 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code related to SEPA Appeals.
- 22 - 1177 Emergency Ordinance Amending the City's 2015-2035 Comprehensive Plan to Incorporate Updated School District Capital Facilities Plans

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