



The City Connection

Mayor's Message

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City Offices
will be closed on the
following days:

Tuesday, July 4th -
Independence Day

Monday, September 4th -
Labor Day

It's SUMMER! Time to enjoy some outside activities, sporting events, festivals, and barbeques! Below are some items we are currently working on, information about doing our part to prevent wildfires, and events that will be happening in Black Diamond over the summer months.



Farewell to Former Mayor Gomer Evans - In June the city said goodbye to one of our long-time residents, Gomer Evans. I want to thank all the residents who came out and lined the streets during the funeral procession. Gomer was a great man who loved this city and will be dearly missed. At our June 1st Council meeting, City Council voted to name the pocket park next to the museum Gomer Evans Memorial Park. A dedication ceremony will be held later this year.

Welcome New City Staff - I would like to take this opportunity to introduce new staff members of the City. (Left to right below) Danielle Nielsen, Permit Technician; Jake Kapsandy, IT Department; Neil Wilson, Utility Worker I; Melanie Self, PW Administrative Assistant III; and Tawnya Parks, Court Administrator. Please join me in welcoming them to our City. Also starting in July will be our new Finance Director, Xavier Mason; more to come on that in the next issue.



2024 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 2024. The budget document tells the City's financial story and sets spending targets for the programs and services city residents receive. The 2024 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.



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Taking Action to Prevent Mega-Wildfires in Washington – It's officially wildfire season and by doing our part and educating our friends, neighbors, and coworkers, we really can prevent wildfires this summer. Every resident can begin today with these five small, yet high-impact, actions to prevent wildfires, reduce your wildfire risk at home, and be prepared for a smoke or fire emergency:

- Responsibly start, manage, and extinguish campfires and debris burns.
- Safely use outdoor equipment like lawnmowers and vehicles that can cause a spark.
- Comply with burn bans.
- Remove flammable items within five feet of your home, put screens on vents, and take other measures to build your home's fire resiliency.
- Create smoke readiness and evacuation plans.

We all play an important role in preventing wildfires and doing the above five actions is a good start in preventing them.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Miners Day – Miners Day is coming up on July 15th. This event is fun for the whole family so please mark your calendar to attend. For more information, please visit their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/blackdiamondminersday/>.

National Night Out

It's that time of year again. The National Night Out season is underway and the date is set for August 1, 2023. 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 2023, please contact Officer Henrich at mhenrich@blackdiamondwa.gov.

Community Garage Sale - Are you looking to get rid of items or ready to find a treasure? The annual community wide garage sale is coming up on the second weekend of August so please mark your calendar. 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 Dedy by email at tdedy@blackdiamondwa.gov or by calling her at 253-266-8936. The map will be distributed around Black Diamond at local businesses the day before the sale and given to participating residents to handout to customers the day of the sale.

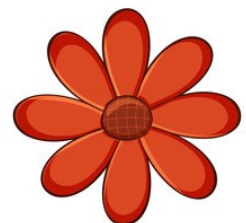
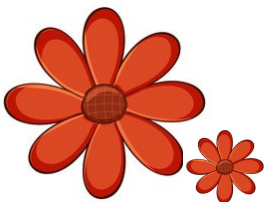


Black Diamond Labor Days – Black Diamond Labor Days planning is underway. This year's event is September 2-4 and the theme for the annual Labor Days is "Everyone Matters in Black Diamond", with a movie night at Ten Trails on Saturday, food and craft booths, games and live music on Sunday, and the usual parade at 10 a.m. on SR 169 and then back to the field for more fun and games. For more information on this three-day event or to volunteer please visit their website <https://www.blackdiamondlabordays.org/>.

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



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Best Practices for Boating on Lake Sawyer

Required Equipment:

- Vessel registration
- Registration numbers properly displayed
- Current license decal properly displayed
- Mandatory Washington State Boating License
- Personal flotation device for each person onboard
- Personal flotation device worn by child 12 years and under if the vessel is less than 19 feet.
- Type IV personal flotation device if the vessel is 16 ft. or over
- U.S. Coast Guard-approved fire extinguisher stored in an accessible place.
- Muffler must be in adequate condition
- Flame arrester must be adequate
- Sound device
- Ventilation/blower
- Carbon monoxide decal
- Orange ski flag (proper display/size)



Courteous Boating Practices

Use caution and respect the other boaters on the water.

Keep it family friendly. Sound travels over water, keep your music at a reasonable level and avoid explicit lyrics.

Skip the hot laps. Avoid traveling in circles around the lake at high speed unless you are towing a skier or wakeboarder. The high velocity waves unsettle the lake unnecessarily.

Water skiers prefer calm water. Wait for them to finish before starting to surf, tube, or use a PWC.

Do not overweight surf boats beyond factory ballast.

Avoid fast turnarounds when a rider or skier falls.

**BOAT RESPONSIBLY.
STAY ALERT.
STAY SOBER.**



The legal alcohol limit for operating on water is .08, and for marijuana, it's 5.0 nanograms. Boating impaired is dangerous to others and yourself. To ensure safety, have a sober skipper. Being alcohol-free is the safest way to enjoy the water.

For Further Information, Review the
Black Diamond Water Safety Ordinance
by Using the QR Code Below



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Personal WaterCraft

A person shall not operate a personal watercraft in a reckless manner, including recklessly weaving through congested vessel traffic, recklessly jumping the wake of another vessel unreasonably or unnecessarily close to the vessel or when visibility around the vessel is obstructed, or recklessly swerving at the last possible moment to avoid collision. (RCW 79A.60.190)

It is reckless for a PWC to jump the waves behind a boat that is towing a person on a tube, ski, wake or surf board. Please maintain a safe distance from other vessels.

When a boat is towing a person on any device, other vessels should stay at least 100 feet away from the tow boat. When possible, tow boats should stay approximately 200 feet away from the shoreline.

It is unlawful for any motor powered craft to be operated while the propeller is engaged within fifty feet of any swimmer or any row boat, canoe, or other water conveyances on any lake within the city.

No vessel which has in tow a person on water skis, aquaplane, surfboard or similar contrivance shall be operated or propelled in the waters of the city unless such vessel is occupied by at least two competent persons. (Competent shall be defined as a person responsible and capable of alerting the driver of the boat of any activities that require the attention of the driver.) The primary responsibility of the driver is to operate the vessel and the other person will act as an observer of the person in tow. It is the observer's responsibility to immediately inform the driver when a person under tow falls or is otherwise disengaged from the tow boat and to immediately raise a signal flag that is at least twelve inches square of bright orange or red.



Aircraft on the Water

All vessels shall keep clear of aircraft landing within any area now or hereafter set aside by law for such purpose. Aircraft on the water shall keep clear of all vessels and avoid impeding their navigation.



Stand-Up Paddleboards, Kayaks and Canoes

Paddlers 13 years of age or older must have a USCG-approved Type I, II, III, or appropriate Type V life jacket. A child 12-years old or younger must wear their USCG-approved life jacket. A whistle or other sound producing device must be carried.

Kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, and other paddle-craft are required to stay between the shorelines and buoys during the speeding hours (see QR Code on page 3) when powered motor-crafts are present.



HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY!

BDMC 8.04.100 – Dates and time common fireworks may be sold or discharged.

- No common fireworks shall be sold within the city except from twelve noon on the twenty- eighth day of June to eleven fifty-nine p.m. on the fourth day of July.
- No common fireworks shall be discharged within the city except between the hours of nine a.m. and twelve midnight on the fourth day of July each year.



Be a good neighbor and remember to pick up all firework debris after your celebration!
Let's keep our city clean and safe.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS



As we reported in the last newsletter, the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update project was launched at the end of March with a kick-off event and visioning workshop. Thank you to those who came out to participate!

We ask that everyone please take a little time to complete the community survey to provide thoughts and feedback about development and growth in Black Diamond. The survey will begin July 11th and will be located on our project website, <https://www.blackdiamondwa.gov/comprehensive-plan> or simply scan the QR code to access the page. Your thoughts and feedback matter!



We also hope to see you at an upcoming event:

- Visit our booth at **Miners Day** on July 15th
- Attend a **Planning Workshop** on August 2nd at the Community Gym (anticipated topics: private property rights, requirements under the Growth Management Act and the City's Land Use map)
- Come by and say hello at the **Ten Trails Hip Hop Dance Party** (at Civic Park) during the evening of August 11th
- Pop over to our booth at **Black Diamond Labor Day Festival** on September 4th

There are many ways to be informed and stay involved!

REMINDER ABOUT CUTTING TREES

Please call Community Development BEFORE you (or your hired tree cutting service contractor) cuts a tree on your property to make sure you don't require permits. If you live in the vicinity of Lake Sawyer, a Shoreline Exemption may also be needed.

It's that time of year when the sound of chainsaws prompts calls into the city to investigate active tree cutting. The city hopes to educate residents in lieu of opening a code violation case on the homeowner. Any tree over 6 inches in diameter will likely require a permit to cut or remove it. City staff are here to serve our residents, help determine if a permit is required, and how to submit an application. Don't hesitate to reach out to us!



**PLANNING
COMMISSION
MEETINGS**

Jul 11th @ 6 p.m.
Aug. 8th @ 6 p.m.
Sep. 12th @ 6 p.m.



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. 6th @ 7 p.m. (Regular)
Jul. 13th @ 6 p.m. (Work Session)
Jul. 20th @ 7 p.m. (Regular)

Aug. 3rd @ 7 p.m. (Regular)
Aug. 10th @ 6 p.m. (Work Session)
Aug. 17th @ 7 p.m. (Regular)

Sep. 7th @ 7 p.m. (Regular)
Sep. 14th @ 6 p.m. (Work Session)
Sep. 21st @ 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

Scott Hanis

Finance

Mayene Miller

Police

Chief Jamey Kiblinger

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND CONTACTS

CITY HALL

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

Physical Address.....24301 Roberts Dr.

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

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

Comm. Dev.....360-851-4447

MDRT/Econ. Dev.....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

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