Black Diamond Police Department Participates in Chief for a Day

The Black Diamond Police Department recently participated in the 2010 Chief for a Day event at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission in Burien. This event was about celebrating the lives of children who have been diagnosed with a chronic illness. These children were given a day that focuses on their dreams, not their illness. It also allowed us to become, for a day, a part of some special children’s lives.

Approximately six months ago we began our search for a child and family in our City that we could sponsor in this event. That’s when we met 10-year-old Preston Bradbury. It was our honor to sponsor Preston as our “Chief”. During this event each child was transported, in limousines or police car, by police motorcade from Qwest Field to the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. In addition each child had a hand-tailored uniform from their sponsoring agency and was sworn in as “Chief” for the day. After the swearing-in ceremony, the new Chiefs experienced outside presentations made by local law enforcement agencies, including K-9 units, mounted horse patrol, SWAT teams, rifle units, a police helicopter, a police boat and so much more.

One of our goals was to raise enough money to purchase a hand cycle for Preston. These hand cycles offer the chance for greater mobility and assist in a healthier lifestyle for him. This was a lofty goal and we couldn’t have been more impressed by the donations made from local businesses and citizens. Not only were we able to raise enough money for the hand cycle, but we also were able to provide a table full of gifts for him and his family. A big thanks to the following donators: Steve Pilcher, Palmer Coking Coal, Kombol Attorney at Law, The Kiwanis of Black Diamond and Maple Valley, Ron and Becky Olness, Andrew Williamson, The Black Diamond Bakery, The YarrowBay Group, Columbia State Bank, Mario Sorci-Anesthesia Supply, Stan Parente, Top Cuts, Starbucks of Four Corners, The Soup Ladies and ‘Mama’ Passarelli.

It was an amazing day for everyone involved! Chief Preston will be in our Labor Day Parade this year, so please come up and welcome him to our family!
Railroad Avenue Ribbon Cutting, Time Capsule Placement and Miners Day—Fun Time for All

On July 17, 2010 the City helped sponsor the Annual Miners Day Celebration which began at 10 a.m. with the Railroad Avenue Ribbon Cutting Dedication of reconstruction, new pavement, sidewalks, lamp posts and a complete new historic look. Citizens from all around including Reagan Dunn, visited the Historic District on Railroad Avenue and viewed the Time Capsule Burial at the Depot Museum, which celebrates 50 years of incorporation of the City. The capsule will be opened in the year 2059.

Miners Day festivities included live music, Pacific NW BBQ Cook-Off, Chili Cook-Off with "People’s Choice" sampling, Chili Judging and Museum tours. The Bakery, Gift stores, Meat Market, Book Store and Pizza Deli were open for dining and shopping.

Thank you for making this event a huge success!

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Black Diamond Library
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Hours of Operation:
Monday — Thursday  10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fridays —  10 a.m. –  6 p.m.
Saturdays —  10 a.m. –  5 p.m.

Black Diamond Museum / Historical Society
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Hours of Operation:
Thursdays —  9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays — Noon - 4 p.m.

Black Diamond Post Office
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Hours of Operation:
Monday — Friday  9 a.m. — 5 p.m.

To be added to the Council agenda distribution list, please call us at (360) 886- 2560 ext. 209 or contact the City Clerk by email at bmartinez@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us.

Scheduled Public Hearing:

September 2, 2010
Tree Preservation Code–7 p.m.

Welcome Officer Oak to the Black Diamond Police Department

The Black Diamond Police Department would like to introduce you to their newest officer. Officer Oak comes to us from the West Richland Police Department where he spent the last 2 1/2 years. Officer Oak has a total of 12 years of law enforcement experience and is excited to be part of the City of Black Diamond. Welcome Officer Scott Oak!
Shoreline Master Planning Continuing

The City is continuing its efforts for planning of the shorelines within the City. In July of 2008 the City was awarded a $60,000 Department of Ecology grant to help update its Shoreline Master Program as required by law. Lake Sawyer and Frog Lake both lie within what are considered shorelines of the State of Washington. In order to update its Shoreline Master Program the City is required to:

✓ Develop a Public Participation Plan
✓ Prepare a Shoreline Inventory, Analysis and Characterization Report
✓ Develop Shoreline Master Program Regulations
✓ Complete a Cumulative Impacts Analysis
✓ Prepare a Shoreline Restoration Plan
✓ Adopt the Shoreline Master Program by June 30, 2012 (the State must then accept the program prior to implementation)

At this point, the Public Participation Plan has been completed and is up on our website, www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us under Natural Resources. Additionally, we are nearing completion of the Shoreline Inventory, Analysis and Characterization report, which will be available on our website in the very near future. The City is planning on holding an Open House on the subject in mid September. Stay tuned to the website for times and locations for the event.

Annual National Night Out ... Success!

National Night Out 2010 was a tremendous success for Black Diamond citizens. On Tuesday, August 3rd, neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond were invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “27th Annual National Night Out” crime and drug prevention event. Many neighborhoods hosted block parties, where neighbors enjoyed good food and company. Black Diamond Police Officers made their rounds to each and every block party to promote safe communities. Police Officers and community members worked together to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and to send a message to criminals letting them know that Black Diamond neighborhoods are organized and are ready to fight back.

The Black Diamond Police Department, Black Diamond Fire Department and the Black Diamond Community Center hosted a party at the Black Diamond Community Center. The festivities began at 5 p.m. and continued into the evening. Hotdogs were grilled to perfection on the BBQ and various community members brought side dishes, salads and desserts. While community members socialized with other community members, the children took tours of the fire engines and police cars that were parked out front. Over 100 community members attended for the event, and everyone had the opportunity to meet their local police officers and fire fighters.

Thank you to everyone who made this annual event a success.

Recently Adopted Ordinances

Ordinance No. 09-944 - Amending Budget for Calendar Year 2010

Ordinance No. 09-945 - Amending Chapter 14.04 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code regarding Stormwater Regulations
School safety tips from Black Diamond Fire Department

It is that time again for kids to go back to school and Black Diamond Fire Department wants to be sure they get there safely. Below are some safety tips for getting children to and from school safely.

★ Walking To School:

**Use Crosswalks:** Talk to children about the importance of using crosswalks and to be sure to look both ways before crossing the street.

**Walk With A Buddy:** It is best to walk with a buddy if possible to and from school.

**Be Seen In Dim Light:** Bright clothing and/or reflective material should be worn in dim or dark light. Kids should not assume that people can see them in low light. Battery operated lights can also be used to increase visibility of your child.

**Backpacks:** Kids should not carry more than 10 to 15 percent of their weight in backpacks. Parents should help the child pack before he/she goes to school so the heaviest items are nearest to the child’s back. The pack should also fit the child appropriately where the bottom of the pack is just above the child’s waist.

★ Riding Bikes To School:

**Walk Bikes Across Crosswalks:** Children should walk their bike across crosswalks. This allows them to look both ways, and gives them time to make sure it is safe to cross.

**Helmets:** Children should ALWAYS wear a properly fitting bike helmet when riding a bicycle. Many children wear their helmet too far back on their head exposing their forehead, which exposes them to injury if they flip over their handlebars.

**Proper Sized Bike:** Some children ride adult bikes which are too difficult for them to control since they may not be able to reach the ground, pedals, or even the handlebars. Be sure that your child is riding a bike that is appropriate for his/her size and is an experienced enough rider to go to school without adult supervision.

★ In The Car:

**Buckle Up:** Be sure that everyone in the car buckles up. According to the law, “The driver is responsible for properly securing all passengers under age 16”.

**Ride In The Back Seat:** Washington’s Child Restraint Law requires children under the age of 13 to ride in the back seat when it is practical to do so.

**Booster Seat:** Children under 4’9” tall should use a booster seat. There are several types of booster seats. High back booster seats provide the most protection. You can use the following guideline to see if your child is possibly ready to ride in an adult seat belt:

1. Can your child sit comfortably against the vehicle’s seat back?
2. Can your child’s knees bend at the edge of the seat?
3. Does the lap belt fit low across the upper thighs?
4. Does the shoulder belt fit across the center of the shoulder and chest?
5. Can your child stay seated comfortably in this position for the entire ride?

*If the answer is “no” to any of these questions, your child should remain in a booster seat.*

Black Diamond Fire would like everyone to have a safe journey to and from school. Please visit [www.800BUCKLUP.org](http://www.800BUCKLUP.org) for more info about car seats, booster seats or Washington’s child restraint law. For more information please contact Tim Perciful at tperciful@kcfd44.org or (253) 876-6788.
COMMUNITY EVENTS

September 4, 5 & 6—Labor Days Festival

The City-sponsored Labor Days event kicks off September 4th. A calendar of events is below. For more information please call Leih Mulvihill at (360) 886-2182.

**Saturday, September 4**
- Puget Sound Blood Drive 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 3 p.m. at Masonic Lodge
- Doggie Day Events 10 a.m.
- BD Museum Tours 12 – 4 p.m.

**Sunday, September 5**
- Pie Baking Contest 10 a.m.
- Children’s and Women’s Games 10:30 a.m.
- Booths and Inflatable 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- BD Museum Tours 12 – 4 p.m.
- Citizenship Awards 1 p.m.

**Monday, September 6**
- Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Masonic Lodge
- Parade Line-up 8 a.m.
- Car Show 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Booths and Inflatable 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Parade 10 a.m.
- BD Museum Tours 12 – 4 p.m.
- BBQ at Black Diamond Eagles Clubhouse 12-1 p.m.
- Entertainment 1:30 p.m.
- Sport Activities 1- 4 p.m.
- Button Raffle Drawing 2:30 p.m.

**TRI-CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

On September 29th, the City Council of Black Diamond will be joined by the Councils of Maple Valley and Covington for a joint meeting. Visit the City’s website in early September to view current information. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in Covington, at Crestwood Elementary, Multi-Purpose Room at 25225 180th Avenue SE, Covington, WA 98042.
Morgan Street Sidewalk Project to Begin Construction

City Council accepted and awarded the low bid on the Morgan Street Sidewalk Project to Scotty’s General Construction, Inc. on July 15, 2010. The City received a Transportation Improvement Board grant (TIB) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for sidewalk improvements on Morgan Street between Roberts Drive and Abrams Avenue and improvement on the south side of Roberts Drive between City Hall and Morgan Street. Look for construction to begin soon.

This project includes storm drains, stormwater treatment, sidewalk on the north side of the street and an asphalt overlay. The project is expected to take three months from start to finish. During the time of construction, you can expect delays as one lane will be closed and traffic will have to be flagged through the construction. There will be a few short periods where access will be blocked off when the road is paved.

Check the City’s website at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us for updated information, or call the Public Works Department at (360) 886-2560.

It’s that time of year again: 2011 Budget Preparation

All City departments, especially finance, will be busy the next few months preparing the City’s annual operating budget. The operating budget funds services associated with public safety, public works, parks, planning and 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. Like other communities, Black Diamond will have a challenge preparing a balanced budget due to the economic downturn, which has negatively impacted revenues that the City receives.

During the last half of August and September, the Finance Department will update the 2011 revenue forecast for the General Fund and other funds for 2011 using 2010 trends and forecast information provided by Municipal Research and Services Center and other agencies. A first draft review of this information will be provided to Council at a scheduled Workstudy on September 30, 2010, from 4 p.m.—6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

With the revenue picture not showing improvement for 2010, the Mayor has asked departments to prepare 2011 requests with a 10 percent reduction to line items. The Mayor will bring forth a balanced budget for 2011. This will not be an easy task as revenues are not keeping pace with increases in the expenditures. Many options for balancing the budget will be reviewed for 2011.

Public hearings are scheduled for November 4 and 18, 2010, on revenues and property tax levy and another public hearing for December 2 on the Final Budget. Workstudies are scheduled for September and October. Public input is welcomed and encouraged. See the budget calendar to the left for important dates and as always, watch the City’s website www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us for the latest.

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<td>Chief Administrative Officer provides Council with current info on revenue from all sources as adopted in 2010 budget, and provides them with the proposed preliminary budget setting forth the proposed General Fund revenue.</td>
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Council/Commission/Committee Meetings

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
25510 LAWSON STREET
- SEP  2  - 7 p.m.
- SEP 16 - 7 p.m.
- OCT  7  - 7 p.m.
- OCT 21 - 7 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSTUDIES
25510 LAWSON STREET
- SEP 30  - 4 p.m.
- OCT 14  - 4 p.m.
- OCT 28  - 4 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
25510 LAWSON STREET
- SEP  7  - 7 p.m.
- OCT 12  - 7 p.m.

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
SEP 10 and SEP 30 - 9 a.m.
OCT 15 and OCT 29 - 9 a.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
Dates to be determined

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
SEP  7  and SEP 28 - 4 p.m.
OCT 12 and OCT 26 - 4 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
SEP 23 - 4 p.m.
OCT 28 - 4 p.m.

PLANNING/COMMUNITY
SERVICE COMMITTEE
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Dates to be determined

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Monthly meetings for City Council are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Tuesday after the first Council meeting at 7 p.m. of each month (unless otherwise noted). Please contact the Clerks office for more information or meeting materials at (360) 886-2560 or check out the City Clerks webpage at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Clerk.