City staff has all of the environmental permits necessary to reconstruct the boat ramp at Lake Sawyer. The design and bid documents were completed in early June and the project is out to bid. The City expects to have a contractor ready to reconstruct the boat ramp by August. The City was required to perform the reconstruction work during August and September because this time will be the least impact to fish.

**Please plan ahead on the boat ramp being closed for 30 days in mid-August to mid-September. Once construction starts on the boat ramp you will not be able to take your boat in or out of the Lake using the City boat ramp.**

We will provide more specific information on the boat ramp project and boat ramp closure time frames on our Public Works Capital Projects webpage: [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/PubWorks/capital_projects.html](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/PubWorks/capital_projects.html).

This project was prioritized by Council and funded by Real Estate Excise Tax (REET). The preliminary engineering was funded by an Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) grant. This project will address the failing gabion wire baskets by overlaying the ramp with bolted together concrete planks. A dock will not be constructed with this initial phase of the project as the City did not have the funding. The City will continue to search for grant funding for a dock.
A public hearing has been scheduled for July 7, 2011 during the regular Council meeting. The purpose of the hearing is to take oral or written testimony on the proposed 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Plan. Copies of the proposed plan can be found on the City’s website at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us under “In the Spotlight” on the homepage.

Staff and Council have been working on the proposed annual update since April, 2011. Council has held several Committee and Workstudy meetings in May and June of 2011. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes the City’s plans for the next six years for capital needs such as: water pipes, parks, trails, police and fire equipment and facilities as well as wastewater and stormwater improvements.

Projects must be included in the plan to be considered for future Federal, State or County grants. This is not a budget document, but is a Capital Improvement Plan for potential future capital needs.

The plan is updated annually and this year’s 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Plan is scheduled to be adopted July 21, 2011.

The Public Works Department received a Transportation Improvement Board street preservation grant for the West 2,400 feet of SE 288th Street. This project may already be underway by the time you receive this newsletter and should take approximately 2.5 to 3 weeks.

The City has allowed the contractor (Watson Asphalt) several months to schedule the project as long it is completed before the end of September. You may want to plan on alternate routes during the construction phase. Please check out our public works capital projects website at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/PubWorks/capital_projects.html for more detail on project timing or other announcements.

If you have questions about the project please call City Hall at (360)886-2560 and ask for Scott in Public Works.

The Marine Services Unit primary duties are to enforce the boating safety laws of the City of Black Diamond and the State of Washington on beautiful Lake Sawyer. In addition the Marine Services Unit:

- Performs boating law enforcement patrols
- Performs boating safety inspections
- Investigates boating accidents
- Provide Boating Education Card classes
- Maintains our current patrol vessels, ensuring they are in proper working order

Each officer that participates within the unit received advanced training in Marine Law Enforcement and is expected to maintain proficiency in operating the patrol vessels. Currently our police department has the privilege of operating a state of the art, 20’ Pro-Line Government Series police boat and Bombardier Wave-runner.

Officers patrol Lake Sawyer during the primary boating season of May through September; however, boating and water related activities occur year round.

The Marine Services Unit would like to remind the Black Diamond residents and visitors who use Lake Sawyer of some of the important rules and safety tips that we can all follow to help keep this boating season safe & enjoyable for
The City is working with the Department of Ecology to protect the stormwater system and waterways within the City (as well as those downstream from us). There are obvious ways to protect the stormwater system (such as not dumping waste of any kind directly into a catch basin), but there are common household items that enter the stormwater system frequently that are considered as prohibited items under the City’s definition of illicit discharges:

- Trash or debris – please dispose of trash in proper receptacles.

- Antifreeze and other automotive products – some auto parts stores will recycle these items for you, if not; they usually know when recycling events in the area will occur.

- Paint – you can pull the lid off unwanted paint and when the paint completely dries up, paint cans can be disposed of with your regular trash.

- Pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers – please use with caution near waterways and storm drains.

- Soaps – this includes soap for washing your car. Washing your car on your lawn will help filter out potentially harmful contaminants in soap, or just go to a commercial car wash.

- Chlorine – this includes chlorine found in your tap water. Chlorine is toxic to fish and aquatic organisms.

- Lawn clippings, leaves, or branches – these can be put in with your yard waste or you can compost it. Locate your compost pile well away from waterways in a well-drained area. Cover the compost pile during the months of October to April.

- Food wastes – scraps can be put in with your yard waste or composted. Exercise caution in composting some food wastes as they can attract animals.

Remember to read the labels before you use any product and follow the directions. If you notice an illicit discharge or have any questions about illicit discharges, please contact City Hall at (360)886-2560.

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7th Annual Black Diamond Miners Day
Saturday, July 9, 2011—Railroad Avenue

7:00- 10:00 a.m.—Pancake Breakfast @ Masonic Lodge.
7:30- 8:45 a.m.—Coal Miner Classic 5K, Packet pick up.
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Community Garage Sale @ Masonic Lodge parking lot.
9:30- 10:30 a.m. - Coal Miners Classic 5 K Run. Museum Siren sounds at 9:30 a.m. to start Run.
10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.—Booths; Food and Goods open.
10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.—BD Historical Museum open.
10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.—Kids Activities—face painting and crafts.
10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Black Diamond Bakery Beer Garden open.
10:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.—Eagle BBQ Lunch @ Eagle Hall.
12:00— 3:30 p.m.— “Flaming Geyser” Chili Cook-Off open to Public for People’s Choice Sampling and Judging.
12:00 p.m.—Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the restored Train Engine and Coal Miners Memorial fundraising kick-off. Museum Train and Coal Mining displays.
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.—Kids Coal Mining Activities at Museum.
12:30 p.m.—Chili Judging by Competition Judges.
3:00 p.m.—Chili Awards.
4:30 p.m.—Events on Railroad Avenue close.

Come on down and enjoy our Historic District!!! See the Event Schedule on the right for more information.
The agreements, which are available for review on the City’s website or at the Community Development Department, have been negotiated by City staff and the property owners over a 9 month period. They provide greater definition to many MPD conditions of approval and will be used to regulate development of the MPDs over the next 15 years.

Similar to the MPD process, the Hearing Examiner will make a recommendation to the City Council, which will then conduct a closed record hearing later this year. Since this is a quasi-judicial process, in order to participate in the Council’s closed record hearing, individuals must participate in the Examiner’s open record hearing.

For further information, contact the Community Development Department or visit the Development Agreement page at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/CommDev/DA on the City’s website.
Rules & Regulations: The Washington State Mandatory Boating Safety Education Law went into effect on January 1, 2008. The new law requires boaters aged 12 years and older to pass a boating safety course or an equivalency exam and to obtain a Boater Education Card before operating a motorized vessel of 15 horsepower or greater. The card requirement is being phased in from 2008 to 2014.

- **Required Vessel Safety Equipment:** Personal flotation devices (life jackets) are required in every vessel for each person on board. The life jacket must be of appropriate size, in serviceable condition and readily available. Additionally, vessels 16 feet or longer must also carry a throw-able type IV floatation device. Every child 12 years of age or younger must wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Device while on board any vessel, except while in a cabin. Vessels shall also have a fire extinguisher and a sound producing device (i.e. Horn or whistle).

- **Vessel Registration:** You are required to carry the vessel registration certificate on board at all times. In Washington State, vessel registrations expire every year on June 30th. On the first of July, every boater should have the new validation sticker displayed on the vessel behind the hull numbers.

- **Speed Limits And Hours Of Operation:** You may only operate your vessel above 5 MPH during designated times on Lake Sawyer. Vessels may exceed the 5 MPH speed limit between the hours of 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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### Community Events

**July through August— School Supply Drive**— Keep your eyes open for donation boxes located at the Community Center, Black Diamond City Hall and Lake Sawyer Grocery— during July and August the Black Diamond Community Center will be collecting school supplies to distribute to needy Black Diamond children. Please drop off your donations at the locations above and help those in need!

**July 17—Miners Day Celebration**— Come one, come all! Railroad Avenue will be busy with activity on Saturday, July 9th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Miners Day Celebration! Come on down and enjoy our Historic District.  

(See schedule on page 3)

**August 2 — 28th Annual National Night Out** (See article on page 6)
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday, August 2nd, neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “28th Annual National Night Out” crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, will involve over 11,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 35 million people are expected to participate in “America’s Night Out Against Crime” on August 2nd.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7 to 10 p.m. on August 2nd, residents in neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond will be hosting a variety of special events such as; block parties, cookouts, visits from police and flashlight walks.

The Black Diamond Police and Fire Departments along with the Black Diamond Community Center will be hosting a party at the Black Diamond Community Center located at 31605 Third Avenue. Come join us for a free BBQ that will include hotdogs, chips, cookies, soda pop and various other homemade potluck dishes. While you are eating and socializing with other community members, your children can take a tour of the fire engine and police car that will be parked out front. If you haven’t met your local police officers and fire-fighters, this will be the night they will be present to answer any questions you may have and to provide you with crime and fire prevention tips. The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. and will continue into the evening. Several other outdoor block parties will be taking place on August 2nd at the Eagle Creek Park located on the corner of Bruckner’s Way and Roberts Drive and in the Morgan Creek housing neighborhood and the Black Diamond Elementary School located at 25314 Baker Street. For all of you who plan to attend neighborhood block parties, the Black Diamond Police Officers will be cruising from neighborhood to neighborhood to attend each and every party. If your neighborhood would like to participate and has any questions please contact the Police Department at (253)631-1012. Don’t forget to turn on your outside lights and get outdoors. Tuesday, August 2nd will be an evening to remember.

D.A.R.E. IS MORE THAN JUST SAY “NO”

Since the beginning of April the students of Mrs. Ryerse’s and Mr. Bryant’s fifth grade classes at the Black Diamond Elementary School have been learning more than reading, writing, and arithmetic. With the help of a stuffed lion named “Daren”, Officer Lynch of the Black Diamond Police Department has provided those students with the tools that will hopefully keep them drug free as they move on into middle school. Teaching D.A.R.E., Drug Abuse Resistance Education, for the third year at Black Diamond Elementary, Officer Lynch knows the importance of building positive relationships with the youth of our community. “When I first enter their classroom, these students are just names and faces. But at the end of this ten-week program, they are my friends. And what could be more important in today’s world then for them to know they have a friend in uniform”, says Officer Lynch.

The D.A.R.E. program, which is taught in nearly 75 percent of elementary schools in the United States, but only at the Black Diamond Elementary School in the Enumclaw School District, consists of a uniformed police officer teaching the students about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, illegal narcotics, and peer pressure. On June 10th, thirty-nine 5th grade students graduated from the D.A.R.E. program, with each one of them pledging to stay drug and alcohol free. “It’s not just about saying NO, it’s about having the knowledge that they can stand up to the pressures they will all face in the coming years. It’s about remaining true to what they believe. That’s what D.A.R.E. is all about”, explained Officer Lynch.
on Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays. Speeds of 5 MPH or less (no wake) are required when operating within the buoys. The maximum speed limit on Lake Sawyer is 36 MPH providing you are outside the buoys and at least 100 ft. from any other vessel.

- **Direction of Travel:** The general direction of travel is counter-clockwise around the lake.

- **Restricted Areas and Buoys:** Certain areas of the lake have been designated as restricted or regulated areas. A visible system of buoys has been installed to identify these areas. Please observe and obey all restrictions and speed limits. It is illegal to move or remove any marker buoy placed by law enforcement. Additionally, it is unlawful to strike or damage a buoy in any way. Marker buoys are not for boat moorage or swimming activities.

- **Reckless or Negligent Operation:** It will be considered reckless to operate a vessel while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug. Boating under the influence (BUI) will be aggressively prosecuted. Negligent operation may include disregard of careful and prudent operation and speeds.

- **Water Skiing Safety:** An observer is required when towing any person on water skis, inner tubes, kneeboards, or other water toys. They shall continuously observe the person being towed and immediately display a flag whenever the person is in the water. The flag must be at least a 12-inch square mounted on a 24-inch pole or longer and be either bright red or brilliant orange in color. A life jacket is to be worn by the person being towed.

- **Personal Watercraft Safety:** A life jacket is required. No one may operate a PWC without attaching the lanyard to his or her person, clothing or PFD. It is illegal to disable or remove an engine cutoff switch. You must be at least 16 to operate a PWC on Lake Sawyer. It cannot be operated after legal sunset or before legal sunrise. It is illegal to operate a PWC in a reckless manner and execute tight three hundred sixty degree turns commonly referred to as "spinning donuts". Additionally you must carry a fire extinguisher and sound signaling device. A PWC must be registered just like an ordinary vessel.

- **Vessel Inspections:** Marine Service officers will make courtesy inspections of vessels both on the water and at the launch facility. Our primary concern is for boating safety and education. If you are a Black Diamond resident and would like to schedule a vessel inspection at your residence please call the Police Department at (253) 631-1012. Upon successful completion you will be provided with a safety inspection sticker which may save you time getting in the water at the boat launch.

**SUMMER SAFETY TIPS**

Mountain View Fire & Rescue / Black Diamond Fire Department would like everyone to have a safe summer. We have included some safety tips on windows and water safety.

- **Windows:** Falls are the number one injury for kids under the age of 14 and most falls happen to kids at home who are under three years old. Here are a few tips on how to prevent serious injury to children from falling out of windows.

  - Install *window guards* to prevent children from falling out of windows. For windows above the first floor, install window guards with an emergency release device in case of fire. These can be purchased for under $50.

  - Install *window stops* so that windows open no more than four inches. These can be purchased for less than $10.

  - Keep windows locked and closed when they are not being used an keep furniture away from windows so kids cannot climb to the ledge.

  - If you have double-hung windows — the kind that can open down from the top as well as up from the bottom — it is generally safer to open the top pane, but growing kids may have enough strength, dexterity and curiosity to open the bottom pane.

  - Do not rely on window screens to prevent falls.
Keep windows locked when they are closed.

Supervise children at all times, especially around open windows.

Never try to move a child who appears to be seriously injured after a fall — call 9-1-1 and let trained medical personnel move the child with proper precautions.

Water Safety: Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional death to kids from ages 1 – 17.

Never leave young children unattended near water. This includes picnicking, playing in a park, or camping near a creek, river, lake or playing near a pool.

Have your child wear a properly sized life jacket. It is a good idea for adults to wear life jackets too.

Watch out for the dangerous “too” – too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, too much strenuous activity.

Set water safety rules for the whole family based on swimming abilities (for example, inexperienced swimmers should stay in water less than chest deep).

Be knowledgeable of the water environment you are in and its potential hazards, such as deep and shallow areas, currents, depth changes, obstructions and where the entry and exit points are located. The more informed you are, the more aware you will be of hazards and safe practices.

Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts. Stop swimming at the first indication of bad weather.

Use a feet-first entry when entering the water.

Enter headfirst only when the area is clearly marked for diving and has no obstructions.

Do not mix alcohol with swimming, diving or boating. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance, and coordination, affects your swimming and diving skills, and reduces your body’s ability to stay warm.

Know how to prevent, recognize, and respond to emergencies.

For more summer safety tips contact Tim Perciful at (253)876-6788. You can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KCFD44.
COUNCIL/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
25510 LAWSON STREET
- JUL 7 - 7 p.m.
- JUL 21 - 7 p.m.
- AUG 4 - 7 p.m.
- AUG 18 - 7 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSTUDIES
25510 LAWSON STREET
- JUL 12 - 7 p.m.
- AUG 9 - 7 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
25510 LAWSON STREET

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
- JUL 14 and JUL 28 - 9 a.m.
- AUG 11 and AUG 25 - 9 a.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
Dates to be determined

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
- JUL 12 and JUL 26 - 4 p.m.
- AUG 9 and AUG 23 - 4 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
Dates to be determined

PLANNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
Dates to be determined

ALL COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE TENTATIVE AND HELD IN THE PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON THE AGENDA. CHECK WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES.

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(253) 333-5555

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.

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- Economic Development, Andrew Williamson
- Finance, Mayene Miller
- Natural Resources/Parks, Aaron Nix
- Police, Jamey Kiblinger
- Public Works, Seth Boettcher, PE