On October 14, 2011 at approximately 1:35 p.m. a 65-year old bicyclist was struck by a vehicle while traveling in the 21700 block of SE 288th Street in Black Diamond. The driver of the vehicle fled the scene, leaving the bicyclist injured on the side of the road with serious injuries.

Officers of the Black Diamond Police Department had very little leads to follow, except for a possible model of car and color from a mirror left behind (pictured below). Over the next three days officers used many resources in an attempt to find the vehicle involved. On October 17th the Police Department put out a press release to local media outlets attempting to locate the vehicle or anyone with information about the accident.

The following morning the Police Department was contacted by an Auburn Valley-Kia Dealership employee who heard the news story distributed by local media outlets. This employee noticed a vehicle with the same damage inside their repair shop. Officers were able to examine the vehicle and determined it was involved in a recent accident and the damage was consistent with their investigation. A short time later the Police Department spoke with the vehicles registered owner and the 23-year old Black Diamond resident was arrested on charges of Felony-Hit & Run.

This investigation was quickly solved by the efforts of the Police Department and observant citizens working together. This type of collaboration is an example of policing that all citizens of Black Diamond should be proud of.

Pictured is the mirror the Police Department had to work with.
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The results of the survey will help determine what educational areas need more focus and will help Public Works understand citizen concerns regarding local waterways and the stormwater system.

The City of Black Diamond has joined the Enumclaw School District and Foundation, Enumclaw Regional Healthcare, Franciscan Foundation, as well as the Black Diamond/Maple Valley Kiwanis by participating in Rachel’s Challenge.

The goal is to inspire and motivate individuals to start a chain reaction of kindness and compassion that becomes visible throughout our community and schools. Watch for these paper chains in local businesses, schools and City Hall.

What is Rachel’s Challenge?
“Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Her acts of kindness and compassion coupled with the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing school programs in America”. Please visit the Rachel’s Challenge website to learn more: www.rachelschallenge.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

November 5, 2011—Annual Harvest Moon Dinner Auction— Contact the Back Diamond Community Center– (360)886-1011 for more information.

December 2, 2011—Annual Christmas Tree Lighting— Contact the Black Diamond Community Center- (360)886-1011 for more information.

Share the Joy!— Black Diamond Community Center’s gift-giving program. Please call the Black Diamond Community Center to donate, volunteer or sign-up to receive help - (360)886-1011.

Holiday Engine - Help the Fire Department collect food for the Black Diamond Community Center. The Holiday Engine will be driving through neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond — go to www.kcfd44.org and/or follow them at www.facebook.com/kcfd44 for information on the Holiday Engine. They will also be sending the dates to the local papers — dates should be posted by mid-November.

Daylight Saving Time ends November 6, 2011!

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour - This is a good time to check the batteries in your smoke alarms too!

TAKE THE CITY STORMWATER SURVEY

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The City is starting a city-wide tree re-vegetation program. Trees play a vital function in cleaning our air and water, providing habitat for animals and large variety of additional benefits to the environment. In order to promote these benefits, the City is offering trees, free of charge to Black Diamond homeowners with the intent of re-vegetating areas in need of re-vegetation. Some limitations are in place in order to assure the on-going viability of the program. These limitations include, but are not limited to:

✦ A maximum of 5 (five) trees over a two year period can be distributed to an individual parcel owner within the City limits of Black Diamond.

✦ Trees selected must be native to the Pacific Northwest.

✦ The applicant must submit a detailed planting plan and make a commitment to maintain the trees in order to assure adequate establishment of the trees.

✦ Trees are planted and maintained by the applicant. Planting must be completed during the dormant period for the tree, to help ensure survivability.

✦ Tree quantities and types are based on availability.

✦ Trees are to be located in areas that would provide benefit to the surrounding environment. Re-vegetation of wetland, stream buffers are of high priority but other locations are acceptable.

✦ The City maintains discretion on the size of trees made available for planting (standard size are 2 gallon tree specimens).

✦ This program will be funded by the Tree Retention Fund. The Tree Retention Fund was established by the enactment of the City’s tree retention Ordinance No.11-961 and allows participants to pay a fee in lieu of replanting trees removed for a variety of reasons. The intent of the program is to ensure that replanting occurs throughout the City in order to compensate for removed trees. Funds are currently available and applications will be accepted immediately.

The program is not available to homeowners who have an obligation to replant trees due to tree cutting activities.

Applications for this program are available in the Community Development Department or on the City website at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us. Review time frames and plant delivery range from 2-3 weeks from the time of application.

For more information, please contact Aaron Nix, City of Black Diamond, Parks/Natural Resources Director at anix@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us or 360.886.2560 x220.
In July 2011, Black Diamond staff began the 2012 budget process with adoption slated for December. Earlier this summer, the City began budget development under the guidance of Mayor Rebecca Olness. With the continuation of economic slowdown, departments were asked to maintain “holding the line” and make additional cuts where possible as they prepared their budgets. Council began deliberations on the 2012 City Budget at two Workstudies in October.

Council will hold two public hearings related to the operating budget on November 22, 2011—one on proposed revenues and expenditures for 2012, and the second one on the 2012 property tax levy.

The 2012 budget will include operating costs for Public Safety and General Government revenue and expenditures. It will also include budgets for the Street Fund, Water Fund, Wastewater Fund and Stormwater Fund. The 2012 projects from the Capital Improvement Plan for 2012-2017 are also included in the document. The Capital Improvement Plan was adopted by Council on July 21, 2011.

On December 1, Council will conduct the final public hearing on the 2012 City Budget and will consider budget adoption at this meeting or the December 15 meeting.

The final dollar amount of property tax will not be known until the County sets the assessed valuation expected in early December. 100% of the property tax revenue will be used for Public Safety and provides about 64% of the needed Public Safety revenue.

A copy of the 2011 Preliminary Budget will be available on November 3 to view or purchase at City Hall or you can download a copy from the City website: www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us.
Lake Sawyer Boat Launch Reconstruction

The City boat launch on Lake Sawyer has caused problems for boaters for many years. More recently, the City has had to close the boat launch because of the hazards from the deteriorating wire baskets and the unexpected drop-offs, ledges and holes in the ramp. In the 2011 budget, the City Council prioritized the reconstruction of the boat ramp. Staff aggressively began the environmental, design and permitting process so that the boat ramp could be repaired during the low water period in August and September, and before the return of fall salmon. The staff received all of the necessary permits and hired the low bidder, Pivetta Bros. Inc., to reconstruct the boat ramp in early August.

The construction work was completed in the two weeks after Labor Day. The new boat ramp will provide boaters with a smoother, safer and longer ramp. The ramp provides boaters with a better ability to launch in low water conditions. The cost of the permitting, biological assessment, design, and construction was more than the City had set aside for this project and additional funds were appropriated for a total project cost of about $94,000.

SE 288th Street Overlay

City staff identified the western section of SE 288th Street as a key arterial that had deteriorated to a point where repair and overlay was necessary in order to avoid total reconstruction. City staff secured a Transportation Improvement Board Street Preservation Grant for $101,000 in 2010. In the spring of 2011, City staff completed the bid documents and put the project out to bid on the small works roster. Watson Asphalt Paving Co. was the low bidder along with four other very competitive bids. The work was completed according to the contract schedule near the end of September. The project was completed for the budgeted amount.

Patching and Repairs to Lawson Street at the Newcastle Intersection

In 2009, the City Council budgeted funds to repair portions of Lawson Street where the roadway showed noticeable settlement and signs of break-up. Initially, staff put out a bid to patch and overlay, but the bids that came in were over the budget amount. The project was postponed to the next year, but City staff was too busy with the Railroad Ave project and the Morgan Street Sidewalk and Overlay project to move it forward. This year, staff put the project back out to bid for just the patch work. The City received excellent bids which were well under the project’s budget. The low bidder was Lakeridge Paving Company, LLC.

Thank you to all of our contractors for their competitive bids and eagerness to work for the City of Black Diamond. The Public Works staff also thanks the public for their patience during the disruption and inconvenience during the construction phase.

With Winter soon approaching remember to check our Winter Preparedness page www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/PubWorks/winter_preparedness.html under the Public Works webpage for tips on winterizing your home and the City of Black Diamond priority snow plow routes.
COUNCIL/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
25510 LAWSON STREET
- NOV 3 - 7 p.m.
- NOV 22 - 7 p.m.
- DEC 1 - 7 p.m.
- DEC 15 - 7 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSTUDIES
25510 LAWSON STREET

PLANNING COMMISSION
25510 LAWSON STREET
- NOV 1 - 7 p.m.
- NOV 8 - 7 p.m.
- DEC 6 - 7 p.m.

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
NOV 10 and NOV 23 - 9 a.m.
DEC 8 and DEC 29 - 9 a.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
Dates to be determined

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
NOV 3 and NOV 17 - 5:45 p.m.
DEC 1 and DEC 15 - 5:45 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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