In March, City departments began preparing for the annual update of the comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Each year, the entire plan is reviewed and updated. This is an important fiscal planning tool that identifies the City’s capital asset needs such as new water pipes, park improvements and police and fire capital projects. This plan schedules projects of $5,000 or more for funding and implementation over a period of years.

For projects funded by grants or low-interest loans, an approved Capital Improvement Plan is usually required by State or Federal agencies. Sources of funds for the projects include State, Federal, or local grants, real estate excise taxes (from the sale of property), water, wastewater and stormwater charges, gas tax and Public Works Trust Fund loans or bonds.

Council workshops, committee meetings and public hearings are scheduled for May and June. Council is scheduled to adopt the 2013-2018 Capital Improvement Plan in early July. The 2013 projects that have been approved in the plan will then be added to the 2013 Budget which is scheduled for adoption in December.

CIP at a glance...

* The CIP is a mandate of the Growth Management Act.
* Cities plan public improvements to accommodate anticipated growth and public needs and to implement policy decisions.
* The CIP process establishes a systematic means to annually identify the capital improvements and financing for a six-year period.

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Once a year, the State Growth Management Act allows cities to consider amendments to their Comprehensive Plans. In Black Diamond, the City Planning Commission considers all requests before making a recommendation to the City Council. The amendment process (which involves public hearings) may take the last 6 months of the year to complete.

There are two ways for individuals to seek an amendment to the Plan: 1) by filing a suggestion to the “docket;” or 2) filing an application. The first process is free, but does not guarantee a suggestion will be considered. (The Planning Commission has the option of declining to review any item on the docket). Filing an application requires the payment of an application fee of $2000, but does guarantee it will be considered by both the Commission and Council. In order to allow adequate time for Commission and Council review of amendments, a filing deadline of June 15, 2012 has been established. Suggestions or applications received after that date will not be considered until next year’s amendment cycle.

If you wish to know more about the Comprehensive Plan amendment process, please contact the Community Development Department at (360) 886-5700.

Minutemen were members of teams of select men during the American Revolutionary War. They provided a highly mobile, rapidly deployed force that allowed the colonies to respond immediately to war threats, hence the name. The minutemen were among the first people to fight in the American Revolution.

Did you know that most of the minutemen were also Volunteer Firefighters? Did you know that George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Paul Revere, Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr also served as volunteer firefighters?

Today’s minutemen (only today they are not only men) are the volunteer firefighters who stand ready to protect their families, neighbors and community from the threat of fire and other emergencies.

Black Diamond Fire Department is seeking volunteers who live in the City, especially those who live in the area near the city core and Lawson Hills area. If you are a minimum of 18 years old, have a good driving record and want to serve your community or explore the opportunity of the Fire Service as a job. Please contact us at (253)735-0284 or visit us at WWW.KCFD44.ORG to learn more.

The CIP is primarily funded from dedicated revenues (such as the Real Estate Excise Tax or utility charges) and grants.

Public comment is accepted on the CIP and includes proposed projects submitted by the City Council, Council Committees and City Departments.

A preliminary CIP is then presented to the City Council. Council holds a public hearing and then adopts the six-year plan by Resolution.

The current CIP is posted on the City’s website under the Finance Department webpage www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Finance/finance_home.html.
May is stroke awareness month. Strokes are the fourth leading cause of death in the US and a leading cause of serious, long-term adult disability. A stroke can happen to anyone at any time, regardless of race, sex or age. Women are more likely to have a stroke and race may increase the chances of a stroke.

The National Stroke Association describes a stroke as, “…an emergency and a brain attack, cutting off vital blood flow and oxygen to the brain.” They also point out that two million brain cells die every minute during stroke. It is important to recognize the symptoms and act FAST to get medical attention to limit disabilities or even save a life.

**Stroke is an Emergency—Act FAST and Call 9-1-1**

- **F = Face:** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of their face droop?
- **A = Arms:** Ask the person to close their eyes and raise their arms (palms up). Does one arm drift down?
- **S = Speech:** Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence like; “The sun is always shining in Seattle”. Does their speech sound slurred or different?
- **T = Time:** If you observe ANY of these signs call 9-1-1 immediately.

There are treatments for various types of stroke but the treatments work best if the patient gets to the hospital within 3 hours of the onset. Many people do not know some of the major symptoms for a stroke:

**Stroke Symptoms Include:**
- SUDDEN numbness or weakness of face, arm or leg - especially on one side of the body.
- SUDDEN confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- SUDDEN trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- SUDDEN trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- SUDDEN severe headache with no known cause.

**Women may report unique stroke symptoms:**
- sudden face and limb pain
- sudden hiccups
- sudden nausea
- sudden general weakness
- sudden chest pain
- sudden shortness of breath
- sudden palpitations

Some risk factors to stroke that are beyond your control include being over 55, being African-American, having diabetes, and family history. There are also some lifestyle risk factors which include: being overweight, high blood pressure, smoking, alcohol, high cholesterol, etc.

For more information visit [www.stroke.org](http://www.stroke.org) or contact the National STROKE Association at 1-800-STROKES (787- 6537) or contact Tim Perciful at [tperciful@kcfd44.org](mailto:tperciful@kcfd44.org)
Black Diamond’s Lifeline Utility Rate Relief Program is an annual discount program designed to help low-income seniors 62 years or older and low-income permanently disabled persons with their water, sewer and stormwater bills. Residents who are low-income on kidney dialysis at home can apply for a water rate discount as well.

The Lifeline Program provides discount relief of up to 50% from Black Diamond’s base utility rates.

Do I qualify?

• Applicants must be the head of household at the qualifying residence, and

• Applicants must be receiving at least one city service of water, sewer and/or stormwater from the City of Black Diamond, and

• Applicant must be at least 62 years of age or older, or be permanently and totally disabled, or have a household member on kidney dialysis at home, and

• Total household income shall not exceed the limits as set annually by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for King County Washington.

The official HUD income guidelines are revised each year, and the data is used to qualify applicants into the program. The low-income guidelines for 2012 are in the table to the right. Black Diamond’s annual enrollment period is in May of each year with applications due to the City by May 31st. In order to stay on the discount program, households need to reapply each year. Please keep an eye out for the new applications, as they will be mailed to current members of the program soon.

What determines annual gross income?

Total gross income is the income of yourself, your spouse and that of any other tenants living in the home. Some examples of annual gross income include:

• Wages, salaries and tips
• Interest and dividends
• IRA withdrawals
• Social Security benefits
• Business income
• Pension & annuity receipts
• Governmental assistance

How do I apply?

Applications are due to City Hall by May 31st for utility discounts beginning with the June billing statement. Black Diamond residents who wish to apply for the Lifeline Utility Rate Relief Program will need to submit an application by that date. Applications are available at City Hall and on the city’s website www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us or we can mail an application upon request. Along with the completed application, additional documentation includes a copy of the applicant’s driver license or birth certificate for proof of age; a copy of the most recent tax return, social security annual statement, or annual retirement statement for proof of income; for disability, a copy of disability payments from SSI or SSDA or other disability payments and a signed and dated copy of a physician’s disability statement. All documentation is subject to City of Black Diamond Finance Department verification. Please stop by City Hall, 24301 Roberts Drive, if you have questions about the Lifeline Utility Relief Program, or call (360) 886-5700 for more information.

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Please visit the Emergency Management page on our website www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/emerg_manag.html for information on “What to do in an Earthquake” and the ‘Triangle of Life’.

Contact the City Clerks office to be added to the Council agenda distribution list, please call us at (360) 886–5700 or contact the City Clerk by email at bmartinez@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us.
When we recycle at home, what we’re really doing is starting the recycling process. Recycling involves a lot more than just the collection of materials. Those materials need to be picked up, processed and turned into a new product, and that product needs to be marketed and sold. Only then can recycling be considered a success.

What makes recycling so fascinating and so challenging is that each type of material needs to be handled differently. Even sub-groups of materials are often sorted and processed in different ways, to get the maximum value out of them. For example, collected paper may be separated into many different grades of paper. Office paper, especially when collected in large quantities from commercial buildings, has high value and is often used to make recycled-content toilet paper.

The important thing to remember is that recycling is a business. A recycling hauler doesn’t want to collect a material unless they can make money selling it. Recycling haulers and processors find various markets for the materials, and contracts differ from city to city, which helps explain why the items accepted in the Black Diamond curbside recycling program are a little different than what’s accepted in Renton or Seattle, for instance. Processors and haulers usually do not want to reveal their exact markets publicly, for competitive business reasons.

Final markets for the items we recycle may be overseas, or just a few miles away. Local markets include the Nucor steel mill in West Seattle and the Verallia glass bottle plant in South Seattle. Nucor turns tin cans, appliances and scrap metal into rebar (reinforcing steel bar) used for construction. Verallia makes wine bottles partly from the crushed pieces of glass bottles collected in the Northwest and British Columbia.

The journey of collected recyclable materials can get complicated. Grays Harbor Paper mill in Hoquiam, WA, made 100-percent recycled-content office paper. The paper pulp it used was being supplied most recently by a mill in Oregon, which makes the pulp from recycled paper collected from various sources. Sadly, Grays Harbor Paper was unable to make it financially and closed its doors in May after 18 years, resulting in

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### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### MEMORIAL DAY AT BLACK DIAMOND CEMETERY

- **May 28**

Please join the Black Diamond/Maple Valley VFW Post 5050 at 10:30 a.m. on Memorial Day for a Memorial Service for our Veterans at the Black Diamond Cemetery.

#### 3RD ANNUAL BOOTS AND BADGES CHARITY EVENT

This year Police Officers from Black Diamond, Enumclaw, Auburn, Bonney Lake, and Buckley Police Departments, as well as from the Department of Corrections, have answered the call to become “Law Dawgs”.

On May 19, 2012 at the Enumclaw High School Gym, the 3rd Annual Boots and Badges Charity Basketball Game will be played. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the game starting at 7 p.m. Please come out and support your local law enforcement and fire personnel as they do battle in the name of charity. For more information visit the Boots and Badges website at [www.bootsandbadges.com](http://www.bootsandbadges.com). There will also be a $250 Half Court Shot Raffle.

All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life Cancer Walk. If you are interested in buying t-shirts for $10 each (*t-shirts will be available mid-May*) prior to game night or tickets for $6 each contact Officer Brian Lynch at (253) 261-0621.
After several years of planning and discussion, the Shoreline Master Program update for the City of Black Diamond is finally coming together. Based on discussions with the Department of Ecology and State law, Lake Sawyer and its associated wetland (Frog Lake) are considered shorelines of the State of Washington.

The Planning Commission has been meeting since January going through the draft policies, goals and regulations associated with the Draft Shoreline Master Program. A public hearing was held on March 13th and 27th in order for the Commission to receive feedback from the public on the Draft Master Plan. The Commission continues to meet to discuss items brought up by the public, with additional study session meetings slated for May 2nd and May 8th. Eventually, the Planning Commission will forward the Draft Master Program to the full City Council, with a recommendation for the Council to begin deliberation and discussion on the Draft plan. An additional public hearing is slated to occur by the City Council, but a date has not been set as yet. Please check on the City’s website www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us for when this public hearing will occur.

This work is part of the City’s ongoing effort to adopt a Draft Shoreline Master Program by June 30, 2012 as outlined within the City’s contract with the Department of Ecology and in order to meet the mandates presented by State law. Critical issues brought out by the public hearing process are continuing to be discussed and include:

- Meeting the “No Net Loss” criteria as established in state law of the Washington Administrative Code section 173-26, including these specific issues:
  - Setbacks of structures and other appurtenances from the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM).
  - Dock, pier and other water-related structures’ standards.
  - Shoreline stabilization techniques and regulations.
  - Non-conforming structures and regulations regarding their expansion and improvements to.
  - Water quality and quantity issues as they pertain to the “shoreline environment”, defined as 200 feet landward of the (OHWM).

As discussed in previous newsletter articles, several documents were required to be prepared in order to support the Draft policies, goals and regulations of the Draft Shoreline Master Program. These documents, as well as the Draft Shoreline Master Program can be found on the City’s website at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us under Departments and the Natural Resources section of the webpage.

Please direct any comments or questions to Aaron Nix, Parks/Natural Resources Director at anix@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us or give him a call at (360)886-5700. We appreciate and welcome any feedback you may have.

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Where does your recycling go? (continued from page 5)

the loss of 240 recycling-industry jobs.

That unexpected and devastating mill closure just shows how important it is for all of us to buy products made from recycled materials, to keep recycling alive. Recycled-content products are increasingly available, from toilet paper to compost. Why not pick some up this week?

-Article written by Tom Watson, provided by Aaron Nix
As summer nears, hopes for sunshine begin to increase. If the sun does come out, we find ourselves with a good opportunity to wash our cars. Unfortunately, we don’t always wash our cars in an environmentally friendly manner.

Sometimes we look at the word “biodegradable” and think it means something is environmentally friendly and can be disposed of anywhere. Biodegradable means something can be broken down by bacteria or other biological means, which is good. But when biodegradable soap floats along in our streams and lakes, the soap can coat the gills on fish and make it difficult for them to take in air. Soap also helps transport contaminants from the wash location into streams.

In a recent survey conducted by Public Works staff, we found that 27% of people in the City agreed that it was safe to let biodegradable soap run into storm drains with another 32% unsure of whether or not it was safe. It isn’t. There are still options for washing your car, and it can still be done at home.

When washing your car at home, try washing it on your lawn or in a gravel area where the runoff can be contained on site. Use a hose with a shut off and use as little water as possible. This will allow the water, soap, and grime from your car to filter into the ground instead of flowing to our streams and lakes. If you do not have a suitable site at home, you should take your car to a commercial car wash. These facilities are required to properly dispose of the wash water. Many commercial car washes filter and recycle the water.

Fundraising car washes are also becoming a better option. Non profits are starting to get better access to car wash kits which prevent the wash water from entering the storm drain. The water is collected and pumped either into a landscaped area or into the wastewater (sewer) system. Public Works staff is looking into acquiring car wash kits which can be loaned out to non profit groups for use in the City.

If you’re looking to do a car wash fundraiser, you can always sell car wash tickets. The Puget Sound Car Wash Association (charitycarwash.org) lets you purchase tickets for commercial car washes at a discounted rate and then resell the tickets at a higher price, keeping the profit.

As we all pitch in and make minor changes to our car washing habits, we can make a major difference in the quality of our lakes and streams. Remember, if it isn’t rain water, it shouldn’t go into the storm drain.

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GOOD CAR WASHING PRACTICES

Once the warm weather starts (hopefully soon!), the boating season officially commences on Lake Sawyer. Through enforcement and education initiatives we continue to have fun and safe times on the lake.

During the months of May and June you will see us start the process of replacing the buoys around the lake. Some were done last year, but the majority will be replaced or relocated during this timeframe.

As a reminder the Marine Services Unit’s primary duty is 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

HAVE ANOTHER SAFE & FUN BOATING SEASON ON LAKE SAWYER

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Each officer participating 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 brand new, state of the art, 20’ ProLine Government Series police boat and Bombardier Waverunner.

Below are some of the laws for operating a vessel on Lake Sawyer. Remember these are only a few of the laws, for a complete list you can visit the Black Diamond Police Department’s website at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us and click on the Marine Services section or visit the Washington State Parks & Recreation website for state laws regarding boating.

**State Boating 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.

**City of Black Diamond Boating Regulations (Please see complete regulations on police website)**

- **Required Vessel Safety Equipment:** Personal floatation devices (life jackets) are required in every vessel for each person on board.

- **Vessel Registration:** You are required to carry the vessel registration certificate on board at all times.

- **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. 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.

- **Reckless or Negligent Operation:** It will be considered reckless to operate a vessel while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug.

- **Water Skiing Safety:** An observer is required when towing any person on water skis, inner tubes, kneeboards, or other water toys.

- **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”.

- **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.
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
25510 LAWSON STREET
MAY 3 - 7 p.m.
MAY 10 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC) - 7 p.m.
MAY 17 - 7 p.m.
JUN 7 - 7 p.m.
JUN 14 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC) - 7 p.m.
JUN 21 - 7 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSTUDIES
25510 LAWSON STREET
MAY 24 - 4 p.m.
JUN 7 - 5:30 p.m.
JUN 13 - 4 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
25510 LAWSON STREET
MAY 8 - 7 p.m.
JUN 12 - 7 p.m.

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
MAY 3, MAY 17 and MAY 31 - 9 a.m.
JUN 14 and JUN 28 - 9 a.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
Dates to be determined

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
Dates to be determined

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 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. 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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♦ Community Development, Steve Pilcher
♦ Economic Development, Andrew Williamson
♦ Finance, Mayene Miller
♦ Natural Resources/Parks, Aaron Nix
♦ Police, Jamey Kiblinger
♦ Public Works, Seth Boettcher, PE

Monthly meetings for City Council are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Town Hall Meetings are held the second 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) 886-5700 or check out the City Clerks webpage at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Departments/Clerk.