On Tuesday, August 6th, neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “30th 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 6th.

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 p.m. to 10 p.m. on August 6th, residents in neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond and across the nation... Continued to page 2
Summer Safety Tips:

**FIREWORKS SAFETY**

Fireworks can result in severe burns, scars and disfigurement that can last a lifetime.

Fireworks that are often thought to be safe, such as sparklers, can reach temperatures above 1000 degrees Fahrenheit, and can burn users and bystanders.

Families should attend community fireworks displays run by professionals rather than using fireworks at home.

As a reminder, per Black Diamond Municipal Code section 8.04.100:

A. 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.

B. 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 of each year.

**BICYCLE SAFETY**

Do not push your child to ride a 2-wheeled bike without training wheels until he or she is ready.

Consider the child's coordination and desire to learn to ride. Stick with coaster (foot) brakes until your child is older and more experienced for hand brakes. Consider a balance bike with no pedals for young children to learn riding skills.

Take your child with you when you shop for the bike, so that he or she can try it out. The value of a properly fitting bike far outweighs the value of surprising your child with a new one. Buy a bike that is the right size, not one your child has to “grow into.” Oversized bikes are especially dangerous.

Your child needs to wear a helmet on every bike ride, no matter how short or how close to home. Many injuries happen in driveways, on sidewalks, and on bike paths, not just on streets. Children learn best by observing you. Set the example: Whenever you ride, put on your helmet.

A helmet protects your child from serious injury, and should always be worn. And remember, wearing a helmet at all times helps children develop the helmet habit.

**POOL SAFETY**

Never leave children alone in or near the pool or spa, even for a moment.

Whenever infants or toddlers are in or around water, an adult – preferably one who knows how to swim and perform CPR – should be within arm's length, providing “touch supervision.”

Avoid inflatable swimming aids such as “floaties.” They are not a substitute for approved life vests and can give children and parents a false sense of security.

Children ages 1 to 4 may be at a lower risk of drowning if they have had some formal swimming instruction. However, there is no evidence that swimming lessons or water survival skills courses can prevent drowning in babies younger than 1 year of age.

The decision to enroll a 1- to 4-year-old child in swimming lessons should be made by the parent and based on the child’s developmental readiness, but swim programs should never be seen as “drown proofing” a child of any age.

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**Recently Adopted Ordinances**

- Ordinance No. 13-1001 - regarding Address Changes
- Ordinance No. 13-1002 - regarding controlled substances
- Ordinance No. 13-1003 - regarding Civil Infractions
- Ordinance No. 13-1005 - Budget Amendments for 2013

**National Night Out >>> (continued from front)**

are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors, police, and fire. 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 Department, Black Diamond Fire Department and the Black Diamond Community Center will also be hosting a celebration at the Black Diamond Community Center located at 31605 3rd Avenue. There will also be an outdoor block party at the Eagle Creek Park located on the corner of Bruckners Way and Roberts Drive and in the Morgan Creek housing neighborhood.

The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. and will continue into the evening. Come join us at the Black Diamond Community Center 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 firefighters, this will be the night. Police officers and firefighters will there to answer any questions you may have and to provide you with crime and fire prevention tips.

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. Don’t forget to turn on your outside lights and get outdoors.
Summer Safety Tips >>> (continued from page 2)

Large, inflatable, above-ground pools have become increasingly popular for backyard use. Children may fall in if they lean against the soft side of an inflatable pool. It is essential that all above-ground pools be surrounded by an appropriate fence just as a permanent pool would be so that children cannot gain unsupervised access. If a child is missing, look for him or her in the pool or spa first.

BOATING SAFETY

Children should wear life jackets at all times when on boats or near bodies of water. Make sure the life jacket is the right size for your child. The jacket should not be loose. It should always be worn as instructed with all straps belted. Blow-up water wings, toys, rafts and air mattresses should not be used as life jackets or personal flotation devices. Adults should wear life jackets for their own protection, and to set a good example.

Adolescents and adults should be warned of the dangers of boating when under the influence of alcohol, drugs, and even some prescription medications.

Reminder!!!

City Connection Newsletter >>>

The City Connection is available ONLY for online viewing. There will be a very limited amount printed up and distributed to the Police Department, Post Office, Library, Community Center and City Hall.

We will no longer provide copies bi-monthly in the utility billing.

City Event >>> 9th Annual Miners Day– Saturday, July 6, 2013

Miners Day in Black Diamond
Saturday, July 6, 2013
Railroad Avenue Historic District
9 am—5 pm
Booth spaces are available for non-profit and for-profit groups, home-based products, commercial products and services, food, gifts and more!

2013 Attractions Include
◆ Breakfast at Masonic Lodge
◆ Artists’ Chalk-In
◆ Coal Miners Classic 5-K Run
◆ Historical Society Museum Tours
◆ Festival of Booths on Railroad Avenue
◆ Old-Fashioned Puppet Show
◆ COAL MINER’S MEMORIAL GARDEN UNVEILING CEREMONY

Please park at the Elementary School playground and take the “shuttle train” to Historic Railroad Avenue!

Railroad Avenue will be closed from 7 am to 5 pm. Parking in front of the Bakery is for business patrons. Turn onto Railroad Ave. or Baker Street from HWY 169.

A FAMILY FUN DAY!

More details: kvowdoc@comcast.net Keith & Judy Watson 360-886-0778

Visit our website at WWW.CI.BLACKDIAMOND.WA.US—Please note if at any time you are experiencing difficulties on the website please notify the City.
Take the One Less Bag Challenge, Reduce Waste and Save

Make taking out the trash a little easier with King County’s One Less Bag Challenge. To help reduce the amount of waste headed to Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, King County is asking residents to reduce their garbage by one less bag per month.

By taking the online pledge, you can get a free recycling kit and find ways to recycle more, reuse more and waste less.

Why One Less Bag? More than half of what ends up in our landfill is easily recycled. By taking the challenge, you can help save valuable resources from going to waste and save money on your garbage bill by shrinking your garbage cart size.

Here are some tips to help you reduce by one bag of garbage a month:

- Discover one new thing that you didn’t know you could recycle and start recycling it. Check out Republic Services’ recycling rules for the City of Black Diamond. Then, post the guidelines near your recycling bin at home.

- Put food scraps and food-soiled paper in your yard waste cart. Begin with your veggie and fruit trimmings or those leftovers that got lost in the back of the fridge. Then move onto meats, fish and poultry scraps and bones, plate scrapings, egg shells and coffee grounds. Learn more.

- Remember all junk mail, envelopes, catalogs, magazines, office and craft paper of all shapes, sizes and colors can go in your recycling cart. Food-soiled paper such as dirty paper napkins, paper towels, and pizza delivery boxes go in your yard waste cart. See King County’s Residential Quick Guide to Recycling to learn which types of paper go in the recycling cart and which go in the yard waste cart, and reduce junk mail at its source.

- Choose one disposable item that you typically use (and usually toss!) at home and switch to a reusable alternative. For example: paper coffee cups, cleaning wipes, plastic storage containers, and shopping bags can all be substituted with a reusable alternative. Recycling is great but stopping waste at the source is even better!

Black Diamond residents that take the One Less Bag Pledge on King County’s website, will be sent a free kit that includes a spatula for hard-to-clean recyclable containers, a recycling guide with fridge magnet, and 10 compostable bags for food scrap and food-soiled paper recycling.

Public Works Department >>>

SE 288th Street Overlay Project

By the time you receive this newsletter the patching and overlay of 2600 feet of SE 288th Street should be complete. If the project is not complete then we are just waiting for summer weather. This project was funded by the Transportation Improvement Board street preservation program funding and local city funds. The contractor was Lakeside Industries. Thank you for your patience these last few weeks during the patching and paving operation.

5th Avenue Water Main Construction Project

The upgrade of the water main on 5th Avenue is underway. The City will be replacing 600 feet of 4 inch asbestos pipe and 300 feet of small diameter galvanized pipe with 8 inch ductile iron water main. City staff covers the key activities to implement this project as follows: Andy Williamson provides coordination to the Council from budgeting to project close out, Scott Hanis secured the Community Development Block grant for the project and handles the project paperwork, Seth Boettcher provides the project administration and contract over-site and Dan Dal Santo provides the project management and inspection services during construction.

Although there will be times during construction when access will be impeded, the City and the contractor will endeavor to minimize the impact and keep the residents on Pacific and 5th Avenue informed. Thank you for your patience. If you have any questions regarding this project please contact Seth Boettcher at 360-886-5700.
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Washington has a long history of being a maritime state. We need to keep boating safe and fun, and this legislation will help us do that. I’m delighted that by working with our state partners and boating stakeholders, we were able to develop legislation that everyone could agree to," said Washington State Parks Director Don Hoch.

"The cultural, economic and recreational significance of Washington state waterways can’t be overemphasized. Likewise, neither can boating safety. The passage of this measure provides law enforcement with additional tools and strengthens our commitment to limiting tragedies on waterways," said Bruce Bjork, chief of police for the Department of Fish and Wildlife, an agency that played a key role in writing and promoting the legislation.

Lastly, the law gives marine law enforcement officers the ability to hold negligent or reckless boaters accountable and the authority to issue citations for vessel accidents they did not witness. Now, when an officer is investigating a vessel accident, like a vessel-to-vessel collision, and it’s determined a boat operator caused the accident by breaking a boating safety law, the officer can arrest the operator for criminal violations or issue a citation for an infraction. "This is a great change and something we’ve needed for a long time. We’ve had this authority on land, but we lacked it on the water. I think this is really going to help us educate boaters about the importance of the boating rules of the road," said Ed Holmes, Mercer Island police chief and president of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

According to State Parks data, alcohol is a factor in 30 percent of boating fatalities. The law change was intended to deter BUI by increasing the penalty and introducing implied consent in the form of a monetary penalty - not tied to the driver’s license.

Other changes to the law include the following:

**Testing language consistent with driving under the influence (DUI) procedures:** The statute was updated to reference the breath and blood testing procedures used in DUI cases. These procedures have been thoroughly tested in court.

**Marijuana references added:** The statute was updated with marijuana references that mirror language in Initiative 502, which made the recreational use of marijuana legal.

**Test refusal is not admissible in court:** The statute makes it clear that a boater’s refusal to submit to either a breath or blood test cannot be used as evidence in a court of law.

**Recreational vessel rentals:** The statute makes it clear that rented vessels must have all safety equipment, be properly registered and meet all other state requirements.

"We thank the sponsors of the 2013 Boating Safety Bill for bringing the Recreational Boating Association of Washington into the bill discussions," stated Steve Greaves, the association’s president. "We believe this collaborative approach will ultimately lead to safer boating."

The Washington State Parks Boating Safety Program is a leader in boating safety and environmental education and outreach, with the purpose of reducing accidents and fatalities, increasing stewardship of Washington waterways, and keeping recreational boating a safe, accessible and enjoyable pastime.


The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission manages a diverse system of more than 100 state parks and recreation programs, including long-distance trails, boating safety and winter recreation. Washington State Parks turned 100 years old on March 19, 2013, and will celebrate with events in parks all over the state, all year long. For more information, visit [www.parks.wa.gov/events](http://www.parks.wa.gov/events).
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 (360)886-5700 or check out the City Clerks webpage at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/Depts/Clerk to view meeting materials.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
25510 LAWSON STREET
JUL 4 - CANCELLED
JUL 11 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC) - CANCELLED
JUL 11 - 7 p.m. (Special Council Meeting)
JUL 18 - 7 p.m.
AUG 1 - 7 p.m.
AUG 8 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC) - CANCELLED
AUG 15 - 7 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSTUDIES
25510 LAWSON STREET
JUL 11 - 6 p.m.
JUL 18 - 6 p.m.
JUL 25 - 5:30 p.m.
AUG 1 - 5:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
25510 LAWSON STREET
JUL 9 - 7 p.m.
AUG 6 - 7 p.m.

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
JUL 11 and JUL 25 - 9 a.m.
AUG 8 and AUG 22 - 9 a.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
JUL 25 - 10 a.m.
AUG 22 - 10 a.m.

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.