As we approach boating season, we want to thank everyone who has helped keep Lake Sawyer safe for the past 15 years. We are very fortunate to have this wonderful lake in our City that is such a fun and safe place to enjoy outdoor activities.

Unfortunately, with declining revenues and temporary reductions in police staff it will be harder for us to provide coverage, but we assure you we will do everything possible to ensure the safety of boaters and residents.

If you want to learn more about lake rules and regulations, please visit our website or give us a call at (253)631-1012.

For the fourth year in a row Police Officers from Black Diamond, Enumclaw, Auburn, Bonney Lake, and Kent Police Departments will come together as "Law Dawgs", to do battle against the Enumclaw Fire Department’s “Smoke Eaters” in the Boots and Badges Charity Basketball Classic.

This year’s game will be played on June 8, 2013 at the Enumclaw High School Gym. 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 put on a show for charity. Don’t miss the halftime performance by local pipes and drums band “Heavy Hammer”.

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 Sergeant Brian Lynch at (253) 261-9608.
DON’T LET YOUR FOOD GO TO WASTE!

The average family in King County throws away more than 400 pounds of food scraps and food-soiled paper every year. As a result, more than one-third of the County’s garbage is made up of food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard debris—the largest percentage of the waste stream. Residents who have yard waste service can now recycle all their food scraps and food-soiled paper in their yard waste carts to keep this valuable resource from going to waste. When you recycle food scraps rather than throwing them in the garbage, they are turned into nutrient-rich compost for local gardens and parks. Here are tips to get started:

Find the best kitchen container for you

Food scrap collection can be as simple as using a plastic container or a paper bag which can be recycled along with the food. Containers designed specifically for food scrap recycling now come in a variety of styles from stainless steel to ceramic and bamboo and are locally available in many stores.

Using compostable bags to line your container can help make it clean and convenient. Learn which bag brands are approved compostable and where to buy them at recyclefood.com. Or visit facebook.com/recycle more and click on the “Free Bags!” tab to request 10 free bag samples.

Gather it all up

Food scraps that can be recycled include meat, fish, bones, vegetable and fruit trimmings, bread, pasta and beans, egg shells and coffee grounds.

You can also put in food-soiled paper such as used paper towels, napkins, coffee filters, even pizza delivery boxes. You can even layer your shredded paper in the yard waste cart to absorb liquids.

Avoid the “ick”

If you’re concerned about odors or fruit flies, place your food scraps in compostable bags, a closed paper bag or store in the refrigerator or freezer until collection day. Empty your collection container every few days into the yard waste cart.

Tip: You can recycle all your food scraps and food soiled paper in your hauler-supplied, curbside yard waste cart. There are several sizes available. Contact Republic Services, formerly Allied Waste, to order service.

For more information, visit www.recyclefood.com, or contact Republic Services at 206-682-9735 or http://www.rabanco.com/collection/black_diamond/default.aspx.

Police Department News >>> Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Program

The Black Diamond Police Department partners with King County’s Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Program for enhanced forensic services. This regional program provides criminal identification technology for criminal justice purposes. Services include identifying “wanted” offenders before they are released from jail and recovering fingerprints from major crime scenes. The AFIS Program aids in solving crimes throughout the county, and contributes to the safety of both citizens and officers. AFIS is funded by a property tax levy, which is approved by voters every six years. Information can be found at www.kingcounty.gov/afis.

Plans for the future of Black Diamond’s Historic Cemetery

In April a Cemetery Board was selected which consists of five members:

- Dee Israel
- Don Mason
- Howard Botts
- Gomer Evans
- Jackie Buss

Two meetings were held that month and planning has begun on setting priorities for the future of the City’s historic cemetery property. Last summer, Public Works crews were able to upgrade the existing water service into the cemetery and replace it with a new line, fully funded by a King County Historic Restoration grant provided by 4Culture.

Staff is hopeful that future funding opportunities will present themselves. Some initial improvements being discussed include clean up events prior to the Memorial Day celebration, painting a mural (s) on the booster pump station (large concrete building) next to the facility and educational signage around the facility. The possibilities are endless as staff has seen an increased interest in helping maintain the facility, including a headstone cleaning event sponsored by the Kozy family early last fall and annual requests from Ghost Busting groups interested in the spiritual folklore surrounding the property. Rumor has it that a person on a white horse occasionally visits the facility.
An open window may help keep the house cool but it can also be a danger to children, mostly toddlers. It can be easy for a child to fall out of an open window and any falls over ten feet can suffer spinal injury, paralysis, head injury or even death.

A window screen is not a safety device and is designed to keep insects out rather than protect your family. There are some safety devices that can be installed to windows to help make windows safer for children.

Window guards have been shown to help reduce fatal falls. It is important to look at window guards that do not interfere with an emergency fire escape. Other safety devices such as wedges, braces or removing hand cranks may be another option. Be sure to see how far any device allows the window to open since a five inch opening can be dangerous to toddlers.

Window devices can not take the place of adult supervision, so be sure to pay attention to children anytime a window is open, especially if you are concerned about a fall.

Safety Tips:
- Keep windows closed or locked when children are nearby.
- Keep furniture and other items that children may climb, away from windows.
- Be sure to enforce rules so that children do not play around windows.
- Landscaping may help reduce the impact of a fall from a window, but this may cause other injuries so plan accordingly and do not assume landscaping will eliminate injury.
- If a child does fall from a height, be sure to call 9-1-1 immediately and DO NOT move the child if possible. If the child has a head, neck, or back injury you may further injure them by picking them up or moving them.

Please be safe letting the fresh air flow this Spring. For more information feel free to contact Tim Perciful at tperciful@kcfd44.org.
Annual Update of City’s Capital Improvement Plan begins...

In April, 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.

An approved Capital Improvement Plan is usually required by State or Federal agencies, for projects funded by grants or low-interest loans. 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 2014-2019 Capital Improvement Plan in June or July. The 2014 projects that have been approved in the plan may then be added to the 2014 Budget which is scheduled for adoption in December.

CIP at a glance...

- The CIP is a mandate of the Growth Management Act and provides our updated supplement to the Capital Facilities portion of the City’s Comprehensive Plan.
- Cities plan public improvements to accommodate anticipated growth and public needs and to implement policy decisions.
- The CIP process annually identifies the capital improvements and financing for a six-year period.
- The CIP is primarily funded from dedicated revenues (such as the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) or utility charges) and grants.
- Public comment is accepted on the CIP and includes proposed projects submitted by City, Council committees and City Departments.
- A preliminary CIP is then presented to the City Council. The City 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.

Deadline for applications for Lifeline Utility Rate Relief Program May 31st......

By now senior citizens who have been enrolled in the Lifeline Utility Rate Relief Program should have received their renewal applications in the mail. Applications are due to City Hall by May 31st for utility discounts beginning with the June billing statement.

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.

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.

Recently Adopted Ordinances

- Ordinance No. 13-999 - Adopting revisions to Cemetery Code
- Ordinance No. 13-1000—Amending Business License Code

Memorial Day at Black Diamond Cemetery...

- May 27—10:30 a.m.—Black Diamond Cemetery

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.
Finding An Agent That's Right For You

Departments >>>

- City Administrator,
  Dr. Mark Hoppen
- Asst. City Admin./City Clerk,
  Brenda L. Martinez, CMC
- Community Development,
  Stacey Welsh
- Engineering Services/Ec. Dev.,
  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 (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

MAY 2 - 7 p.m.
MAY 9 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC) - 7 p.m.
MAY 16 - 7 p.m.
MAY 22 (Tri-City Council Meeting @ Covington) - 6:30 p.m.
JUN 6 - 7 p.m.
JUN 13 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC) - 7 p.m.
JUN 20 - 7 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSTUDIES
25510 LAWSON STREET

JUN 6 - 5:30 p.m.
JUN 13 - 5:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
25510 LAWSON STREET

MAY 7 - 7 p.m.
JUN 11 - 7 p.m.

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

MAY 9 and MAY 23 - 9 a.m.
JUN 13 and JUN 27 - 9 a.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE

MAY 16 - 10 a.m.
JUN 20 - 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.

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