The 5th Avenue Water Main Replacement project has wrapped up. The project replaced about 900 feet of 4-inch asbestos water main and replaced it with 8-inch ductile iron. This replacement serves to insure that the water main will be more durable and to increase fire flow to the area.

Public Works staff received a grant from the King County Community Development Block Grant program in the amount of $160,000 to help fund the project. We would like to thank the residents on and near 5th Avenue for their patience and understanding throughout this project.
“This is the FBI we have your money…”

Swindlers pretending to be calling from such government agencies as the Federal Bureau of Investigation have put a new twist on an old con. They are hiding offshore, thousands of miles away, but they’re using internet phone technology to disguise their location. Victims see a 360 or 253 area code on their phones when the calls come in, and dial seemingly authentic U.S. phone numbers to call the scammers back. Black Diamond Police have seen several of these cases. In one particular case, an elderly couple was targeted and was told that if they wired $1,600.00 through Western Union in what they thought were luxury taxes and insurance fees, they would get the $1 million prize that they had won through publisher’s clearinghouse.

The scammer claiming to be the FBI agent told the couple that they had been trying to reach them because they were investigating a scam involving publisher’s clearinghouse and that they had money belonging to them. These scammers went so far as to claim to be one of our very own officers, claiming that this FBI agent was one of the best and confirmed that they should wire the money. Fortunately, the couple called the police and we were able to advise them of the fraud. Many are not so lucky and end up losing thousands of dollars.

Daylight Saving Time ends November 3, 2013!

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

Emergency Management >>> Weather Radio Awareness…

Direct from the National Weather Service, NOAA Weather Radio helps protect lives and property via its warning alarm feature, and site specific and event select capabilities. However, many people are not aware of this cost effective lifesaving service or use it. Winter is just around the corner. A weather radio is an important preparedness tool in your home and car preparedness kits before the wind blows, the rivers rise or the snow flies!

Weather Radio is your personal all-hazards warning system and serves as Washington’s “all-hazards” warning system, including tsunamis, volcanoes and hazardous releases. **NOAA Weather Radio** is a lifesaver for the cost of a pair of shoes.

For more information and retailer discounts, visit the Washington State Emergency Management campaign host web site at [www.emd.wa.gov](http://www.emd.wa.gov).

Check out our Emergency Management page on the website at [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/emerg_manag](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us/emerg_manag) there you will find tons of resources to help you plan and prepare to help you and your loved ones get through a disaster.

2014 Budget Planning... (cont’d from front)

On December 2, Council will conduct a final public hearing on the 2014 City Budget and will consider budget adoption at the December 12 Special meeting.

A copy of the 2014 Preliminary Budget will be available on November 5 to view or purchase at City Hall or you can download a copy from the City website. Just go to [www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](http://www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us) and on the homepage click “In the Spotlight” and then click “2014 Preliminary Budget”.

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Emergency Management >>> Texting during an Emergency...

TEXT FIRST. TALK SECOND. - The September 11, 2001 terror attacks, Hurricane Katrina and the 2011 East Coast earthquake all share something in common – each caused massive mobile phone service disruption for millions of Americans. Mobile call volume simply overwhelmed provider capacity during these incidents. The desire to call loved ones after an emergency or disaster is natural. However, preparedness experts universally agree that during an emergency and its immediate aftermath, communicating via SMS text messaging should be your first choice.

“40% of cell owners said they found themselves in an emergency situation in which having their phone with them helped”

This is because non-essential calls often shutdown wireless phone service and prevent 9-1-1 calls from getting through and emergency personnel being unable to communicate with each other. In fact, just a single one-minute phone call takes up the same bandwidth as 800 short SMS text messages. Also, unlike phone calls, text messages get through even when the network is congested. Even if it gets a “busy signal” on its first try the text system will continue to keep trying to deliver your message. This makes text messaging perfect for sending non-emergency messages like “R U OK” and “I M OK.” For more information, visit Safe America Foundation.

Recently Adopted Ordinances

★ Ordinance No. 13-1010- Amending BDMC 18.86 regarding densities within Residential Cluster Developments
★ Ordinance No. 13-1011 - Imposing a six-month moratorium upon Collective Gardens
★ Ordinance No. 13-1012 - Imposing a six-month moratorium on marijuana manufacturing and distribution
★ Ordinance No. 13-1013 - Amending sign regulation code

Black Diamond Community Center Events >>>

December 6th - Annual Christmas Tree Lighting - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. -
The Black Diamond Fire Department gives Santa a ride to the Black Diamond Community Center on the Fire Engine! Come meet Santa Claus and have your picture taken with him. Local musician Stan Terrell will lead caroling at 6:30 p.m., Santa lights the tree at 7 p.m., and will be available for pictures afterward. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served.

Share the Joy! - Black Diamond Community Center’s gift-giving program. Applications will be available November 4th and MUST be returned to BDCC by Friday, November 22nd. Gift pick-up is Tuesday, December 17th - 4 to 7 p.m., check with the Community Center to donate, volunteer or sign-up to receive help - (360) 886-1011.

Fire Department Holiday Event >>>

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.
Public Works Department >> Prevent Sewer Overflows...

You Can Help Prevent Sewer Overflows:

Everything that can easily be flushed down the toilet or rinsed down the sink CANNOT be easily handled in the sewer system. Some of the problem discharges are:

★ **Synthetic wipes** do not break down and snag and clog on pumps and sewer machinery
★ Any type of **disposable diaper** continue to swell with contact with water, will not break down and will clog pumps. Please use the garbage for disposal of diapers.
★ **Fats, Oils and greases** may easily rinse down the drain with hot water but coagulate on the sewer pipes once they cool down in the sewer. Wipe or scrape your dishes and cookware into the garbage. Pour hot grease into a tin can and dispose of in the solid waste.
★ Any types of **plastic** should not be flushed down the toilet.

Thank you for taking a moment to learn, so that sewer can continue to be out of site and out of mind in your neighborhood.

On September 16, 2013, a non-emergency number will be implemented to aid citizens in reporting incidents to police that are not urgent in nature. Valley Communications Center, King County E-911, and local law enforcement agencies are partnering to promote a non-emergency number in order to route calls appropriately and to allow 9-1-1 call-takers the opportunity to answer urgent and emergency calls.

Black Diamond residents are encouraged to call **360-886-0022** when you need the police, but it is not urgent in nature. Some examples of a non-emergency call may include:

- Disturbances including a loud radio or party
- Drinking in public
- Property or business disputes involving a landlord, property or business
- Trespassing / loitering

**Important: If you’re not sure whether the situation is a true emergency, officials recommend calling 9-1-1 and letting the call-taker determine whether you need emergency help.**

When you call 911, be prepared to answer the call-taker’s questions, which may include:

- The location of the emergency, including the street address
- The phone number you are calling from
- The nature of the emergency
- Details about the emergency, such as a physical description of a person who may have committed a crime, a description of any fire that may be burning, or a description of injuries or symptoms being experienced by a person having a medical emergency

Remember, the call-taker’s questions are important to get the right kind of help to you quickly. Be prepared to follow any instructions the call-taker gives you. Many 9-1-1 centers can tell you exactly what to do to help in an emergency until help arrives. **ADVISE IF ANY WEAPONS ARE INVOLVED**
Plastic and Glass Recycling...

Recycling feels good! It also helps our city and our planet, so all your recycling efforts are greatly appreciated. Recycling is even more fun when it’s easy, so here are a few reminders and tips:

- **Shape up.** When recycling plastics, go by the shape, not the number inside the “recycling arrows.” Recycle all plastic bottles and tubs (like yogurt tubs), jugs (like milk jugs) and jars (think peanut butter jars). The one exception is prescription pill vials (the brown ones). They are not currently recyclable and should go in the garbage if you can’t reuse them. And because we know you can’t resist looking at those numbers, take note: The plastics industry just announced it will start using lines in the shape of a triangle, not the recycling arrows, to enclose those numbers (the numbers shown inside the triangles refer to different types of plastics and aren’t really about recycling).

- **Party down.** Parties and get-togethers can mean plastic and paper cups (although you should use reusable tumblers when you can), and the good news is that those red party cups can go in your recycling bin.

- **Bag your bags.** Have lots of extra plastic bags lying around your house? Just stuff them clean and dry into a single plastic bag, tie it up, and drop it into your recycling bin.

You can also bring bagged bags to a grocery store that accepts them for recycling.

- **Raise a glass.** Glass jars and bottles are recyclable. If a bottle gets broken, wrap it up in paper or plastic and put into in the garbage, so it doesn’t endanger collection workers. Drinking glasses and mirrors go in the garbage if they can’t be reused, since they are a different kind of glass from bottles.

- **Get creative.** Reducing and reusing is even better than recycling. Many of you have created cool reuse projects with recyclables, such as turning wine bottles upside down and lining them up to make a border in the garden. That’s great, since it does cost money to transport and process recyclables, especially heavy items like glass. And reducing – not buying something in the first place – is the greenest approach, and can really save you money. For example, invest in a few stylish reusable water bottles for your household, fill them with our region’s delicious tap water, and stop wasting money on water in single-use plastic bottles. Most bottled water is just filtered tap water!

- **Have more questions?** For more details on what you can and can’t recycle, visit Republic Service’s website or call 206-682-9735.

Thanks again for recycling! It does make a difference!
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
NOV 7 - 7 p.m.
NOV 14 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC)
NOV 21 - 7 p.m.
DEC 2 - 7 p.m. - SPECIAL MEETING
DEC 12 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC) - CANCELLED
DEC 12 - 7 p.m. - SPECIAL MEETING
DEC 19 - 7 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSTUDIES
25510 LAWSON STREET
NOV 21 - 5:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
25510 LAWSON STREET
NOV 12 - 7 p.m.
DEC 10 - 7 p.m.

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
NOV 14 and NOV 27 - 9 a.m.
DEC 11 and DEC 31 - 9 a.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
NOV 21 - 10 a.m.
DEC 19 - 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

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- City Administrator, Dr. Mark Hoppen
- City Clerk/HR Manager, 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