City Offices will be closed:

- **August 30** - Furlough Day
- **September 2** — Labor Day

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**2014 Budget Planning and Calendar...**

All City departments, especially Finance, will be busy the next few months preparing the City’s annual operating budget. The operating budget funds services associated with Public Safety, Public Works, Parks, Planning and Permitting and other municipal services.

The budget tells the City’s financial story and sets spending targets for the programs and services that city residents receive. Like other communities, Black Diamond will continue to have a challenge preparing a balanced budget.

During the last half of August and September, the Finance Department updates the 2014 revenue forecast for the General Fund and other funds using 2013 trends and forecast information provided by Municipal Research and Services Center and other agencies.

The budget process was presented to Council at a Workstudy session on August 15, 2013; other Workstudy sessions are scheduled for Council on October 10th and 24th in the Council Chambers.

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**Public Works - Water Department >>>**

**August 1, 2013 Water Rate Increase**

In April 2013, Council adopted Resolution No. 13-864, authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Peninsula Financial Consulting to provide a rate study for the Water, Sewer and Stormwater funds.

With the consultant’s forecasts from the rate study, Council has determined that rate increases are necessary in order to meet the City’s legal obligation to adequately fund the on-going maintenance, operational and capital costs of the water utility system and to meet service obligations to our customers.

Effective August 1, 2013 your utility bill will reflect the new water rate. A standard 5/8” meter base rate is $26.94 with tier rates (rate per one hundred cubic feet) as follows: Tier 1 (0-600) $2.09; Tier 2 (601-1,200) $2.40 and Tier 3 (over 1,200) $2.76. For a more detailed look at the new rates you can view Ordinance No. 13-006 or visit the utility clerk page from the Public Works homepage on the website www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us for a breakdown of your water bill.
WA State Liquor Control Board—What you should know about Marijuana:

**Marijuana**

**Know the Facts**

Marijuana is not harmless. Marijuana impairs coordination and perception, affects learning and memory, and can increase anxiety, panic and paranoia. Research shows one in eight youth who use marijuana by age 14 become dependent.

**Some of the risks of smoking marijuana vs. consuming marijuana-infused foods are different.**

Inhaling any kind of smoke harms your lungs. Consuming marijuana-infused foods can also be dangerous because it takes longer to feel the effects. It’s easier to have too much because the effects are delayed.

Recreational marijuana use has age restrictions.

Only those 21 and older can possess marijuana, with a limit of 1 ounce of useable marijuana, 16 ounces in solid form, and 72 ounces in liquid form. Where you can use marijuana is limited. Marijuana cannot be used in view of the public. It is also not allowed on federal and most tribal lands.

The penalties for marijuana use for those under 21 can be severe.

If you are under 21, you can be charged with Minor in Possession. If you have more than 40 grams, it is a Class “C” felony ($10,000 fine and/or 10 years in jail).

It’s not okay for parents to share marijuana with their kids.

It is a felony to provide marijuana to any minor.

**Marijuana**

**What Parents Should Know**

Most youth choose not to use marijuana. However, some will try it, and some will continue to use it.

Brain development continues through age 25. The use of any drug, including marijuana, can impair brain development.

Marijuana use increases risk of academic problems. Marijuana’s effect on learning, memory, and motivation can lead to difficulties in school.

**Talk Early. Talk Often.**

- You are the number one influence in your child’s life.
- Talk early and talk often about making the right choices.
- Set expectations.
- Discuss rules and enforce consequences.

For more information about marijuana: www.LearnAboutMarijuanaWA.org or www.drugfree.org

To contact the WSLCB email: prevention@liq.wa.gov

If someone you know is struggling with substance use, call: Recovery Helpline at 1.866.789.1511.

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Paddleboards defined as Vessels:

The Coast Guard has determined that beyond the narrow limits of a swimming, surfing or bathing area, the device known as a “paddleboard” is a vessel under 46 U.S.C. § 2101. The Coast Guard made the determination in 2008 (click here to view PDF version of the News Release). This information is the same for all states.

Boating Laws changed on July 28, 2013:

Increased penalties for operating a boat under the influence - RCW 79A.60.040. The State Parks Commission, along with its Boating Safety Council, NW Marine Trade Association, Recreational Boating Association of WA, and Seattle Children’s, and other boating leaders worked to amend the law to make boating safer in Washington. Included in the changes are RCW 79A.60 - making boat rental laws clear and RCW 10.31.100 - authority to cite for boat accidents. View the PDF version of the fact sheet or visit the Black Diamond Police Marine webpage at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us.

Recently Adopted Ordinances

- Ordinance No. 13-1006 - Adopting Water Rate Increase
- Ordinance No. 13-1007 - Adopting Sewer Rate Increase
- Ordinance No. 13-1008 - Adopting Stormwater Rate Increase
- Ordinance No. 13-1009 - Authorizing Way-of-Travel Name Change

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

Since the revenue picture has not improved significantly for 2013, balancing continues to be difficult.

Public hearings are scheduled for November 14th and December 2nd. Public input is always welcomed and encouraged. See the budget calendar below and stay up to date at the city’s website www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us, or contact the Finance Department at (360) 886-5700 if you have any questions.

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Black Diamond Community Center offers Flu Shots - Fred Meyer Pharmacy will be giving FLU shots at the Black Diamond Community Center on Tuesday, September 17, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

People can pay $25 cash, those who bring their insurance information can get a refund afterward. People with Medicare A/B get their shots for free if they bring in their Medicare card. Call the Black Diamond Community Center to sign up at (360) 886-1011.
What Goes Where...Recycling
Can Be Easy!


We all feel like that sometimes. Recycling can be confusing. So let’s run through a few common items and see what goes where. Remember, these are the guidelines for the Black Diamond residential curbside collection program only (other cities may accept different items because they have different markets for the materials, so check with your hauler if you don’t live in Black Diamond).

- Dirty paper towels. Yard waste cart if they have food stains. Garbage if stained with cleaning chemicals.

- Take-out food containers. Yard waste cart if they are uncoated paper (not shiny) or cardboard. It goes in the garbage cart otherwise.

- Pet waste. Garbage (always bagged or double-bagged). Never in the yard waste cart, even if it’s in a biodegradable bag.

- Greasy pizza delivery boxes. Yard waste cart. If it’s a frozen pizza box that is clean and dry, it goes in the recycling cart.

- Paper milk cartons. Recycling cart, but rinse it first.

- Used “compostable green products” like pens and cell phone cases. Garbage, if they can’t be reused. Some items are labeled compostable or biodegradable, but may not be approved by our local composter Cedar Grove. When it doubt, throw it out.

- Meat, fish, poultry, bones, veggie and fruit trimmings and other food scraps. Yard waste cart.

- Coffee grounds and paper coffee filters. Yard waste cart.

- Paper berry and egg cartons. Yard waste cart.

- Paper grocery bags. Recycling cart if clean. Yard waste cart if stained with food or filled with food scraps.

- Used facial tissues and other used tissue from the bathroom. Garbage cart.

- Cardboard cores from paper towels and toilet paper. Recycling cart.

- Unwanted medications. Authorized take-back program, at certain pharmacies for example. See www.takebackyourmeds.org for locations. Don’t flush and don’t put these in the garbage.

- “Flushable” items such as toilet bowl brush heads. Garbage. Don’t flush them either; they can clog pipes.

- Uncoated (not shiny) paper plates and cups. Yard waste cart.

- Shredded paper. Yard waste cart. Layer it in with yard waste and food scraps. Make sure it doesn’t contain shredded plastic such as old credit cards.

Not sure what to do with items that aren’t collected curbside? Visit www.kingcounty.gov/WhatDoIDoWith for a directory of businesses and organizations that accept unwanted items for reuse, recycling or proper disposal.

Does this all seem like too much information sometimes? We understand. Here’s the rule of thumb: When in doubt, check it out, contact your hauler.

When we all follow these guidelines, it protects the environment and makes it easier for recycling companies to collect and process all our waste materials so they can turn them into new products. For more details on what you can and can’t recycle, visit www.republicservices.com.

Thanks for recycling!
Regional Animal Services of King County Canvassing Black Diamond....

In September, Regional Animal Services of King County officials will be going door-to-door contacting residents to verify compliance with the county and city pet licensing requirements. King County and contracting city laws require all dogs and cats, eight weeks and older, harbored, kept, or maintained to be licensed and registered annually. Pet owners without licenses may be subjected to a fine of $125 for altered pets or $250 for unaltered pets. See the table to the right for fees to license your pet.

Licensing is easy and convenient - apply online at www.kingcounty.gov/pets and purchase your license(s); purchase a pet license at Black Diamond City Hall; or you can phone (206)205-6167 to schedule an appointment to purchase a license in person at your home. Please call City Hall at (360)886-5700 for more information.

Public Works Department >>>

Street Signs Grant  The City recently executed a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for almost $21,000. WSDOT is administering a Federal Highway Administration grant for safety. The Public Works Department was able to secure this grant for the replacement of almost half of the City’s street signs (including green street name placards).

Public Works, using the City’s GPS equipment, a retroreflectometer (which measures how reflective signs are) borrowed from WSDOT, and the City’s GIS software, was able to map and test for reflectivity every single sign on City streets. GIS was then used to quickly target those signs that would need to be replaced. There are new federal standards coming for how reflective a sign has to be, and about half fell below those standards. Public Works was able to apply for federal funds using the data gathered and was successful in obtaining the grant. When you see Public Works out replacing street signs this Fall, you will know why and where the money came from.

National Night Out Recap

National Night Out 2013 was a smashing success for Black Diamond citizens. On Tuesday, August 6th, neighborhoods throughout Black Diamond were invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “30th Annual National Night Out” crime and drug prevention event. Many neighborhoods hosted block parties, where neighbors enjoyed good food and company. Black Diamond Police Officers made their rounds to each and every block party to promote safe communities. Police officers and community members worked together to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and to send a message to criminals letting them know that Black Diamond neighborhoods are organized and are ready to fight back.

The Black Diamond Police Department, Black Diamond Fire Department and the Black Diamond Community Center hosted a party at the Black Diamond Community Center. The festivities began at 5 p.m. and continued into the evening. Those who attended enjoyed good old fashioned hotdogs and various side dishes, salads and desserts. While community members socialized with other community members, the children took tours of the fire engines and police cars that were parked out front. Over 100 community members showed up for the event, and everyone had the opportunity to meet their local police officers and fire fighters.

Eagle Creek residents celebrated by hosting an ice cream social in the park where the children received balloon animals and face painting. Morgan Creek residents started the evening with a 5K race, followed by train rides around the neighborhood and a BBQ dinner.

Thank you to everyone who made this annual event a smashing success.
September is National Preparedness Month....

Preparedness is not a new topic and sometimes we may be feeling like we’ve got our own plans and supplies in order and therefore when a disaster strikes all will be well. Most immediate assistance during a disaster comes from citizens themselves as emergency responders will be stretched beyond their ability to be there for all who need them. If you have an interest in being prepared to assist your family and others, the Citizen Corps provides options for you. The Citizen Corps partner programs give citizens the opportunity to get involved and enhance the capabilities of first responders through the use of volunteers.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. The link above directs you to information from KCFD #44 (Mountain View Fire & Rescue/Black Diamond Fire Dept.) CERT. Please contact Tim Perciful for more information at (253) 876-6788 or tperciful@kcfd44.org.

Make a Plan, Be Prepared …

This September, please prepare and plan in the event you must go for three days without electricity, water service, access to a supermarket, or local services for several days. Just follow these four steps:

- **Stay Informed:** Information is available from federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial resources. Access Ready.gov to learn what to do before, during, and after an emergency.
- **Make a Plan:** Discuss, agree on, and document an emergency plan with those in your care. For sample plans, see Ready.gov. Work together with neighbors, colleagues, and others to build community resilience.
- **Build a Kit:** Keep enough emergency supplies - water, nonperishable food, first aid, prescriptions, flashlight, and battery-powered radio on hand - for you and those in your care.
- **Get Involved:** There are many ways to get involved especially before a disaster occurs. The whole community can participate in programs and activities to make their families, homes and places of worship safer from risks and threats. Community leaders agree that the formula for ensuring a safer homeland consists of volunteers, a trained and informed public, and increased support of emergency response agencies during disasters.

By taking a few simple actions, you can make your family safer.

Stop by City Hall, the Police Department or the Black Diamond Community Center to pick up brochures on how to be prepared for an emergency.
Prepare Your College-Bound Students to Deal Effectively with a Disaster…. (Article from FEMA)

As September draws closer, families are preparing to send their sons and daughters off to college – and many of those students will be away from home for the first time, being on their own for the first time can be challenging. While students will soon settle in and enjoy their college routine, transition may be a little easier if they know they can handle themselves in an emergency.

As you plan for their practical needs during their months away from home – climate-appropriate clothing, dorm supplies, medications and toiletries – be sure to include some items that will come in handy in an emergency. Being prepared can help your college student remain safe and deal calmly with the situation while helping other classmates to do the same.

Having a disaster readiness kit on hand can go a long way toward keeping your student safe and feeling secure in a challenging situation. A kit can be as simple as a backpack containing items like a flashlight, a small radio, extra batteries, a solar-powered or hand-cranked cell phone charger, energy bars, water and first aid supplies. These days, most colleges have emergency plans that outline procedures in the event of a natural or manmade disaster. Check the college’s website to see if its plans are posted. If not, call the admissions officer to request a copy of the plan and to confirm that your student is registered with its emergency notification system.

Make sure that your son or daughter updates their cell phone contacts and adds an “In Case of Emergency” number in their contact list. Remind them that cell phone service may be unreliable in the aftermath of a disaster. Texting or communicating via social media may be possible when phone calls are not. Work out a family communications plan with your college-bound student so that she or he will know where to get in touch with you at any time, or where to leave a message if communications between home and school are disrupted. Prepare an emergency information sheet listing the names, locations and phone numbers for family members, physicians, medical insurance, and other important resources.

Advise your student to keep their emergency kit under the bed or on the top shelf of a closet where it will be easily accessible in an emergency. Ready-made disaster kits designed for students can be ordered from the American Red Cross at www.redcrossstore.org. Information on compiling your own disaster readiness kit is available on the web at www.fema.gov. For more information on building a basic disaster kit and developing a family communications plan, go to www.ready.gov.
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
SEP  5 - 7 p.m.
SEP 12 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC)
SEP  19 - 7 p.m.
OCT  3 - 7 p.m.
OCT 10 (Town Hall Meeting @ BDCC) - CANCELLED
OCT 17 - 7 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSTUDIES
25510 LAWSON STREET
SEP 26 - 5:30 p.m.
OCT 10 - 5:30 p.m.
OCT 21 - 5:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
25510 LAWSON STREET
SEP 10 - 7 p.m.
OCT  8 - 7 p.m.

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
SEP 12 and SEP 26 - 9 a.m.
OCT 10 and OCT 31 - 9 a.m.

PARKS/CEMETERY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
SEP 19 - 10 a.m.
OCT 17 - 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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  Mayene Miller
- Natural Resources/Parks,
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  Jamey Kiblinger
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  Seth Boettcher, PE