On August 5, 2014, Officers from the Black Diamond Police Department hit the streets not only to deter crime, but to build relationships with citizens in several neighborhoods throughout the city during the National Night Out Against Crime. Since the first National Night Out over 30 years ago the event has grown to include the participation of over 37.8 million people in over 16,000 neighborhoods and communities across North America. Three neighborhoods in Black Diamond took part in the event which is built around police-community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie.

In Morgan Creek the
With the completion of the Railroad Avenue project in 2010, new landscape islands were planted along the street. The Laxa family, the Black Diamond Bakery, the Museum, and the Black Diamond Pizza & Deli adopted the landscape areas adjacent to them. However, the large landscape island next to the CenturyLink building was left orphaned and soon became a place that weeds thrived.

And then Jean Boston stepped up and began the hard work of tilling, planting, and weeding. Jean has diligently cared for this landscape area for more than three years and the fruits of her labor have never been more noticeable. Jean, the Black Diamond Public Works staff thanks you for all your help and hard work!

Check out our Emergency Management page on the website at 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.

### 2015 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 continues to have a challenge preparing a balanced budget.

During the last half of August and September, the Finance Department updates the 2015 revenue forecast for the General Fund and other funds using 2014 trends and forecast information provided by Municipal Research and Services Center and other agencies.

An update on 2014 budgeted revenue and expenditure trends will be reviewed with Council at a workstudy session on October 2, 2014. Summary proposed 2015 budget totals for all funds will also be presented. Other Workstudy sessions are scheduled for Council on October 16th and 30th in the Council Chambers.

Public hearings are scheduled for November 6th and 20th and December 1, 2014. Public input is always welcomed and encouraged. See the budget calendar on the right 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.
National Night Out (continued from front page)...

Black Diamond Police Department, along with Engine 98 from the Black Diamond Fire Department, and two King County Deputies with a SWAT transport vehicle, mingled with citizens, and gave tours of their vehicles to children. In Diamond Glenn, a block party erupted with music playing, and food being grilled in the street, and on 232nd Avenue SE friends and neighbors came together to speak with police officers and fire fighters about issues on and around Lake Sawyer.

If you are interested in having a National Night Out event in your neighborhood please contact the Black Diamond Police Department on how to organize a block party of your own.

LABOR DAYS!
Aug. 30 - Sep. 1

Saturday Events:
Doggie Days 10:00am - 11:30am
Entertainment:
11:30am - 12:00pm - Maple Valley Ballet School Performance
12:00pm - 4:00pm - Dace's Rock 'N' More Music Academy
12:00pm - 4:00pm - Black Diamond Museum Tours
Train rides from the playfields to the Museum. Sponsored by Palmer Coking Coal
12:00pm - 4:00pm - Pony Rides by Pablo's Pony Express
Movie Night featuring FROZEN begins at dusk (approximately 9:00pm)

Sunday Events:
Vendors Booth's -10:00am - 4:00pm
Pie Baking Contest 11:00am - 11:30am - drop off - 12:00pm - Announce winner
Inflatables 12:00pm - 4:00pm Sponsored and Donated by Chapel Wood Baptist Church
Entertainment 12:00pm - 4:00pm - (Music TBD)
12:00pm - 4:00pm - Black Diamond Museum Tours
Train rides from the playfields to the Museum. Sponsored by Palmer Coking Coal
Women's & Children's Games-12:30pm
Citizen Awards -2:00pm

Monday Events:
Mason's Pancake Breakfast- 7:00am - 11:00am
Antique Car Show - 8:00am - 3:00pm Black Diamond Eagles
Vendor Booth's-10:00am - 4:00pm
Parade-10:00am
Entertainment -12:00pm - 1:30pm - TBD & 2:00pm - 4:00pm - TBD
12:00pm - 4:00pm - Black Diamond Museum Tours
Train rides from the playfields to the Museum. Sponsored by Palmer Coking Coal
Awards & Announcements-11:00am - 4:00pm TBD on Main Stage
Games -12:00pm - 4:00pm
Button Raffle Drawing-3:00pm
Peanut Wagon-after the parade - FREE bag!
Free Ice Cream-following a little after the parade
Building Department 101 (continued from front page)...

reviews and inspections for the City. We have specialized training, multiple certifications, and many years of experience. As a result, we have one of the highest ratings from the Washington Surveying & Rating Bureau. This is a report card for our building safety division and is based upon staff education, experience, and local practices. It requires a lot of hard work, dedication and training in order to maintain this high rating and continue to perform at this level. This would not be possible without the support of the Mayor and City Council.

The required inspections for a building project are generally specified by the building code; however there are circumstances when it is necessary to require additional inspections. Each project is evaluated during the plan review process for the appropriate inspections; these are then listed on the permit document prior to issuing the permit. The applicant should then know how to proceed with inspections for their project. Inspection staff will perform inspections for projects when requested at critical points during construction. City inspectors perform a variety of inspections of the building systems. These range from foundation to final inspection, and include building, plumbing, and mechanical systems.

For more information on Building 101, view the full document here.

Recently Adopted Ordinances...

- Ordinance No. 14-1030, amending BDMC regarding Development Agreements
- Ordinance No. 14-1032, amending the 2014 budget and the update of Exhibit A for two salary schedule titles
- Ordinance No. 14-1034, extending MPD Applications Moratorium

Leave It To Fall

Autumn is right around the corner, but around here, it can be more appropriate to call it “Fall.” Why is it called Fall instead of Autumn? Just look at all the trees we have here in Black Diamond and the leaves they sometimes have, then you know why it’s called Fall.

With the falling of the leaves also comes the inevitable falling of the rain with the Fall storms. And that’s where stormwater comes from. Falling leaves and falling rain can cause a problem for the streets and for the stormwater system.

When leaves fall onto the streets, they don’t decompose and mix with the soil as they usually would. They’ll decompose but then just go right into the stormwater system and right to our creeks and lakes, carrying with it any pollutants that stuck to it.

Sometimes the leaves aren’t big enough to get into the storm drains which can cause other problems, namely localized flooding. If you notice leaves piling up around a storm drain, please clear it or alert the Public Works Department so we can take care of it. When we all work together, we all benefit. Thank you for all your effort in keeping our lakes and creeks clean.

REMINDER:

EFFECTIVE July 28th, the Community Development and Permit Center have NEW hours:

Mon, Wed and Thurs - 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tues and Friday - CLOSED
Monthly meetings for City Council are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Work Sessions / Town Hall Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month starting at 6 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
SEPT 4 - 7 p.m.
SEPT 11 - 6 p.m. (Work Session & Town Hall Meeting)
SEPT 18 - 7 p.m.
OCT 2 - 7 p.m.
OCT 9 - 6 p.m. (Work Session & Town Hall Meeting)
OCT 16 - 7 p.m.
OCT 30 - 6 p.m. (Work Session & Special Meeting)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
SEPT 18 - 10 a.m.
OCT 16 - 10 a.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
25510 LAWSON STREET
SEPT 9 - 7 p.m.
OCT 7 - 7 p.m.

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
SEPT 11 - 4 p.m.
SEPT 25 - 4 p.m.
OCT 9 - 4 p.m.
OCT 30 - 4 p.m.

PARKS/CEMETARY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
SEPT 18 - 10 a.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
SEPT 4 - 12 p.m.
SEPT 18 - 12 p.m.
OCT 2 - 12 p.m.
OCT 16 - 12 p.m.

PLANNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE
24301 ROBERTS DRIVE
SEPT 3 - 4 p.m.
OCT 1 - 4 p.m.

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.

CITY HALL
P.O. Box 599
24301 Roberts Drive
(360) 886-5700
(253) 631-0351
Fax: (360) 886-2592

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT*/ NATURAL RESOURCES*/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT *
P.O. Box 599
24301 Roberts Drive
(360) 886-5700
(253) 631-0351
Fax: (360) 886-2592

POLICE DEPARTMENT
P.O. Box 309
25510 Lawson Street
(253) 631-1012
Non-Emergency No: (360) 886-0022
Fax: (360) 886-2901

MUNICIPAL COURT*
P.O. Box 599
25510 Lawson Street
(360) 886-7784
Fax: (360) 886-5354

FIRE DEPT. DISTRICT #44
(253) 735-0284

PUBLIC WORKS
P.O. Box 599
24301 Roberts Drive
(360) 886-5700
(253) 631-0351
Fax: (360) 886-2592

UTILITY AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY PAGER (253) 333-5555

Declarations >>>
- Administration, Mayor Gordon
- City Clerk/HR Manager, Brenda L. Martinez, CMC
- Community Development/ Natural Resources, Aaron Nix
- Economic Development/MDRT, Andrew Williamson
- Finance, Mayene Miller
- Police, Jamey Kiblinger
- Public Works, Seth Boettcher, PE