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THE DIAMOND



The information source for Residents & Business in Black Diamond



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Please Note

Property Tax Notices

Property tax notices will be mailed out this month. Please make sure to keep an eye out for the notice & contact the town if you do not receive it. All property taxes are due September 30 unless you're enrolled in TIPPs.

Recreation Drop In:

There are many options around the arena for drop in recreation. On the SSSR we have basketball, ball hockey, pickle ball, or just skating if you want. The ODR offers a tennis net for those who have racquets. We also have a pump track, skate park, and outdoor fitness equipment. Check our calendar for more info:

<https://www.town.blackdiamond.ab.ca/Activities>

3-Stream Recycling Roll Out:

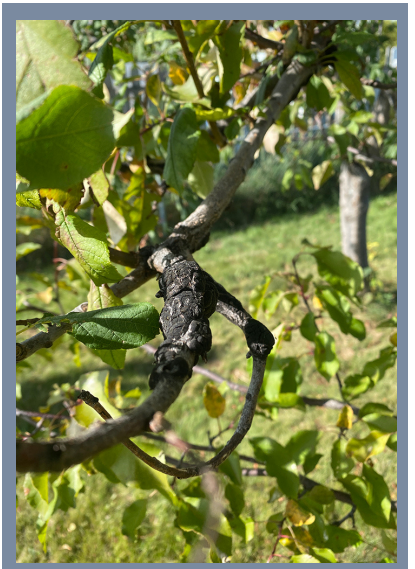
See Page 3 for more information regarding the 3-Stream Recycling program coming to town or visit:

www.town.blackdiamond.ab.ca/291/3-Stream-Waste-Collection

Black Knot also known to some as "poop" on a stick is a fungal disease that affects Prunus trees including ornamental, edible, and native plum, cherry & saskatoons. This is identifiable as hard, swollen black galls that look like tumors or poop on a stick that forms on tree branches and trunks. Although it looks horrible and is found on trees that provide us with food that we eat, black knot is NOT harmful to humans. However, the spores from black knot can be spread to other trees, and even though some trees can survive from having it, others cannot. The 2013 floods have made black knot more prominent in our area but there are ways to help limit it.

You will not be able to eradicate black knot but when you find it on your property, there are steps that you can take to help control spread:

- Prune knot-bearing branches during late fall, winter or very early spring.
- Remove infected branches 6-8" below knot.
- Cutting blades/pruners, should be disinfected between every cut.
- For knots that can't be removed; cut away diseased tissue down to good wood at least 1/2" beyond edge of the knot.
- Failure to remove branches beyond internal growth will result in re-growth of the fungus.
- **DISEASED WOOD MUST BE DESTROYED by burning or burying immediately.**



Summer - Coming in Hot!

 Brent Calver



Welcome to June, residents of Black Diamond. I hope everyone had a wonderful May and enjoyed their May Long Weekend, either with the snow or without. I've lived in Alberta a long time and it is rare to have a 'snowless' May long weekend, this proved to be true once again. Snow or not, getting the extra day with friends, family or some time to yourself is always good for the soul.

Let's get right to it. The Diamond Valley Parade is coming quickly. June 4th at 10:00 am, Black Diamond will be the host of yet another amazing parade and a pancake breakfast is available at OHS thanks to the Drillers, starting at 8:00 am. We expect it to be a morning filled with smiles, candy tossing and dancing on the sidewalks as the floats come by. Make sure to pull up a chair, wagon, or just yourself and get to our street curb early, we

are expecting a huge turnout after missing the last two summers.

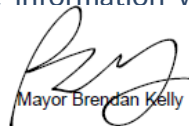
But wait, it's not over! Following the parade will be Diamond Valley Day in Turner Valley, a shuttle from the Park and Ride lot next to Fas Gas to the pool will be available thanks to the BGC of the Foothills. Most vendors will be set up around 10:30 am inviting everyone to buy, chat, explore and wander around Millennium Park. There will be lots to see and even a couple games, including trying to knock myself or Mayor Crane into a tub of cold water. Come and see what our awesome towns have in store for you and your family!

June is going to be a busy month. As I drive around town in the evenings and on the weekends, I love what I see. Soccer is back in full swing with many teams located throughout Black Diamond. I've seen teams playing baseball and the high school students at Oilfields are back outdoors for physical education class. It's great seeing all the smiling faces and laughter on the fields, it brings hope for a beautiful summer.

The 3-Stream Garbage Collection program has started as of today, June 1st. Please make sure to place your recycle (blue) and organics (green) bins out on Wednesdays by 7:00 am. Collection times may vary as the drivers get their routes figured out. Please have your bins out early so you don't miss collection.

As June comes to a close, make sure to congratulate our 2022 Grads from Oilfields, C. Ian McLaren and all schools as we come out of an uncertain couple of years. Our youth need all the support they can get from us as they transition into a regular summer. We're so proud of all students in Alberta and wish them the best of luck in the future!

On the Amalgamation front, the Province of Alberta has issued the Order in Council authorizing the amalgamation of Black Diamond and Turner Valley. For the link to the official document https://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Orders/Orders_in_Council/2022/2022_156.pdf. The incorporation date will be effective January 01, 2023. Let's welcome Alberta's newest municipality "Diamond Valley" with open hearts and arms as we proceed down this uncharted path. More information will be provided to the public both from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Town's website.


Mayor Brendan Kelly

MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL

Council meetings are now held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm; June 1st and 15th. Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be found on the town website under Government-->[Agenda & Minutes](#). Council meetings have returned to in person, members of the public are welcome to attend in person or join online or watch on our YouTube Channel at a later date. Links to join online meetings can be found on <http://www.town.blackdiamond.ab.ca/calendar.aspx>.

Mayor Kelly reminds you it is always a good idea to start with town office if you have any questions, comments, or concerns in order to be directed to the appropriate person(s). The entire [council](#) and [administration](#) emails can be found on the town website and they're always here to help.

3 Stream Waste Collection

You should now have all three carts for the launch of our 3-Stream Waste Collection, and also received a kitchen compost pail with an information pamphlet. This pamphlet gives you the information needed to get started using your new carts, and gives you ideas of all the items you will be able to add to your carts. If you have questions, check our FAQs on <https://www.town.blackdiamond.ab.ca/291/3-Stream-Waste-Collection>.

Collection dates for Black Diamond will be Thursdays for garbage and Wednesdays for recycling and organics. Carts are to be placed by the curb by 7:00 am and lids must be closed.

Parks & Rec

There are just a few more things to work out and the skate park expansion should be on it ways this month or next at the latest! If you have any questions reaching out to Colin @Rollick&Co is always a safe bet since he has been such an important part of this endeavor and making sure that the skaters of the Diamond Valley are going to have a great place to skate and hang out.

Teen Nights for all teens born 2004-2010 are held every Thursday from 6:00 - 9 :00 pm at the ORA, SSSR, and BGC. You can also pre-order dinner from A&W.

Visit <https://www.town.blackdiamond.ab.ca/199/Youth-Programs> for more info. We have all been thrilled with the turnouts for these fun evenings and are looking forward to keeping them going for the rest of summer.

Have you ever wondered what this pickleball thing is? Or you have been hoping to have a place closer to home in order to play? Well you are in luck! All day Mondays and Wednesdays there will be 4 courts set up on the SSSR for everyone to come play pickleball. There will also be toonie drop in on Monday Evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, and Wednesday late afternoons from 3:30 - 5:30 pm.

This is a great opportunity for anyone with or without experience to come out and play with others from the community in a fun atmosphere. Jack and Gerald want to bring awareness to the game and meet new friends along the way. Contact Gerald 403-889-9115 for more info on toonie drop-in.



Parade is Saturday, June 4th this year, back after a brief hiatus! Find your spot early, parade starts at 10:00 am! We cannot wait to see all the amazing floats from all the local service clubs and businesses of the Diamond Valley. What a great way to celebrate being able to finally get back together then as an entire community!

Oilfields High School will have their annual pancake breakfast from 8:00 - 10:00 am, \$5 per person.

Diamond Valley Day

Following the parade take part in this family friendly event and market at Millennium Park, Turner Valley from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Featuring:

FREE Lion's Club BBQ (donations accepted)
Eagle 100.9 FM Dance Party & Talent Show Entertainment
Artisan Market
Bounce Houses & Petting Zoo
Carnival Games & Face Painting
Pool Party



Every year during Discovery Days the Sheep Creek Art Council hosts a Quilt & Bake Sale, along with a Rhubarb Tea in order to raise money. The Quilt and Bake Sale is on Saturday June 4th at 11:00 am at 133 Sunset Blvd in Turner Valley. Unfortunately, the Rhubarb Tea will not be held this year.



Millarville Horticultural Club is hosting their Annual Plant Sale June 4th from 12:00- 2:00 pm at the Millarville Racetrack. Very reasonable prices; all plant material is from local horticultural members. Cash only.

Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

Filling

2 cups rhubarb in 1" pcs 3 tbs "minute" tapioca
3 cups strawberry halves 3 tbs unsalted butter
1 cup sugar

Crust

2.5 cups flour 1/2 tsp salt
3/4 tsp sugar 1/2 cup ice-cold water
15 tbsp very cold unsalted butter cut in 1/4" cubes 1 tbs milk



Step 1: Prepare pastry; combine dry ingredients. Using a fork or pastry cutter, work half the butter into the flour until it resembles coarse meal. Quickly work the remaining butter into the dough until the biggest pieces are the size of lima beans. Drizzle in the water in several additions, tossing and mixing between each (It should look rather rosey and rough). Stop adding water when a few bits of dry flour remain in the bottom of the bowl; do not overwork the dough or it will become tough. Gather 2/3 of the dough and wrap tightly with plastic wrap. Do the same with remaining third. Flatten into disks. Refrigerate for 30 min, once chilled line a 9" pan.

Step 2: Combine rhubarb & strawberries in a bowl. Mix sugar and tapioca together and fold, allow to marinate.

Step 3: Preheat oven to 425°F. Spoon fruit into pastry shell and dot with butter. Cut remaining pastry into strips and weave a lattice. Crimp edges, brush lattice with milk and sprinkle with a bit of sugar.

Step 4: Bake for 15 min. Lower heat to 350°F and bake 40 minutes until brown and bubbling.

Diamond Valley Community Garden

The Diamond Valley Community Garden received a facelift! There has been a lot of work done on all the garden beds this spring, and there have been 6 beds completely redone.

There is also an ANNUAL PLANT SALE June 11 held at AG Foods. This sale is how the garden raises the majority of it's money to keep the garden going.

The plant sale will take place from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. If you require more info contact Jane @ 403-620-1316.



Black Sheep Coffee Co

Have you noticed the new store front in Turner Valley where the Chin-up Cafe used to be? We are very excited for Joe Clarey and the rest of the Black Sheep Coffee family. This small business was started in Joe's garage in January 2021.

He always had a goal to move to a bigger location once he got established and man did Black Sheep ever "take off"!

The Town of Black Diamond is very supportive of "incubator businesses" and when we see home based businesses open store front locations we can't help but get excited for them! They are located at 105 Sunset Blvd, call them @ 403-700-0597, or follow along on their journey [FB](#) or [IG](#) @blacksheepcoffee_co

Seniors week is June 6 - 12, 2022 and is an opportunity to show appreciation for older adults in our community and to showcase the contributions they make. The FCSS of Black Diamond & Turner Valley are hosting a Seniors Tea on June 8 from 2pm-3:30pm at the Griffith Centre. Please join us by reserving your seat with Sue @403-933-4348



Big Welcome to Peak Boutique

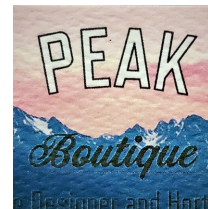
Maybe you have noticed the new storefront on main street where the Soft Rock Bistro used to be located, Black Diamond has a new face to welcome.

Although to some, Peak Boutique is not new to Black Diamond, they are definitely now more visible. They have celebrated their official opening over the May long weekend and they are really excited to have a face in the community after 2 years.

If you are still wondering what the Peak Boutique is, they are a sustainably conscious floral and arts business that also helps support other local artists. If you are in the market for floral or horticultural services, Peak Boutique is the place to get in contact with. Keep an eye open for seasonal markets as well!

Within the store front you will also find 3 other full-time vendors who are all also sustainably conscious. [@diamondvalleytropicals](#) specializing in only Canadian sourced tropical house plants and supplies; [@alexandras.attic](#) specializing in vintage, antique, odd and obscure finds; [@therichcycler](#) specializing in art upcycling.

The next time you are downtown, be sure to stop in and say *hi*! Remind them what's great about having their storefront in Black Diamond.



MILLARVILLE
run TO THE FARMERS' MARKET

**Saturday,
June 18, 2022**

Back on June 18th will be the 9th annual Millarville Run to the Farmer's Market Half Marathon. The half marathon course begins at the ORA in Black Diamond, heads south and then west through the Turner Valley Golf Course, then eventually north into Turner Valley, east along the Friendship Trail, back towards Black Diamond and then north on racetrack road to the 37th opening season of the Millarville Market.

The race hosts a traditional half marathon, a half marathon relay, and an 8 Mile Cinnamon Bun Run. Just so that residents are aware, the runners will be showing up in droves on 3rd St. SW around the arena starting as early as 6:00 am and will be around until after 8:00 am. Their vehicles may be along the streets for the majority of the morning.

Avoid 3 St. SW, 3 Ave. SW, and 5 St. SW between 6:00 - 8:20 am if possible, as there may be some traffic holdups. Racetrack road will also be closed for the majority of the morning and Turner Valley travel will also be problematic between 7:45 - 8:20 am. Why not wake up, grab a coffee, and cheer them on!

Radioathon

Together we can make a difference at the 9th Annual Sheep River Health Trust Radioathon. This fundraiser is one of the biggest fundraisers that the Trust has and is dedicated to funding local health and wellness initiatives.

The goal for their Radioathon being held on June 23 is to raise \$70,000, which they have nearly surpassed in the last couple of years, with 2021 contributions totally \$67,374. Many programs have received support due to these fundraisers, including Foothills Country Hospice, Rowan House, Oilfields General Hospital, School Meal Program, It Takes a Village & Baby It's Cold Outside. If you are an organization in the Foothills community looking for funding for health and wellness initiatives be sure to reach out or visit www.sheepriverhealthtrust.ca/radiothon for info. They are here for you!



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