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THE DIAMOND

The information source for Residents & Business in Black Diamond



DIAMOND MUSIC FEST & CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

01 JULY 2022

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Fireworks to follow at dusk



Please Note

Property Tax Notices

Property tax notices were mailed out June 13th. Not receiving your notice does not constitute non-payment. If you have not received your notice please reach out to town office for your copy. All property taxes are due September 30 unless you're enrolled in TIPP's.

Town Office Closure

Town office and all indoor facilities will be closed for the Canada Day long weekend beginning Friday, July 1 and will open again on Monday, July 4, 2022.

Recreation Update:

The pump track expansion has started to take place thanks to Woodmaster Homes and Pettersen Contracting donating time, equipment, and supplies. Please stay out of fenced areas. The skate park and mountain bike track work will also be starting soon! **Thank you** to all the local businesses and groups that have also contributed to these endeavours.

FCSS Black Diamond & Turner Valley have worked together over the last couple months to host some great community events of appreciation. The first event was the Volunteer Appreciation Open House hosted at the Sheep River Library. Under the guidance of Learning Commons Facilitator Cindy Watts, OHS students Elara Campbell, Kiana Milne, Mia Fleshman, Amber Goddard, Rachael Welsh, and Macy Richardson interviewed volunteers who attended the event.



They asked why they volunteer & what keeps them coming back. Turns out many of them started volunteering to meet new people, expand their network, learn something new and/or give back.



The volunteers keep coming back mostly because they find the experiences rewarding personally; they get so much more out of it than expected. They learn and grow, develop strong people skills, and become more aware of what is going on in the world and accepting of different perspectives. They find it brings great joy, a sense of belonging and of being valuable to others.



The second even was the Seniors' Tea at the Griffiths Centre on June 8. It was a well attended event full of energy lively conversation. Big thank yous go out to Kaiser's Cakery, the Westwood, and Chocolate by Cotton for the tantalizing array of baked goods and chocolate covered strawberries; Tim Horton's for the coffee & tea, and

Pharmasave and Dairy Queen for their generous door prize donations!

Welcome to SUMMER break!



Ezra Lefthand Mayor Kelly Miguel Labelle

Rain rain, go away! What a month of hot days filled with splashes of rain. We are finally into the summer months. We have been asking for rain for a while now and it is great to see our fields are glowing green and our gardens are bursting with colours. Many of us, including our ranchers, farmers and gardeners rely on a wet spring, although late, I'm sure they are happy to have had all the rain.

July 1st, CANADA DAY. Let's get right to it. We've got a big day planned just down the street from our usual spot for Canada Day celebrations, 299 6th Ave SW. We're kicking it off with a pancake breakfast from 9:00 - 11:00 am hosted by the Legion. After you've filled your bellies, I'll get things rolling with an introduction, followed by the Canadian anthem.

Once we're finished, we'll be inviting a variety of musicians up to perform for the duration of the day. You can stick around the stage and jam out or you can wander the area. We've got bouncy castles, children focused activities and local vendors will be set up to chat and sell their handmade or locally sourced products. There will be drummers, dancers and local storytellers around, so make sure to lend an ear and hear about our local history. We also expect to have food trucks, so when you burn those pancakes off, make sure to support a local food truck and try something new!

Of course, no Canada Day would be complete without fireworks. As always, the fireworks will be happening up in the industrial park, roughly behind Tim Hortons. Parking will be tight, so if you have the means or live close enough, load up a wagon with a blanket or something cozy and go claim the perfect spot. If you do drive, please make sure to be mindful of kids or pets zipping in and out of parked cars. When the fireworks are over, please take your time heading home.

With so much going on in one day, the first day of the month no less, it can make the rest of the month seem so quiet. However, our students are out of school and nothing about July is going to be slow. Most families use their vacation time in July and August, so please, ENJOY IT! There is so much to look forward to other than Canada Day. Camping, day trips, hiking, fishing, the nature list surrounding Black Diamond is seemingly limitless. I hope your vacation days are filled with the weather you need to make it a success!



Mayor Brendan Kelly

MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL

Council meetings are usually held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm; July will only have one meeting, July 20th, as July 6 has been cancelled. 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 the best practice is 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

We are just over a month into our new 3-Stream Collection System, and although the first couple weeks were a little rocky with the drivers trying to figure out their routes, it seems as though things are calming down and working themselves out. If you still have any questions, or if you have any issues going forward with cart damage or pickups being missed check our FAQs for more information

<https://www.town.blackdiamond.ab.ca/291/3-Stream-Waste-Collection>.

Collection in the Diamond Valley is Wednesdays for green & blue carts, and Thursday for black carts. Please have at curb by 7am.

Parks & Rec

Pump Track Expansion: The Pump Track is the raised dirt course to the south of the SSSR. This track is getting an expansion to the east of the current track that should almost double it's original size. Thank you to Woodmaster Homes and Pettersen Contracting for donating materials and time.

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

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 until the end of July. We would appreciate you reminding your children that respect of staff, other youth, and the recreation site are important in order to keep these nights going.

Skateboard park revamp has actually turned into the town now having 2 skateparks! The new skatepark will be built just to the north of the pump track on the south side of the SSSR. It was decided to keep the original skatepark and build the second in order to have more options for the youth and adult skaters. The cost to tear out the original park didn't make sense since we have room to add the new one right by the first one. We are hoping this will make the community happy to have more options available.

Black Diamond has partnered with the Town of Okotoks to host the Mountain Bike portion of the Alberta Summer Games 2023. Thanks to the Turner Valley Golf Course and land usage we will have an amazing track for the event, as well as the community to use.



Also Featuring:

Drummers, Dancers & Storytellers
Legion Pancake Breakfast
Legion Beer Gardens
Food Trucks
Bounce Houses & Children's Activities
Market Vendors
Fireworks at Dusk

Local Teacher Receives APEGA Innovation in Education Award

Oilfields Highschool Grade 9 Science teacher Christine Crane has been awarded a \$4,000 grant from APEGA towards the work her students at OHS, in collaboration with Chief Jacob Bearspaw school, have been doing to measure water quality in the Highwood. It is important for the children to learn and share the importance of environmental sustainability and the collective responsibility we have to the land and water.

The project has also received some additional funding and support from Belfor who also has an interest in making sure the quality of the water in the Highwood river remains usable for all the communities that rely on it. For more information please [click here](#) or visit the sustainability portion of our website.



Turner Valley Golf Course Caesar Mix

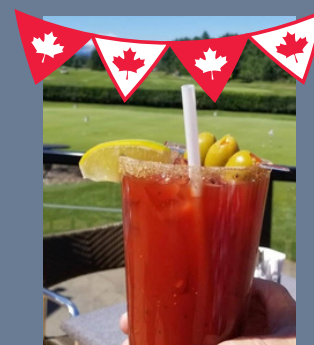
Have you ever sat down on the Turner Valley Golf Course patio and enjoyed one of their infamous Caesars? Not only is the golf course known for it's history and beautiful views, many also know it as the best place around to get the tastiest Canadian beverage, the **CAESAR**. In celebration of Canada Day, the Turner Valley Golf course F&B manager Kelly has been gracious enough to share the recipe for their Caesar mix. Whether you are drinking it with traditional vodka or as a virgin beverage, you will not be disappointed with this recipe. If it is just too much work for you, you can also head to the Royalite Grill and have the food & beverage team make one for you while enjoying Fish Friday. The Royalite Grill is currently open everyday 8:00 am until 9:00 pm, call 403-930-9239 or visit their website or [Facebook](#) for [more info](#).

Ingredients

- 1.89L Bottle of Clamato
- Worcestershire Sauce
- Tabasco
- Garnish with lime, celery salt rim, spicy beans and olives.
- 1 tsp Celery Salt
- 1/4 tsp Lemon Pepper
- 1/2 tsp Montreal Steak Spice

Directions

- Make sure you have enough room to add ingredients to the Clamato.
- 1) Add the equivalent of about 1/8-1/4 cup of Worcestershire (the golf course has a squeeze bottle they go by, (2cm of clam bottle))
 - 2) Add 10-12 shakes of Tabasco
 - 3) Add remaining ingredients and shake well and let marinate



WEED



INSPECTIONS

Every year the town contracts weed inspectors as per the Alberta Weed Control Act. These inspectors are charged to work their way through town, both public and private lands, to find noxious weeds. If they find these weeds they are then tasked to inform the town and the private citizens what the next steps need to be.

The inspectors are given permission to enter private land by way of the Alberta Weed Control Act. They will typically only do so if they have noticed noxious weeds from passing by your yard, or have received a request to inspect. Please check our [website for more information](#).

Repair Cafe

SATURDAY July 2, 2022

11:30 AM TO 3:00 PM

GRIFFITH'S CENTRE

122 GOVERNMENT RD S

BLACK DIAMOND

What do you want to see?

Housing



Parks



Amenities



Retail



Healthcare



Education



Have your say on the future of the town we live in. A consultant is preparing a Conceptual Plan for a large tract of land on the east side of town. They are seeking input from ALL community residents.

The Conceptual Plan will be submitted to Town Council for con-

sideration. If adopted, it will help guide the subdivision and development of these lands. This is your chance to have your say click [here](#) or visit this link <https://qpengage.ca/project/black-diamond/> to fill out the survey from the developer.



Pizza Hut

It's official...there's another pizza spot in town! let's be sure to show them how welcoming the Diamond Valley can be! We live in an amazing community full of so many wonderful businesses owned and ran by locals, we want to see them all succeed.

Pizza Hut located on the south side of 116 Government Rd N is now open for delivery or pick up. Fully gluten free options as well as their regular wings, pasta, dessert, and of course pizza menu are all available. You can order online or by phone (403)933-0155

Celebrating 5 Years of Strong Minds, Strong Bodies, & Community



Would you believe us if we were to tell you there is a place in our community that you can go to find strength for both mind and body; acceptance for who you are and build families/friendships; somewhere families can work together; a place you can have fun, be yourself, and ignite a passion you may have not known you had inside of you? It exists and it has been right here in Black Diamond for 5 years now! They may have started in one location and relocated; had to pivot and change things up a bit due to circumstances of the last few years; however, for Kim and Trina Hampton one thing always remained, their desire to help build a community (Fit Family) who walk into their boutique gym and feel at home.

Focus FITness is not your typical gym, it has the equipment you find in other gyms, you can go there and get in your typical workouts if that's what you want, but that's not their "FOCUS". This boutique private gym is all about coaching their members, providing a toolbox to help challenge them to be better, "We want our FIT FAMILY members to be able to live life and be able to get up off the toilet when they are 80".

When you join the [Focus FITness](#) family with a monthly membership you receive more than just access to the keyless gym 365 days 4am-11pm; you also receive FREE F.IT Platform Small group training, FREE coaching cues on form & technique, FREE accountability program, and FREE advice & consultation. They also offer challenges throughout the year that are open to the entire community and not just members, as well as youth programs like the summer program that they are taking registrations for now. Pricing is based on a monthly membership and rates are also available for youth, seniors, families, & camp shifts. Reach out to Trina (587) 4FOCUS1 (text if she doesn't answer) or email info@focusfitnessbd.com



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