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THE DIAMOND

The information source for Residents & Business in Black Diamond



Please Note

Property Tax Notices

Property tax notices were mailed out on June 13th. Not receiving your statement 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.

Town Office Closure

Town office and all indoor facilities will be closed for the August long weekend on Monday Aug 1, 2022. We will reopen on Tuesday Aug 2.

Water Restrictions:

The town of Black Diamond is currently on Level 2 watering restrictions. All outdoor water use including watering lawns, non-commercial washing of vehicles, sidewalks, pads, exteriors of building, filling of hot tubs/jacuzzi, recreational use of sprinklers and like water toys, is restricted to: odd number addresses may water Thursday and Sunday; even number addresses Wed & Sat; 6am-9am 7pm-10pm

Work has begun on the **mountain bike** trail for the 2023 Summer Games that Black Diamond and Okotoks have teamed up on. Thanks to an agreement in place with the Turner Valley Golf Course to use their private land, we have been able to work towards this great recreational piece for our community. There has been a lot of excitement from the local youth and many parents about this track since it will allow just one more fun activity for the kids to keep them active. We appreciate the golf course allowing us the opportunity to use their land for the community. We want to remind everyone to treat it with respect.



There have also been concerns voiced regarding the work from an environmental standpoint. We absolutely have heard these concerns and have done everything we can in order to minimize environmental impact as much as possible and still create a safe and usable trail. As regrowth occurs along the edges of the pathway the trail width will decrease and become less noticeable.

We are currently looking for volunteers for handwork to help groom and finish the trail to make it usable for the last part of the summer. The machinery could only do so much, and with the community's help, we hope to get things done quickly. We will gather on August 13, starting at 8 am at the SSSR. We are asking volunteers to register so we can have numbers to provide lunch. For more information and to register to volunteer, please see our website or click [HERE](#)

Midsummer Snapshot



Wow, tourism and travel are back! After a couple of 'quiet' summer months the last few years, it's not hard to see that Black Diamond is back on travellers' minds. Our storefronts are bustling, walking paths are moving with bikes, strollers and walkers, and the Lions Club Campground is packed. What a great thing to behold! A friendly reminder as the weather continues to be warm and more people are floating or spending time on the river bank, stay safe. Some of the banks have eroded more and have become unstable since the high waters; please keep yourself and your pets at a safe distance.

I'll give you some updates as we move through the summer at a blistering pace. Road work on 4 St SW and 1 Ave SW is moving. If you have been around this part of town, you'll see some of it blocked off with heavy machinery. The work to lay new pipes and pave these roads is well underway. Please take your time when driving around this work.

Both administrations and the council are working on the rebranding of Diamond Valley for amalgamation; we welcome thoughts and ideas for the new logo. If you or a friend have ideas about what it should look like, send the town an email with your vision. We are working on a celebration for Diamond Valley this fall; we'll be sure to keep everyone in the loop!

The 2023 Summer Games and our contribution to the mountain bike track are also underway. Black Diamond has collaborated with the Turner Valley Golf Course to bring a world-class mountain bike track to our town. We are looking for volunteers to help finish it off on August 13. Okotoks held a 'one year away' kick-off to the games this month, which was very exciting. The energy is flowing in both towns as we prepare to welcome 2700 athletes and their families. Stay tuned for more information!

With summer at the halfway point, I hope you have had a chance to relax, perhaps travel to see family or have had family come and visit you. With fuel prices tipping ever so slightly in our favour, now may be an excellent time to hit the road with the window down to see some of our province, visit family and friends, or take some time to yourself. Whatever you decide to do, have fun and be safe.


Mayor Brendan Kelly

MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL

Council meetings are usually held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm; August will only have one meeting, August 17th, as Aug 3 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.

Road Construction

Underway until August 15



Construction to improve infrastructure and road surfacing has begun. Please find alternate parking until construction is completed

Construction has been under way since mid July on 1st Ave SW between 3rd St and 5th St to replace water and sewer lines, street lights and pave the road surface. Paving crews will then be paving 4 St SW between 3rd Ave and Centre Ave once 1st Ave SW is completed.

Alternate parking will be necessary until complete.



The Oilfields Food bank is requesting support from the community. Although they appreciate the outcry of support during the holidays; they are reminding the community that hunger doesn't take a holiday, when someone is hungry they are hungry now. If you are fortunate enough to be able to help out towards some much needed items the foodbank and the many families they support appreciate anything you are able to do.

You can find a list of needed items including but not limited to: condiments & sauces, baking supplies, canned meat/fruit, chillis/stews, instant noodles, pet foods, snack items on their [website](http://www.oilfieldsfoodbank.com) www.oilfieldsfoodbank.com or you can follow them on Facebook

Parks & Rec

Pump Track Expansion: The pump track located south of the SSSR has been expanded! We are currently waiting on some finishing supplies to be delivered, and Pettersen Contracting will be able to finish the last of the work.

The **ORA ice** will be made over the next few weeks, and we will be officially open for ice rentals at the end of August. If you have questions regarding ice rentals, public skating etc., please call the arena at (403) 933-5272 or email bookings@town.blackdiamond.ab.ca or visit our [website](http://www.blackdiamond.ab.ca) under community.

Skateboard park groundwork should start the first week of August as long as everything goes as planned. Once the groundwork begins, it typically only takes a few days. After the groundwork is complete, we will have Transition come in to start the pouring process. Please be mindful of all the construction around the recreation site outside the arena.

Be sure to stay safe out on the water around town! The pathways right along the river's edge have become unstable due to the high waters; be aware when adventuring. While floating be prepared for dangers including but not limited to fallen trees, currents, alcohol, heat, low waters (tail bone injuries, drowning and pet safety).

Outside on the **SSSR**, we still have pickleball on Mondays and Wednesdays; the pad is available for skating, basketball, floor hockey etc., throughout the rest of the days unless privately booked. You are always welcome to reach out to the parks and rec team @ (403)933-5272 or via email at bookings@town.blackdiamond.ab.ca



STUFF THE BUS MY CITY CARE OKOTOKS

Are you a family in need of a bit of help up going into the upcoming school season? My City Care out of Okotoks is here for you. along with other members of our foothills community. If you are in need of support you can register [HERE](#) or email okotoks@mycitycare.ca.



If you are fortunate enough to be able to help out, My City Care Okotoks is requesting donations of new school supplies. There are over 120 families registered for the Stuff the Bus program. Requests are being made for items such as lined paper, large backpacks, exercise books, binders, pencils, highlighters, dividers, and rulers. When you are out shopping for your child's list, if you could duplicate some of the items, they will all come in handy.

Supplies can be dropped off at a number of places around Okotoks including Foothills Cleaners, Built Strong, Loop Kids Consignment, or at the MyCityCare office at 106 Southbank Rd.

If you have any further questions follow [@mycitycareokotoks](https://www.instagram.com/mycitycareokotoks) or [EMAIL](mailto:okotoks@mycitycare.ca)

#LoudAnd Proud LEO

Who are the L'il Legendary Leos?



Where there's a NEED, there's a LEO.

Many of us have heard of the Lion's Club, either because of the campground or because of the MANY great things they have supported within our community, but you may not know, behind the Lion's are the LEO's helping along the way. Leo's are in the most basic form; 12-18-year-old Lions.

Leadership, Experience, Opportunity is what makes a LEO. They are devoted young people who realize the power of action. The L'il Legendary Leo's are the Foothills club, and one of fastest growing Leo clubs. They are receiving international recognition within the Lion's community and have been noted as the club to watch.

These youth are out in our community lending helping hands while gaining knowledge and experience in many facets of life; they run their club 100% on their own (even the financials) with the guidance of Lion Tim and Leo-Lion Kiri Beer. If you ever need a helping hand you can contact the Lion's Club and ask for Leo assistance. If you notice the LEOs out around town fundraising, you could help support them. From September through June the Leo's regularly meet at the Sheep River Library on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month.



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Book Now COMING TO BLACK DIAMOND

Sept 6th -8th
Oilfields Hospital

Appointments required Call
1-800-667-0604 to book



bgc
**Field of
Dreams**

Construction for the new accessible playground is about to commence. The BGC is very excited to announce that playground site work will start August 2nd and installation of the equipment is on August 8th! Can't wait for everyone to be able to play=)



Are you a compassionate individual looking to volunteer in your community and make a difference in someone's life?

Wild Rose Community Connections is looking to recruit volunteers for the following roles:

Caring visitor: Weekly check-in

phone calls or weekly visits with an isolated individual looking for a social connection. Community Companion: Support a senior to go grocery shopping/run errands Transportation: help get a senior to medical appts. Practical kindness: Put your strengths to work Please call Chanice to discuss (403) 437-4984



Highland Roast Beef Recipe From Hartell Homestead

The goal of Hartell Homestead is to provide truly local meat, produce, eggs, and honey directly to you. As part of their philosophy, they have a deep respect for nature's ways, which is why all of their meat and produce are farmed locally or on site and responsibly raised.

They only sell whatever is in season, so you can be sure that anything you buy is freshly picked. After 3 years, not only are these hairy cows super adorable, they are also an amazing premium beef. Due to their slow growth rate the meat is on average 38% more tender than regular beef. It is very nutrient-packed and low in cholesterol. Founder of the Hartell Homestead, Nick Shipley, has shared his Highland Roast Beef Recipe with us, so we have decided to share it with you! If you want to know more about the Hartell Homestead and all the great things they offer not only food but education wise; check them out on IG @hartellhomestead, FB @hartellhomestead or click [HERE](https://www.hartellhomestead.com/) to get to their website www.hartellhomestead.com/

**Turner Valley Legion
Sunday Markets**
every Sunday (except Long weekends)
10 am - 3 pm
Brunch available at 10 am in branch



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SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2022

KidneyMarch.ca
403.255.6139

Show your support for Kidney Marchers walking around Black Diamond on Friday, September 9

Kidney March, the 3-day, 100KM walk from Kananaskis to Calgary, will pass near the Town of Black Diamond, walking in the neighbouring Town of Turner Valley on September 9, as marchers kick off their epic journey.

In support of The Kidney Foundation of Canada, this is the 13th year for Kidney March, the only event of its kind to fight kidney disease and for organ donation.

Marchers walk an average of 33KM a day to raise needed awareness and vital funds for kidney disease prevention, life-saving research, patient programs and organ donation initiatives.

Please be cautious of Marchers around Black Diamond on Friday, September 9, look out for the Kidney March signs, and cheer them on! Visit KidneyMarch.ca for more information and to get involved.



Ingredients

- Highland Beef sirloin or round roast (thawed)
- 1 onion
- 60 ml red wine (can purchase non-alcoholic varieties at AG)
- Salt and Pepper
- 100 ml beef stock
- Fresh herbs (rosemary is most common; Nick is a fan of using summer savoury or sage)

Directions

- Preheat oven to 230c/450 F season beef with salt and pepper
- Sear cut end in hot pan (Nick uses cast iron w/cultured butter) it allows the beef to stay nice and juicy through cooking
- Add sliced onion, red wine, and beef stock in bottom of oven pan, lay beef on top and sprinkle with fresh herbs roast for 30-40 min for medium rare, baste 2-3 times with juices while cooking
- Remove from oven/pan cover loosely with foil let rest 20 min
- Serve with fresh garden vegetables
- Remember to drizzle with the amazing juices left in the pan.
- Whisk in corn starch to thicken for a gravy



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