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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. 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 TIPPs.

Town Office Closure

Town Office and Public Works will be closed for the Labour Day Long Weekend. If you require any assistance we will be back in the office on Tuesday, September 6.

We will also be closed until noon on September 8, due to our annual office half day health and safety meeting.

Water Restrictions

The town of Black Diamond is currently on Level 2 watering restrictions. Restrictions in place are odd number addresses may water Thursday & Sunday; even number addresses Wednesday & Saturday; 6:00 am-9:00 am or 7:00 pm-10:00 pm.

The time has officially arrived and the summer is coming to an end. This means that the children are heading back to school and there will be a lot more traffic and pedestrians in the early morning and afternoons.

Protective Services would like to remind you to stay vigilant and keep your eyes on the road and sidewalks as you are venturing around the neighbourhood during the before and after school hours.



As a reminder, when a school bus has it's lights flashing and/or when the stop sign is out, this is for vehicles on BOTH sides of the road to know there are children present and you are NOT to drive past the school bus until the flashing lights AND stop sign are off and pulled back in.

Falling for September



Before we jump right back into school, let's take a minute to reflect on August. We experienced a renewed energy in Black Diamond after the last couple of summers being 'stuck' at home. Our streets were bustling, parking lots full and tons of smiling faces around town. Bike trails, pump tracks, parks, walking trails, the list goes on and on, such great energy. It was wonderful to be a part of Black Diamond this summer. 🍁

Quick housekeeping notes, our street construction between Dairy Queen and Oilfields High School is almost complete. Both 1 Ave SW and 4 ST SW roads that have been under construction needed a huge facelift. We were able to replace the infrastructure on 1 Ave SW and paved both 1 Ave SW and 4 ST SW from 3rd to Center. We anticipate in the coming weeks for this construction to be done. Thank you to the residents and guests of our community for parking or walking while these crews get the job done. We replaced the old road with pavement and redid the piping underneath, which was also needed.

Amalgamation continues to press on. Rebranding and an HR team are being hired to help with the final pieces as we collaborate with the province to make this process as seamless as possible. There are many things happening at both town offices while everyone works together to make this transition smooth. Also concerning amalgamation is the nomination deadline for the November election. Nomination papers need to be in by October 31st.

We had some EV chargers installed around town as well. You can find them at the town office, arena and the new park and ride area by the bridge. These chargers were funded by a provincial grant, which our great administrative team applied for and executed. Great to have alternative options in our growing community!

Alright, the not so colourful news, summer is coming to a close and school is ramping back up! Back to school shopping, supplies, grocery lists, daycare, before and after school care, holy cow, when does it stop? Well, as a parent, I can tell you, it doesn't stop. Plan, coordinate, team up, ask for help, and take a moment for yourself. Burnout is real and the beginning of the school year will do that to any seasoned parent. Take a minute for you, your mental health is worth it and the 7th cup of milk for your toddler can wait one more minute.

On that note, I am wishing everyone the best start to a long-awaited school year! It has been 2+ years in the making and our kids need normal back in their lives. Sports programs, music class, drama, and every other extracurricular activity is itching to get going. Shake off the dust, get the kids involved and have a wonderful September!



Mayor Brendan Kelly

MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL

Council meetings are usually held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm; There is only one September meeting on September 7th. The Joint Friendship Agreement will be meeting on Sept 14th. 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>.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns it is best to direct them to town office 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 Update

Extended to Sept 2



Construction underway on 1 Avenue SW and 4 Street SW will continue until September 2.

Construction has been underway 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.

Thank you everyone for your patience with the road construction that has been taking place. Construction will continue until September 2nd.

Parks & Rec

Pump Track Expansion: We are currently waiting to find gravel fines to finish off our Pump Track. If you are a company or person who would like to do an in kind donation of fines to the pump track please reach out to lesq@town.blackdiamond.ab.ca to learn more.

The ORA ice is back! 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](#) under community.

Skateboard park: There have been delays getting groundwork started. We are just waiting on contractors and approvals. 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.

Mountain Bike Trail: We are still working with volunteers to help complete the hand work the machines were unable to get to. First session was August 13, the next session will be September 1 from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm and another session to follow within the next few weeks. If you want more information or would like to volunteer reach out to lesq@town.blackdiamond.ab.ca or go to <https://app.booking.ca/bdarenapub/calendars/facilities/index.asp>

SSSR: The outdoor rink is still ice less; however, we still have many things available to you before winter sets in. 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

Welcome to The Market

We would love to take a moment and welcome Shelby, Adam, and Adaline to the Diamond Valley business community! Although they opened just a few short weeks ago, they are already making a mark on our town with her charcuterie boards, Caesars and variety of cheeses. The Market is more than just a deli, you really need to check it out. The Market, located at 101-114 Government Road S, is open from 11:00 am- 7:00 pm daily. You will find a variety of lunch, business meeting/lunch, date night, picnic or family outing options.

They are also licensed, so if you are looking for a glass of wine or Caesar you can have that as well.



September 30th is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, to honour the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools; their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Orange Shirt Day, also September 30, is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day for raising awareness of the lasting generational impacts of residential schools. The orange shirt represents the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.



EVERY CHILD MATTERS



Repair Café

We throw away vast amounts of stuff. Even things with almost nothing wrong, and which will receive a new lease on life after a simple repair. The trouble is many of us have forgotten that we can repair things ourselves. Knowing how to make repairs is a skill, quickly lost, and just as quickly relearned with some guidance and a little time.

This is exactly what the repair café is all about, helping you fix what's broken. You are welcome to bring your item and work on it yourself with the support and guidance of our volunteers, or you can make an appointment, drop it off and we will let you know when it's ready to be picked up!

Appointments are best to ensure you have a spot; but, we will always find a way to help you out, even if we have to put you on a wait list first. The next Repair Café is being held September 24, 11:00 am- 3:30 pm at the Griffith's Centre at 122 Government Road S, Black Diamond.



To book an appointment visit <https://app.10to8.com/book/kbgrkmnuokyewrytdf/> and book your time slot.

If you want more info or have an interest in volunteering to help you can reach out to itsasustainablelife@outlook.com



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Breast cancer although not only a disease found in women, it is the most common cancer among Canadian women. It is estimated that 28,600 Canadian women will be diagnosed which represents 25% of all new cancer cases in women in 2022. 78 Canadian women will be diagnosed every day; 270 Canadian men will be diagnosed this year.

When detected early the 5-year net survival estimate is 89%. Screening mammography is used to look for cancer in women who do not have any symptoms of breast cancer or breast problems. It can help find lumps or abnormal areas of breast tissue that may be too small to be felt by hand.

Women under 40: The risks are low. Speak to your doctor if you have concerns or need a referral.

Women 40-49: It is less clear that the benefits of scans outweigh the risks. Speak to your doctor if you have concerns or need a referral.

Women 50-74: Recommend a screening every 2 years or as recommended by doctor; no referral necessary.

Women 75+: Decide with your doctor if you should still be screening.

Screening for breast cancer is a choice. Make your choice by carefully thinking about the benefits and risks of breast cancer screening. You may experience these benefits or risks in a different way than others. <https://screeningforlife.ca/wp-content/uploads/Informed-Decision-Making-Rev-2021-07.pdf>



Between September 16 & 17, you are invited to spend an incredible 1 or 2 days driving through the beautiful foothills of Alberta, west and south of Calgary. Your destination? Local Alberta art galleries and private art studios!

This is your chance to visit the private studios without making a personal appointment and to enjoy all the extra activities and events taking place at the galleries! Route maps & schedules available at <https://themostbeautifularttourinalberta.com/event-schedules/>.

Barbie's
Mending & Sewing
403-968-9722

We can all celebrate that we now have another option for your mending and sewing needs in the Diamond Valley again. Red Hen will be greatly missed; however, Barb Whiteside has stepped up and is now providing precisely what many in this town have been missing. Barbie's Mending & Sewing can be found at 9-126 Centre Avenue W in Black Diamond.

If you haven't already, be sure to give her a call to see how she can help you with your mending and sewing needs.



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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 to Sunday, September 11, 2022.

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.



MBATA Celebrates Alberta Culture Days

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