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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 taxes are now past due unless you're enrolled in TIPPs. Accounts not paid by Sept 30th are **penalized 15% on the current year's tax balance**. Any outstanding amounts as of Jan 1st are penalized 15%.

### Town Office Closure

Town Office and Public Works will be closed Monday October 10th for Thanksgiving. If you require any assistance we will be back in the office on Tuesday, October 11th.

### Advertising Community Events

The town of Black Diamond invites local community organizations to submit public events for posting. Visit our [website](#) to submit a form for one or all the below options:

- Event sign boards
- Town website Events Sections & Calendar
- The Diamond Newsletter
- Facebook and Instagram

## RV Storage & Parking

November 1 - March 31

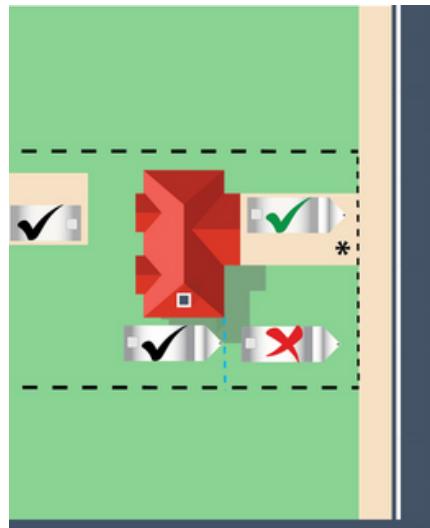
Bylaw would like to remind all trailer and RV owners of the bylaw amendment made August 2021, to [Bylaw 21-10](#) regarding parking recreational vehicles and trailers in residential areas.

From April 1 - Oct 31 up to 2 trailers/recreational vehicles may be parked in a front driveway as long as they are set back 1m from the sidewalk, or 1.5m from the curb.

From Nov 1 - March 31, parking of these vehicles is prohibited in a front driveway. Parking in your rear or side yard is permitted.

Failure to comply with the regulations set

forth in [Bylaw 21-10](#) may result in a fine. For a complete listing of vehicles and trailers affected visit the Town website by [clicking here](#).



### LEGEND

- - - Property Line
- \* 1 m to back of sidewalk OR 1.5 m to back of curb
- Start of rear yard
- Permitted April to October
- Permitted
- Not Permitted

# Will We SLIDE into October?



Buses are crawling through our streets, kids are back in class, and most of us are back to work. Just like that, September is behind us. Camping season is slowing, RVs are being winterized, and we're about to trade rakes for shovels. Life is humming right along in our beautiful town, and it feels normal, like this is how it should be. Let's get you caught up on the news in Black Diamond.

A couple of quick housekeeping notes. We have a by-election on November 28th for the new municipality, Diamond Valley. Nomination papers need to be in by October 31st. Please have them in if you plan on running for council or mayor!

Our new skate park has started construction! Heavy equipment will operate next to the upgraded pump track south of the hockey rink. Stay tuned for updates, this is a huge project for our town, and we're very excited!

The mountain bike track presses on and is near completion. As most of you know, we have teamed up with Okotoks for the 2023 Summer Games. Our contribution is the mountain bike track. The games will host over 2700 athletes and their coaches. After another massive Oktober Fest success at Fahr Brewery this past weekend, we expect to see thousands of people here next summer!

A quick note about campers, RVs, and most trailers; as of October 31st, they need to be put back in storage or comply with our bylaws when parking on your property. Last year all residents did a great job complying, and our Peace Officers did an awesome job chatting with each of you. I appreciate your efforts to comply, and I look forward to another camping season in 2023.

Lastly, amalgamation continues to move ahead. We have hired an HR team to help both towns. We have also selected our rebranding team to help with our new look. Lots of moving parts, but our administration continues to keep on top of everything; we're very proud of their hard work for Black Diamond!

Have a wonderful October, everyone!



Mayor Brendan Kelly

## MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL

Council meetings are usually held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm; October's meetings will be held October 5th, and October 19th. The Joint Friendship Agreement will be meeting on October 12th. 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.*

Spearheaded by [The United Church](#) in Turner Valley and supported by FCSS Diamond Valley, the Jacket Racket is available October 1 - Dec 31st. Clean, gently used winter clothing for adults & kids is available including coats, ski pants, boots, hats and mittens. If you would like to contribute items, donation boxes are set up in Black Diamond at the ATB & Town Office; and in Turner Valley at the Town Office. Please only donate the gently used items listed above. No other clothing will be accepted.

Jackets can be accessed every Tuesday from 11 am - 3 pm at the Oilfields Food Bank, 125 Royal Avenue NW Turner Valley, for ANYONE in the area who needs warm winter clothing.

We encourage folks to shop the racks...it is more proof of what a truly caring & sharing community we live in.



## Parks & Recreation

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](mailto:bookings@town.blackdiamond.ab.ca) or visit our [website](#) under community.

**Skateboard park:** Construction is officially happening on the new skateboard park. Groundwork commenced on September 20th. They have been hauling gravel into the site to pack and set the shape of the new layout. Once that is complete, the framing for the concrete will take place, and concrete will be poured. As long as the weather holds, the goal is to have the concrete poured and start to cure towards the end of October.

**Mountain Bike Trail:** Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers for our mountain bike trail, much work has been done towards preparing the 2023 Summer Games Mountain Bike track. Much work will still need to be accomplished before the July 2023 summer event alongside the Town of Okotoks. We will be looking for volunteers again starting in the spring. While the weather is still lovely, it will also be beneficial to have people out riding and walking the trail to help maintain the shape it's already in. If you are interested in being added to our volunteer list for next spring, please reach out to [Lesq@town.blackdiamond.ab.ca](mailto:Lesq@town.blackdiamond.ab.ca).

**SSSR:** Cleaning and preparation of the SSSR pad will commence the week of October 17th. The refrigeration system will be turned on October 24th and ice making will begin! November 1st is our official day of opening for this outdoor rink.



## HALLOWEEN

### Safety Tips



1

**Plan your Route:** Whether you are going out with your children or they are going out with friends, which helps timing, and incase anyone gets separated.

2

**Be Reflective & Alert:** Wear a costume with reflection or add reflective tape to candy bags/pillowcases. Whether walking or driving, stay alert to all the busy people wandering around.

3

**Stay Comfy & Warm:** Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and costumes. Ensure the costumes fit properly to avoid tripping. The weather Oct 31 can be very cold, be prepared to layer up to stay warm.

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**Set a Curfew or Time Limit:** If your children are going out alone Setting a time limit with friends or with you ensures everyone knows when to expect you home. It also ensures kids aren't out too late.

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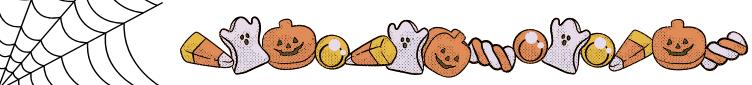
**Carry a Cell or Name Card:** In case of emergency it is always a good idea to carry a cell or allow your older children to have access to one if possible. Name cards are great for younger children if they get separated.

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**Stick to groups:** It is always a good idea to stick to large groups while trick-or-treating. If your children are going out with friends ensure there are at least 3 in their group and they understand to stick together.

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**Safety at Home:** Ensure the pathway to your home is properly lit and any obstacles are removed from the walkway to avoid trips and falls. If you have a pet that may get upset by all the trick-or-treaters, have them in a room away from the front door with comforts. Place a bowl of treats outside or ask for the doorbell to not be rung to avoid upsetting your pet.



## Prairie Good Hair... @prairiegood

### Welcome to the Diamond Valley

You may have noticed the changes at 104 Centre Ave West over the last few weeks. Diamond Valley has another hair stylist in town! Erica van der Basch, also known as the [Ritual Hairstylist](#), has renovated and moved her salon onto Centre Ave.

If you are in the market for a new stylist Erica specializes in all hair types and textures but especially curly hair, bright blondes, creative colours, and purposeful cuts. Erica's chair is a safe space. She provides services to any client no matter their hair type, skin colour, sexuality, gender identity, religion, abilities or body type.

The salon has already been open for a week and it looks as though it has already been successful. You are able to book appointments with Erica online by [clicking here](#), by phone 403-669-3669, or email [ritualhairstylist@gmail.com](mailto:ritualhairstylist@gmail.com)



# FIRE WON'T WAIT, PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
OCTOBER 9 - 15, 2022



Once your smoke alarm sounds, you could have only 2 minutes to evacuate. In observance of National Fire Prevention Week, we will be posting educational snippets on our social media to help you prepare in case you need to escape your home.

1. Check your smoke alarms and ensure they are all up to date and in working order. There are many different types of alarms available here is a [great video](#) to help you proceed.
2. Plan and Practice a home [evacuation plan](#) with everyone in the home. Ensure everyone knows and understands the procedure.
3. When creating your plan, remember to consider age and anyone with [mobility or hearing difficulties](#) to ensure they can also get out safely.
4. Remember to consider the building you live in and whether you require any special ladders or escape equipment.
5. Plan two escape paths out of each room to prepare everyone in case the original route is blocked.
6. Ensure your paths are clear of furniture and tripping hazards.
7. Set a meeting place away from home. Meeting locations are essential to know everyone is safe and can relay that information to the firefighters.



**FIRST  
ELECTION**  
for the new  
**Town of  
Diamond  
Valley**



Election Day is Monday, November 28, 2022.  
Amalgamation date is January 1, 2023.  
The Council elected at this First Election will not be sworn in until the Organizational meeting, which must be held no later than 60 days after the date of the first election.  
Between January 1st and the Organizational Meeting, all of the elected officials from Turner Valley and Black Diamond will be the Interim Council of the Town of Diamond Valley.  
Amalgamation Report, Orders, FAQs, What We Heard Reports, etc are all [available on both Towns' websites](#).



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## Firefighters Food Drive

The Firefighter's Community Food Drive in support of the Oilfields Food Bank will be returning this year! These hard working, big-hearted people will be going door-to-door in Turner Valley and Black Diamond on the evenings of Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8. This the important event typically helps carry the food bank through a substantial part of the year.



Regardless of the weather, they band together to help ensure food for the hungry in their communities. During the two evening event, many truckloads of food is dropped off. Many volunteers are needed to help sort, weigh, and store everything that is provided. If you are interested in volunteering with the Oilfields Food Bank you can enter your information on [their website](#).

Firefighters will be going around Black Diamond the evening of November 7th, and Turner Valley will be the evening of November 8th. If you will not be at home, but would like to contribute, please leave your food on your front step.



## Little Carpenters

Let your child (3-6 years old) explore the world of building and constructing. This exciting program helps develop problem-solving skills and fine motor skills while getting to use tools to create their very own masterpiece! Parents/caregivers must accompany children to classes at the Sheep River Library.

Event Dates Oct 6, 13, 27 from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Register at the library or contact 403-652-8633.

