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THE DIAMOND



The information source for Residents & Business in Black Diamond



Please Note

Diamond Valley Elections

Candidate bios will be available on both towns websites as they are released.

November 14th Candidates Forum; Oilfields High school 7-9 pm.

November 21st Advanced voting 1-8 pm; Griffiths Centre and Turner Valley Council Chambers.

November 28th Election Day 10 am - 8 pm; Oilfields High school and Flare N Derrick.

Town Office Closure

Town Office and Public Works will be closed Friday November 11, 2022 in observance of Remembrance Day.

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

Remembrance Day

November 11, 2022

The Royal Canadian Legion is committed to ensuring Canadians never forget.

In today's fast-paced world, it can be easy to take our way of life for granted and forget what so many men and women sacrificed for our freedoms. Remembrance initiatives remind us to take time to honour those who have dedicated their lives to serve our nation and communities.

Diamond Valley services will be held at Oilfields High School starting at 10:30 am; please arrive early. A social will be following the service at the Turner Valley Legion.



Say hello to the SNOW!



Welcome to winter; like summer, it comes fast! I hope everyone had a wonderful fall and you were able to get your yard, camper and garden winterized. I hope the snow melts for us once more before we get buried for the winter months. I know there are a couple more things I have to do!

With the fresh snowfall, let's try and remember to be courteous neighbours. Shoveling a couple of extra feet on your elderly neighbour's sidewalk or dusting off someone's car or truck goes a long way!

Remembrance Day ceremonies will be held at Oilfields High School on November 11th. The ceremony begins at 10:30 am and will conclude after 11:00 am. Please join us in remembering all those who have fought and continue fighting for our freedoms.

Here are a couple of updates and housekeeping notes for you all. The date for campers, trailers and anything else that needs to be in storage for the winter has approached! As of November 1st, these units must be in storage or in compliance with our trailer Bylaw 21-10. If you are uncertain if your unit meets these requirements, please get in touch with the Town for more information. Last year, everyone did an excellent job; thank you!

Our skate park will be ready for public use later this week! This will be a great addition to our community for all ages and years ahead. A huge thank you to Colin Fleming and everyone who contributed to the fundraising, volunteer work, and anything else that made this project a go; we appreciate you!

Updates regarding Amalgamation including information on changing your address will be released in mail drops in November and December. Keep your eyes peeled for these important nuggets of information.

A big and friendly reminder, our by-election for the new municipality of Diamond Valley is November 28th. Polling stations will be in Turner Valley and Black Diamond. Advanced polls will be on November 21st, from 1:00 - 8:00 pm. For more information regarding the election including where voting will take place, special ballots for those unable to vote in person, who the candidates are, and candidate forum on November 14th, continue to check the town [website for updates](#).



Mayor Brendan Kelly

MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL

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

First Election for the new TOWN of DIAMOND VALLEY



Voting Options

Advance Vote ~ November 21 ~ 1-8pm
Election Day ~ November 28 ~ 10am -8pm
Special Ballot by Request

www.town.blackdiamond.ab.ca ~ www.turnervalley.ca

Advance Voting Day

Monday, November 21 at either Turner Valley Council Chambers, or at the Griffiths Centre from 1-8pm.

Election Day

Monday, November 28 at either Oilfields High School or the Flare 'N Derrick from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm. Please follow signage.

Proper Identification Must Be Presented.

Residents from either town can vote at either location; however, only **ONCE**. [More INFO HERE](#)

Parks & Recreation

Skateboard park: Construction is almost complete! Transition has done a fantastic job with forming and setup; Hummel concrete has done the pouring. Soon the community will be able to enjoy the fruits of all that fundraising that took place over the last couple of years, thanks to the initiative of Colin Fleming of Rollick & Co, the many local businesses, community groups, and community members who had contributed their time and money to the project. We cannot wait to be able to host an official opening ceremony come next Spring.

Summer Games Mtn Bike Trail: Work on the trail has concluded for the winter, and will resume again in the spring. We encourage anyone who wants, to walk the trail through the winter to help keep it up. If you are interested in volunteering in the spring reach out to Les Quinton at the ORA.

Cross-country skiing: We are currently in the process of setting aside an area for residents to use for cross-country skiing. We will inform you when we have more information.

Skating/Hockey: Public skating is available Sundays from 3-4 pm, Sponsored by Pharmasave. The covered outdoor rink (SSSR) is located west of the Oilfields Regional Arena is officially open for skating and pickup hockey, first come, first serve, when not booked for private groups.



Please check the website for the most up-to-date schedule and availability. If you have questions regarding ice rentals, public skating etc., visit our website under community.

Special Ballots

If you are unable to vote at a voting station on either November 21 or 28 and would still like to vote you may qualify for a special ballot. Visit our website for more information [HERE](#).



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 11:00 am - 3:00 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.

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

Regardless of the weather, they band together to help ensure there is food for the hungry in their communities. During the two evening events, many truckloads of food are dropped off at the food bank.

Firefighters will be going around Black Diamond on the evening of November 7th, and Turner Valley will be on 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. [More info HERE](#)

Firefighters Food Drive





SAVE THE DATE

LIGHT UP DIAMOND VALLEY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022

Light Up is back in full swing for 2022!

Festivities will be taking place throughout the community on Saturday, December 3, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm.

For event details, please watch <https://www.town.blackdiamond.ab.ca/476/Light-Up-Black-Diamond> for updates and information.

If your business would like to participate, please email shelleyb@town.blackdiamond.ab.ca.



ORGANICS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Bi-Weekly Pickup

November - March

Starting November 2, 2022



Starting November 2nd, organic green bin pickup will be changed to biweekly. As we approach the colder season, the green carts will have less yard waste. For the winter months of November 2 through March, they will be picked up every second week. The cost of the 3 Stream Waste Collection has been pro-rated for the year to account for the seasonal bi-weekly pickup.

Prevent your organics from freezing to the inside of your cart once colder weather arrives by discovering these helpful tips from [Okotoks Waste Services](#).

Did you know that Atco Gas will INSPECT your furnace for FREE? It is really important to know prior to the cold days of winter if your furnace is working at full capacity. The last thing you want is to be left without a working furnace at -40 Celcius. If you haven't already had your furnace checked, be sure to reach out to Atco Gas to have your name added to their service list. [Click here for more info](#)



It's that time of year again...

As we are approaching the time of year when heavy snowfalls are expected along with cold icy weather, let's remember to be kind to one another.

For pedestrians' safety, please keep your sidewalks and walkways free of snow and ice; if you notice a neighbour who may be struggling to keep up, check in on them and see if they need some support.

Keeping snow off our roadways helps reduce vehicles from getting stuck. You can help keep the streets clear by not pushing the snow from your vehicle, driveway, or sidewalk onto the road. Put that snow on your yard instead.

Also, keep any drainage areas free of snow and ice; when we have a Chinook and everything melts, it can flow directly into the drains to help reduce overflowing.



November 3rd - 6th & 10th - 13th, 2022

9AM - 4 PM

Over 300 Vendors
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CHRISTMAS
MARKET

Kids Shoppe
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millarvillercetrack.com

Established in 1988, the Millarville Christmas Market is one of the premier craft and artisan shows in Alberta. Eight days of food trucks, music, reindeer viewing, photos with Santa and so much more! Be sure to dress in layers to visit the indoor and outdoor vendors.



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