



2022 UPDATE

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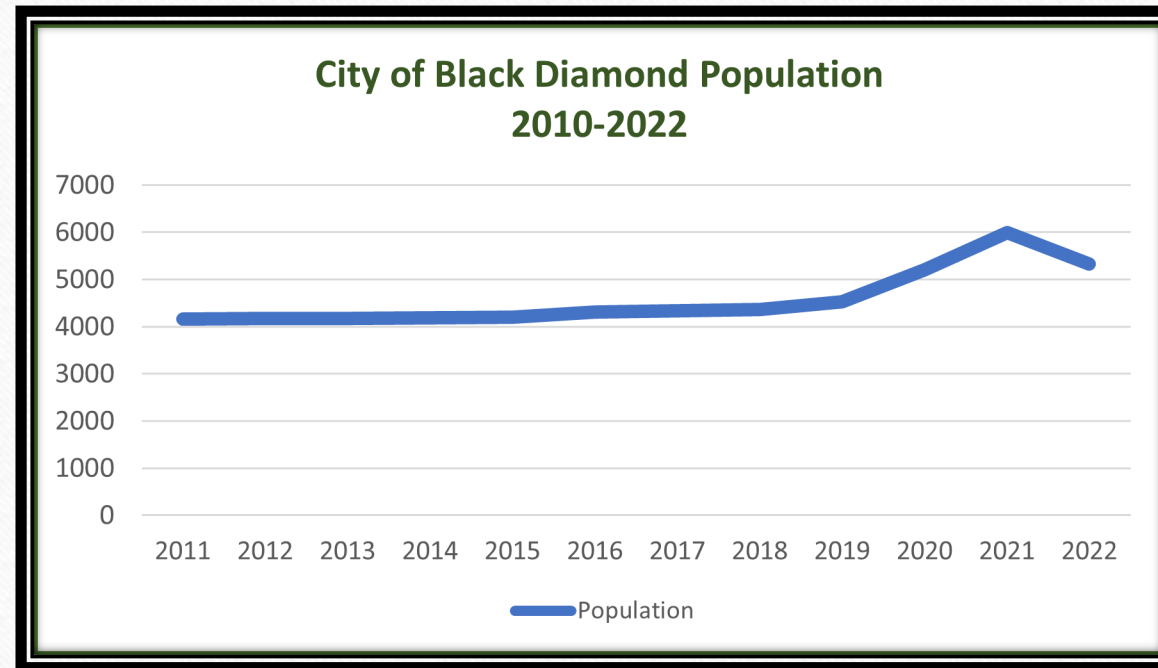
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POPULATION

The City of Black Diamond has seen a recent increase in its population in the last two years due to the Master Planned Development, “Ten Trails”. As of April 1, 2022, the population was 5,320. You will notice this number is down from 2021 and the City has appealed our population estimate with OFM.



FISCAL UPDATE

The City passed a \$43.4 million budget for 2022. We currently have 45 employees.

While Covid has had major impact on cities, our City didn't suffer the significant revenue decreases, like many larger cities experienced, primarily due to two reasons:

1. Our largest General Fund revenue source is property tax, which remains unaffected.
2. We do not yet have a large commercial sales tax base, which is where larger cities suffered their biggest decreases due to less vehicle sales or businesses closing.

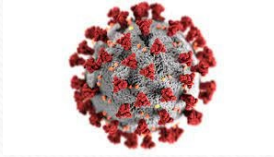
Black Diamond's sales tax revenue base has continued to rise, due to the sales tax we receive on the building material used in the Ten Trails development.

The factors mentioned above helped stabilize our budget for 2021 and continuing into 2022.

**Black
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COVID-19 RESPONSE



- At the beginning of the pandemic, the City went into action closing offices to protect their staff and the community. We were able to set up remote workstations for most employees. This helped to maintain services to our citizens. Our Emergency Management appointee, Kevin Esping secured PPE for our employees.
- The City qualified for the Federal COVID Cares Grant and ARPA Funding. In doing so, we partnered with the Black Diamond Community Center to provide rent and utility assistance for residents in need.
- Council has been holding hybrid meetings since the end of November 2021.
- As of March 1, 2022, City offices are now open to the public.



Kevin Esping

PORT OF SEATTLE GRANT

- In 2020 the City applied for a grant with the Port of Seattle. The purpose was to get financial assistance to develop a public space on the city's property, located in the historic district next to the museum. We received an award of \$5,000 and utilized these funds to purchase a message center and picnic tables for outdoor seating to support our local businesses and restaurants in our historic downtown. It's been great to see our residents and cyclists enjoying the area for outdoor dining and providing another way to share information about our City.



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Staff from Police, Community Development, and Public Works participated in the Miners Day and Labor Days events last year to meet and greet the community and gather input on our parks for the PROS Plan update.
- We're also working in partnership more with the local Chamber this year to support Black Diamond businesses in conjunction with a new business owners group and Green River Community College Small Business Advisory as part of our Port of Seattle grant funding this year.

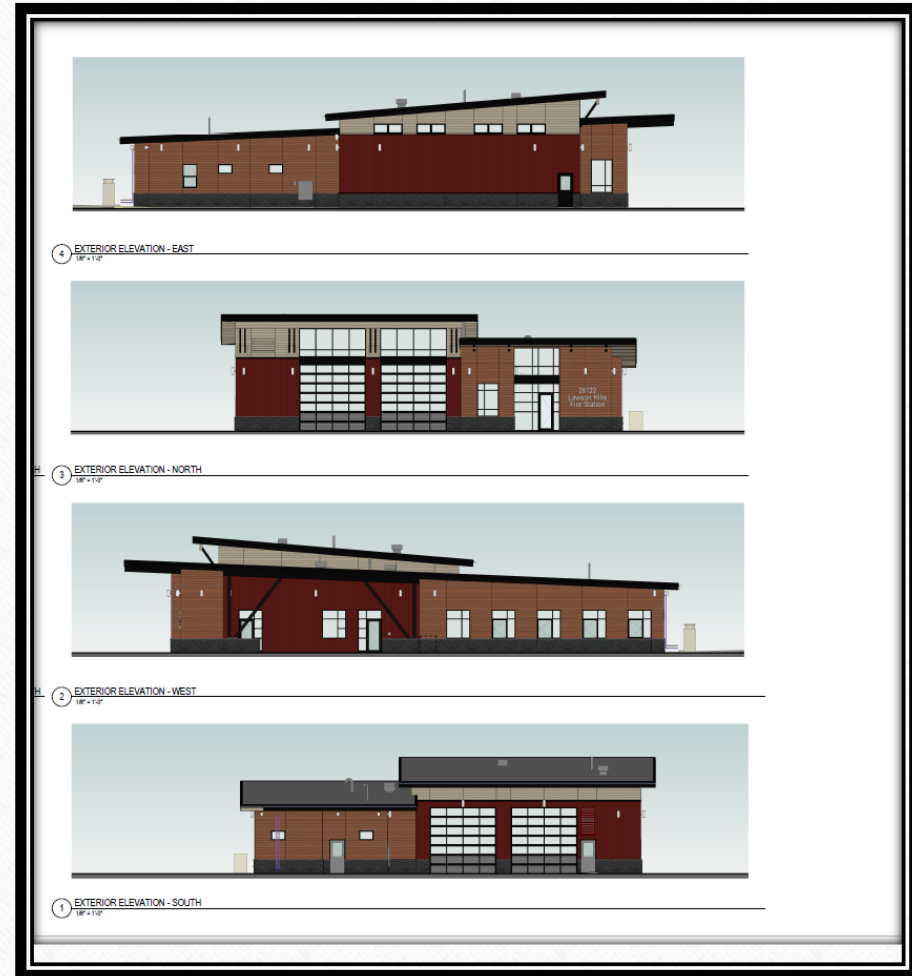
SKATEPARK PROJECT PLANNING AND FUNDING



- The City is in the beginning stages of designing a new skatepark and has hired Grindline Skateparks for the design and engineering of this project. Mayor Benson has been working hard to secure grant funding for this project and was awarded a King County grant for \$30K along with another legislative grant for \$85K recently, to be applied toward the skatepark costs for construction.
- In addition, the city recently applied to RCO for additional funding.
- At our new message board at the Museum Park, we have the preliminary design concepts for a new skatepark posted in there, with a QR code to scan for more information and link to our website.

LAWSON HILLS FIRE STATION

As part of the Development Agreement for the Master Planned Development, the developer is funding the construction of an additional fire station for the city. The station will be located on the east side of the city; at Lawson Street and Botts Drive. The site and construction plans have been submitted to the City and are currently under review. Construction is anticipated to start in 2022.



New Fire Truck and Aid Vehicle for the City



Last year the city purchased a new fire truck and the “push-in” ceremony was held on October 29, 2021, at Fire Station 98.

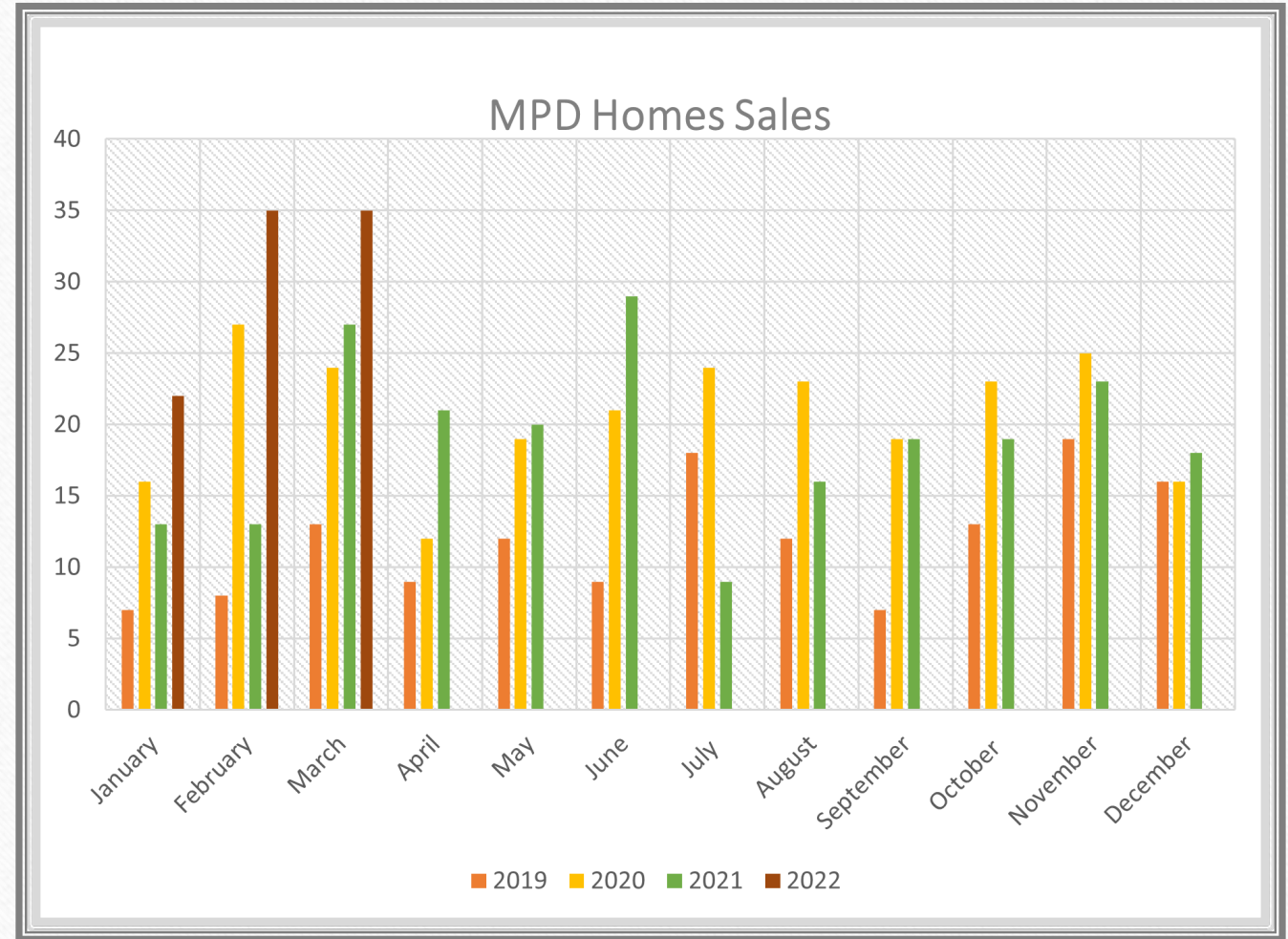
In addition, the City recently purchased a new aid vehicle. The “wrap” for the vehicle was completed utilizing very high-quality 3M materials. Many of the features are constructed of 3M reflective material and will be highly reflective at night from vehicle head lights.

MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- As of March 2022, 722 homes are occupied in the Ten Trails development. Construction has been going at a steady pace. The multi-family complex “The Village at Ten Trails” already has 76 apartment units occupied as well as 47 occupied rental homes by AMH.





TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

• In the Development Agreement the Developer is required to improve intersections within the city. The first improvement is to State Route 169(3rd Ave) and Roberts Drive. We have currently put in a Temporary Tee intersection to improve safety, until the roundabout is built. At this point we are in final review with WSDOT. Also, the City has started reviewing geometrics on other intersection improvements and they are:

- 216th Ave SE and SE 288th Street
- 216th Ave SE and SE Covington Sawyer Road
- State Route 169(3rd Ave) and Lawson Street and Baker Street

• The Director of the Master Development Review Team, Andrew Williamson has been working closely and diligently with the Developer's Engineers and WSDOT (Hwy SR169) to ensure the projects meet the timelines of the Development Agreement.

Covington Creek Culvert Replacement Project

- Below the Weir on Lake Sawyer, are culverts that take the lake's overflow into Covington Creek. The Public Works Department has been approved for grant funding from the King County Flood Control District for up to \$2,295,000. This will be used to replace the culverts with a bridge. It is anticipated this project will start next year and completed in 2024.



Upgrades to the City's spring water source are continuing. Construction recently wrapped up on a new pump station, which is increasing water flows from the springs to the City. Work on this portion of the project was completed by McClure and Sons, Inc.

Construction also recently wrapped up on another phase of the springs project – reconstruction of the City's water transmission line between the pump station and the City's water reservoirs. This phase of work replaced asbestos cement water mains with more durable water mains.

All springs projects are funded by developers.

SPRINGS REHABILITATION



Lake Sawyer Aquatic Weed Control



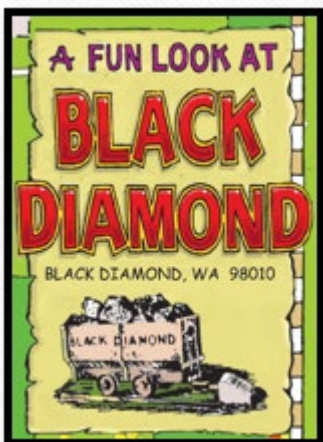
- The City applied for a grant from the Department of Ecology “Aquatic Invasive Plant Grant” we were awarded \$50,000. The goal of this project is to control noxious aquatic weeds at Lake Sawyer in an environmentally responsible manner that allows sustainable native plant and animal communities to thrive, maintains acceptable water quality conditions, maintains the health of its surrounding nature preserves, and facilitates recreational enjoyment (boating, fishing, and swimming) of the lake.

- Ultimately, the Lake Sawyer community desires a lake free of milfoil, non-native water lily and any other invasive noxious weeds that impair recreational use, threaten native wildlife activity, and crowd out native aquatic vegetation. This project will use the best available techniques to achieve that goal.

Community Events

- Black Diamond takes pride in its history and most of our events celebrate the deep roots of mining that took place in our town in the early 1900's.



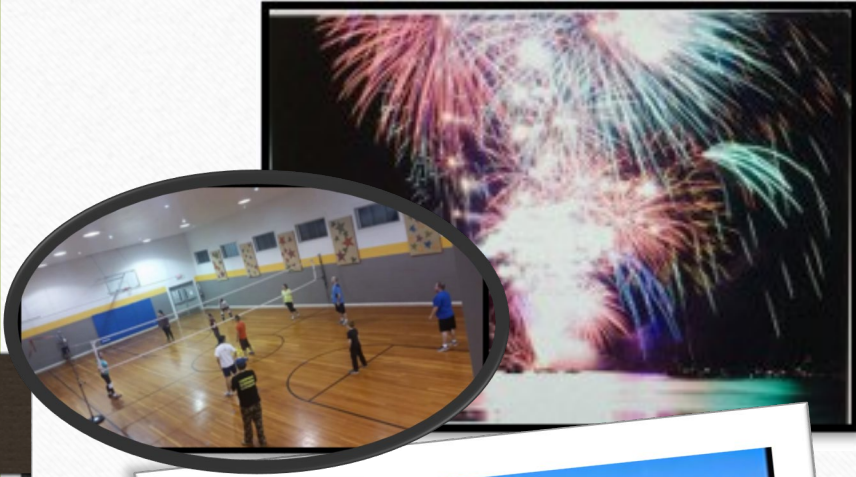


Black Diamond Annual Events

- Black Diamond Cemetery Memorial Day Service
- Black Diamond Miners Day
- Black Diamond Labor Days
- Black Diamond Bike Helmet Event
- Hometown Christmas



Other Community Services and Events



The City has many other active organizations within our community that will put on events. They are, Black Diamond Community Center, Lake Sawyer Community Club, Black Diamond Gym (drop in volleyball), and Black Diamond Museum. We also welcome outside events such as Tough Mudder.

