

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail.
Established 1864, Incorporated 1874

Weekly Update April 6, 2018

Photo: Basecamp Baker

Administration:

The City Council met this week to set goals for the City. It was a robust discussion that led the Council to prioritize a series of goals for the 2018-19 fiscal year. A couple of the top priority goals were to maintain and enhance water security and delivery, implement the adopted wastewater disposal plan, continue cost effective budget management and enhance community livability. More to come as the Council adopts their goals at a future Council meeting.

The City Manger and Community Development Director met this week with a group of citizens who want to work on beautification of the City's main corridors. It is great to see such an enthusiastic group that wants to make a difference in our community. This group will be focusing on collecting debris and fighting off weeds within the right of ways. If you are interested in volunteering to help "Beautify Baker" please give our office a call at 541-524-2036.

Have a great weekend.

City Council Agenda

- The April 10th Council Session has been cancelled.



Finance:

Utilities

Spring is here and the City is once again reading meters. Meters are read once every other month and any water usage above 3 units (2,250 gallons) each month will be billed equally over the next two billing cycles.

- ◆ Nineteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and sixteen customers disconnected service from March 30th through April 5th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 5 was billed today and includes 459 residential and 17 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 125 or 26% are signed up for direct payment and 22 or 5% are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Eight residential customers (Zone 4) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non pay (over 60 days past due) two of those were actually turned off until their past due balance is paid.





Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspec-tions City	Permits Issued County	Inspec-tions County
Building	3	9	0	2
Manufac-tured Dwelling	0	0	2	2
Electrical	8	6	8	4
Mechanical	0	4	3	6
Plumbing	0	1	0	0
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	12	20	13	14

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 2170 Mitchell Street, Baker City— internal structural repairs/remodel.
- 2408 East Street, Baker City— foundation support work.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 3055 10th Street, Baker City—fire suppression system installation.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 25, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Planning Department:

Public Meetings

On April 18, 2018, the Planning Commission will hold a public work session to discuss potentially re-zoning specific properties throughout the city which have existing structures and uses that are not consistent with the current zoning allowances. The purpose of this work session is to create a scope for areas that could be considered for a future re-zone. Once a scope of potential areas is developed, the next step will be outreach to determine interest and concerns.

The commission will also discuss the development of standards and language for the proposed creation of a Residential-Professional District. This district is intended to allow commercial uses and larger signage in areas near to residential zones, providing a desirable mix of residential and light commercial land uses in the center of the city.

The public is encouraged to attend future work sessions and hearings and provide input on both matters.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- An application for lot of record status was approved for property located at 1935 Birch Street in the Residential – Medium Density (R-MD) Zone.
- An application was submitted for a 2-parcel partition of property located at 1100 H Street. Notices were sent to neighboring property owners and other departments. A two week comment period for the proposal ends on April 11th, 2018.
- A 450ft² deck was approved to be attached to an existing home at 2620 2nd Street. The property is located in the Residential – High Density (R-HD) Zone.



The mission of the Baker City Fire Department is to provide dependable and efficient emergency services.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of March 27th through April 2nd the Fire Department responded to a total of **29** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	24
Rural Calls	2
Patient Transported	20
No Patient Trip	6

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 26



Airport Transfers	0
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	1
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	0
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	0

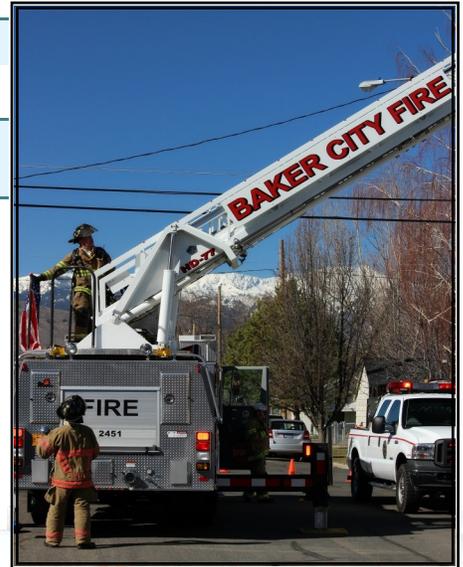
FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	3

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 3



- 9th Street—Burn Complaint
- 9th Street—Smoke Detector Activation
- 4th Street—Electrical Hazard

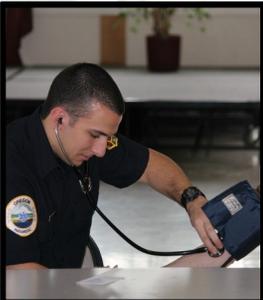


EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	2
Persons Arrived for Cover	2
Incidents Not Covered	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 74 hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- 63 hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am.
 Don't miss the next check on April 10th.



"The mission of the Baker City Police is to work in partnership with our community members, to actively promote the safety and welfare of our citizens, along with enriching their quality of life through the delivery of professional police services."



POLICE DEPARTMENT

BCPD handled over 199 incidents and opened 37 new cases this past week. Among those cases, one case involved the serving of a search warrant. The following press release was published following this incident:

On March 29, 2018 at about 5:12 pm Baker City Police Department Officers served a narcotics related search warrant at 2631 Court Avenue in Baker City. Upon entry police contacted 28 year old Tyler Anders, who failed to follow police commands and then actively resisted officers, leading to his arrest. Officers also contacted 55 year old Jodene Layton, whom officers knew had a Probation Violation Warrant for her arrest. In addition, officers also contacted 54 year old Tammy Urlacher-Burnside. Burnside was not wanted and was allowed to leave the scene.

Baker City Police Drug Canine Capa was deployed to assist with the search and officers were able to locate approximately 6 grams of Methamphetamine and numerous items of drug paraphernalia commonly used to process and package narcotics for delivery. Officers also located pills that were classified as a controlled substance.

As officers were completing the search the primary resident of the house, 31 year old Carissa Endicott arrived at the scene and was taken into custody. Arrested at the scene was:

Carissa Mae Endicott (09/18/1986) 2631 Court Avenue, Baker City, Oregon. Endicott was charged with: *Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine, Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine (within 1,000 feet of a school), Unlawful Manufacture of a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine (within 1,000 feet of a school).*

Tyler Joseph Anders (06/01/1989) 3145 Elm Street, Baker City, Oregon. Anders was charged with: *Interfering with a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, Assaulting a Public Safety Officer, Criminal Mischief II.*

Jodene Inez Layton (12/28/1962) Transient. Layton was charged with: *Probation Violation.*

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance

- Followed up with 1 complaint

- Issued 5 parking citations
- Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles

Animal Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 3 animal complaints

Miscellaneous

- Issued 1 citation for failure to pay sewer charges
- Followed up with 1 development code violation

Parking Violations and Complaints

- Followed up on 4 parking complaints



Public Works: Water Department

Groundwater injection ended this week as maximum permitted amounts have been injected into the aquifer. Pictured below are some photos from the Marble Creek and Salmon Creek Diversions last Friday.



← Marble Creek Diversion Structure
Salmon Creek Diversion.



Public Works: Wastewater Department



Public Works assisted a local contractor who was preparing to perform a lateral repair for a home on 2nd Street.

In this photo you can see where the terra cotta line had settled at its connection to the cast iron.



Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued

A home owner requested to have their sewer lateral relocated to an alley main line. The line currently runs across adjacent private property on its way to the city collection system. Blain, Karl and Brian performed the installation work.



Pictured above, Blain skillfully performed excavation work avoiding damage to an existing 2" natural gas line.

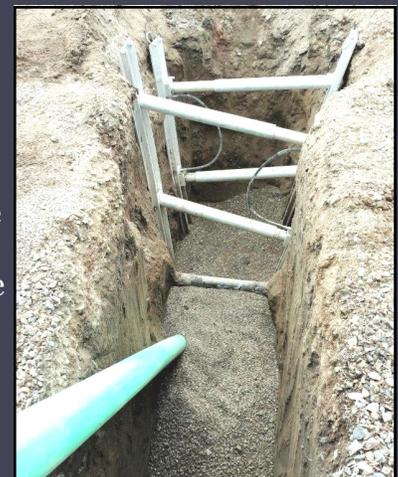
Hydraulic trench shoring was used to protect Karl while he worked to uncover the wastewater main line and connect the new lateral pipe. Short handled shovels are used in "tight quarters" when in trench shoring.



← Once the main line in the alley was uncovered a special hole saw was used to cut a hole for the new lateral connection.

The new lateral pipe was installed up to the surface at a steep angle.

The plumber will cut off the pipe at the elevation needed in order to provide proper grade from the house to the main line. The remaining plumbing work is expected to be completed later this week by a contractor.





Public Works: Street Department

Streets are currently being swept on a regular schedule.

Property owners are reminded to prune their trees to a minimum height of 12 feet above the street surface.

Pictured right, Matt is sweeping a section of 2nd Street between Campbell and Broadway Streets.



Crews began the process this week of repairing the street light base on Campbell Street next to the Maverik driveway that was damaged by a vehicle recently.

A 6' tall rebar cage was constructed per ODOT standards for the required reinforced footing. →



Blain and Brian built a plywood form that will be placed around the rebar cage when pouring the concrete footing.

Once all of the parts and pieces for the pole base are received, the rebar and form will be set in the ground and the concrete poured for the pole base.

Public Works: Parks and Recreation Department

This week, crews began work on improvements to the amphitheater in Central Park. Once completed, this work will provide several level grass-covered terraces surrounding the existing stage so that spectators can set up lawn chairs or spread out blankets when viewing performances or movies in the amphitheater. The completed improvements will also provide concrete steps with hand rails on each end of the terraces.



Crews began by grubbing the existing berm to remove vegetation. →

Concrete steps were set in place on the east side of the amphitheater to help define the starting point for the stone wall.

These steps were poured ahead of time at the Public Works yard and then moved into position. The white hole on the face of each step is a pick point used for lifting the concrete block. These will be filled with grout at the conclusion of the job so they are not visible.



Once the steps were in place, Justin began excavation for the base of the lower wall. →



Blain and Scott work to guide a concrete step into place on the west side of the amphitheater.



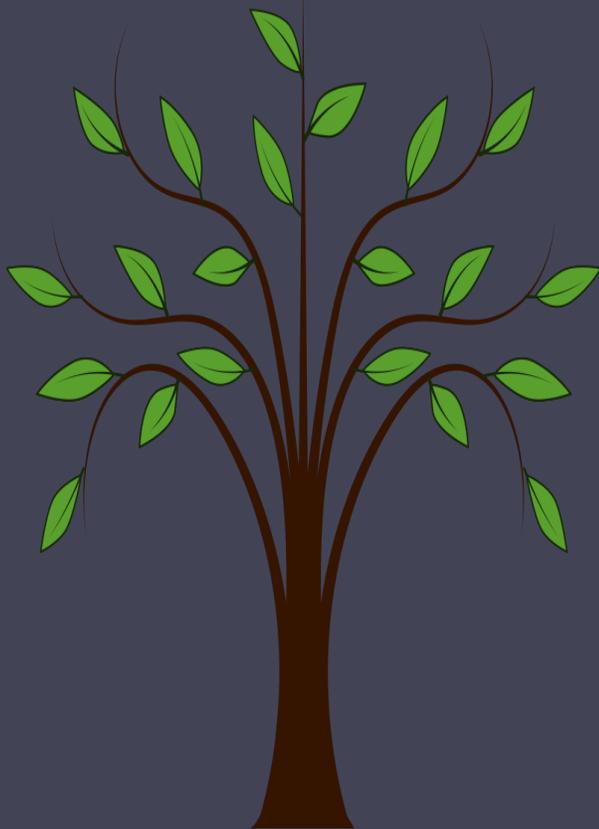
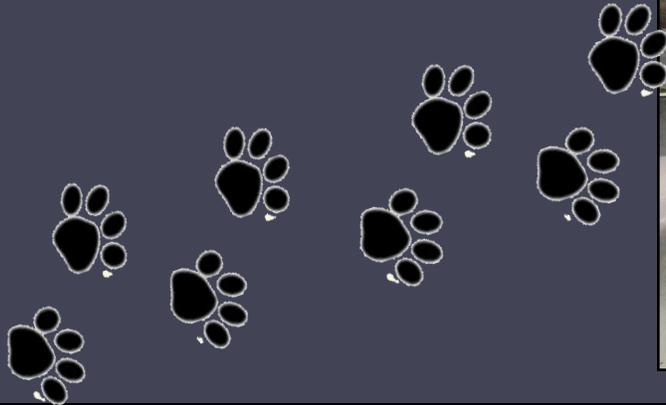
In this photo the entire lower wall has been completed and crews are setting the bottom course for the 2nd wall. By the end of the week, crews will have the bottom row in place for all remaining walls. A crew of volunteers coordinated by Councilor Joseph and Parks Supervisor Bornstedt will then work over the weekend to place the remaining 1,200 or so blocks needed to complete the walls. This volunteer effort will help to reduce the overall installation cost for the project. Once the walls are completed, the terrace spaces will be backfilled with topsoil and seeded with grass.





Public Works: Parks and Recreation Department Continued

Fence work is nearly complete for the two sections of the Dog Park located near the Sam-o Pool.



2017-2018 Street Tree Grant Applications Are Available!

Applications are being accepted until
June 22, 2018.

Grants funds are for trees that will be
planted within the public right of way.
For additional information and the
complete application, please click on
this link: [2017-2018 Street Tree Grant](#).

This grant is made possible through the
Anthony Silvers Tree Fund.



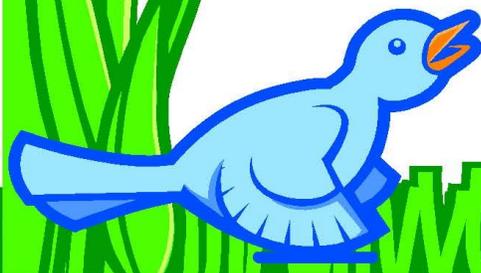
Announcements:

**2018
Annual
Mt. Hope
Cemetery
Cleanup**

April 9 - April 20

**Please remove all
decorative items
during this time. Items
may be placed on
grave sites again
beginning April 21st.**

**Thank you for
your cooperation.**





Announcements:



Baker City Invites You to...

Celebrate Arbor Day!

In cooperation with the *Powder Basin Watershed Council, Baker City Tree Board, Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the Baker City Rotary Club*

Sunday April 22nd, 2018, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Geiser Pollman Park—Campbell Street

Events Include:



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

POWDER BASIN WATERSHED COUNCIL POWDER RIVER CLEANUP

ROTARY CLUB SAPLING GIVEAWAY—1ST 50 PARTICPANTS

REFRESHMENTS



SOLVE
IT'S OUR NATURE TO VOLUNTEER

