

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail.
Established 1864, Incorporated 1874

Weekly Update April 13, 2018

Photo: Basecamp Baker

Administration:

I hope this Friday the 13th is treating you well. The recent rains have really refreshed our City and the green lawns are spectacular. The Public Arts Commission met this week and reviewed the work that has been accomplished over the last year. If you haven't stopped by Court Street between Main and Resort, you should take a look at the two murals painted by Megan McGuiness. These are a couple of Public Art pieces commissioned by the Art Commission.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.

City Council

Agenda

April 24th

- ASR Report
- Adoption of Goals
- Update from Baker Co. Sheriff
- Sidewalk Grants

Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Fourteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and seven customers disconnected service from April 6th to April 12th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 1 was billed April 10th which included 92 residential and 254 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 63 (18%) are signed up for direct payment and 8 (2%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 6 was billed today which includes 488 residential and 57 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 115 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 22 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Eleven residential customers (Zones 1 and 5) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) three were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Accounts Payable: The first of two accounts payable check runs for the month was generated April 10th.

Payroll: Draw checks were issued April 13th.

LID Billings

LIDs are billed every six months over a twenty year period. Interest is charged at the Local Government Investment Pool Rate plus 1% which is currently an annual rate of 2.6%. These LIDs can be paid off at any time with interest charged through the payoff date.

Four 2006 Elm Street LIDs were billed April 10th. The original assessment in 2006 for Elm Street improvements included 21 property owners for a total of \$252,888. The remaining balance outstanding including interest is \$20,763.

Three 2002 Indiana Avenue LIDS were billed April 13th. The original assessment in 2002 for Indiana Avenue improvements included 111 property owners for a total of \$378,860. The remaining balance outstanding including interest is \$3,410.

Property & Weed Abatement	\$1,800
Cemetery	\$4,761
Wastewater Maintenance &	\$20,398
Lien Searches	\$2,360
Ambulance	\$405,716
Airport Hangar Rent & Ground Lease	\$6,145
Community Development Support	\$14,777
Street Patching &	\$2,404
Miscellaneous	\$125
Total	\$458,486





Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	3	7	2	6
Manufactured Dwelling	0	1	1	0
Electrical	5	4	5	2
Mechanical	1	7	1	4
Plumbing	1	1	2	6
Fence	1	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	11	20	11	18

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 43517 Spring Creek Loop, Baker City—New detached accessory structure.
- 394 Bonanza Street, Sumpter—New detached accessory structure.
- 1205 Broadway Street, Baker City—Foundation structural repair.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 275 Campbell Street, Baker City—New commercial structure.
- 2020 Main Street, Baker City—Conversion of 2nd floor into apartments.

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 18th, 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

A re-plat of property located on the corner of Windmill Lane and Campbell Street was approved. This property will be the site of the new Grocery Outlet building.



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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of April 3rd through April 9th the Fire Department responded to a total of **32** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

City Calls	25
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	20
No Patient Trip	10

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 30



Airport Transfers	2
Out of Town Transfers Accepted	3
Out of Town Transfers Assigned	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Doubles (2 calls at once)	4
Triples (3 calls at once)	0
Public Assists	0

FIRE REPORTS

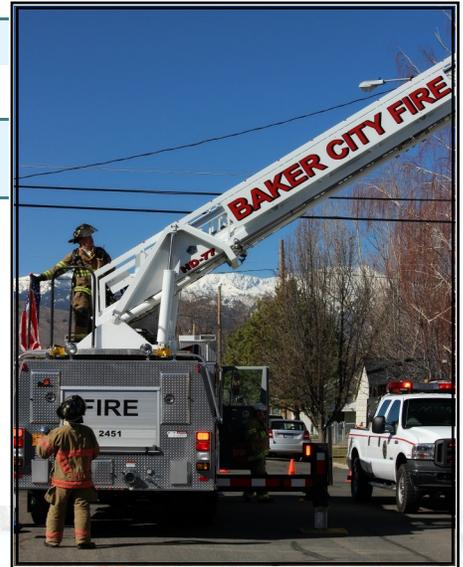
General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	2

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 2



9th Street—Tree down.

Chestnut Street—Power lines down.



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	5
Persons Arrived for Cover	4
Incidents Not Covered	1

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **64** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **21** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training
- **3** hrs of Community Events



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 17th.



"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

- ★ This past week BCPD opened 48 new cases. Eleven of these cases resulted in arrests for various reasons. Other cases are still under investigation and criminal charges will possibly follow.
- ★ Officers Rand Weaver and Jared Wood recovered a stolen adult tricycle (bike) valued at \$1,800 dollars. The Officers observed the suspect riding the bike around town during the nighttime hours and were able to make contact and recover the stolen property.
- ★ Chief Lohner attended the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police Spring Conference in Bend. While at the conference he was able to attend numerous training events and board meetings.
- ★ BCPD personnel participated in several briefing trainings, including a review of various officer safety topics.
- ★ BCPD Administrative Assistant / Car Seat Technician Phoebe Wachtel continues to assist families with car seat installations each week.
- ★ On Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Baker City Police Department, in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Administration, will host a National Drug Take Back Event. The public is invited to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the Baker City Police Department at 1768 Auburn Avenue, Baker City. (The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps of any kind, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. For further information please contact: Administrative Assistant, Phoebe Wachtel at (541) 524-2014, ext. 20 or Evidence Technician, Lynn Magnuson at (541) 524-2014, ext. 29

Code Enforcement Weekly Activity

Property Maintenance:

- Followed up on 5 pending cases
- Issued 3 citations for non-compliance
- Started 1 new case

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- 5 dogs at large impounded
- 4 dogs at large returned to owner
- Followed up with 1 barking complaint
- Issued 1 citation for dog at large
- Issued 1 citation for dog waste
- 1 dangerous dog warning

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Orange tagged 2 abandoned vehicles
- Issued 4 parking citations
- Followed up on 5 parking violations
- 1 verbal warning

Miscellaneous:

- Issued 1 citation for no livestock permit
- Issued 2 citations for building code violations



Public Works: Street Department

Dennis and Justin responded immediately to the wind storm that passed through Baker City Saturday morning. Several trees were blown down. Some of those trees fell across power lines and guide wires causing power supply lines to be pulled down and knocking over adjacent power poles.

Dennis and Justin assisted O.T.E.C. crews by blocking streets and setting up detour routes for vehicular traffic. O.T.E.C. crews were appreciative of the help.



Pictured above, an O.T.E.C. employee examines the damage on one of the transformer power poles.



A large conifer that fell near the intersection of 8th and "A" Streets.



A power pole that was pulled over as a result of a tree that fell across power lines further down the road.



A leaning power pole with a city street light attached.



Public Works: Street Lights

Dennis and a local electrician performed maintenance work on street lights along Windmill Lane Thursday. In preparation of the new Grocery Outlet Store the street lights will be upgraded from 250 watt metal halide to L.E.D. equivalent lights. This will lower the power cost for operating the lights significantly.

The remaining L.E.D. bulbs have been ordered and will be installed near the end of April when they arrive.



Public Works: Wastewater Department



Karl and Jake worked this week to clean dozens of lines throughout town.

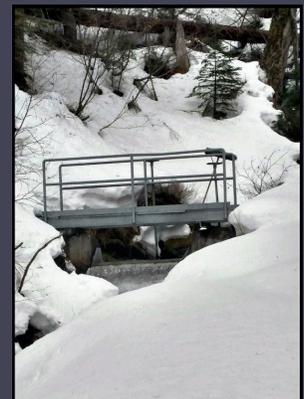
These particular lines require cleaning on a six month basis to avoid wastewater blockages.

Public Works: Water Department



Jake hiked the last part into Mill Creek to adjust the flow of water coming to town this week.

You can see the snow level has diminished somewhat in the Mill Creek drainages.





Public Works: Water Department Continued

Crews worked on two major water projects this week. Those being the Estes Street water main line and service line installations and water line work related to the new Grocery Outlet Store construction.

Justin, Blain and Scott worked to connect several water service lines from the old 4" cast iron line to the new 8" ductile iron line.

The old line was kept in service the entire time while the new line was being installed so customers would always have clean water available.



Blain and Scott completing one of the Estes Street water service connections.

The new Grocery Outlet Store required both a 6" ductile iron fire line (for fire protection) and a 1" service line for domestic use. The entire width of Windmill Lane had to be excavated for installation of the fire line.



Pictured left, Scott is using the Volvo loader with the "asphalt zipper" attachment to pulverize the street surface while Justin excavates on the east side of the street to expose the 12" ductile iron water line.

The City of LaGrande was hired to perform the "hot-tap" procedure where a 6" core drill bit is inserted through the 6" x 12" tapping sleeve/valve and then drills through the side of the 12" ductile iron pipe.



Troy from LaGrande Public Works is performing the "hot-tap" work.



Once the 6" fire line was installed across Windmill Lane Justin and Blain began installation of the 1" water service line.



The new "hot-tap" valve.



Public Works: Parks and Recreation Department

The crew of Justin, Blain, Scott and Brian worked earlier this week to complete laying the steps and some of the landscape blocks for the amphitheatre in Central Park.

A big thank you to Loran Joseph and his crew of volunteers for installing the landscape stones for two of the terraces last Saturday! With the installation of the stones and stairways, top soil is going in, and sod should be placed next week.

The stairway hand rails are being fabricated by Public Works employee Brian Johnson. When they are complete, they will be powder coated and installed. Conduits are in place to extend the electrical to the stage area in the near future.

We expect this phase of the amphitheatre enhancements to be complete in the next couple of weeks, and the area will be ready for use by Memorial Day weekend at the latest.

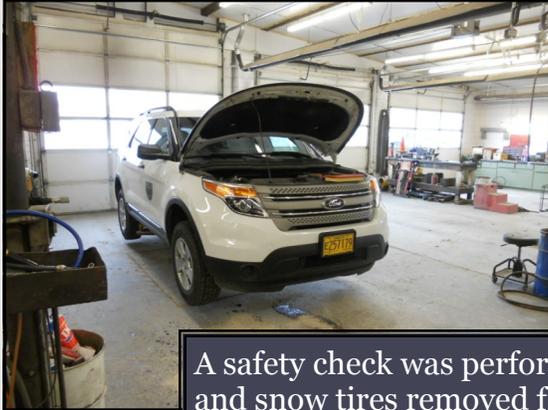
We are already seeing considerable interest in utilizing this awesome park asset! Fund raising efforts are continuing to complete the remaining enhancements which include planting of shade trees at the top of the terraced area, installation of screening behind the stage area, and the purchase of a retractable acoustical shell.

This phase II project has been made possible through the generosity of the Leo Adler Foundation, Ashgrove Charitable Foundations, D & B Supply, and OTEC, as well as private donations, community minded volunteers, and grant matching funds by Baker City.

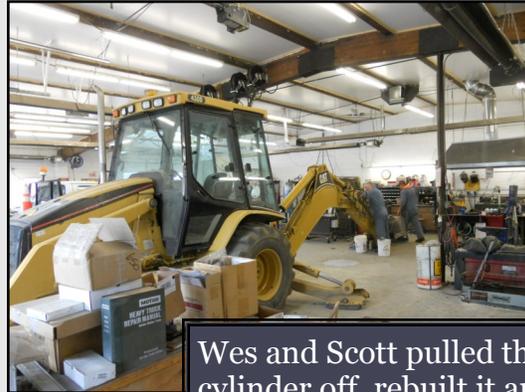




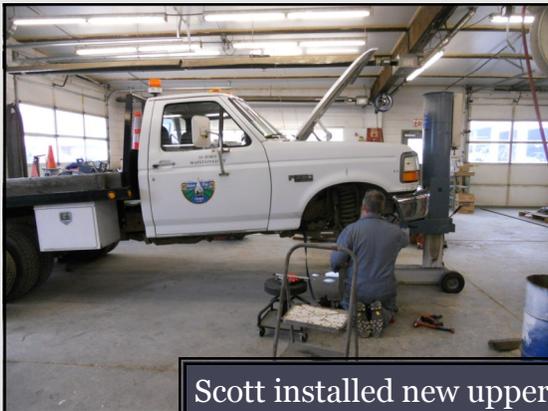
Public Works: Shop



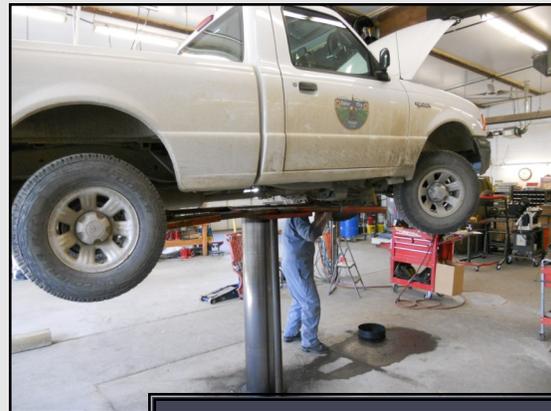
A safety check was performed and snow tires removed from this Public Works vehicle.



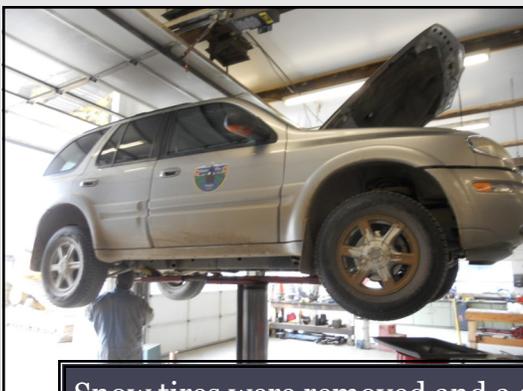
Wes and Scott pulled the bucket cylinder off, rebuilt it and it is back in service.



Scott installed new upper and lower ball joints and wheel bearings and this truck is back in service.



Wes and Scott replaced the water pump and serviced this vehicle.



Snow tires were removed and a safety check was performed.



Nate and Wes are busy pulling apart the backhoe to replace the hydraulic hoses and rebuild the primary boom cylinder.



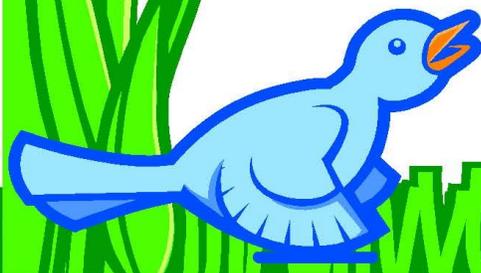
Announcements:

**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

