

CITY OF BAKER CITY

On the Historic Oregon Trail.
Established 1864, Incorporated 1874

Weekly Update April 27, 2018

Photo: Basecamp Baker

Administration:

The City Manager met with Brian Ratliff from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to discuss various wildlife issues with the City. The feeding of wildlife, especially deer, by citizens raises several concerns such as dependency, disease from high concentrations, public safety and traffic issues. The Council will be discussing these issues with ODFW in future Council meetings.

The City Council met this week and adopted their goals for 2018-19, heard a report from Sheriff Ash about the operation of the Consolidated Dispatch/911 Center and heard a report from Public Works on the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well usage.

City Council

Agenda

May 8th

- Wildfire Awareness Proclamation
- Poppy Day Proclamation
- Update from Parks & Recreation Adv. Board
- ODFW: Wildlife in Baker City



Finance:

Utilities

- ◆ Fourteen customers signed up for new water/wastewater service and three customers disconnected service from April 20th thru April 26th. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 8 was billed today which includes 469 residential and 19 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 103 (21%) are signed up for direct payment and 12 (2%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Zone 3 was billed April 24th and included 497 residential and 48 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 110 (20%) are signed up for direct payment and 21 (4%) are signed up for ebilling.
- ◆ Seventeen residential customers (Zones 3 and 7) 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.

Payroll

Seventy-five employees were paid today including six paid volunteer firefighters. Of those 75 employees, 71 or 95% are signed up for direct deposit.



Building Department:

	Permits Issued City	Inspections City	Permits Issued County	Inspections County
Building	2	5	4	5
Manufactured Dwelling	0	0	0	2
Electrical	4	8	5	8
Mechanical	3	4	4	1
Plumbing	5	5	2	3
Fence	2	NA	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	16	22	15	19

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS:

- 2620 2nd St., Baker City—Deck replacement/addition.
- 37178 Goodwin Sawmill Ln., Halfway—New residence.
- 35860 Hwy 86, Baker City—Detached accessory structure.
- 15040 Pine Cr. Loop, Baker City—Residential addition.
- 12 Iron Horse Loop, Sumpter—Detached accessory structure.

COMMERCIAL PERMITS:

- 2001 2nd St, Baker City—Roof repair/replacement.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW: Next regularly scheduled meeting is May 9, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department Offices.

Planning Department:

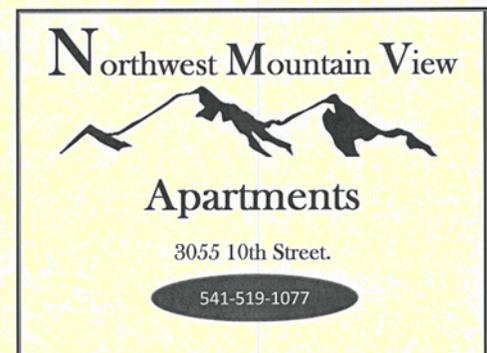
Public Meetings

On May 16, 2018, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to discuss two applications:

- ◆ **RP-18-003:** A request to partition a ±14.05-acre parcel into two (2) parcels. The property is described as Tax Lot 1401 on Assessor’s Map 09s40e29ab (Ref. 16028) and is located in the Residential Low-Density (RL-D) Zone. Access to both proposed parcels is from Foothill Drive.
- ◆ **RP-18-034:** A request to partition a ±3.1-acre parcel into three (3) parcels. The property is described as Tax Lot 1403 on Assessor’s Map 09s40e29ab (Ref. 18379) and is located in the Residential Low-Density (RL-D) Zone. Access to both proposed parcels is from Foothill Drive.

Land Use Decisions & Projects

- ◆ A ±6 square foot wall sign permit was approved for 3055 10th Street, located within the General Commercial (C-G) Zone.
- ◆ A single-family dwelling was approved at 2080 Oak Street in the Residential Medium-Density (RM-D) Zone.





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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the week of April 17th through April 23rd the Fire Department responded to a total of **18** emergency alarms.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

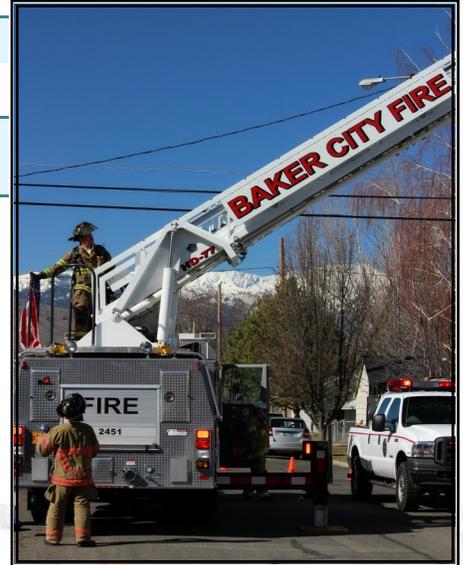
City Calls	12
Rural Calls	5
Patient Transported	14
No Patient Trip	3

TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES 17

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Dispatched Alarms	1

TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES 1



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



EMERGENCY CALL BACKS

Requests for Cover	2
Persons Arrived for Cover	3
Incidents Not Covered	0

TRAINING/MAINTENANCE/FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **95** hrs of Station and Equipment Maintenance
- **113** hrs of Fire/EMS or Safety Training
- **11** hrs of Community Events: Distracted Driving Campaign & Middle School Career Day



The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11 am. Don't miss the next check on May 1st.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT



This **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.

Now in its 8th year, National Prescription Drug Take Back Day events continue to remove ever-higher amounts of opioids and other medicines from the nation's homes, where they could be stolen and abused by family members and visitors, including children and teens. The DEA action comes just days after President Donald J. Trump announced the mobilization of his entire Administration to address drug addiction and opioid abuse by directing the declaration of a Nationwide Public Health Emergency to address the opioids crisis.

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:

- Issued 3 citations for non-compliance
- Followed up on 1 pending case

Parking Violations and Complaints:

- Followed up on 3 violations
- Orange tagged 4 abandoned vehicles
- Issued 1 parking citation

Animal Violations and Complaints:

- 2 dogs at large returned to owner
- Issued 3 citations for dog at large
- Issued 1 citation for no dog license
- 1 dog at large impounded

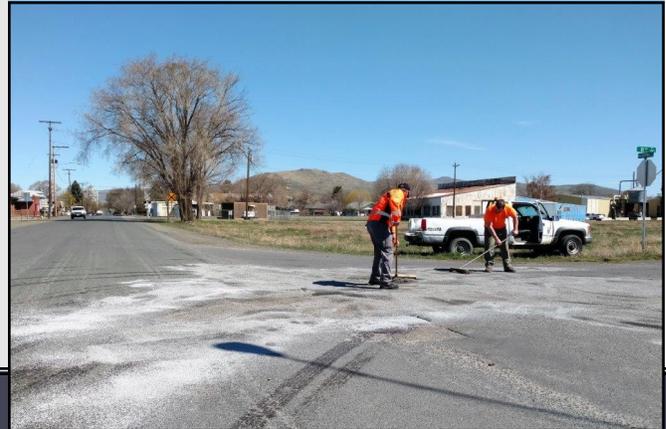
Miscellaneous:

- 1 found bicycle
- 1 found item



Public Works: Street Department

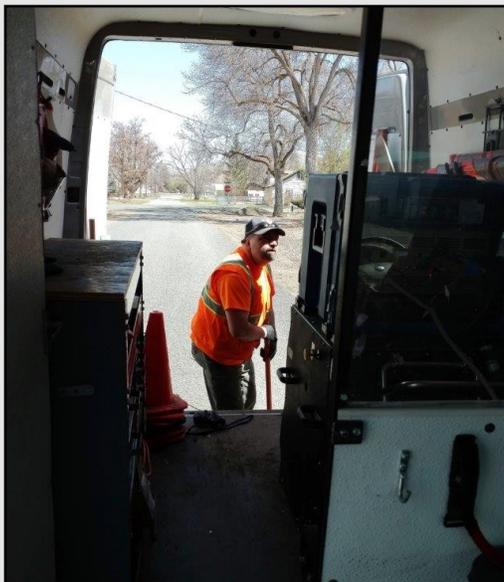
Pictured here, Matt is making special 4" high brackets for twelve object markers which will be installed on three of the bridges over the Powder River this summer.



A vehicle hauling a tank of solvent traveled around a corner on Auburn at too high a rate of speed causing the tank (which had been tied down) to tip over and spill several gallons of the solvent liquid onto the street. Solvent is very slick and caused for concern for traveling bicyclists and motorcyclists. Dennis flagged traffic until several bags of dry material could be spread onto the mess. The absorbent was then swept around to help absorb. Craig and Nate also helped with the cleanup effort. Matt later drove the sweeper over the area for a final clean-up.



Public Works: Wastewater Department



Karl is working to video-inspect a line on Carter Street near where a resident experienced a sewer blockage earlier this week.

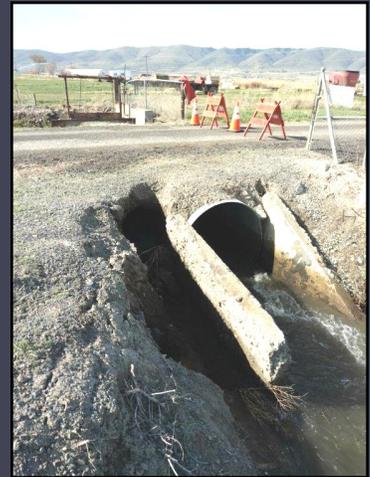


Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued



Muskrats were thought to be the cause for the minor washout under the road at the Wastewater Treatment Lagoon Facility.

Irrigation water from the Powder River had found its way around the existing culvert pipe and washed out supportive material from under the access road. The road was blocked and traffic stopped until the damage to the road could be repaired by the rancher who irrigates with the ditch water.



A new lateral was installed this week on College Street. The lateral from this house had been connected with at least one other lateral next door. Then the combined lines passed through another private property until it connected to the City maintained line on "H" Street. The line had begun draining slowly so the owner wanted it replaced. Blain and Brian performed the work.



The 15" concrete wastewater line on College Street was between 9 and 10 feet in depth.



Brian drilled a 4" diameter core in the 15" concrete pipe while Blain kept a constant spray of water on the drill bit to keep it cool and lubricated.





Public Works: Wastewater Department Continued



The insert-a-tee was securely installed into the core hole and the band tightened.



Matt swept loose debris and dirt from the surrounding area after the project was completed.



The completed installation before being backfilled.

Public Works: Water Department



Jake and Scott worked this week to snowshoe and hike up to Goodrich Reservoir to check the snow condition, avalanche danger and height of the water level.

Pictured right, Scott is standing near the historic cabin on the North side of Goodrich Reservoir.



Special order 20" diameter Class 53 ductile iron water pipe began arriving this week. A local rancher has given permission for it to be stockpiled on his property until the installation work begins next month. The pipe is coming from California but the truck drivers are based out multiple states (Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, New Mexico, West Virginia, Spokane, etc.)

Justin completed smoothing out the stockpile area before the first load of pipe arrived. Each piece of pipe is 18 feet in length and weighs 1,892 lbs.





Public Works: Water Department Continued

The Estes Street waterline was completed this week except for the surface asphalt patching.



← Brian operated the mini-excavator to jackhammer the asphalt at the Estes and Walnut intersection.

Justin and Blain used the vector truck to expose the lines at the intersection. →



Here you can see all of the special fittings that were necessary to connect the water main lines at the intersection of Estes and Walnut Streets. →



Public Works: Announcements



The US Forest Service is doing some prescribed burning in the lower Marble Creek area this week.

The Grocery Outlet project is progressing as shown in the photo below.





Public Works: Parks and Recreation Department



Tommy and Jacob placed several boulders at the new dog park to add to the landscaping. Sprinkler heads were located ahead of time so that boulders could be placed appropriately.

The new (used) Volvo loader had no problem handling the heavy loads.

The Baker City Tree Board and Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board volunteers along with Public Works staff and community partners Oregon Trail Electric, Powder Basin Watershed Council and Baker City Rotary Club hosted a joint Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration at Geiser Pollman Park on April 22.



Events included pathway and river cleanup, electrical safety demonstrations, sapling giveaways, and recognition of Baker City's 33rd year of being recognized as a Tree City USA!

Thank you to Loran and Jenny Joseph and Sweet Wife Baking for wonderful sweets and coffee for the event!





Public Works: Shop



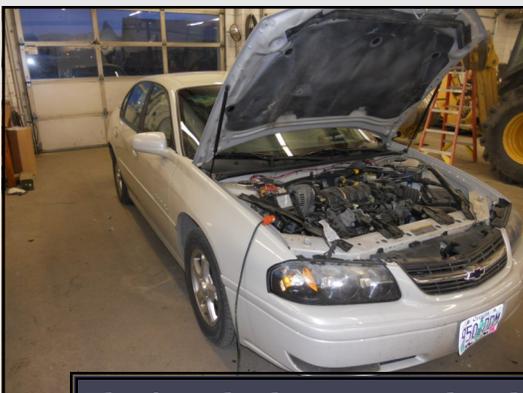
Wes and Nate pulled the salter off of truck #243 and it is ready for summer work now.



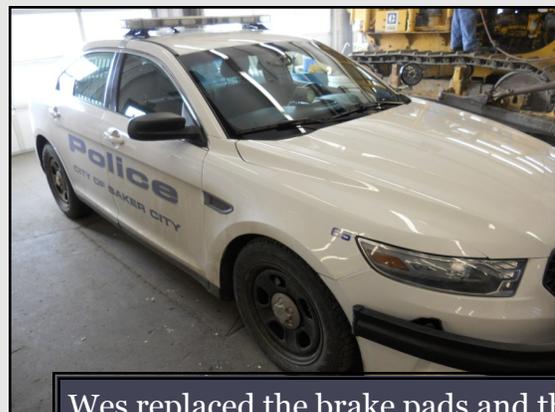
The sander was removed from this truck and a service check was performed.



Wes and Scott are checking on a heating issue in this ambulance.



The front brakes were replaced in this vehicle and it is now back in service.



Wes replaced the brake pads and the front and back rotors on this police vehicle. It is now back in service.



May 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
 Fetch your friends and join us to Celebrate the
 Official Opening of the
PARTNERS FOR PAWS DOG PARK

Sam-O Park—580 Baker Street—Additional Parking behind Truck Corral



What is a dog park?

Wikipedia definition:
 “A dog park is a park for dogs to exercise and play off leash in a controlled environment under the supervision of their owners.”

In celebration of National Dog Park Day on May 5th we will have the official ribbon cutting at Baker City’s Brand New Dog Park

- To help us celebrate, PetSafe (petsafe.net) has generously donated some great give-away items as well as AWESOME Grand Opening drawing prizes!

Partners for PAWS wants to extend...

Special thanks to the PetSafe Bark for your Park program for their very generous \$25,000 award to build this park. Thank you as well to Baker City, local businesses and community members for their support of this great addition to our parks system!

For more information, contact Gail: gduman@live.com