

CITY OF BAKER CITY

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Weekly Update April 24, 2015

Administration



Sean Robbins, Business Oregon's director, will hold a "Civic Leaders Lunch" on Friday, April 24 at the Geiser Grand Hotel from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sean was appointed director by the Governor in June 2014. Sean traveled through much of the state last summer and, along with other partners, hosted a series of regional town halls across the state's 11 regions.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Proposed agenda for April 28, 2015 meeting:

- Tree board report.
- Budget Resolution for General Fund Legal.
- Arbor Day presentation.
- Discussion of mission statement.
- Economic Development presentation.
- ASR Well Use Report.

Finance Director

- March's financial summary is now available at: <http://www.bakercity.com/government/reports-a-statistics#Finance>.

Utilities



- 20 customers signed up for new water/sewer service and 10 customers disconnected service from April 17th thru April 23rd. This includes all service changes.
- Zone 8 was billed today which includes 460 residential and 20 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 74 or 15% are signed up for direct payment.
- 90 late notices were sent April 21st.
- Five residential customers (Zone 1) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) and one was actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.

Payroll

- Seventy-three employees were paid today including nine paid "volunteer firefighters" and one hearings officer. Of those 73 employees, 65 or 89% are signed up for direct deposit.



Project Highlights

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:

- Issued a permit to build an infill space between existing garage and cabin at 529 NW Park Street, Baker City.
- Issued a permit to build a new single family dwelling and garage at 42218 Pocahontas Road, Baker City.
- Issued a permit to add a garage, carport and open porch to an existing single family dwelling at 42704 Lindley Road, Baker City.

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:

- Issued a permit to install a fire panel for monitoring sprinklers at 3515 Pocahontas Road, Baker City.
- Issued a permit to build a new bandstand in Geiser Pollman Park, 1700 Campbell Street, Baker City.
- Issued a permit to build new stairs, ADA ramp and handrails at 1655 1st Street, Baker City.
- Issued a permit for re-roofing at 2790 Main Street, Baker City.

Permits issued for...	CITY	COUNTY
BUILDING	4	3
MANUFACTURE DWELLING	0	0
ELECTRICAL	5	6
MECHANICAL	1	4
PLUMBING	3	3
FENCE	1	0
TOTAL	14	13

Inspections

Last week, 10 inspections (plumbing, building and mechanical) were completed within Baker County.

Historic District Design Review

No new information this week.

Compliance

No new information this week.

PLANNING

- * An application to construct a deck and steps for the Elkhorn Eagles Lodge at 2935 H was approved through a Land Use Review. The property is in the Commercial Zone.
- * The Planning Department received an application to partition a parcel into two lots within the Urban Growth Boundary at 41302 Highway 30.
- * A Land Use Review decision was issued this week for 1 Sunridge Lane for the installation of an electric car charging station by Tesla Motors, Inc. The property is in the General-Commercial (C-G) Zone.
- * A Kennel Buffer Map was issued to the Baker City Police Department for 1924 18th Street, providing a list of property owners within a 600 foot radius.
- * Post-Notices were sent this week regarding Conditional Use Permit CUP-15-020 and Variance request VAR-15-026. These applications which were approved by the Baker City Planning Commission on April 15th and relate to the construction and placement of a large, accessory building at 2203 Colorado Place, located in the Residential High-Density (R-HD) Zone.



I-84 Exits 302 & 306 Interchange Area Management Plans Public Workshop

Baker City, Oregon Department of Transportation and Baker County are beginning to revisit and update previous planning efforts for the I-84 Exits 302 & 306 interchanges. Please join us for a public workshop to:

- Discuss the 2004 effort and learn why it is being updated.
- Learn more about the work that has been completed to date.
- Help the project team identify potential long-term transportation concepts.



Wednesday, May 6, 2015 4-6pm

Baker County Courthouse
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Baker City Fire Department (FD) responded to a total of **41 emergency alarms** for the last reported week.

Breakdown of emergency responses:

FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	0
Still Alarms	3
TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES	3



Fire response:

- 1 Vehicle Fire –Pocahontas
- 1 Investigation –A Street.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	8
City Calls	30
Patient Transported	32
No Patient Trip	6
TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES	38



Out of Town Transfers	2
Airport Transfers	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Simultaneous Calls	6

TRAINING

11 hours of in-house training, including:

- EMS Training –Chart review, BLS review
- Fire –Pump operations, hydrant operations, forcible entry

MAINTENANCE/OTHERS:

50 hours of station, apparatus, equipment maintenance, and other activities including:

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance.
- Daily medication and equipment checks and maintenance.
- Hose testing.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Additional Services to the community:

- Blood pressure checks at the Senior Center.
- Station tour.
- Fire prevention inspections.



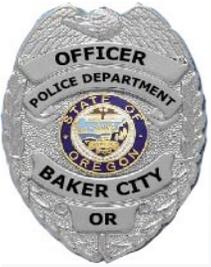
The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am.

Don't miss the next check on April 28, 2015.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

"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"



- ✪ BCPD handled over 160 incidents this past week, opening 42 new cases. On of these cases resulted in the arrest of a 19-year-old man for Endangering the Welfare of a Minor, after he provided Marijuana to his 15-year-old girlfriend.
- ✪ BCPD Lt. Kirk McCormick retired after 20+ years of dedicated service in Baker City. Lt. McCormick will be moving with his family to Scotland, SD where he will be that community's Chief of Police.
- ✪ Chief Lohner attended training in Pendleton.
- ✪ 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.

CODE ENFORCMENT

Property Maintenance

- Followed up on 9 old cases
- Closed out 1 case
- Started 3 new cases
- Issued 1 citation for non-compliance
- Attended 1 Property Maintenance hearing

Animal Complaint

- Followed up with 2 barking dog complaints

Problem Pet Owner

- Followed up with one case

Dog Violations

- One dog-at-large impounded
- 3 dogs at large returned to owner (no citation issued)
- 3 new dog license cases
- 2 barking dog complaints

Parking Violations

- Followed up on 5 parking violations
- Issued 4 parking citations

Livestock Permit

- Followed up on 1 livestock permit

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP BOX

Since December 2013, a prescription drug drop box has been installed in the lobby at the Baker City Police Department, allowing citizens to drop off outdated or unneeded prescription drugs at any time. This new option is in addition to the BCPD bi-annual prescription drug take back program, initiated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer with the Public Arts Commission!



The Public Arts Commission was created to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of Baker City by actively pursuing the placement of public art in public spaces within Baker City limits while also serving to preserve and develop public access to the arts. This is a three year term that would ex-pire in April of 2018. The vacancy will be advertised until filled.

Anyone interested in volunteering for appointment to the above Commission, may contact Luke Yeaton at City Hall, 541-524-2033 or lyeaton@bakercity.com. Applications may be submitted electronically through www.bakercity.com.

PUBLIC WORKS

CITY SHOPS



Doug is working on our chip spreader. It was taken out of storage and checked over. Some "new" used seats were purchased and will be installed.



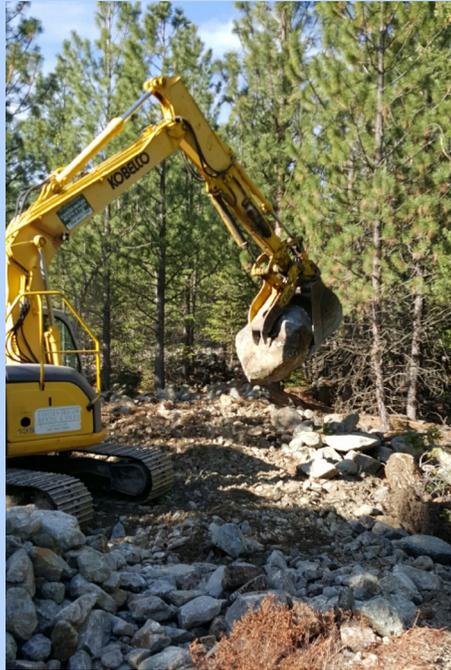
The new insulated dump box for one of our 10 yard dump trucks was received. The box is fully insulated and the truck exhaust is diverted thru the bed of the box. Running the exhaust through the bottom with the insulated sides will help keep the asphalt, picked up in La Grande, hot while in transit back to Baker. Wes is preparing the truck for mounting the new hydraulic cylinder and box.





PUBLIC WORKS

UV Treatment Plant



A City crew hauled some small boulders to the Water Treatment Facility, which will be used for landscaping below the road to the UV building. The area is being filled with the landscape rock to eliminate the need to replace the irrigation and will never need mowing again.

Landscaping completed below UV access road.

Water Department



A two man City crew repaired two water valve leaks last Friday. The valves are estimated to be around 70 years old and just needed some bolts tightened on the valve bonnet.



PUBLIC WORKS

In addition to normal maintenance duties this week, Baker City Public Works Department participated in Construction and Utility Career Day.

The event was held at the O.D.O.T. facility located about a mile northeast of Baker city. It was estimated that the event was attended by 350-400 High School age students.

Students were divided into groups and visited several work stations which were arranged within the O.D.O.T. Complex. Baker City Public Works demonstrated the use of the Elgin Sweeper, Pipeline Inspection Van and Camera and the Vector Truck. The event was well organized and safely accomplished.



Jerry Peacock spoke to the young men and women inside the O.D.O.T. Maintenance Shop area.



Karl is shown here describing to students how to operate the Induction Boom on the Vector Truck. Over 50 of the students got to operate the unit.



Keith described the use of the Pipeline Inspection Van and camera unit.

An 8" diameter pipeline, 25 feet long was laid upon the ground and the camera was operated by the students to inspect the line.



Tommy is showing students how the sweeper is operated.



Parks

Crews finished up laying base rock along the Wade Williams section of the Leo Adler Parkway Project earlier this week.

The river picture shown is the take off point for tubers floating the river. The house located at what is called the Trail Head is scheduled for demolition on Tuesday. Construction on the Trail Head will start next week. OTEC was nice enough to remove a hazard tree, which was located in close proximity to one of their service poles and next to the new pathway. The tree had a double trunk, of which one of the trunks was nearly dead along with numerous large dead limbs on both trunks.



Wastewater

Keith and Karl worked on dozens of manholes this week inspecting their condition.

Here they are working on a manhole in Campbell Street which was full of rain water.

