

# CITY OF BAKER CITY

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## Weekly Update July 24, 2015

### Administration

Be sure to catch the Bhutanese Rinpoche, as he and his assistants build a Sand Mandala in the downstairs of Crossroads. You will be able to experience the ceremony and cultural traditions of Tibetan Buddhism through the construction and dismantling of a Sand Mandala, the form of this Sand Mandala the Chenrezig Buddha of Compassion.



### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

*Proposed agenda for July 28, 2015 meeting:*

- ◆ Report on dangerous dog Ordinance
- ◆ Second reading of Ordinance No. 3340
- ◆ Second reading of Ordinance No. 3341
- ◆ Purchase of police car
- ◆ Resolution to create a Handicap parking space on Grove Street near the museum
- ◆ Ordinance prohibiting marijuana sales
- ◆ Ordinance to vacate a portion of E Street

### I-84 slowdown planned for morning of July 28 near Baker City



BAKER CITY, Ore. – Starting around 7 a.m. on July 28 Interstate 84 motorists near Baker City can expect freeway speed to be slowed to about 35 miles per hour for a short time. The speed change will be controlled by pilot cars and is needed to accommodate the removal of a power line that crosses I-84 near Exit 306. Typical delay for travelers is estimated to be about 10-15 minutes. The rolling slowdown will begin at **mile post 322 for westbound** and **mile post 290 for eastbound** traffic. Once traffic has passed the work site near Exit 306, travelers can return to posted freeway speeds. Freeway on ramps in the slow down zone will also be temporary closed until the pilot cars and traffic have passed their location.

Temporary on ramp closures for westbound traffic will occur at Exit 313 (Encina Interchange) and Exit 306 (South Baker City Interchange). Eastbound traffic can expect on ramp delays at Exit 295 (Eastbound Baker Valley Rest Area), Exit 298 (Medical Springs Interchange), Exit 302 (Richland Interchange) and Exit 304 (Baker City/Campbell Street Interchange). Travelers will be able to get off the freeway at these interchanges, but may experience delays in returning to the freeway in the direction of the work zone.

The reduced speed of the rolling slowdown will create a window of time when no vehicles will be on the freeway at the work site for approximately 10-15 minutes. This will allow Idaho Power's contractors to safely remove the overhead power-line without traffic at the site.

### Finance Director -Utilities

- ◆ Fourteen customers signed up for new water/sewer service and fourteen customers disconnected service from July 17th thru July 23rd. This includes all service changes.
- ◆ Zone 4 was billed today which includes 717 residential and 64 commercial accounts. Of those accounts 162 or 21% are signed up for direct payment.
- ◆ 79 late notices were sent July 21st.
- ◆ This week twelve residential customers (Zone 3) were scheduled to have their water turned off for non-pay (over 60 days past due) four of those were actually turned off until their past due balance was paid.





**Project Highlights**

**RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:**

- 303 Spring Garden –Adding a cement approach from driveway to house, curb.

**COMMERCIAL PROJECTS:**

- 2747 Place Street –frame and drywall a bathroom.



**Inspections**

Last week, 19 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.

**Other**

We have included the “electrical” component this week as we have kept current on inspection results.

Permits issued for...	CITY	COUNTY
<b>BUILDING</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>MANUFACTURE DWELLING</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ELECTRICAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>MECHANICAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PLUMBING</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FENCE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

**PLANNING**

Development Code Update:

The second City Council hearing on a draft update of the Development Code will be on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend, and additional ideas or comments on the proposed Development Code changes are welcome. Information about the proposed changes and a draft in PDF form are available at <http://www.bakercity.com/departments/planning/123>, or by calling the office at 541-523-8219.

Planning Commission:

At the July 16 Planning Commission meeting, the Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit for a residential addition to an existing commercial/residential building at 1950 Place Street. The Planning Commission also reviewed a petition to vacate a dead-end, undeveloped portion of E Street near its intersection with East Street, and made a recommendation that the City Council approve the proposed street vacation. The City Council will hold hearings on the street vacation at their regular meetings on July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on **August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** to hear a Conditional Use Permit application for a new shop at 1500 Vista Heights Drive. The shop is proposed to have approximately 2,500 sq. ft. of floor area and be approximately 23 ft. in height.

Projects and Approvals:

Baker City is working with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Baker County to create an Interchange Area Management Plan for I-84 exits 302 and 306. Maps, information and project documents are available at the project website, <http://sites.kittelson.com/BakerCityIAMPs>.



### FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Baker City Fire Department (FD) responded to a total of **43 emergency alarms** for the last reported week.

Breakdown of emergency responses:

#### FIRE REPORTS

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	4
<b>TOTAL FIRE RESPONSES</b>	<b>5</b>



#### Fire response:

- Hwy 30 –General Alarm –grass fire.
- Pety Lane –burn complaint.
- Eldon St. –faulty smoke alarm.
- 3rd St. –burn complaint
- Main St. –false alarm –smoke detector activation.

#### AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

Rural Calls	12
City Calls	26
Patient Transported	26
No Patient Trip	12
<b>TOTAL MEDIC RESPONSES</b>	<b>38</b>



Out of Town Transfers	2
Airport Transfers	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Simultaneous Calls	10

#### TRAINING

**21 hours** of in-house training, including:

- EMS Training –Burn treatment by Emanuel Hospital Burn Center.
- Wildland Watchout Situations.

#### MAINTENANCE/OTHERS:

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

- Station, apparatus and equipment maintenance.
- Hose maintenance.
- Repair Valve on 2431.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

**Additional Services** to the community:

- Blood pressure checks at the Senior Center.
- Completed 4 inspections.
- Provide fire and EMS services to Hell’s Canyon Motorcycle Rally.



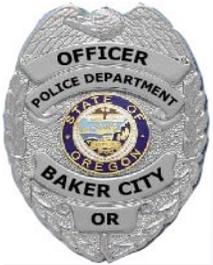
**The Fire Department provides free blood pressure readings at the Senior Center every Tuesday, at 11am.**

**Don't miss the next check on July 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"*



- In a very busy week, BCPD handled over 240 incidents and opened 52 new cases. One of these cases resulted in the investigation of a Predatory Sex Offender who recently moved to Baker City. BCPD also made six warrant arrests, issued multiple citations for Minor in Possession of Alcohol and arrested a man who fought with police and caused an injury to a BCPD Officer.
- BCPD personnel assisted with safety and security at the 2015 Miner's Jubilee festivities.
- BCPD began the background investigation on a School Resource Officer applicant.
- 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 11 old cases.
- Closed out 3 cases (property in compliance).
- Issued 2 citations for non-compliance.

Dangerous Dog

- Followed up on one case.

Animal Complaints

- 2 dogs at large impounded.
- 1 animal welfare check.
- Issued 1 citation for violation of Keeping and Pasturing Animals.

Parking Violations

- Issued 1 parking citation
- Followed up on 3 parking complaints.

Weed Complaint

- Followed up on 18 weed complaints.

Found Item

- 3 found items.

Kennel Permit

- Followed up on 2 old cases.

Livestock Permit

- Followed up on one case.

**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 expire 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](mailto:lyeaton@bakercity.com). Applications may be submitted electronically through [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com).

## PUBLIC WORKS

### WATER TREATMENT



Jake coming out of the stilling basin located below the Goodrich Reservoir. A weir used to measure water flow, is located under the steel cover, and though not convenient, the weir does provide a means to accurately measure the flow coming out of the reservoir.



Fish and Wildlife personnel spent part of the morning counting Mountain Goats in the Goodrich Basin on Wednesday.



John from GC Systems shown troubleshooting the pressure reducing valve at the Water Treatment Facility. After performing numerous adjustments, a seal was removed and found to be defective, which caused the unit to malfunction.

The Watershed continues to drop in water production. with all diversions in, except Goodrich, we are only able to collect 3.3 million gallons per day. The Water Treatment Facility supplements with the deep well to make up the difference, which can be over 2 MGD.

Voluntary water conservation efforts are appreciated. Please continue with odd/even irrigation. Thank you for your cooperation.



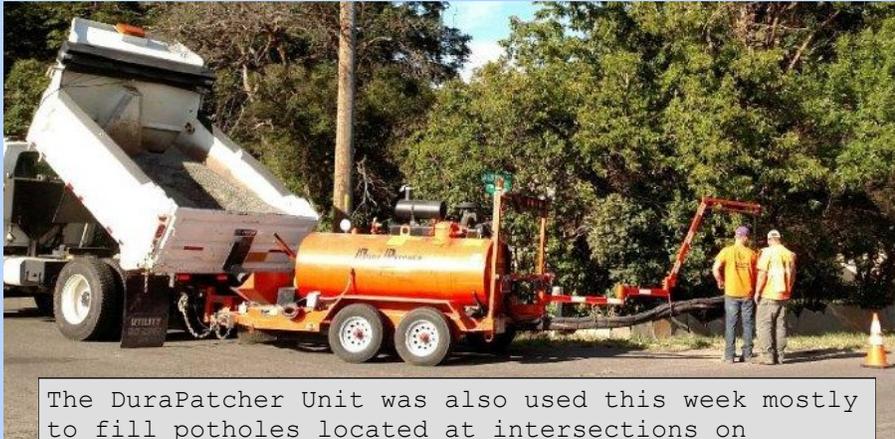
**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Street Department**



Crews have been working on street maintenance projects this week in preparation for the chip seal project next month. Damaged curbs were repaired on both 7th and Cliff Streets.

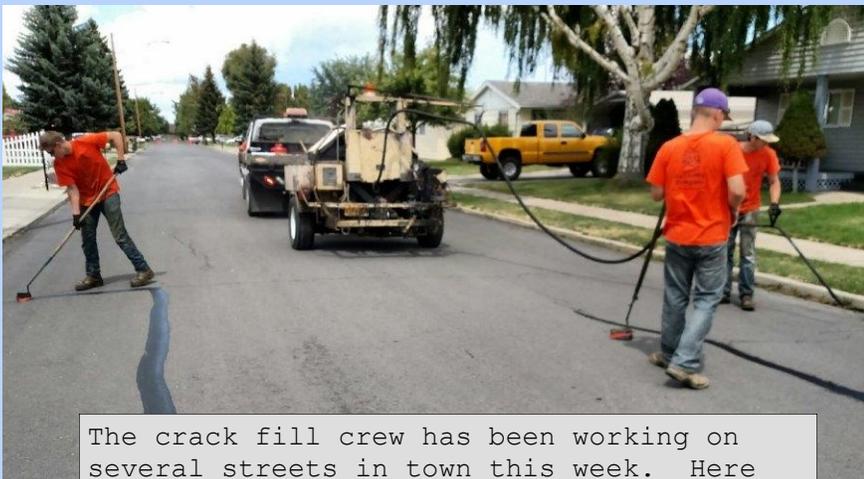
Justin and Tim are using the Loader and asphalt Zipper unit to begin a curb repair on 7th Street. Large tree roots from Hybrid Poplar Trees had infiltrated the street base and begun to raise the concrete curb and create bulges in the asphalt surface.



The DuraPatcher Unit was also used this week mostly to fill potholes located at intersections on secondary streets. Here Karl and Clay (College-bound Summer worker) are filling a pothole at the corner of Auburn and 15th Street.



Another tree-caused problem was repaired on Cliff Street near Wade Williams Field. Here the old curb has been removed and a new concrete curb constructed.



The crack fill crew has been working on several streets in town this week. Here the crew of Steve (Tip), Riley, Clay and A.J. are sealing cracks on 8th Drive.



**Storm Water**

Heavy rains weekend before last washed debris over roads in the vicinity of Indiana and View Court. A more affective channel and drainage basin needed to be constructed to contain future runoff water.

Karl and Keith are using the DuraPatcher to seal the surface of the new beam around the drainage basin.



Public Works assisted Dan (Baker County Employee) tracing storm water lines at the Baker County Courthouse. Additional exploratory work is scheduled for Friday.



Keith and Rick Video-inspected the storm line in 4th Street to locate storm drain connections from the courthouse building.

**Wastewater**

Blain (in backhoe) and Matt (new Public Works Utility Worker) are excavating a sewer manhole base in an alley to seal the end of an open pipe.

